



# ROBINS RevUp



Robins teacher earns annual honor.

## Lean impresses AFGE national president

### Harnage says it helps insulate jobs against closure, privatization

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The national president of American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, said Robins Air Force Base's innovations in depot maintenance are helping to insulate the base against future base realignment and closure actions and to stem the tide of privatization.

Bobby Harnage, Sr., leader of the union that represents some 600,000 federal government employees, spent two days at Robins this week in his first tour or an air logistics center as the head of AFGE. It was also his first exposure to Lean depot repair and the processes that are transforming this center.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

commander, accompanied him on the tour and said of the many senior leaders who visit, Harnage's visit was among the most important.

Wetekam predicted Harnage would be impressed with Robins, and even more impressed with its progress in Lean depot maintenance. "Lean will sell itself," Wetekam said as Harnage was touring the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate Tuesday.

Harnage came away with glowing comments about Lean, especially the involvement of the workers in partnership with management, an issue he said has been talked about for several

years and he finally sees in action at Robins. He said he had not heard



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton

Union leaders, both local and national, tour the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Avionics Directorate Tuesday. From left are Donald Thompson, Local 987 AFGE president, American Federation of Government Employees national president Bobby Harnage Sr., Scott Blanch, AFGE Council 214 president, Hill AFB, Utah, and Mary Lynn Walker, AFGE national vice president, 5th District. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, WR-ALC commander, in rear, looks on.

about Lean before his briefings Monday.

"I think it's nothing but positive. It makes you much safer and insulates you against the (base realignment and closure round) which is coming again in 2005," Harnage said in a brief interview following the tour. "I'm going to find out more about it." He said he intends to go around the country and say, "Hey guys, this is the way it (depot maintenance) ought to be done."

Harnage said there are two major issues facing the federal workforce today. "One is pay," he said. "We talk about a gap and we've been talking about a gap for 20 years now. In 1991 we thought we fixed it. Today the gap is the same size it was 10 years ago."

The other issue he said, "is this madness called privatization." Harnage is concerned about the battle over privatization and "keeping things in-house," referring to what he sees as a trend of more and more government jobs moving to contractors.

He said a top priority for the union is stemming the tide of privatization and mentioned AFGE-authored legislation — the Truthfulness, Responsibility and Accountability in Contracting Act — that was reintroduced to the 107th Congress, that will add checks and balances to the privatization process. He said the legislation isn't designed to stop privatization, but to "get some accountability. It's about leveling the playing field."

Harnage began his federal civil service career at Robins Air Force Base in 1963 as a sheet metal helper after a four-year stint in the Air Force. He draws on his 30-year

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## 5th CCG wins service award

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The 5th Combat Communications Group, which demonstrated both commitment to America's defense and to community causes, is the winner of the 2002 Community Service Award.

Runners-up for the award, sponsored by the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, were the 78th Support Group and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Representatives of the three finalist organizations gathered at the Museum of Aviation's Vistascope Theater for the presentation Wednesday — the midpoint in National Volunteer Week.

Janis Wiggins, MAC chairman, congratulated all six of the organi-

zations nominated this year for their "unselfish service to this community." She said their service spanned a "wonderfully diverse" range of individual and group activities involving hundreds of volunteer service hours.

She termed the 5th an "old and constant friend of Warner Robins and Middle Georgia."

"In 2001," she said, "the men and women of this outstanding unit made time for involvement in hundreds of community support projects and mustered thousands of man-hours of service. Their positive and constructive influence was felt in schools, charitable organizations, churches, hospitals and recreational groups. They have helped to feed our hungry, cared for our sick and elderly, raised

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## EM wins fourth DOD pollution prevention award

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It is said that three times is a charm, but on April 8, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Environmental Management Directorate received notification that it was a four-time Department of Defense Environmental award winner. This year's award is the Secretary of Defense Award for Pollution Prevention, industrial category. It caps off a tremendous year of six awards in pollution prevention, natural resources conservation, and restoration.

Steven Coyle, EM director, said the air logistics center has achieved outstanding results in industrial waste reduction efforts.

"It is important to realize that this is an installation award," he said. "I appreciate the cooperation of the product directorates, especially TI, in allowing new processes, materials and equipment to be tested and implemented. In addition, senior management and Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command support have been critical to promote reduction ideas."

"This award recognizes pollution prevention efforts base wide from chemical reductions on the flight line, recycling efforts in fam-

ily housing and energy conservation projects in civil engineering," said Linda Larson, integrated solid waste program manager in the pollution prevention division. "It's truly a Team Robins recognition."

Coyle said implementation of alternate depainting methods alone reduced the use of toxic chemicals by 88 percent since 1992. Recently implemented technologies, such as the coatings removal system, FlashJet, will reduce the use of methylene chloride, Robins' most significant chemical, by an additional 50 percent.

The WR-ALC pollution prevention program emphasizes reduction in production cost and schedule, particularly through its integration with Lean Depot Repair, while reducing the risk of environmental violations or contamination. The intent is to keep moving toward a "zero discharge" facility. Due to the success of the program, many WR-ALC innovations are being considered for application at other depot repair facilities and operational bases. Examples include better adhesives, low-solvent paints, new paint stripping methods, and devices that spray on metallic coatings.

Both the Air Force and DOD formal awards ceremonies will take place on Wednesday at the Pentagon.



U.S. Air Force photo by Rebecca Yull

## Firefighters cool down blazing truck

Robins firefighters responded quickly to extinguish a truck fire in front of the Robins Child Development Center on 10th Street Tuesday afternoon. The fire resulted when the rear tire of a parked delivery truck exploded and ignited the truck's undercarriage. Firemen extinguished the blaze without incident or injury. As a precaution, children in adjacent buildings were evacuated. Operations in the centers returned to normal in less than an hour. 78th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bonnie Cirrincione stopped by later in the week to praise and thank the staff and other 78th Services Division workers who helped to quickly and calmly evacuate the building. An emergency official called the evacuation one of the most impressive she'd ever seen.

## Air Force to reorganize wings

### Major change coming Oct. 1

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Air Force announced today that it will transform its current wing organizational structure by implementing a standard organization across its entire force beginning Oct 1. This reorganization will align the Air Force's core competencies directly with its wing-level organizations.

"The U.S. Air Force will exploit three core competencies - to operate air and space weapons systems, to maintain these complex weapons systems, and enhance direct mission support of our expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air

Force," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff. "Therefore, as part of the Air Force transformation, we're aligning our wing organization structure to mirror these competencies."

"This will help us to become more expeditionary and allow us to train our leaders in war fighting, maintenance, and expeditionary operations. These changes are needed to further the Air Force's abilities to sustain home station operations and rapidly deploy for worldwide operations." As a result, each Air Force wing will be organized into four groups: operations; maintenance; mission support; and medical.

The medical group will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force, and will not reorganize.

The ultimate impact on Air Force Materiel Command centers and wings, which are currently different than standard Air Force wing orga-

nizations, is unknown at this time, said Col. Dave Taylor, chief of the manpower and organization division in AFMC's Directorate of Plans and Programs.

"Although this change is primarily directed toward operational wings and groups, AFMC will be expected to implement the structure as much as possible, yet in a way that fits effectively into our unique center mission and structure," Taylor pointed out. "Certainly, any variance we propose will have to be approved by the chief of staff."

This new standard wing organization will allow Air Force commanders to focus on their specific core competency with the desired end result being a more capable Air Force to meet the ever-increasing complex mission.

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## Movin' out

# Administrative offices head to off-base location

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A major move is underway to relieve some crowded working conditions here at Robins Air Force Base.

Under a lease agreement, the old Coca-Cola plant on Green Street in Warner Robins will soon be used to provide work space for nearly 175 C-17 and C-141 administrative personnel.

Base employees will begin occupying the building that used to be a 28,000 square-foot warehouse in May, according to Wendy Johnston, chief of the programs division in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs Directorate.

### Lease options

The one-year lease, which has an option to renew annually for an additional four years, will cost the Air Force \$12.86 per square foot, or \$360,000 per year.

But the price of the lease is not only comparable to lease prices in other locations close to Robins Air Force Base, it's better.

"It was cheaper than anywhere else in Houston County," Bill Coley, the commercial leasing agent who handled the lease for Fickling and Company, said. "It's a great value for the dollar."

Coley said the lease is full service, meaning his company handles the janitorial service and all structural concerns.

"If the roof leaks, we're responsible," he said. "If something goes wrong with the air conditioning, we fix it."

### Close to base

The cost for office space in the surrounding area can run cheaper than the cost the base is paying, but it won't include full service. Coley said the cost for a basic lease runs about \$10 per square foot for the cheapest space, and \$12.50 per square foot for the more expensive areas.

"Out towards Galleria Mall the base rent runs \$12.50, and if they want the full service lease you can add \$4.50 to \$5.50 more per square foot," he said.

Johnston said that once the employees move to the new location, which is less than a block from the Green Street gate, it will free up room for other offices that also need additional space.

"Overcrowding is a problem for the base as a whole," she said. "We've been using leased trailers and have had to double up people in work areas. Once these people move, then other people will backfill (those offices)."

The lease for the building was originally signed in August of last year, with upgrades made to the building between September and November. The total cost to the government for communications, relocation and furniture is \$850,000.

Additionally, the owner of the building was responsible for converting the

property from warehouse space to office space, including carpeting the floors, putting up sheetrock walls, installing a drop ceiling and recessed lighting, as well as completing a major restroom renovation and blocking the old warehouse doors. The fence surrounding the building has also been upgraded, according to Coley.

Johnston said there is future construction planned on the base to help alleviate the space shortage, but it will be several years before it's completed.

### Helping Warner Robins

The lease will also help the city with rejuvenation efforts in the area, according to Donald Walker, the mayor of Warner Robins.

"This is fantastic for us," he said. "The city of Warner Robins has been working for eight years to revitalize that part of the city. It will also help with the relationship between the city and Robins Air Force Base and our continuing efforts to support the base."

"This community and this administration have proven time and time again that we're willing to step up to the plate," he added.

Walker said he hopes that with the way the deal was structured, and the ease of the process, future partnerships between the base and the city will be considered.

"This is a win-win situation for both Robins and the community," he said. "I'm personally grateful."

# Surprise promotion catches 5th CCG member dressed down

## 5th Combat Communications Group

Ironically, Master Sgt. Tony Johnson was in the middle of studying for promotion when he found out the Air Force had promoted him.

Johnson was on a week-long leave, studying for his upcoming E-7 promotion test when he was called in from leave and notified of his promotion under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers, or STEP, program.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Johnson. "I was shocked and completely caught off guard. Often, information on awards and presentations manages to leak out. Everyone managed to keep this well under wraps."

He explains that Capt. Timothy Pearson, his flight commander, asked him to brief another unit on the Theater Deployable Communications, or TDC, robbing package. "My initial thoughts about being called in was 'Why me?'" he said. "But, in the military, you do what you have to do. Since I thought I knew the people I was briefing, I showed up in civilian clothes."

When Johnson arrived at the shop, though, he discovered that he was actually "briefing" Chief Master Sgt. Donald Beard, the 9th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant. The chief presented the new master sergeant with his stripes.

Johnson credits a lot of his success to the support of his supervisors and his troops. "I have always been given the opportunity to run my section. My people jumped in



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Tony Johnson, center, finds out he was just selected as a master sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. Ninth Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Donald Beard, right, and Col. David C. Schreck, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, presented the stripes.

during Operation Enduring Freedom and the many other projects the 51st works, like the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment," Johnson laughs. "I guess they saw that I got the job done."

"Tony is the epitome of the go-getter," said Maj. Daniel Hausauer, 51st Combat Communications Squadron commander.

"I saw him in action during Operation Enduring Freedom. He led the way, personally and with his workers."

"He made my job as deployment commander easy. When the 51st has to do something, it seems like his

hand is always in the pot."

Pearson agrees, explaining that Johnson's strengths include his attitude and motivation.

"He's always the first to step to the front - he's extremely motivated and is the first to jump on any opportunity."

"His shop has won the group's team award for the last two years. I think that his leadership to encourage his people to be the best they can be proves his track record as a leader. In the short time he's been working on TDC, he has become recognized as one of the Air Force's foremost."

## ROBINS BRIEFS

### 78th promotion ceremony

Col. Tad A. Stanley, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 3 p.m. on April 30 at the Museum of Aviation Vista Theater. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends may attend. Contact Senior

Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia at 926-0792 for more information.

### Senior officers on the move

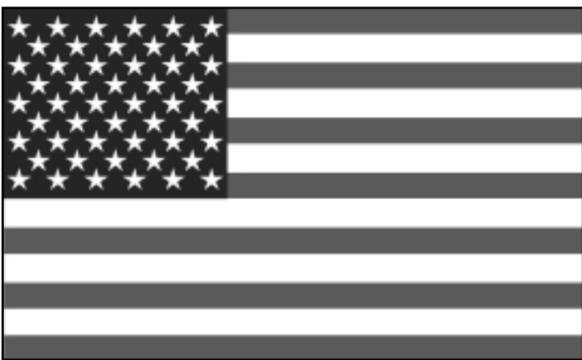
**Col. Kenneth R. Emery II** is moving from the position of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center F-15 System Program Office, F-15

Production Division chief, to C-141 System Program Office system program director.

**Col. Edward Connolly**, 60th Logistics Group commander at Travis AFB, Calif., is coming to Robins Air Force Base to be the C-5 System Program Office, C-5 Maintenance Division director.

**Col. Larry E. Eriksen**,

319th Logistics Group commander, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., will be the new director of the Special Operations Forces System Program Office.



## Flag courtesy everyone's duty

### Office of Public Affairs

Displaying the proper courtesy and respect during the playing of the National Anthem and the presentation of the colors is both a military and a civilian custom.

Beginning on Tuesday, traffic on Ninth Street in front of the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy will be halted during morning reveille which begins at 7:20 a.m. Each Thursday during the afternoon retreat, which begins around 4:20 p.m., the same procedure will be followed. Road guards will be identifiable by orange vests.

## Civilian personnel data system now online

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force civilian personnel system transitioned to the modern defense civilian personnel data system in March and despite a few issues, officials said the switch was successful.

All but three installations across the Air Force are operating under the new system.

"We certainly did experience our first few weeks of pain but have seen drastic improvements in system performance since then," said Shirley Williams, director of the Air Force's PALACE compass program management office at the Pentagon.

The move to the modern civilian personnel system is a Department of Defense-wide initiative and is necessary to reduce cost and eliminate redundancy, she said.

The system was deployed by first converting the old database to the new system, and next bringing users online to process actions. The database conversion was accomplished ahead of schedule, but all users could not be brought online until capacity problems were resolved on April 3.

# Robins preparing for MSEP

Col. Jeff Johnson  
Director of Industrial Operations

The countdown to the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program has begun and, according to Depot Maintenance Training and Quality Division officials, between now and the end of July the evaluation should be on the minds of everyone in depot maintenance.

Mark Crews of LIQ said the purpose of the evaluation is to determine if depot maintenance and repair operations conform to Air Force technical requirements.

Robins will be rated in four areas: maintenance management; technical data processing; tools and equipment; and qualification training

The 45-person inspection team is spearheaded by the Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General with subject matter expert augmentees from AFMC bases.

Depot areas will receive one of three ratings: in compliance, not in compliance, or in compliance with exception. The inspection is important

because it is a gauge of how well the center is implementing the "Back to Basics" initiative that was a result of Air Force Material Command Depot Maintenance Review conducted in 1999, according to Crews.

The AFMC IG team arrives at Robins on July 18, and the inspection will be July 22-26. This year the primary focus will be production management and support processes not just limited to the production divisions. Robins employees can view the inspection standardized

checklists on the web at [https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/IG/New\\_MSEP/index.shtml](https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/IG/New_MSEP/index.shtml).

"In the coming weeks you'll see different articles titled "Countdown to MSEP, Are You Ready," said Crews. "Look for the little hourglass. These articles will provide basic information on some of the more critical processes." This year's slogan is the same as last years' "Robins Pride – Pick it up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!"

"The role each of us plays

every day in day-to-day preparation is to remain diligent in our efforts to focus on good maintenance shop practices, strict compliance to prescribed technical data and established processes and procedures, and identification, correction and prevention of non-compliance or non-compliance," said Crews. "We did great last year achieving an overall compliance rating of 93.8 percent, best of all the centers. But we can do better this year. We need every one at Robins to help us get ready."



## Senators recognize 116th Bomb Wing

### 116th Bomb Wing

The 116th Bomb Wing was recognized in April by Georgia State Senators for its outstanding achievements. This resolution was read during the Senate session in the Senate Chambers. Gen. David Poythress, Col. Tom Lynn, and some members of the 116th Bomb Wing were present at the capitol to accept this honor. "I was honored to represent the members of the 116th Bomb Wing at this presentation. I told the members of the Senate that we were proud to represent the citizens of Georgia and were extremely appreciative of the continual support from the state legislature," said Lynn, 116th Bomb Wing commander.

## 116th appreciates spouses

By 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock  
116th Bomb Wing

The 116th Bomb Wing set aside Saturday to show appreciation for those people who help the wing members day-to-day – their spouses. Spouses of men and women of all careers and ranks were invited to participate in this event of appreciation.

Attendees of Spouse Appreciation Day spent the day with the unit, observing and learning about the bomber mission. This included a continental breakfast, pre-flight briefings,

static displays of the B-1 Bomber and Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar aircraft, and even a flight on a KC-135 refueler.

Col. Tom Lynn spent time answering spouses' questions concerning the future conversion. Aircrew from the 134th Air Refueling Wing, Knoxville, Tenn., also spoke with spouses about the KC-135 flight.

Those who took advantage of flying on the KC-135 were given the opportunity to watch two B-1 Bombers refuel in mid-air. Looks of astonishment were evident as each spouse turned to

the next saying, "Have you seen it?"

Spouses also took advantage of this time to meet other spouses of members who worked together.

This was the first Spouse Appreciation Day, which was organized by the new 116th BW Family Coordinator, Eileen Byrd. She is the wife of Maj. Mark Byrd, who works in civil engineering.

"Everything was perfect," said Byrd. "The spouses were full of compliments. This is something that the 116th hopes to continue, whether it is flying bombers or JSTARS."

## New recruiter building gets attention

By 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock  
116th Bomb Wing

On April 17, the 116th Bomb Wing celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Central Georgia Air National Guard Recruiting Services' new building.

The new location is 260 Watson Blvd., Suite J. The office is located in a prime commercial strip with other major retailers, providing increased visi-

bility and a tremendous flow of walk-in traffic never experienced before.

Participating in the cere-

mony were members of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Bob Doehling, vice-commander

of the 116th BW and Lt. Col. Michael Rumsey, commander of the 202nd also spoke at the ceremony.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekan, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, stands with members of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and representatives from the 5th Combat Communications Group, the 78th Support Group and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron after the 2002 Community Service Award ceremony. The 5th CCG won this year's award.

## Award

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funds for our needy and sheltered many of our area activities against the misfortune of the weather. They are worthy recipients of this year's award, carrying on in the finest traditions of the Air Force the spirit of dedicated service."

Col. David C. Schreck, commander of the 5th Combat Communications Group, said winning the award was a "humbling honor." He told the 150 gathered for the presentation that most important to him were teamwork and "wanting to be a piece of something bigger than yourself ... making a difference." The relationship the base enjoys with the community, he said, makes service to the community easy.

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, mistress of ceremonies for the event, said the award represents one of the foundations of the strong base-community partnership.

"The partnership is an alliance borne of mutual respect, care for others and a strong sense of responsibility to serve the community we all call home," she said.

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, who encouraged the award nominees to make community service a lifetime commitment, presented the awards, assisted by Barbara Shaheen, chairman of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and Michelle Callahan, president of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

## Robins airfield supervisor best in Air Force

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The 78th Operations Support Squadron, which has claimed seven Air Force Materiel Command awards for fiscal year 2001, just added another. Jim W. Rhodes Jr., known to his friends as "JR," chief of airfield management, won the Air Force's Airfield Management Civilian Supervisor of the Year Award.

Rhodes, a veteran of two decades in Robins airfield operations, was an air traffic controller during a six-year tour of duty in the Navy.

He said credit for the award belongs to the entire

team "working together to get a complex job done.

All of our successes are measured in terms of how well the team performs.

He also praised the part his wife, Barbara, and family — Jamie, 16; Tawana, 31; Caprice, 32; Knithra, 32 — played in providing him the support at home that enabled him to excel on the job.

Rhodes said that of all the achievements cited in his



Rhodes

award nomination, he's most proud of what his nomination termed his "flawless orchestration" of the successful \$2.4 million airfield construction project, a massive planning and coordination effort that crossed organizational lines. Rhodes focused on minimizing the impact on operations. One example of successful planning was completion of two major projects — runway rubber removal and airfield painting — before the April 2001 Open House and Air Show.

Rhodes said he was both excited and humbled by being selected for the honor, but emphasized its team nature. "The OSS team always works

hard and keeps focused on our goals. I think that teamwork more than anything else is the reason this squadron wins awards."

Maj. Timothy Arch, commander of the Operations Support Squadron, said that all the individual awards the squadron has received for fiscal year 2001 reflect team effort.

"Airfield management is a small core of people with a large scope of responsibility," he said. "Mr. Rhodes is respected and takes a genuine interest in his people, the customer base and the Air Force mission. He epitomizes our slogan, 'Your mission is our mission.'"

## Harnage

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experience as a civil servant in his arguments for keeping work on the government side. "I'll put the federal work force up against any private sector (contractor) if you give us a level playing field. We'll win

every time," he said.

He cited the flexibility of the federal work force as an example. "We're building a widget today, and the commander says I want you to build that widget differently. Instantly done by the federal work force. No questions asked. They do it. With a contractor, you have to negotiate a new contract and a new cost. And time is eaten up while the

war fighter is waiting for that particular widget. So it's extremely important that we look at what we're doing to national security."

He threw out an invitation to privatization advocates in Congress to come and see what Robins is doing with Lean. Leaders would "be impressed with what I've seen today and realize that this in the best interest of the war

fighter and this is in the best interest of the taxpayer," he said.

Harnage was accompanied on the tour by Mary Lynn Walker, AFGE national vice president, 5th District, Scott Blanch, AFGE Council 214 president, Hill AFB, Utah, and Donald Thompson, Local 987 AFGE president. Thompson became the local union president in November.

# AF advertising honors Tuskegee Airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) – Pride in achievement is the message of the Air Force's latest print advertising campaign which features the Tuskegee Airmen – the U.S. military's first black combat flying units.

Full-page ads debuted on the back cover of the April issue of Black Collegian Magazine and in Ebony's annual 100 Most Influential Black Americans issue. Ebony's list includes Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command. He was the only armed forces member listed among a cast of accomplished politicians, religious leaders, and entertainers including Secretary of State Colin Powell, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Michael Jordan and Coretta Scott King.

Lyles said he was deeply honored to appear in the magazine along with the legendary Tuskegee Airmen.

"We should remember and celebrate those trailblazers who helped pave the way for many of today's airmen," he said.

"One of the greatest strengths of America's Air Force today is the diversity of our people," Lyles said.

## Starting the campaign

The Tuskegee Airmen were black airmen trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., as pilots, navigators, bombardiers and aircraft support people.

"This is a fitting way to kick-off the Tuskegee Airmen-based campaign," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. "By honoring the triumphs of the Tuskegee Airmen, we're paying tribute to their role in the history of America's Air Force."

The campaign is set to run throughout the year in various national magazines. Each of the ads focuses on the Tuskegee Airmen's contributions to the desegregation of the armed forces and the improved opportunities their efforts provided future airmen.

The ads feature historical photographs of the Tuskegee Airmen with accompanying copy highlighting their contributions to the early civil rights movement.

## A bit of history

Despite the obstacles of racism and bigotry, the Tuskegee Airmen trained more than 992 fighter pilots who provided fighter escort, never losing a bomber to

enemy fire during World War II. The Tuskegee Airmen earned 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 744 Air Medals, eight Purple Hearts and the Presidential Unit Citation.

"Their journey forced the American public to re-define its relationship with African-Americans in the armed forces," Deal said.

"The true culmination of their efforts was Executive Order No. 9981, the presi-

dential order desegregating the armed forces."

## Target audience

Young men and women, ages 16 to 24, are the primary target of this media campaign. The larger American population is the secondary audience. AFRS representatives point out the primary audience should not be thought of as only black, but anyone who identifies with the message of pride in

achievement, overcoming adversity and making the most of opportunities.

The perseverance of the Tuskegee Airmen contributed to the diversity of today's Air Force, said Deal.

"Through their efforts, the Tuskegee Airmen embody our Air Force core values: integrity, service and excellence," said Deal. "For their adherence to these values, America and its Air Force honor them."



Courtesy artwork

The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., as pilots, navigators, bombardiers and aircraft support people. This artwork appears on the Air Force's latest print advertising campaign which features the Tuskegee Airmen.

## Honoring our flag a proud tradition

"Let's Roll." No one would have thought that on a fall morning in September of 2001 that the significance of these two simple words would be changed forever.

These were Todd Beamer's last words as he and the other passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 carried out a plan to save our country from the terrorists on board. Each of us tried to make sense of what had happen in our own way. In the weeks following the attack on our country, our country came together as a team and our nation's patriotic spirit soared.

American flag sales skyrocketed. The American flag was displayed on everything from T-Shirts to bumper stickers. I remember asking myself why did it take such a tragedy for our nation to honor the very thing that represents what our nation stands for?

### Raising the flag

Every day, students at the

*Because most of us understand those sacrifices, we are proud to honor our flag when called upon to do so.*

**Tech. Sgt. Michelle Robbins**  
NCO Academy



Robins NCO Academy raise the flag in the ceremony of Reveille and lower it at the ceremony of Retreat. Some days, only one flight of students is present for these ceremonies, but on Tuesdays, the entire class and academy staff form up on the drill pad for a formal Reveille ceremony.

On Thursdays, we all fall out for Retreat at the end of the day. This is a learning laboratory for the students, some of whom have never performed ceremonies such

as these. Students fill all of the leadership roles, from the flag security detail to the squadron commander. The ceremonies don't always flow perfectly the first few weeks of the class, but after six weeks, the pride, practice and teamwork are evident, as the students perform their final Retreat ceremony in flawless fashion.

These students are proud of their hard work but most of all they are proud to honor the flag because they understand the sacrifice and

price that was paid for our nation's freedom.

### We can relate

As an Air Force member or civilian employee most of us can relate to the sacrifices and the price that was paid for our nation's freedom. Because most of us understand those sacrifices, we are proud to honor our flag when called upon to do so.

I say most of us because there are individuals who do not honor the flag when called to do so.

These are the individuals who duck indoors, run to their car or just drive by the Robins NCO Academy as the flag is raised or lowered during the sounding of Reveille and Retreat. I've often asked myself, "Why is it so hard for these individuals to take a few moments to honor our flag?"

### Honoring the flag

Let me share why I proudly honor our flag. You see, our flag means more

than freedom to me. As I look upon our flag at Reveille or Retreat a tear comes to my eye as I reflect upon friends and fellow servicemen and women who have died in the service of our country.

When I look at the flag I see the face of my friend Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Olds. Olds was killed in the Nairobi Embassy bombing. I still remember the last conversation Olds and I had. Approximately four weeks later she was gone.

As I look upon the flag I reflect upon all the sacrifices that she and so many individuals have made in the service of our country. Today, I challenge you to do the same.

I challenge you to stand proud and to honor our flag when you hear the sounds of Reveille and Retreat and to reflect upon the sacrifices that not only these individuals have made, but the sacrifices you've made as well.

I challenge you to stand

proud not only for your nation but have the self-respect to do it for yourself as well. For it is the sacrifices made day in and day out, of each and every one of you, that make this nation great.

### New policy

Effective immediately, the Robins NCO Academy will post road guards on Ninth street in front of the academy building during all Reveille and Retreat formations.

Each road guard will be identifiable by orange vests. I challenge you to join our students and academy staff in proudly honoring our flag during these times.

And as the last notes of Reveille and Retreat are played I hope you'll join each of us as we reflect on the words of Todd Beamer and say to yourself "Let's Roll." I know Sherry and many others would be proud.

## Electronic warfare, the quiet element in air superiority

Sparrow, Sidewinder, AMRAAM, F-15, F-16, F-22, JSF. These are all well-known names in the current and future Air Force arsenal designed to maintain air superiority.

These systems counter the enemy's fighter defenses and air-to-air systems, and their efficiency is plainly visible – they produce brilliant explosions and leave tangled masses of debris strewn below.

But these systems only protect against one aspect of enemy defenses. While shiny warplanes loaded with weapons make for a good photo opportunity, our adversaries are finding that much less "sexy" surface-to-air missiles are just as lethal and much more effective. And, due to their relative ease of operation and inexpensiveness, they are becoming the weapon of

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**Col. Douglas W. Anderson**  
Director, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate



choice to challenge our air superiority.

Arrayed against this threat are much less well known Air Force systems: ALR-69, ALR-56, ALQ-131, ALQ-184, ALQ-172, ALQ-135, ALE-50, ALE-47, and many more. These are the weapons of electronic warfare, or, as I prefer, electronic combat. EC systems are less well known because, like the

threats they attack, they too are not very sexy. With the exception of their lethal cousin, the high-speed anti-radiation missile, EC systems don't go boom or make anything else go boom. Their combat is silent and secretive – listening quietly, trying to avoid detection, decoying, and deceiving. Their effectiveness is hard to see, though their ineffective-

ness is not. As for photo opportunities, most of them hide away from the camera inside the airplane, and those that don't (pods) are anything but photogenic.

Much like the EC weapons systems they support, there is a group of folks in Middle Georgia who are quietly going about their business supporting the war fighter. These are the men and women of the Electronic Warfare Product Directorate.

When the chief or the secretary, or the congressman or local dignitaries visit the air logistics center, EW is usually not on the tour. This is understandable, because we cannot show off airplanes being repaired, or run them through an assembly area with a beehive of activity – things that create a big visual impression. This is unfortunate, because what they are missing is what I believe

could easily qualify as a "national asset," that is, an asset that provides a unique capability that could not be duplicated elsewhere.

Behind the barbed wire of Bldg. 226, and next door in 231, there is a unique capability to support the vital EW assets of the Air Force and our allies. We have 30 laboratories dedicated to engineering sustainment and software reprogramming of EW equipment. We have millions invested in computer hardware, threat simulators, anechoic chambers, and EW test equipment.

But our most important assets are our people – more than 500 in all. We have the greatest concentration of EW engineers in the world – 180 of them performing a variety of hardware and software functions. We also have program managers, item managers, PMS buyers, and

equipment specialists who track, manage and procure over 11,000 parts for 39 EW systems, supporting 22 Air Force and allied platforms.

And of course we have contracting, financial, and administrative personnel who support the above personnel. Finally, LN houses its own intelligence shop, which not only supplies us with EW intel, but also serves as the intelligence function for the ALC commander and all of Robins.

I have been the most impressed with the dedication of our people. For example, in support of Enduring Freedom, they have filled more than 4,000 war fighter requisitions, performed 13 software reprogrammings, and provided daily intelligence summaries – efficiently, without complaint, and of course, quietly.

## Commanders' Action Line



**Col. Bonnie Cirrincione**  
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.*

*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.*

*Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.*

**Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam**  
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center



### Moving allowance

**Q:** I just arrived back from deployment and want to know the reason why the people who were forced to move for privatization are not receiving the partial dislocation allowance. This seems like we are being pushed to the curb because we have already moved. What follows is the e-mail I received that is in question.

"Partial DLA allowance of \$500, effective Feb. 9, will be paid to members who are ordered to occupy or vacate government family-type quarters due to privatization, renova-

tion or any reason other than PCS (permanent change of station). Partial DLA will start on the effective date above and will not be retroactive. The effective date is the date of actual move-in. To receive payment, members should submit AF Form 150 and DD 1351-2 to the Financial Management Customer Service Branch. On the DD 1351-2 please leave the itinerary section blank and put "Partial DLA" in the reimbursable expenses section. If the date of notification to move is prior to the Feb. 9 effective date, list the move-in date in the

accounting classification section and have the approving official sign the DD 1351-2."

**A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds:** Based on provisions in the FY02 Department of Defense Authorization Bill, the Military Advisory Panel proposed a partial dislocation allowance payment of \$500 to members who are ordered to occupy or vacate government housing due to privatization, renovation or for any other reason except permanent change of station. The panel chairman signed this provision on Feb. 9. The language in the authoriza-

tion bill is discretionary and, as such, this provision did not become effective until signed by the chairman of the Military Advisory Panel, which was Feb. 9. For this reason, the provision cannot be made retroactive prior to Feb. 9.

The partial DLA rate will be adjusted annually on the same date that the monthly basic pay rates are increased; the yearly increase will be equal to the average percentage increase in the basic pay rates.

If you have further questions, contact the comptroller customer service office at 926-3777.



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## Miss Georgia USA visits Robins' Girl Scouts



Heather Hogan, Miss Georgia USA, visited Robins' Girl Scout troops on April 17.

She met with the Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadette/Seniors to talk about self esteem and goal setting.

Hogan also taught the girls how to walk the runway. She had the girls write some personal information about themselves like their names, favorite color and age. Then she would introduce them as the moved across the stage.

*U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp*

Clockwise from top: Heather Hogan, Miss Georgia USA, talks to members of Robins' Girl Scout Troops on April 17. Eileen Shone, 6-year-old Brownie, does a twirl for the crowd during her introduction. Hogan takes down information from two Daisies for their turn on the stage. Daisies get a chance to learn how to properly stand, turn and walk on stage during a pageant.



## HAWC fair promotes wellness

**Dairlyn Brown, RN, BSN**  
HAWC nurse educator

The annual Robins Air Force Base Health Fair will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

Each year the Health and Wellness Center organizes a health forum for the Robins community to promote a healthy lifestyle and to educate on the effects of harmful habits such as smok-

ing, lack of exercise and poor diets.

This is a time for the entire community to assume an active role in enhancing and maintaining their own health and wellness.

There will be approximately 100 exhibits and vendors providing preventative health care information and screenings for early detection of health problems.

Some of the screenings that will be offered are:

- Glaucoma checks
  - Blood pressure screenings
  - Cholesterol screenings
  - Prostate surface antigen screenings
  - Oral cancer checks
  - Glucose screenings
- The fair is open to Robins AFB and the local community.

For more information, contact the Robins Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Kathy Robinson, a special education teacher at Robins Elementary School, reads to first-graders about dinosaurs. Robinson was named Teacher of the Year for Department of Defense Schools Alabama-Robins District.

## Robins teacher takes district

### Reading specialty of teacher of the year

By Rebecca Yull  
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Most people remember at least one special teacher who made a difference in their life. There was that one who encouraged, supported or was just more demanding than all the others. And sometimes that teacher was recognized with an award.

One such teacher at Robins Elementary School was recently named the Department of Defense Schools Alabama-Robins District Teacher of the Year. Kathy Robinson, a special education teacher, feels good about the honor.

"I'm really excited about it," she said. "It's been a great year."

Part of receiving the award included a trip to Washington, D.C., for a teacher of the year forum with 20 other teachers chosen from DOD school districts worldwide. Over four days earlier this month, Robinson was able to learn from other teachers and discuss topics of interest specific to DOD teachers and schools.

"We all learned from each other. We also had the national teacher of the year speak to us. That was really a treat for us to have her there. She was an excellent ambassador to have for teachers."

The national teacher of the year, Michele Forman, represents all teachers in the United States. Foreman is a social studies teacher at Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vt.

Robinson has been teaching for nine years; this is her first year in special education. "My love is reading," she said. During her eight years of teaching first grade, she participated in the reading recovery program, which helps beginning readers who are at risk of having reading problems.

As a special education teacher, Robinson still works mostly in reading and language arts with students in grades one through four. Her day is varied and she and her students move around. But Robinson says this situation is as equally challenging as a classroom setting. She still has to deal with children who each have their own learning style, she said.

"It's fun in special education to work with small groups. You're able to pinpoint the needs of each child and I find that very rewarding," she said.

This is also Robinson's first year at Robins Elementary. Jeanne Roberts, Robins Elementary School principal, is glad to have her.

"She is absolutely wonderful," Roberts said. "She's very innovative and creative. The rapport that she has with the parents and students is remarkable."

As much as Robinson is honored by the award, she is also humbled.

"I don't feel like I'm any better than any of the other teachers," she said. "I feel like I represent the teachers at this school."

"She does a great job for us and certainly is an asset to both the school and for the children," Roberts said.

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Kathy Robinson  
Department of Defense Schools  
Alabama-Robins District Teacher of the Year

## ARK auction benefits animals

By Rebecca Yull  
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The Houston County Animal Rescue and Kindness is hosting a silent auction to raise money to help animals in the area.

The auction will be held 6-8 p.m. on May 4 at the Wellston Center. The center is located at 155 Maple St.

ARK is a nonprofit organization created and run by Robins Air Force Base employees and families, as well as retired Air Force members and their families. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to the ARK spay and neuter and adoption programs, and animal rescues.

According to its Web site, ARK believes that the large number of dumped, stray or abandoned animals that come into pounds and shelters can be reduced or stopped completely. "This can be accomplished through low cost spay and neuter programs. Most of the animals put down in animal shelters are not sick or injured, they are simply surplus. There are not enough homes for these animals. Problems caused by the rising tide of animals costs everyone tax dollars. It is much more cost-effective, humane and healthy for an animal to be spayed or neutered," the site states.

For more information, call 929-8280 or e-mail crusan3@cox.net.

### ARK goals

- To fund a low cost spay/neuter program so that people who qualify can have their pets altered through ARK.
- To find loving homes for the many homeless animals of Middle Georgia.
- To educate the community about responsible pet ownership.

## TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.



### Friday

**Robins Report:** 8 p.m. – News from around base.

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – On this week's Around Robins, there will be a feature piece on nose art and the people who preserve it at the Museum of Aviation. John Anderson, base golf pro, will talk about the new lightning warning system at Pine Oaks Golf Course. On Money Matters, Gene Kirkland, the base financial counselor, suggests good ways to invest tax refund money. Tammy Nolan, Information Tickets and Travel director, discusses upcoming summer events. Krystal Shiver, life work consultant at the Family Support Center talks about the upcoming spouse appreciation luncheon and essay contest. And Cindy Graver gives an update to the events on the newcomer's community tour.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – This week's Inside Robins features an interview with Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Mast.

### Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**  
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

### Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**  
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older and \$2 for 5-11.  
Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>

**Today – All About the Benjamins (R)**  
Starring Ice Cube and Mike Epps.

Bucum's dream is to open his own private investigation firm, but for the time being he's stuck following the trail of small-time crooks, like Reggie. Things start to look up for Reggie when his lottery ticket is the sole winner of a \$60 million jackpot. It seems like Reggie's bad luck is back, especially when Bucum returns to take him in. (strong violence, pervasive language and brief sexuality)

**Saturday – Resident Evil (R)**

Starring: Milla Jovovich and Michelle Rodriguez  
A virus has escaped in a secret facility called "The Hive," turning all researchers into hungry zombies and releasing the mutated lab animals that they were studying. The government sends in an elite military task force to contain the virus before it escapes and infects the rest of the world. (strong sci-fi violence, language and brief sexuality/nudity)

\*\* No one under 17 admitted to rated R movies without an accompanying parent.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Club Scholarship

926-5492

The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program. All club members and their dependents are eligible to submit an essay of 500 words or less addressing the topic "Air Force Clubs – How to Continue the Tradition." Entries must be submitted to services marketing, Bldg. 1011, by July 15. See the services Web page at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) for complete details.

### Outdoor Recreation

926-4001

Hog hunting season on base will last through May 15. A \$10 base permit and base orientation is required. Call outdoor recreation for more information.

### Veterinary Clinic

327-8448

May 5-11 is National Pet Week. The Robins Veterinary Clinic will offer discounts on selected pet products such as HomeAgain microchipping. By bring-



ing pets in for free weighings, pets will be entered in drawings for free Revolution and other prizes. Call the clinic for more information. These activities and offers are available to active duty and retired military.

### Enlisted Club

926-4515

A Mother's Day buffet will be offered 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 12. Cost is \$8.95 for members, \$10.95 for nonmembers and \$3.95 for children. Reservations are recommended.

### Officers' Club

926-2670

A Kids' Night is slated for Monday, 6-8:30 p.m., with movies and prizes.

A Mother's Day buffet will be offered 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 12. Cost is \$10.95 for members and

their spouses, \$5.95 for children ages 5-12 and complimentary for children younger than 5.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

926-2945

Discounted tickets are available for Six Flags, Wild Adventures, the Macon Braves and the Macon Knights.

ITT will host a yard sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 11. Tables cost \$7 and may be set up at 7 a.m.

### Skills Development Center

926-5282

The skills development center is temporarily located in Bldg. 983, 790 Tenth St. All services are available and orders are being taken for engraving, framing, awards and screen-printing. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Expressions gift shop is continuing its inventory reduction sale. Purchase discounted arts and crafts supplies, including acrylic paints, at below-cost closeout prices. Call 926-0304 for details.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

### Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free money and credit management workshop today, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted 1-3 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 905, Room 250.

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

### Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs.

The next federal jobs class is Thursday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905. Advanced registration is required.

### Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors on May 7, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the member making the permanent change of station and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and sponsors are given vital information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable. Advance registration is required.

### Base and community tour

The center is sponsoring a base and community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members on May 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting at the center.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit and tour the Robins Family Support Center, Skills Development Center, and the Physical Fitness Center. The tour includes a "windshield" tour of Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant in Macon. People will pay for their own lunch. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

### Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group meeting will be on May 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the base chapel annex.

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

● **Robert Rogers**, C-141 System Program Office. Point of contact is Dan English, 926-5696.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

## Frequently asked questions

What services are available to eligible family members through the education center?



Many educational reference books are available for use in the education center, including academic catalogs for each college in the area, Peterson's guides, and information on financial aid. Also, applications for the PELL Grant, GSL, and other financial aid are available. For more information, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#EDUCATIONAL%20SERVICES:%20926-6089>.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

### Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up on May 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 123. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

### CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on the \$30,000 bonus with reduced retirement pay, also known as CSB/REDUX, on May 10, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg 905, Room 127. Individuals that initially entered military service Aug. 1, 1986, or later will be offered the career status bonus at approximately their 15th year of service. Taking that bonus will result in reduced retired pay. Thus, the decision whether or not to accept the bonus may be one of the most important decisions of a career. This class will explore the options in detail to help people make informed decisions based on their individual circumstances.

### Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor, and the center's Employment Resource Program and Transition Assistance Program are sponsoring a job fair on May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., American Legion Post, 172 Watson Blvd.

This job fair is open to veterans, the Warner Robins community, and all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members seeking employment. Everyone attending the job fair is encouraged to bring copies of their resume. Dress for success.

### Morale calls

Morale calls are available to immediate family members of a military member or a Department of Defense civilian. The military member or DOD civilian receiving the call must meet at least one of the following conditions: be in an unaccompanied status overseas; be at a remote geographic location; or be on temporary duty for more than 14 days.

Family members may obtain a control number by stopping by the center, Bldg. 794, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by calling 926-1256.

### Personal financial fitness

The center has available a multimedia, interactive CD-ROM training package on personal financial management. The personal financial management training series materials have been developed to educate military personnel, their spouses, and youth on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. This self-paced series will provide the basic financial tools to function in today's complex society.

Submit planner information, honor rolls,

features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also fax submissions at 926-9597 or e-mail to [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil).



## Father-son team captures fishing tournament

By Tech. Sgt. Kenneth C Dockery  
653rd CLSS Training Flight

Anglers from around the country gathered at Lake Eufaula's Lake Point Resort to test their skills at one of the premier bass tournament lakes in the country.

The tournament, held April 8-12, attracted 103 teams and more than 200 fishermen from every conceivable agency within the Department of Defense. Anglers from as far away as California made the trek to Alabama with one goal in mind – catch "The Big One" and capture the honor of champion.

Bragging rights go a long way for fishermen, but when you throw in a check for \$2,500 for first place it tends to get the blood racing even more.

Ample lodging and boat launches were a key component in the success of the 12th Annual DOD Bass Tournament.

"We were grateful for the outstanding support that the Lake Point Resort staff provided our committee from

the beginning," said Staff Sgt. Paul Dunham.

Dunham, along with seven members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron Booster Club at Robins Air Force Base, in conjunction with support from the 78th Support Group Services Outdoor Recreation served as tournament officials for the week-long event. Several months of careful planning and execution culminated in an event that received high praise from both participants and committee members alike.

Rainy conditions were not enough to dampen the enthusiasm of Eddie Davis Sr. and son, Army Staff Sgt. Eddie Davis Jr. The latter used his experiences gained from fishing previous tournaments at Lake Eufaula as a member of the Fort Benning Bass Club. The father-son team used this experience to capture first place with 52 pounds of largemouth bass during the three-day event. In addition to capturing the tournament title, the duo also took a piece of big fish honors on two of the three tournament days. This put their



Courtesy photo

Army Staff Sgt. Eddie Davis Jr. and his father Eddie Davis Sr. display their winnings after capturing first place in the 12th Annual Department of Defense Bass Tournament at Lake Eufaula's Lake Point Resort.

earnings over the \$3,000 mark. The event paid award money to the top 20 teams.

"This was only the second tournament we have fished together," said Staff Sgt. Davis, who is currently serving as a recruiter at the Prattville Recruiting Station in Alabama. "We may have to team up more often," he said.

When asked if a life of professional fishing might follow his career in the

Army, Davis said, "I have given it some serious consideration and couldn't think of a better way to make a living."

Tournament totals were 1,700 pounds of bass with the largest weighing in just under 8 pounds.

Planning for next year's event is already underway with an emphasis on securing a facility and lake that meets the standards of Lake Point Resort.

## FITNESS MONTH

May Fitness Month is sponsored in part by Gatorade, LifeFitness and Super Clubs. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. See the services division Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) for a complete calendar of events.

- ✓ Wednesday – 11:30 a.m.; Armed Forces Day 5K run/walk; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; base health fair at the Museum of Aviation
- ✓ Thursday – 5-6:30 p.m.; ladies' racquetball clinic
- ✓ May 3 – 11:30 a.m.; fitness fundamentals lunch seminar at the Health and Wellness Center
- ✓ May 4 – 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Women's self-defense class

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Pine Oaks Golf Course 926-4103

A family fun night is slated for 5 p.m. tomorrow. Cost of \$30 per couple includes nine holes of golf, golf car, dinner and prizes with a cost of \$5 per child six to 12 years of age includes supervised golf activities and dinner.

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An orientation for Link Up 2 Golf, a comprehensive lesson series designed by PGA of America, will be held at 6 p.m. on May 14 at the golf course. Kids can be registered for Junior Golf Academy at this time. Four one-month-long sessions will be ongoing through the summer. Call the golf course to reserve a slot.

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. Submit stories and stats in person, by fax at 926-9597 or by e-mail at [bryan.reed@robins.af.mil](mailto:bryan.reed@robins.af.mil).

# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## DRMO to host diversity event

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Warner Robins, is holding a multicultural diversity program at 11 a.m. today at the Robins Air Force Base Enlisted Club.

Tickets are \$15. The program will include a dramatization of African American History by Sharon Willis, Spanish song and dance by Diana Lea and Asian/Pacific American History by Lucille Grube.

The musical entertainment will be headlined by Natasha T. Cobbs.

Points of contacts are Katie Largent or Larry LaFavor at 926-5162/0584, e-mail klargent@warnerntex.drms.dla.mil or llafavor@warnerntex.drms.dla.mil.

## FMA offers scholarships

The Federal Managers' Association, Chapter 121, at Robins Air Force Base, is offering three \$500 cash scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors. One of the scholarships will be awarded to an FMA member's child while the remaining two scholarships are for competition at-large in Middle Georgia. Selection criteria is based on academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, career and academic goals, and financial need. For an application, contact local high school

counselors or phone Donna Long at 926-3483 or 987-1960. Deadline for applications is Thursday. Selectees will be honored at the FMA annual awards luncheon in July.

## Lost and found items

The 78th Security Forces Squadron has the following items in lost and found:

- a blue mountain bike found in Huntington Village,
- a Scooter found in Turner Park,
- a General Motors key found in the parking lot of Bldg. 756,
- a set of car keys found in the parking lot of Bldg. 166.

If any of these items belong to anyone, have them contact Investigator Kathy Trim at 926-5271.

## Dixie Crow offers grant

The Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows has recently established a \$250 enlisted tuition assistance grant.

The grant is for active duty enlisted personnel stationed at Robins Air Force Base in the rank of E-4 and above who are pursuing a degree related to electronic

warfare or information superiority.

The program is intended to complement the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program and the Air Force Boot Strap program. Applications may be picked up at the base education office in Bldg. 905.

Mail applications to Dixie Crows, P.O. Box 1331, Warner Robins, Ga. 31099-1331.

Deadline for summer semester applications is June 15.

## Commissary closing

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary will be closed on May 5 for a store reset. The store will reopen on May 7 at 9a.m. Questions may be addressed to the Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3390.

## CGOA to hold picnic

All company grade officers at Robins Air Force Base may attend the Company Grade Officers' Association picnic at 1 p.m. on May 4 at Friendship Pavilion. Direct questions to the CGOA social director Rob Kurtz at 926-7697, ext. 183.

# HONOR ROLLS

## The following students made the "A" Honor Roll at Robins Elementary School.

**Fourth grade**  
**Lucia Bennett; Darius Collins; Cherry Mendoza; Kyle Mize; Austin Riba; Harley Simpson; Hope Stephenson; Blake Alexander; Edwin Vazquez.**

**Fifth grade**  
**Nick Greene; Ericka Lloyd; Courtney Johnson; Jerome Gamboa; Kaitlin Kijawski; Dylan House; Shawn Galvan; Alexis Hewitt; Jessica Jones; Kayla Hayes; Kayla Camarillo; Alexa Anderson; Decerei Walden.**

**Sixth grade**  
**Jennifer Davis; Miki Jamerson; Kaleb Simpson; Jordan Black; Jennifer Kerhin; Jeff Sturick; Brandon Spencer; Blaine Overbay.**

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## The following students made the "A-B" Honor Roll at Robins Elementary School.

**Fourth grade**  
**Travis Boyd; Amanda Sablan; Mathew Tuten; Mackenzie Shaw; Max Whittington; Megan Fisher; Holly Zimmerman.**

**Fifth grade**  
**Nicholas Anderson; Kayla Carter; Rebecca Paskett; Eric Schreck; Melanie Poissant; Ann Bowen.**

**Sixth grade**  
**Dell Bennett; Mara Graves; Nicholas Stephenson; Ricky Rebstock.**

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## The Avionics Management Directorate announces its second quarter achievers.

**Derek Abron**, Avionics Production Division, was

selected as Avionics "Super Achiever." Abron is responsible for supporting the C-5, F-15, F-16, A-10, KC135 and C130 Support Equipment Systems, 110 technicians, five production line foremen, five production controllers, 270 permanent production control numbers, more than 200 temporary control numbers and 923 units with a total of 25,654.45 production labor hours. He has orchestrated and overseen preparations for reviewing, updating and building the Bill of Material, and establishing 10 to 12 new production numbers per month.

**Gayle Arnett**, Avionics Communication Support Division, was named Avionics Achiever. Arnett is responsible for a pivotal function within the overall supply management chain – providing the national stock number-specific quantitative and qualitative analysis. Arnett's efforts to "scrub" product data points such as application data, replacement factors and usage data resulted in an increase in issue effectiveness, and in a more efficient use of depot repair resources.

Arnett's oversight ensured the depot repaired the right equipment and the user received the right equipment.



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## Robins 5th-graders soar high

Mike Osborne's fifth-grade class flies their weather balloon on April 17. The students created the balloon of cardboard and styrofoam as part of their lessons on weather. Osborne had the students fill the craft with different amounts of balloons to see how the number of balloons compared to how high the craft would soar. The base chapel donated the helium.

## Commissary undergoing changes

### **Defense Commissary Agency**

The Defense Commissary Agency is in the process of making changes in product placement on commissary shelves during store "resets." The goal is also to make stores as customer-friendly and consistent as possible.

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Base Commissary will be closed for a store "reset" starting at closing on May 5. The store will reopen May 7 at 9 a.m., according to Store Director Larry Danforth.

According to Steve Sones, chief of the marketing business unit's reset and planogram team at DeCA, "although we have to take into consideration that no

two commissaries are constructed exactly alike, a customer-friendly flow means dog food will be next to pet supplies instead of the charcoal, peanut butter is best found next to the jam, and all your cleaning products are together. It's a simple matter of making the commissary layout more sensible by "resetting" the store."

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic** Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Catholic** CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

**Protestant** services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

**Protestant** religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from

September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

**Jewish** service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

**Islamic** Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

**Community fellowship** and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children. Free dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bible study follows.

**The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.**