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From Puerto Rico to Robins, C-130H gets helping hand
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Patrons enter the base restaurant during lunch Wednesday. Due to problems with drainage pipes, the facility is only partially operational.

Base restaurant limits its service

Problems with drainage shuts down portion of eatery

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The drainage pipe problem that caused limited service and menus at the base restaurant last week continues to have the facility operating at minimal levels. According to John King, base restaurant manager, Civil Engineering is at work fixing the problem.

Ricky Tidwell, CE industrial utility chief, said a team of nine is working to get the facility fully operational again.

"We have laid some new piping and cleared some drains," he said. "We are now awaiting the delivery of a new 1,500-gallon grease trap that will replace the old 400-gallon one."

Tidwell said the problem with the drainage system occurred when pipes leading from the grease trap backed up.

"The work is still going on and it looks like it will be one to two weeks before it is complete," he said. "We are operating under normal business hours, however the menu has been scaled back a little."

King said breakfast and lunch are still being served at the regular hours although some items may not be available. He said, under regular operating conditions, the facility serves between 800 and 1,200 people a day.

"The number of customers we serve daily has dropped significantly, but for the most

part our customers have been understanding," he said.

Until the work is complete, the restaurant is not using its downstairs kitchen and has reverted to using paper products.

Shawn Politino of Environmental Management said EM went over to make an initial assessment to see if any environmental impact has been made.

"Since the major problem was with water backing up inside the restaurant, it was a public health issue," he said.

King said, in addition to CE doing the work, Public Health is doing a daily walk through.

"So far everything is up to standard," he said.

"We are over there almost on a daily basis. Some days we have made a couple of trips over to monitor the modified set-up and make sure all health concerns are addressed."

Lt. Col. Beverly Woods
public health flight commander

Lt. Col. Beverly Woods, public health flight commander, said each month Public Health does inspections of all food service facilities to make sure they are in compliance with health regulations. Since the drainage problems at the base restaurant, inspectors have made more regular visits.

"We are over there almost on a daily basis," she said. "Some days we have made a couple of trips over to monitor the modified set-up and make sure all health concerns are being

addressed."

Woods said the facility is looking good and no major concerns have been cited.

"We will continue to make visits over until the problem is fixed," she said. "After that we will do a thorough re-inspection to make sure all surfaces are clean and sanitized."

Full service and menu will resume when the work has been completed.

Maintenance stands up

New organization strives for 'quality production, on time'

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The goal is simple and the vision clear: provide quality production, on time. That was the theme of the off-site Jim Culpepper conducted with maintenance division chiefs, supervisors and leaders two days after standing up the Maintenance Directorate, Robins' newest organization.

The directorate consolidates all the maintenance functions from C-5, C-141, C-130 and F-15 system program offices as well as C-17 business operations under one huge directorate.

Culpepper, previously the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center director of Logistics Management, took the MA helm on Aug. 1. More than 6,600 people are affected by the reorganization. Similar reorganizations are occurring, or will occur, at air logistics centers as the Air Force implements the decisions of the Depot Maintenance Review Team.

Culpepper said the maintenance stand up will give Robins and the other ALCs a focus. The DMRT review aimed to establish a standard structure across Air Force Materiel Command depots by Oct. 1. Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah, came on line July 1; Oklahoma City ALC will reorganize by Oct. 1.

Culpepper said the

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Jim Culpepper
director of Maintenance

what it costs to do the work."

Another outcome of the DMRT was the need for improvements in infrastructure. Culpepper said the base hasn't made appropri-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

ate investments in facilities, equipment or tools. "We have to revitalize the infrastructure in maintenance so we can produce on time in a quality environment," he said.

DMRT recommended the maintenance reorganization focus on eight key areas: the work force; workload and production processes; financial management; materiel management; infrastructure recapitalization; information technology; metrics and finally, organizational structure.

Financial management is a key area of concentration

for Warner Robins ALC, according to Culpepper. He said the ALC will work hard to fix the "financial disconnects to be sure we set our prices properly and that we know how to price

ate investments in facilities, equipment or tools. "We have to revitalize the infrastructure in maintenance so we can produce on time in a quality environment," he said.

Metrics will receive increased attention at all levels of management, Culpepper said.

Among the eight initiatives, the organizational structure is viewed as the enabler. The new MA structure is bringing together all the aspects of maintenance support that were once spread out among eight different product directorates. "The MA arrangement is allowing us to standardize processes, look at common investments and look at all our facilities in an integrated manner," Culpepper explained. "We wanted to come up with a long-range integrated infrastructure support plan, we wanted to standardize our material planning, scheduling, all focused on quality. When you're spread out among six, seven or eight different

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CFC kicks off Wednesday

Robins' goal this year is \$1.2 million

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Brig. Gen. Lawrence Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, will host the kick off ceremony for the Combined Federal Campaign on Wednesday at the Vistascope Theater of the Museum of Aviation. This year's theme is "Reasons we give - A contribution brings out the hero in you." The campaign officially begins on Sept. 9.

Douglas Shumate, chairman of the 2002 Middle Georgia CFC, said the campaign covers a 10-county area, which stretches as far north as Baldwin County and as far south as Dodge County.

"All federal employees in the 10-county area are encouraged to participate in the campaign," he said.

Last year Robins' personnel raised \$1,388,453, with \$498,393 going directly to local charities. This year, the 40th of the campaign in Middle Georgia, Robins' goal is \$1.2 million.

The CFC began in 1961 as a way to consolidate the many informal charity solicitations into one, federally organized charity drive. Since that time, millions of dollars have been raised to help local, state, national and international charities.

Shumate said the more than \$1 million given by Robins Air Force Base personnel accounted for 96 percent of the money pledged last year. The Middle Georgia Campaign is categorized as a large-campaign area.

"This campaign gives the opportunity to contribute to charitable organizations - local, state, national and international," he said.

"These voluntary organizations benefit from CFC through the generosity of others."

Shumate said the six-week campaign will end at close of business on Oct. 18.

Training for Monitors and Key workers will be conducted at the Museum of Aviation at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 5 and again at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6. Goals and distribution of campaign material will be discussed at the training. The training will last approximately 30 minutes.

"We are fortunate to have many volunteers who have agreed to assist the campaign this year," Shumate said. "The volunteers are truly the lifeblood of the campaign, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of the multitude of people who will benefit from the generosity of the military and civilian federal employees."

For more information on the campaign, contact organizational CFC key workers, visit the CFC link on the Robins Web site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil>, or contact Shumate at 926-4005 or by e-mail at Douglas.shumate@robins.af.mil.



Absentee voting program kicks into high gear

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON — With the 2002 general election fast approaching Nov. 5, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials are sponsoring Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 1 to 7. The week is designed for military installations worldwide to highlight voting issues.

"The objective is to create awareness of the electoral process and to motivate military members to participate in the upcoming general election," said Polli Brunelli, federal voting program director. "We want to encourage our military members, their dependents, our federal employees overseas and our overseas citizens to be aware of the elections and to exercise their right to vote."

She said that the 2002 elections cover a third of the U.S. Senate, the entire U.S. House of Representatives, 37 governors and hundreds of local races.

"These are lawmakers who will effect policies that govern our way of life," she said.

The states govern the voting rules for their residents. The FVAP works with state officials to ease absentee ballot processes.

For example, Brunelli said, program officials asked state officials to allow service members deployed in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom to receive voting materials by fax machines and to fax in completed ballots.

The agency urges military personnel to contact installation voting assistance officers to learn about what they must do to vote in 2002. All units with more than 25 people also have voting assistance officers.

U.S. citizens residing overseas can visit embassies and consulates and get the same information.

The program launched an education process to teach voting assistance officers what they need to know to help service members.

Worldwide, the office sponsored more than 100 workshops, Brunelli said.

She said her office has met with state leaders to ensure that all absentee ballots are in on time, properly filled out and counted.

"We're working on postal issues as well," Brunelli said.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz signed a memo to the military postal service to ensure that all voting materials are postmarked and cancelled for all deployed vessels and personnel. Further, military postal service employees will look for voting materials to ensure they are moved expeditiously.

For more information on Armed Forces Voting Week or absentee voting, go to the FVAP Web site at www.fvap.gov.

Get out and vote

The Secretary of Defense has declared Sept. 1-7 as Armed Forces Voters Week. This week is the last safe week to submit a Federal Post Card Application, SF 76, request for registration and/or absentee ballot to meet most state deadlines for the November general election. All units are requested to appoint a voting assistance representative. Visit www.fvap.gov for voting information. Contact Capt. James Mitchell at 926-8206 or james.mitchell@robins.af.mil for more information.



Pay information available at fingertips

Web site makes getting questions answered easy

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WASHINGTON — Anything you ever wanted to know about your military pay but didn't know who to ask is now available with a couple of mouse clicks.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has a military compensation Web site at militarypay.dtic.mil/pay/index.html.

The site explains the differences between pay and allowances and describes the intended purpose for the various allowances.

For instance, the Basic Allowance for Subsistence is designed to offset the costs of a member's meals, but is "not intended to offset the costs of meals for

family members."

A separate Basic Allowance for Housing primer available on the site explains the ins and outs of BAH, including how it's computed and why rates can differ so much from one location to another.

A link to the "Regular Military Compensation Calculator" can give service members a glimpse of how their pay and tax-free allowances stack up against civilian pay.

For instance, an E-6 with eight years of service living in the Washington, D.C., area with a spouse and two kids would have to earn more than \$51,000 to take home the same amount after state and federal taxes are deducted.

Active duty members approaching their 15th year of service might find the retirement choice calculator particularly helpful.

Members who entered active service after July 31, 1986, have to choose at 15 years whether they'll opt for the "high-three" or "redund" retirement plans.

High-three basically pays you 50 percent of the average of your three highest paying years of service. Redund pays you a \$30,000 bonus at 15 years, then 40 percent of your base pay per month at retirement. Both have positive and negative points, and service members need to choose based on their personal situation.

A calculator on this site allows you to input personal data and then gives you charts to show how much each option would provide you over 40-year period.

Other sections on this site fully explain survivor benefits and the Thrift Savings Plan.

Other online sites provide additional information. Reserve-component and civilian pay charts can be found at www.dfas.mil. Stateside and overseas per diem rates are at www.dtic.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html. Links to information on the federal long-term care insurance program, federal civilian careers and personnel matters are available on www.opm.gov.

Air Force extends per diem entitlement for Reservists

Payout not taxable nor can it be reduced

Air Force Reserve Command
News Service

WASHINGTON — Reservists in Air Force Reserve Command called to active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom may now receive per diem for up to

730 days at one location.

Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, signed a waiver Aug. 21 extending his original entitlement waiver for the payment of per diem from one year up to two years. His initial waiver signed on Sept. 22 had authorized per diem entitlements for members up to 365 days at one location.

Per diem entitlements under this authority are not taxable and cannot be

arbitrarily reduced, according to officials in the office of the Air Force Reserve's

director of personnel. Per diem is not payable to people in a commuting status.

Air Force officials will issue a message providing administrative information concerning this entitlement.



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What is CAC?

CAC stands for common access card. The common access card is the Department of Defense's answer to "smart card" technology.

The CAC will be the standard identification card for active duty military personnel, selected reserve, DOD civilian employees and eligible contractor personnel.

Many DOD installations have already begun issuing the CAC and Robins is scheduled to begin issuing soon.

Watch for additional information. Points of contact are Kathi Park and Master Sgt. Rhonda Britt who can be

reached at 327-7361.

Office closure

Effective Sept. 13 the Civil Engineering Squadron Readiness Flight will be closed to any walk in service on Thursday afternoons from noon to 5 p.m.

This is necessary for the readiness flight to conduct readiness testing, upgrade training, security manager file processing, technical order reviews and equipment inventory.

The readiness flight still remains available for emergency support and should be contacted at 926-5820 ext. 213.

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday's paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

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Play it safe over the holiday weekend

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senior managers, regardless of how well you attempt to follow the standard procedures, in some areas you're going to lose focus. And if you lose focus, you're not going to be able to deliver aircraft on time the way you need to."

Focusing the maintenance effort saw the creation of 11 MA divisions (see chart).

Aircraft maintenance that was once assigned to separate system program offices is now centrally managed by MAB, but as Culpepper explained, the linkage to the SPOs remains critical.

"The SPOs are still responsible for laying out requirements for program maintenance. We (MA) make our commitments to them as far as scheduled delivery."

He also emphasized the important link with the field.

"We deliver airplanes to them and we're responsible for providing quality aircraft, delivered when we promised. We need to meet our commitments."

The reorganization also saw the demise of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate as well as the shuffling of some of the responsibilities in avionics management, resulting in three new divisions:

Avionics and Instruments (MAI), Commodities and Industrial Products (MAN) and Software (MAS).

In aircraft there was a tremendous amount of consolidation. There was once four totally separate product divisions working for four separate system program directors.

There is now one division working for a single aircraft division chief.

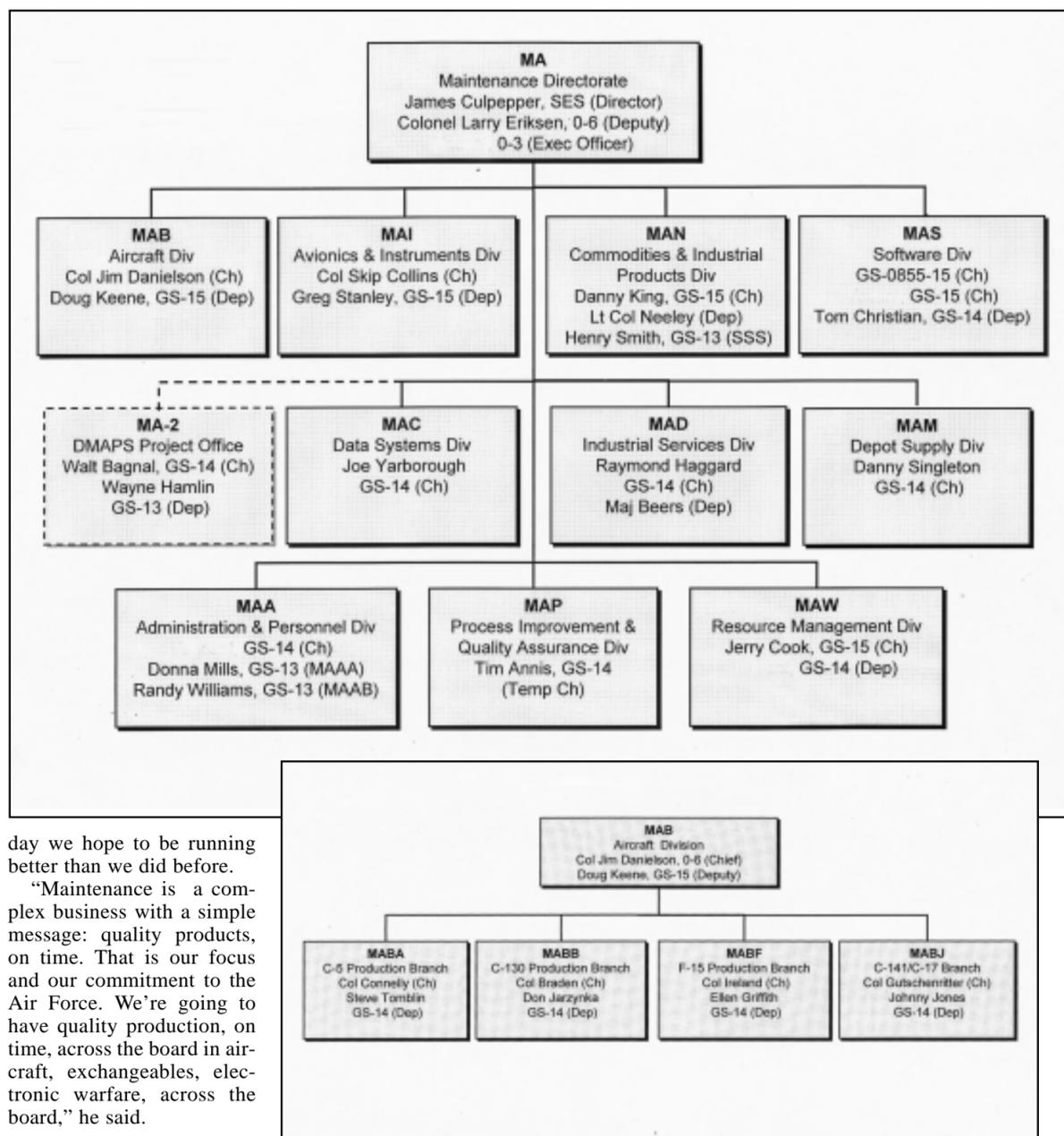
Mechanics won't feel the impact of this reorganization in their day-to-day jobs, Culpepper explained. "They'll come to work and do the same job, and won't be disrupted; but in a bigger way, we hope the mechanics feel all sorts of impacts. We hope they have a better schedule, better parts support, better support across the board and in quality and safety."

Culpepper said the ultimate goal of MA is improve support to the line mechanic so they in turn can deliver quality products to the customers.

"I hope they feel something," he said of the changes planned or already in place. "I hope they feel the improvements, because if they don't, we haven't been successful."

Still in its infancy, MA is not where Culpepper wants it to be just yet. "We're clearly not where we want to be," he said.

"But we're not aiming for a point in time. Our commitment is long term. Every



day we hope to be running better than we did before.

"Maintenance is a complex business with a simple message: quality products, on time. That is our focus and our commitment to the Air Force. We're going to have quality production, on time, across the board in aircraft, exchangeables, electronic warfare, across the board," he said.

Dual-hatted general heads transformation

By Lt. Col. Aurelia Blake
 Air Force Materiel Command News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The former program executive officer for fighter and bomber programs at the Pentagon and long-time member of Air Force Materiel Command has taken on two major command responsibilities.

"Dual-hatted" as director of requirements and special assistant to the AFMC commander for transformation, Maj. Gen. Michael Mushala is charged with one of the command's toughest tasks, heading its top-down re-engineering process.

In the transformation leadership role, AFMC Commander Gen. Lester Lyles has given Mushala responsibility for overseeing the strategic challenges facing the command and re-engineering the command's processes, systems and structures. One of his greatest challenges is reducing the amount of time it takes weapon systems or other technological ideas to go from conception to being put in the war fighters' hands - otherwise known as acquisition cycle time.

As director of requirements, Mushala

is the command's focal point for product support mission area policy, processes and resources. The DR mission is to provide resources, policies and processes to plan, manage and integrate war-fighting systems throughout their life cycle. With a corporate focus, DR experts assess the cost, quality and timeliness of the products and services for the product support and information services business areas.

Mushala said he believes the two roles are quite compatible. DR is already playing a leading role in transformation through the launch of Agile Acquisition and the Acquisition Center of Excellence, both closely tied to wider Air Force transformation efforts already underway.

"I could not be more excited about the opportunity to work AFMC's transformation effort for Gen. Lyles," said Mushala. "The challenge before us is to achieve the secretary of the Air Force's mandate of adapting quickly to new challenges and unexpected circumstances."

"AFMC's transformation is pivotal to the larger Air Force's successful transformation. Our mission of providing war fighting capabilities integrates the Air

Force's operational and business transformations."

Everything AFMC does as we sort through the transformation path must meet the commander's intent to maintain wartime effectiveness in peacetime; become innovative, adaptive, and responsive; and organize so AFMC is easy to do business with, he said.

"With my DR hat, I will have first-hand knowledge as to how things operate today and what impact transformational changes will have across the command, because DR is involved with almost every aspect of AFMC operations," Mushala said.

Mushala takes the DR reins at a time when AFMC is undergoing a review of all headquarters and field operating agencies' processes to make sure work is aligned in the right organizations.

"The Air Force is transforming the very essence of how we will accomplish whatever mission is given to us," Gen. Lyles said. "Transformation is not an option."

"The future of our command depends on our ability to transform. I'm confident that Gen. Mushala is the right person in the right place to lead AFMC in this tremendously important effort."

Civilian personnel take can advantage of career guidance

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One year ago, the Civilian Personnel Office took steps to develop a career counseling function that would service civilian personnel at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. From those steps came the Civilian Personnel Career Counseling Center.

According to Lisa Hollis, career-counseling specialist, the center opened its doors in June 2001 and has since served as an information source and support activity for civilians seeking help with employment issues.

"We help people know what they qualify for and help them get the training for jobs they may not currently qualify for," said Hollis. "We want to make sure everyone knows we are here and what services we provide."

Hollis said the counseling personnel, which consists of three career specialists, offer one-on-one services as well as group counseling.

"We can go out to the different offices to offer help or they can come here on an individual basis," said Hollis.

According to career counseling center personnel, the center strives to better prepare employees for tomorrow's challenges and

uncertainties.

"We provide flexible hours to meet the needs of our clients," said Hollis.

The counseling center works with ALC staff offices as well as external agencies to ensure it is on target with advice and services. Currently the office provides services that range from reviews of employee work and education histories to service and assistance for employees interested in or considering geographic moves.

A relatively new service offered is the permanently physically disabled program through which people with permanent physical disabilities come in and get help finding positions suited to their abilities. Other services offered by the center include: career paths for GS and FWS employees, educational and experience requirements needed for career changes, eligibility for various training programs, forecast of future skill requirements/employment opportunities within the center and beyond, impact of

mobility on career growth, career broadening opportunities, vocational/technical and cooperative education, and impact on employees resulting from A-76 studies.

For more information or to set up an appointment contact Hollis at 926-3805 ext. 211.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Practice saves lives

Airman 1st Class Willow Carpenter, 93rd Air Control Wing, is helped to safety by members of the Robins Air Force Base Fire Department during an exercise held on Aug. 22. The exercise simulated an explosion of an unknown nature at the auto hobby shop.

Program helps Robins employees learn industry operations

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Lisa McGuire of the maintenance support division said goodbye to her co-workers and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center on Aug. 23. No, she didn't get deployed, quit or retire; but, as a part of the Education with Industry Program, she had to bid farewell.

According to McGuire, for the next year she will be working with the EWI program where she will do an internship of sorts with The Boeing Co. During her year with the Macon branch of the company, McGuire will learn how industry works.

"I plan to go out and learn as much as I possibly can about Boeing's processes," said McGuire. "They have many different areas to learn from, so on my first day I will be choosing those that I am most interested in."

As a participant in the Logistics Civilian Career Enhancement Program, or LSEP, McGuire has the chance to learn about many different career programs. She is also able to register herself on various waiting lists, which is how she received the opportunity with Boeing. In October, when the program opened, her name was in the system and she was called.

"The next step was to get a recommendation from my director," she said. "After that was complete I just had to wait."

McGuire found out she had been accepted in February.

"I have been filling out forms since then," she said. "I found out I would be going to Boeing in June."

During her time at Boeing she will work as a company employee who is paid by the government.

"This program is a plus for both Boeing and the Air Force," she said. "Boeing gets free labor and the Air Force gets to learn about private industry. We also get to learn best practices used by industry for implementation here at the center."

According to Boeing officials, the objective of this program was, and continues to be, to gain an understanding of civilian industry's approach to management of research, development, business systems production and product support.

"Partnerships between the Boeing Co. and the U. S. Government have been, and will continue to be, a priority in our day-to-day operations. We look forward to enhancing this partnership over the next 12 months," said P. M. Condit, Boeing chairman and chief executive officer.

Although when her year with the program is complete she will return to the WR-ALC, McGuire is not sure where she will be sharing her new-found knowledge.

"I have really loved my job and I hate to leave; but it is a great opportunity," she said.

McGuire said she is the only one embarking from Robins in the program this year, but a member of the F-15 team is ending a six-month program.

"I have gained first-



McGuire

hand certainty that "partnering" of this nature not only adds value to the products they build-we fly, but also significantly fortifies the business relationship 10-fold due to a willingness to share in resources, processes, and ideas," said Terry Williamson of the F-15 System Program Office logistics services branch. "Because of the incredible opportunity I've been given, it's now apparent to me why The Boeing Co. remains the United States Air Force's largest supplier of military aircraft and missiles — it builds both leading-edge technologies and life-long partnerships."

"The program accepts both civilians and military members," said McGuire. "Fifteen civilians from across the Air Force are going in for this year-long period."

"The course is sponsored by the Air Force Institute of technology," said McGuire. "They review records and choose participants."

McGuire said the participants come from other air logistic centers, headquarters and various other Air Force agencies.

"I am really excited about learning new things," she said. "I have been in civil service for 21 years and it will be a big change." I am excited about learning a variety of new process-

es and how old processes are done by private industry."

The qualifications for this program include membership in LSEP, a recommendation by a manager and being grade GS-11 through 14. Last year 11 civilians and 21 military members ranked lieutenant to major participated in the program.

"It's always in our best interests to do new things," said McGuire. "This gives us better insight into jobs and makes us better employees."

Enrique Arellano, human resources manager with employee involvement and training, said the program gives a well-rounded experience ranging from activities on the floor to seeing how the relationship with suppliers works.

"When a participant leaves us, they know well what Team Macon does," he said.

"My overall thoughts of this program is impressive," said Williamson.

"By far, Education With Industry is a program not only for U.S. Air Force officers, but also for Air Force-employed civil servants. I'd encouraged those interested to contact AFIT to inquire how they may participate in a future class."

Robins AFB teams help C-130H after crash landing

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A team effort by the C-130 System Program Office and the crash recovery team from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron helped save the day for a damaged C-130 H model last year after it sustained extensive damage during touch-and-go landings in St. Croix.

According to Tech. Sgt. Vernon Simpson, an airplane general technician with the 653rd, the aircraft was a Reserve aircraft out of the 911th Reserve Wing in Pennsylvania.

Simpson said, during a channel mission to Puerto Rico in September, a pilot was doing touch-and-go landings when the right forward main landing gear strut of the aircraft came apart, causing major damage to the right main landing gear.

"This damage presented a lot of problems for them," said Simpson. "They had to deal with fuel issues and the logistics of where they were going to land."

The decision was made to land at Roosevelt Roads Naval Air Station in Puerto Rico.

Simpson said, upon landing the right wing touched the ground causing the number four engine gear box to break off.

"The gear box rolled under the wing causing severe damage to wing and flap," he said. "Shrapnel was sent flying through the aircraft, creating 69 sheet metal repairs."

After an assessment of the damage by system program engineers, the 653rd team was deployed to make initial repairs and bring the aircraft to Robins Air Force Base.

The repair team departed from Robins on Sept. 15 and arrived at Roosevelt Roads the same day.

They then located their work site and made support equipment arrangements.

Work officially began on Sept. 17, by identifying and assessing all damages. After a nondestructive inspection, one defect, a cracked flange on the right aft main landing gear strut, was identified.

Tech. Sgt. Greg Austin, 653rd structural technician, said the team operated daily under two eight-hour shifts in order to get the work done expeditiously.

The work done by the 653rd included removing and replacing two engine and prop assemblies; repairs on the entire right main landing gear system; and the replacing of the right outboard flap, right aileron and doors.

"Our main job is aircraft battle damage

repair, and we are all trained in different aspects of that," said Staff Sgt. Alvin Lopez, 653rd airplane general technician. "Our main mission was to get it back to Robins," he said.

According to Ricky Dixon, C-130 planner, during the deployment, two special airlift missions came from Air Force Materiel Command headquarters because, due to the remote location, parts were not arriving on time.

"We had to bring all of our own support equipment," said Austin. "This was the first time our war wagon was used."

According to Simpson, in addition to providing a place to work, the Navy provided other support to this effort.

"The Navy provided a lot of support to us, even though they were still running full-time operations while we were there," he said. "Whenever we needed help they were there."

Due to the non-availability of a flight crew, and waivers to release the aircraft for the one-time flight to Robins when the initial repairs were complete, the repair team returned to Robins. A recovery team returned to Puerto Rico when the waivers and flight crew were available.

A total of 2,976 man-hours were expended on the recovery effort.

"This is a real success story for Warner



Courtesy photo

A C-130H that crashed at Roosevelt Roads Naval Air Station, Puerto Rico, is shown here after the flames were extinguished.

Robins," said Maj. Michael Mistretta, deputy chief of C-130 weapon system support. "Warner Robins did a very successful aircraft recovery and repair and these guys from the CLSS were the A-team that did it."

The aircraft arrived at the WR-ALC on Dec. 3 for crash repairs, it entered program depot maintenance in April and is scheduled

out of Robins on Oct. 2.

"We took an airplane that could not do anything and gave them a fully capable aircraft for a one time trip to Robins," said Simpson.

"A new C-130J is estimated to cost more \$70 million so this team effort was a gigantic savings," said Mistretta.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech Sgt. Vernon Simpson and Tech. Sgt. Alvin Lopez, two members of the recovery team, talk about repairs made to the damaged C-130 H.

Raptor redefines maneuverability

By Master Sgt. Rob Fuller
Air Force Print News

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — "Turning on a dime" brings to mind images of a split-second change of direction. Imagine doing that in a jet hurtling through the sky. That is the F-22 Raptor.

The F-22 design, with its stealth, super cruise and integrated avionics, provides a high degree of assurance that a "dogfight" will not be the typical experience for combat air force pilots.

If close air-to-air combat ever becomes necessary, the Raptor's enhanced maneuverability will be a positive factor for the pilot.

"The preferred solution is first look, first shot, first kill," said Jeff Harris, a Lockheed Martin lead engi-



Courtesy photo

The key to the F-22 Raptor's ability to maneuver better than conventional fighters is a system called thrust vectoring. Thrust vectoring is controlled by the pilot through the flight controls and gets the F-22 quickly from one maneuver to another.

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Thrust vectoring is controlled by the pilot through the flight controls and gets the F-22 quickly from one maneuver to another. The

thrust vectoring nozzles on the two engines are controlled by the same flight control system that operates the horizontal tails, rudders and wing surfaces.

"It's the ability for a pilot to point the nose wherever he wants in a much larger envelope, all the way to zero air speed," Harris said. "Thrust vectoring harnesses the power from the rear of the jet by using the thrust vectoring

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Special forces ready any time, any place

"Any Time, Any Place" is the motto of the Air Force Special Operations Command which is one of several specialized customers supported by the Special Operations Forces System Program Office at Robins Air Force Base. Our goal is to provide world-class support to their unique aircraft and weapon systems. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

The Special Operations Forces SPO is the Air Force's single manager for numerous specialized small fleets of highly utilized Special Operations Forces, combat search and rescue, and other aircraft. These include the AC-130H/U Gunships, MC-130E/H Combat Talons, MC-130P Combat Shadows, MH-53J/M Pave Lows, HH-60G Pave Hawks, and UH-1N Hueys. These aircraft have unique capabilities and must be kept fully supportable at all times to accomplish their mission and maintain the high operations tempo that is demanded. We do not have the luxury of large fleets with large stock piles of parts to resolve sustainment shortfalls.

Our customers include Air Force Special Operations Command, Air

Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard, Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Materiel Command. Just listen to the six o'clock news and you will begin to understand the urgency of their missions: Air Force Special Operations Command forces in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom or combat search and rescue helicopters rescuing stranded skiers in Colorado.

Maintaining and supplying these weapon systems is an extremely complex business. The Special Operations Forces SPO integrates more than 330 people, depot facilities, tools, equipment, engineering support, management information systems, technical data, parts and many other components of weapon system sustainment to maximize aircraft availability and mission capability.

Customer focus is our No. 1 pri-

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By Ken Smithers
Special Operations Forces System Program Office



ority. To facilitate this goal the SPO established an integrated product team for each of the unique weapon systems consisting of program managers, item managers, production managers, engineers, equipment specialists and contractors. As a result, the entire team understands the challenges associated with their assigned weapon systems. The team members stay in constant contact with the customer to work the issues. By doing this we identify with the war fighter and the war fighter identifies with us. Additionally,

the teams regularly perform field support trips to the numerous operating locations to talk to the maintainers and operators, and resolve issues in the field. A special function, Commando Control, was specifically established to work supply support on items managed by other services, particularly for helicopters, and to coordinate surge support during contingency or wartime operations. Constant analysis by Commando Control keeps the spare parts moving and the fleets flying. By aggressively working surge requirements, Commando Control helped to accelerate the repair and acquisition of aircraft spares well above the level that is normally produced by available peacetime resources. These measures were taken to meet increased Special Operations Forces' requirements due to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Prior to 9-11, the number of

parts backorders per month averaged 504. In the months immediately following the attack, the number of backorders increased to more than 850. Backorders for our readiness spares packages increased more than 113 percent, in direct correlation to the movement of Special Operations Forces aircraft and spares to the front line of the war-fighting effort. Despite the increase in overall requisitions, the surge mission incapable awaiting parts requisitions rate remained at or below pre-Operation Enduring Freedom levels. Since the beginning of the war effort, more than 3,800 backorders have been aggressively managed by the teams with nearly 3,500 requirements being satisfied. Hard work, dedication and a can-do attitude keep our fleets flying. As a result, our Special Operations Forces and combat search and rescue mission capable rates are at an all-time high, exceeding the customer's expectation. The hard-working members of the Special Operations Forces SPO continue to provide best-value support to the war fighters while continuously improving our processes and performance.

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/actionline.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

Unknown substance in ditch

Q: Upon hitting a golf ball towards the trees on the left side of the 18th fairway at Pine Oaks, I noticed that some milky looking substance was flowing into the ditch that runs along the left side of the fairway from a pipe running to the ditch. Since I have no idea who is responsible for this I thought that action line may be able to contact someone to ensure that this is not polluting the lake.

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: A team from the Environmental Management Directorate was dispatched to the site on Aug. 7 and surveyed the area. A determination was made on Aug. 8 that the water being discharged to the ditch was from the officers' club swimming pool. This discharge occurs when the swimming pool is backwashed for filter maintenance. The white substance found in the ditch was a result of the diatomaceous earth which is used as a filtering material.

Diatomaceous earth is a naturally occurring material that is not harmful to the environment. To help ensure that this material will not reach any water bodies, the discharge line will be rerouted to the sanitary sewer system. For future reference, we would like to clarify the notification procedures for environmental incidents. If an individual discovers a wastewater (sewage) spill he/she should immediately notify his/her supervisor and then call 926-5657. Examples include overflowing manhole cover, broken pipes or other visible leaks.

In the event of a release/spill of any hazardous/unknown chemical or petroleum the individual that discovers the spill should immediately notify his/her supervisor. Notification should be made to 911 if the substance is greater than two feet in diameter, is entering a storm drain, ditch/culvert, or if there is a threat to life, property or the environment.

Broken heater

Q: One of the heaters in the base gym sauna room has been broke for nearly a year. Numerous attempts at getting it resolved through the base gym staff have been unsuccessful. The most

common answer is that the heater is under contract to the builder of the gym and the problem is now in the hands of the corps of engineers. I can understand that situation, but taking almost a year to resolve it is not understandable. I would like to request some additional assistance in getting this problem fixed so that patrons can use this great benefit to its fullest.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for your call regarding the sauna, and we share your frustrations. Ensuring proper function of this system during the first year of operation was the responsibility of the construction company who built the facility as overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers. However, the malfunction of the heater resulted from customers overturning the temperature control knob, causing the heating element to burn out.

A new heating element was installed and a protective cover was secured over the temperature control knobs. Unfortunately, a customer broke the protective cover to gain access to the knobs causing a reoccurring malfunction. This problem was again fixed and a new protective cover installed with a posted sign informing customers not to tamper with the cover in order to ensure proper functioning of heaters. Once again, a customer broke the cover causing a third malfunction. The 78th Civil Engineering Group repair professionals responded to a work order on Aug. 9 and verified the cause of the malfunction. We are now awaiting funds to procure a new controller.

Since funds have become significantly limited, the replacement is no longer automatic and will have to compete with other base repair priorities. Once the heaters are repaired, the fitness center staff will install a tamper proof cover. The fitness center staff takes the responsibility and shares in your desire to have customers utilize the facility to its fullest. However, we've got to work together to ensure repairs to expensive equipment are minimized for the benefit of all customers. We'd also appreciate everyone's help to report any vandalism to the front desk at the earliest so appropriate measures can be taken to prevent continuation and the loss of funds for recovery.

Reverse the trend, be safe this Labor Day weekend

By Tech. Sgt. Carnell Norris
U.S. Air Forces in Europe directorate of safety

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) - Labor Day marks the end of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign. So far this year, U.S. Air Forces in Europe has had six members seriously injured in motor vehicle mishaps.

During last year's campaign, we did not lose a single USAFE member. This summer, one member has been permanently paralyzed and five members have been hospitalized with life-threatening injuries resulting from motor vehicle-related mishaps.

We need your help during the upcoming Labor Day weekend to reverse this negative trend, but more importantly to save lives and prevent needless injuries.

Here's some steps you can take to reduce your chances of being involved in a traffic-related mishap not only during this Labor Day weekend but whenever you take to the roadway:

- Always fasten your safety belt if you're in a vehicle. It's a simple act that takes seconds but has life saving consequences. If you're riding a motorcycle, wear your helmet and dress appropriately.

- Don't Speed. Adjust your speed to the road and weather conditions. Speeding reduces your ability to steer safely around curves and objects in the road. You never know what's around the curve, i.e. deer, a stalled car, or a child playing in the roadway.

- Know and obey the traffic laws. Follow the posted speed limits, especially in road construction zones, highly congested areas and narrow roadways.

- Most importantly, don't drink and drive, and equally important don't get into a vehicle or on a motorcycle with a driver who has been drinking. Use designated drivers, take a taxi, or call a friend but don't get behind the wheel.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer season, play smart, play safe, play to survive.

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116th BW teams place high in tournament

116th Bomb Wing

The 116th Bomb Wing Men's softball teams played well during the ANG's national tournament held earlier in August. The Men's Open No. 1 team fell short in their bid to repeat as champions, falling to this year's champs from Ohio in a close 17-16 thriller. The Men's Open No. 2 team fell twice early in the tournament, but rallied back to take the Consolation bracket from Iowa and California. The Men's over 35 team took third place, giving the unit it's third trophy of the week.

This was the first tournament in many years that more than one team came home with a trophy. The "GEORGIA BONES" will return next year with a different nickname, but will once again have a chance to take the national title it won last year.

Chief expands family tree

Research reveals relatives within the Guard

116th Bomb Wing

During the past five years Chief Master Sgt. Percy Freeman has been researching his family tree, leading him to more than 1,100 people in his family database.

"I interviewed some of my oldest living family members," said Freeman.

They were able to provide Freeman with a basis for his research, where he found that many people he knew during his life were actually his relatives.

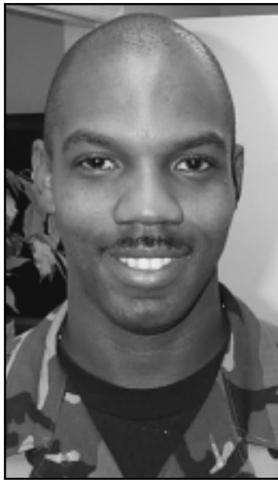
Tech. Sgt. Ronald Freeman of the 116th Maintenance Squadron was one of those people.

"I met Chief Freeman during an exercise. He asked me about my background and was excited to hear that we were related. I always thought of the Guard as family and now I do even more."

Freeman added another wing member to his family



Chief Master Sgt. Percy Freeman



Staff Sgt. Torie Shannon

"I always thought of the Guard as family and now I do even more."

Chief Master Sgt. Percy Freeman
116th Bomb Wing

when he found he was also related to Staff Sgt. Torie Shannon from the 116th Maintenance Squadron.

Freeman continues his search today to see if his tree will continue to grow even larger.

116th honors its own



O'barsky



Williams



Baker

The following were awarded for FY02:

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year is **Master Sgt. Dennis O'Barsky**.

NCO of the year is **Tech. Sgt. Ashful Williams**.

Airman of the year is **Senior Airman Patricia Baker**.

The following were awarded for the quarter:

Senior NCO of the quarter is **Master Sgt. Dennis O'Barsky**.

NCO of the quarter is **Tech. Sgt. James Perron**.

Airman of the quarter is **Senior Airman Sheba McNair**.



McNair



Perron

Air Force approves initial production of laser-based jammer

Device slated for C-17, C-130

By **2nd Lt. Tracy Bunko**
Aeronautical Systems Center
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) - Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures program experts here got the green light for system low-rate initial production Aug. 22 and are targeting early 2004 to deliver the first laser-protected transport to Air Mobility Command.

The production decision, made after extensive laser and live-fire tests conducted earlier this year, gives Aeronautical Systems Center officials the green light to buy the first four LAIRCM production ship sets, with an additional nine systems scheduled for purchase in 2003.

AMC officials have asked the special program office experts to equip enough transports to support one small-scale contingency, a total of 79 aircraft, and hopes for more in the future.

For the slow planes

The countermeasures system, known as LAIRCM, will be attached to slower-moving cargo aircraft to autonomously detect, track and jam infrared threat missiles targeting them. Its delivery will fill "an urgent and compelling need," according to Lt. Gen. John Baker, AMC vice commander.

The LAIRCM is a full 15 months ahead of schedule and Baker attributed the program's success to innovative acquisition practices within Air Force Materiel Command.

"The LAIRCM team is a model for AFMC's new enterprise leadership concept," Baker said of the effort. "Using innovative cost and schedule incentives, we are confident that the LAIRCM program for the first 20 C-17 and C-130 aircraft can be accelerated up to 15 months earlier."

Technology helps early fielding

In addition, system program office experts used what the general called "cross-cutting technology

and evolutionary acquisition strategy" to provide early fielding of the system.

For example, according to LAIRCM program office experts, much of the technology involved in the system, with the exception of the laser jammer, are non-developmental items that have been previously tested and are in production as part of the U.S. Special Operations

Command C-130 Directed IR Countermeasures Program.

"We leveraged our system off DIRCM and added the laser to protect larger aircraft and provide growth for more capable emerging missile threats," said Col. Michael Cappelano, LAIRCM program manager here. "This saves the Air Force approximately \$75 million and helped put the LAIRCM program several months ahead of schedule."

According to a 1999 U. S. Transportation Command report to Congress, the vulnerability of its large, slow-flying aircraft to the increasing shoulder-fired surface-to-air missile capability is their number one force protection concern. Consequently, high on their priority list is fielding of a large aircraft infrared countermeasures system that can counter this threat. LAIRCM is the answer to that concern.

Defeats missile guidance

LAIRCM is an active countermeasure that defeats the threat missile guidance system by directing a high-intensity modulated laser beam into the missile seeker, explained Cappelano. In addition, the LAIRCM system automatically counters advanced IR missile systems with no action required by the crew.

The pilot will simply be informed that a threat missile

was detected and jammed.

AMC's high praise for the team and eagerness for the system comes as no surprise to Mobility System Program Office officials.

"Programs like this don't just happen," said System Program Director Winifred Okumura.

"It takes leadership, vision and inspiration from the program manager and lots of hard work from every member of the team."

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nozzles and opens the envelope where other fighters would stall."

For the most part, the enhanced maneuverability features of the F-22 are transparent to the pilot. The aircraft controls are designed much like any conventional fighter with the thrust vectoring nozzles factored in for additional maneuver capability.

"The most obvious (difference from other jets) is the slow speed, high angle of attack region where the F-22 is still completely controllable while an F-16 (Fighting Falcon) or F-15 (Eagle) is completely uncontrollable," said Bret Luedke, F-22 chief test pilot for the combined test force at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. He has been a test pilot for 13 years and has more than 150 hours in the F-22.

"The large control surfaces and the thrust vectoring capability of the aircraft give us maneuverability and control in areas where other aircraft don't dare go," Luedke said. "It's kind of like comparing the capabilities of a Formula 1 race car with those of a (Volkswagen) van while driving on a road race course."

Article courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.

REACH gears up for school year

By Lisa Mathews
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REACHing out to young people in the Houston County School System is not new to those at Robins Air Force Base. In fact, the REACH program begins its sixth year this school term, and the program is bigger and better than ever. REACH, or Raising Education Achievement for Children in Houston County, is an outreach program which pairs adult volunteers with children who are struggling academically in first through fifth grades in Houston County schools. The time spent with the students can be used for such things as reading, tutoring or simply sharing a private talk. Mentor volunteers receive a guide package during training



Davis

which includes various games and activities the mentor and student can use to learn about one another and build trust. Once the trust is in place, the mentor can better help the child to flourish in the school system and life in general. Laura Davis, coordinator of the program, said training sessions are going well, and more volunteers are signed up this year than ever before. In the past, those volunteering to be a REACH mentor would spend, on average, one hour each week at the school with the child. The vol-

unteer then made up that hour of work during the week.

Help from commander

To help the program grow, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, has implemented a one-year program which will allow mentors to claim part of their volunteer time as administrative leave. According to a letter from Wetekam, "supervisors and managers should consider the REACH training and meetings with local students to be an authorized lunchtime 'meeting or observance' in accordance with the Jan. 21 OO DPC policy letter on excused



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Patti Conley interviews Tony Davis to be able to match him with a child for the school year in the REACH program.

absence. This policy provides that supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave for up to one hour and 30 minutes for an authorized meeting or observance in conjunction with lunch. • "Employees on flexitime will observe a 45-minute lunch period and have 45 minutes excused absence. • "Employees with a regular tour of duty having a 30-minute lunch will be required to take a 45-minute lunch, which will automatically extend their workday 15 minutes,

and will have 45 minutes excused absence. When employees are unable to work independently for 15 minutes after the official end of the workday – such as production workers who work in teams or those whose building is locked at shift's end – supervisors may assign non-regular duties for the 15-minute period. • "Employees working a straight eight-hour shift with an on-the-job lunch period will be allowed up to

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CAMP offers fun for disabled children

All-volunteer staff helps campers succeed

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
Air Force Print News

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Dr. Chris Johnson was a pediatric intern at Wilford Hall Medical Center here when Matt walked into her life. Matt was going to a camp for children with disabilities that summer and needed an entry physical. Matt had a lot of health problems. He had undergone a kidney transplant several years earlier, wore leg braces and a back brace, and was on about 21 medications. But, he was excited about attending summer camp for the first time.

After the physical, Johnson sent him on his way. When she saw Matt again a few months later, she asked him about his summer. He burst into tears. "The camp wouldn't take me," he said. "They said I was too handicapped." That clinched it for Johnson.

"I had always dreamed of starting a summer camp for disabled children after I retired from the Air Force," she said. "Matt pushed that dream forward by about 19 years. I just knew it was time."

Johnson went to work. She asked some co-workers at the hospital to help out and took 30 disabled children, including Matt, on a weekend outing to

a rented camp out in the country.

"It poured the whole weekend," she said. "But we did everything anyway. The kids were ecstatic."

"I was thrilled because these kids got to do something they never did before." Johnson solicited funds, and Air Force Aid gave her \$10,000 a year for three years. She founded Camp CAMP, or Children's Association for Maximum Potential, in 1979.

Thirty-three years later, hundreds of children — military and civilian — from throughout the country flock to the Texas hill country near San Antonio to attend week-long camp sessions.

Just like at any other camp, there are a variety of outdoor activities ranging from swimming and canoeing to archery and horseback riding. But, at Camp CAMP, many of the activities have to be modified to accommodate campers' disabilities.

"I've seen kids with no arms and legs go horseback riding and swimming," said Marilyn Allen, CAMP's head nurse. "Sometimes we have to build or modify equipment. We do whatever it takes."

Marilyn recalled a little girl with spina bifida who wanted to go on the rope swing over the river. "No one thought she'd be able to do it," she said. The girl was insistent so



U.S. Air Force photo by Rolando Gomez

Several counselors help a camper go horseback riding at Camp CAMP, or Children's Association for Maximum Potential, in the Texas hill country. This camp, founded by an Air Force pediatrician in 1979, offers military and civilian children with disabilities a chance to experience summer camp.

Marilyn and six doctors took her down to the water to help the girl get up on the swing. She swung out over the water and jumped in.

"Children can do things here that they can't do anywhere else," said Allen. "We don't limit the children because of their disabilities. That is what this camp is all about."

The campers' disabilities range from cerebral palsy and mental retardation to autism and paralysis. But no matter how severe the disability, Johnson said no child is turned away.

"We take kids who get turned away from other camps like this one," Johnson said. "In 33 years, we've never had to turn away a child."

But with such severe disabilities, many children need round-the-clock care. Each child has his or her own counselor and there are doctors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists and paramedics on staff — all volunteers.

"It is very demanding and very fulfilling," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jim Vandecor, a developmental pediatrician from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"The kids take a lot of time and effort. It's like being a parent for a week."

The medical staff does everything from applying a bandage to a scraped knee to suctioning a child's feeding tube. The medical clinic,



U.S. Air Force photo by Bobby Mathis

Allegra Estes gets cooled off with help from Kim Hall, her counselor at Camp CAMP. The camp started out as a weekend trip for a few children 33 years ago. Now hundreds of children from all over the country flock to the fully-operational camp to attend week-long sessions.

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Chapel plans memorial service

The Base Chapel is planning an interdenominational service at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar at 4 p.m. on Sept. 11 in memoriam of those who lost their lives last year.

In addition to the chaplain, New York Fire Department Lt. Rick Saracelli will speak. Following the service, attendees may view the new exhibit honoring 9/11. Supervisors may excuse employees who are on duty to attend the service for 1 hour, portal to portal, if the workload permits in accordance with base policy.

Parking will not be available at the Museum of Aviation. For off-base parking, park in the field at Anchor Glass. The Houston County Sheriff's Department will be directing traffic on Highway 247 and have some lane closure. No large packages, bags or coolers are allowed on museum grounds.

The City of Warner Robins, in conjunction with Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6605 will have a POW/MIA ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Warner Robins Civic Center. There will be a supplemental memorial to pay tribute to the personnel lost at the Pentagon, New York Police Department, Port Authority, NYFD, emergency medical technicians and the passengers of American Flight 93. The commander of the VFW is scheduled to speak as well as the mayor.

SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Aero club administration and sales closed Monday.

Auto hobby shop closed Sunday.

Base library closed Monday.

Base restaurant closed Monday. Mobile trucks will not make runs Saturday and Monday.

Bowling center open today and Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Child development center east and west closed Monday.

Civilian recreation office closed Monday through Sept. 6. Bingo closed Sunday.

Enlisted club has no Sunday brunch but opens at 11 a.m., and Monday opens at 5 p.m.

Family childcare closed Monday.

Fitness center open Saturday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flight line dining facility closed Saturday through Monday. Flight line kitchen will remain open.

Food service office closed Monday.

Golf course open for normal weekend and holiday tee times with normal snack bar hours.

Honor guard, mortuary affairs and readiness have normal hours.

Human resource office closed Monday.

Information, Tickets and Travel closed Saturday through Monday.

Lodging has normal hours.

Marketing closed Monday.

Nature center closed Monday.

Officers' club closed Monday.

Pizza Depot closed Sunday and Monday.

Rental center closed Monday.

Resource management office closed Monday.

Skeet range open Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

Skills development center closed Monday.

Smith Community Center closed Monday

Teen center closed Sunday and reopens Tuesday, 3-7 p.m.

U.S. Veterinarian Services closed Monday.

Wood hobby shop closed Saturday.

Wynn Dining Facility has normal hours.

Youth center closed Monday.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson 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 an interview with Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid Society manager, concerning loans available to airmen in financial trouble. The show will take an in-depth look at the Transition Assistance Program. Bill Heaburg, TAP manager for Robins Air Force Base discusses the program, how it works and what changes have been made since stop-loss was lifted.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. - This week's Inside Robins will feature an interview with Ergonomics Program Manager Mary Ann Gahhos. Gahhos discusses the importance of ergonomics in the workplace and how it can be integrated into the workplace culture.

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**

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aero Club 926-4867

Safe Summer Cash-In offers aero club members the chance to win \$250 worth of flying hours or merchandise by attending safety meetings through September. Bi-monthly safety meetings offer members invaluable information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. A safety meeting will be held on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

The Press Box is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be Tulsa chicken fried steak for \$6.95 today and Saturday, and fried catfish and hushpuppies for \$8.95 on Sept. 6 and 7. Reservations are welcome but not required.

The Press Box offers an express lunch buffet and J.R. Rockers offers the big 12 menu Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Radio station WIBB 97.9 FM will entertain at the club on Sept. 7 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A live remote will be held from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event is sponsored in part by WIBB 97.9 FM and Eddie Wiggins Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Football fitness will be Sept. 2 through Dec. 28 at the fitness center. Participants will predict weekly winners of the National Football League schedule games based on the type and amount of daily exercise they perform. Players who correctly predict the most number of winners will receive prizes. Total amount of predicted points scored by each team on Monday night games will be used to break a possible tie. The scheduled football fitness training is as follows: cardiovascular exercise for three picks; strength training for two picks; and flexibility for one pick.



The fitness center provides massage therapy at the health and wellness center, located in Bldg. 827. Victoria Warner, certified massage and sports therapist, accepts appointments between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Cost is \$45 per hour or \$35 per half hour. Call the fitness center for an appointment.

Nutrition Connection, located in the fitness center in Bldg. 876, offers nutritious and delicious shakes and smoothies as well as a variety of nutritional supplements and snacks. Call 922-1508 to speak to a staff member.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway will go on sale soon for the Oct. 26 and 27 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the gate, will cost \$40 per person, with seating in the east turn section of the stadium. To celebrate Preferred Plus! Phase III kick-off, members will receive a 10 percent discount at ITT when they show their club card at the time of purchase. There is a four-ticket limit on the discount.

Japanese Grill 922-0136

The Robins Japanese Grill, located in the community center, is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pizza Depot 926-0188

Buy a chicken-fried-chicken on a round bun for \$4.50 and enter into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Brakebush gift certificates to be used at Pizza Depot. No purchase necessary with an index card sent to the 78th Services Division Marketing Office, 755 Warner Robins St., Robins AFB,

Ga. 31098-1469. No federal endorsement intended.

Outdoor Adventure 926-6527 or 926-4001

A trip and ticket package is available for those wanting to see the NASCAR Atlanta Motor Speedway on Oct. 26 and 27. Cost is \$75 per person for both days. A minimum of 12 people must sign up by Sept. 6 to schedule this trip. Transportation will be provided to and from the speedway each day. For more information, call Michelle North, outdoor adventure coordinator, Bldg. 986.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

September's café special is a sweet barbecue sandwich with fried chips for \$3.75. Place a to-go order at On Spot Café by calling 926-5240.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center and wood shop will hold grand opening celebrations Sept. 23 through 27. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Sept. 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

Smith Community Center is offering open chess play in the ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 3 and 10.

Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: pool tourney at 7 p.m. and table tennis tourney at 8 p.m. today; TRAIL event at 10 a.m., Keystone meeting at 7 p.m. and basketball at youth center at 8 p.m. Saturday; closed for holiday Sunday through Tuesday; and open recreation, 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Wynn Dining 926-2073

Starting on Oct. 1, Wynn Dining Hall hours will be as follows: breakfast, 6-8 a.m.; lunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; supper, 3:30-6 p.m.; carry-out meals, 6-7 p.m.; and midnight meal, 11 p.m. to midnight. Air Force Materiel Command base guidelines require service to be no more than nine hours per day.

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, call 926-1256.

Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 141. This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

Base tour

The center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. starting at the enlisted club.

The tour is designed to help newcomers become acclimated with the base. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Back to school

A back-to-school college basics workshop will be conducted on Sept. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

Many people leaving active duty choose to start, return to or continue their education after military service. Information covered includes the application process, factors to consider when selecting a school, GI bill information and researching scholarships. To make reservations for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors on Sept. 10, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. The training provides information on what type 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 information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable. Advance registration is required.

Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, on Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. to noon starting at the center. The tour includes a ride through Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group will be on Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., base chapel annex.

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 Q&A

The Transition Assistance Program offers a workshop on interviewing question analysis on Sept. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

The class takes an in-depth look at specific questions often asked in interviews, including fielding illegal questions; suggested ways to answer questions; and understanding what employers may be trying to determine when asking them.

Advance registration is required.

CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on CSB/REDUX — \$30,000 bonus with reduced retirement pay — on Sep. 13, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Individuals who 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. This class will explore the options in detail to help people make informed decisions based on their individual circumstances.

Computer resource center

The Family Support Computer Resource Center is open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. The following programs are available in the center: America's Job Bank; Scholarship Resource Network; EZ-DOT; Department of Defense job search; Discover; federal job bank; Internet access; Please Understand Me & Vocational Interest Profile Inventory; personal financial management; FormFlow; WinWay Resume; and WORD97.

All computers have laser printers. A fax machine is available for short notice resumes. Schedule time in advance by calling 926-1256 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring disks to save your resume or Federal application Plain white paper provided, you may bring your own fancy resume paper.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program has in place a four-step job search program for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military. These programs are offered throughout the year. Additionally, personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-separation and individual transition plan counseling appointments with a TAP representative.

Employment assistance

The Employment Assistance Program provides ways for military spouses, military family members and displaced Department of Defense civilian personnel to identify skills and interests, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. With increased access to employment opportunities and information, this program will help people get a head start on a new career.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Robins chiefs hold tourney

Robins Chiefs Group is hosting their 7th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course at noon on Oct. 4. The cost is \$35 per person or \$30 for Pine Oaks members and includes range balls, green fees, cart and on course beverages. Chose your own team or sign-up as a single. To enter contact Chief Master Sgt. Craig Deatherage at 327-4449 or craig.deatherage@robins.af.mil. Proceeds help support the RAFB Chief Group Enlisted Scholarship Fund.

Heritage golf tournament

The Annual HHOC Golf Tournament will be held at the Pine Oaks Golf Course on Sept 13. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and there will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$40 per person and includes lunch. Mulligans are two for \$5. points of contact are Nelson Rosa at 329-0103 and 2nd Lt. Claudia Denton at 926-5980.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

Roll into fall with youth bowling. Young people 5-21 may register by Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes bowling shirt and Young American Bowling Alliance membership. For more information, call the center.

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Bumper-to-bumper is a fun way to introduce kids to bowling. Registration will be held on Sept. 28 for children 3 to 7. Cost is \$21.50 for a 10-week program and includes one game a week and shoes starting on Oct. 5.

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Fall leagues begin in September, so bring last year's league card and bowl during open bowling for \$1.25 per game.

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Enjoy Thunder Alley Glow bowling every Friday and Saturday 9-11 p.m. Fridays, kids ages 12 and younger bowl for \$5 and 13 and older bowl for \$10. Shoes are included. Everyone can bowl Saturday for \$10, shoes included.

Inline hockey skates its way to Robins

By 1st Lt. Bryan Reed
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The intramural hockey season has begun at Robins Air Force Base, as the 17 and older league here held its draft on Aug. 19 to create the teams.

Preseason games began this week and the regular season will begin Wednesday.

The intramural league has three teams that play their games on Wednesdays and Sundays at the Bibb Skate Arena. Cost to players is \$30 to join, which covers jerseys and trophies, and \$5 per game.

"The great thing about our league is that that if you go TDY (temporary duty assign-

ment) or have to miss a game, you aren't out any money," league organizer Joshua Norman said. "In most leagues like this you have to pay \$250-\$300 up front and if you have to miss a game for some reason you are out of luck."

Future intramural hockey leagues may be held here on base as the outdoor rink located at the youth center is in the process of a \$120,000 renovation. Melinda Camp,

director of youth programs at the youth center, said that the old rink was in dire need of repair. A portion of the renovation funds, \$80,000, came from Year of the Family money with the rest coming from the youth center budget. The new rink will be equipped with a new surface that doesn't tear up skates, dasher boards, player and penalty boxes, as well as a score keepers area. Kamp said that in the future the center hopes to be able to equip

the rink with lighting and offer equipment check-out at the fitness center.

"We envision the rink being used for adult and youth leagues, as well as people who just want to go out and

practice," Camp said. The new rink is scheduled to be completed Nov. 1.

Players are still welcome to join the 17 and older league and should contact Joshua Norman at joshua.norman@robins.af.mil or 926-4747 for more information.

"All ranks and ages are welcome to come out. It's a blast and everybody has fun," Norman said.

"The great thing about our league is that that if you go TDY or have to miss a game, you aren't out any money."

Joshua Norman
league organizer

Team remains eco champs

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AFP) — The Alaska Air National Guard's "Team Speedy Brats" shared its first-place championship with the Army's "Team Allied Spirit" following this year's Armed Forces Eco-Challenge.

This is the second year that the race has been run in the Alaskan wilderness and the second time that the Alaska Air Guard team finished in the first position.

Last year, the team went on to compete in the World Eco-Challenge in New Zealand.

The 2002 armed forces event is a 250-mile adventure race through the Alaskan wilderness and was more challenging, tougher and longer by 100 miles than the first AFEC a year ago, said race officials.

Twenty-three four-member, mixed-gender teams representing America's military services begin the around-the-clock expedition race on Aug. 12.

At the conclusion, nine of the 23 teams completed the event.

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.

Preferred Plus! Phase III kicks off

Week in September offers many goodies for current, new members

By Linda Hinkle
Services Marketing

The 78th Services Division and the Robins Officers' and Enlisted clubs will hold a Preferred Plus! Phase III Kick-off week Sept. 3-6.

"We will be providing opportunities for our members to win some fantastic prizes and take advantage of additional savings this week to raise awareness of the Air Force Materiel Command Preferred Plus! program," said Marty Martinez, officers' club manager. "Although our clubs have been participants in the Preferred Plus! program since February 2000, we did not include all elements of the program."

"Now our clubs will fully embrace the AFMC program by offering the 10-percent discount at the clubs," said Al Uroliia, enlisted club manager. "Catering and special function discounts will also be available for our members. If you host a wedding reception at one of our clubs, you will get a 10 percent discount. If you attend a special function including military events such as promotion or squadron parties, you will get a \$2 discount on your meal."

Other services facilities have signed up to make this week especially rewarding for club members. The Robins Lanes Bowling Center, Pine Oaks Golf Course and Pizza Depot will

be extending club members a 20 percent discount on purchases that week.

"This may be a perfect time for some early Christmas shopping at the bowling pro shop for our Preferred Plus! club members," said Patty Ray, bowling center manager.

Information, Tickets and Travel will give a 10-percent discount to club members who want to reserve a table for its Sept. 7 yard sale. ITT will also extend a 10-percent discount for Atlanta Motor Speedway tickets for the Oct. 26 and 27. Cost is \$40 per ticket and there will be a four-ticket limit for the Preferred Plus! 10-percent discount.

The youth center and child development centers will randomly give token prizes and coupons to parents who show their Preferred Plus! club card. Limit one prize per day at these centers.

The U.S. Veterinary Services will be giving free fecal exams for cats and dogs of Preferred Plus! club members who are also authorized patrons of the clinic.

The officers' and enlisted clubs will have various activities throughout the week for their members. Both clubs will offer a 20-percent savings on members' lunch tickets on Tuesday. Wednesday evening the enlisted club will offer a \$2 discount on the bar menu and the officers' club will give a \$2 discount on evening meals. On Thursday the enlisted club will prepare a complimentary breakfast buffet to its members and the officers' club will feature a buy one rib-eye steak dinner and get the second one free.



The Phase III grand finale will be held at each club on Friday with a super social with free food and beverage specials 5-7 p.m. Prizes will be given away at each club to include DVD players, 27-inch televisions, portable stereo systems and digital cameras.

To add a sweet twist to the program, club members who are also Robins Lanes Bowling Center league members can get a free dessert by showing their league card. Limit one dessert a day per member.

"It's easy to enter the contest. Just fill out an entry form every time you dine at the club during kick-off week," said Martinez. "There is no limit to the number of entry forms you can fill out."

"If you are active duty, Reserve or Department of Defense civilian working on the base, make sure you write in your organization on the entry form. The squadrons with the most entry forms will win a pizza office party for their unit," said Uroliia.

For a complete list of contest rules and limitations, visit the clubs or go online to www.robins.af.mil/services.

New 78th Air Base Wing chaplain arrives at Robins

By Chris Zdrakas
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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian succeeded Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mack Painter as 78th Air Base Wing chaplain on July 19.

Nigolian, who has 18 years of active duty military service, comes to Robins from Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., where he served as wing chaplain. He is a member of the United Methodist denomination.

He and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter, Carrie, a high school algebra teacher in Pensacola, Fla., and a son, Daniel, a second lieutenant assigned to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Painter is retiring, effective Sept. 30.



Nigolian

Rev Up

Submit planner information, honor rolls, features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil or fax to 926-9597.

ROBINS CLUBS

Company Officers Association - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer's club.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government - meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dining room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to toledo.bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

National Contract Management Association - meets once a month in the officers' club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Network 56 - Information for Network 56 can be found online at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/Network56>. The page has information on meetings, links for noncommissioned office development, the organizational charter and news about Network 56.

Officers' Spouses Club - If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers' club membership, the Officers' Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Call Sandi Smith at 971-4359 to receive a welcome packet.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer's Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club - meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Society of American Military Engineers - Robins Air Force Base Post meets every third Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. at the officers'

club for lunch with the meeting beginning at noon.

Editor's Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group's information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

School carnival in two weeks

Robins Elementary School carnival will be on Sept. 13, 5-8p.m. There will be plenty of fun, food, games, a dunking booth, a rock wall and speed pitch machine.

Sunday school starts

Protestant Sunday school programs are held at the Education Center Bldg. 905 Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. September through May. The religious education is a base-wide function that contributes to the quality of life by improving morale and strengthening the spiritual life of military, Department of Defense personnel, civilians and dependents assigned to Robins Air Force Base.

A summer Sunday school program ran June through Aug. 25. The regular Sunday school resumes on Sept. 8. There are age level courses available to all. Everyone is welcome.

Picnic to open Hispanic observance

Gator Park will be the site for a base-wide pot luck picnic to kick off the 2002 Hispanic Heritage Observance on Sept. 14, noon to 4 p.m. Bring family, make new friends and share some fellowship at this HHOC event. Point of contact is

Gloria Munoz at 926-1449.

Robins Top Three seeks members

Senior noncommissioned officers and SNCO selects, working for any Robins Air Force Base unit, are invited to join the Robins Top Three Association. Those interested in joining, or in need of more information should attend the next meeting on Sept. 19, or visit the group's Web site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/top3/default.htm>.

Thrift shop open

The thrift shop is open and ready for business. Come shop Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located on Page Road, Bldg. 288. Consignments are taken Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

School board elections Sept. 10

The Robins Air Force Base Elementary School Board has three openings for new members this year. Base residents are eligible to seek election for the board. An election will be held on Sept. 10 at the school from 8 a.m. to noon.

There are currently two openings from Area I — Pine Oaks, Lake Side, Officers' Circle, Chiefs' Circle — and one from Area II — located across from the school. Applications are available from the school and are due to be completed and returned to the school by Sept. 6 at 3 pm.

Anyone interested in further information about the school board can contact Joseph Guiendon, district superintendent, at 926-3671.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. David Lee
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Ogle presents Airman 1st Class Michael P. Lecik Jr. a check representing money collected by the Military Personnel Flight to help Lecik and his wife, who lost their home to fire recently. The collection, led by Ogle and his wife, Tech. Sgt. Tammy Ogle, was just one way Team Robins members come to the aid of one of their own.

REACH

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45 minutes excused absence.

- "Additional time which employees use to participate in the REACH program must be charged to annual leave, leave without pay or accrued compensatory time.

- "When REACH program meetings are not held in conjunction with lunch, supervisors may excuse employees, workload permitting, for one hour or less, portal to portal, to conduct tutoring."

"This has helped to encourage a lot of people to volunteer who were unable to do so before," Davis said. "It will also be a great benefit to those people who have been mentoring all along," she added.

This year, Davis, who works in the Contracting

Directorate, said there are about 150 volunteers, both current and new applicants committed to become REACH mentors. This is up from 100 volunteers last school year. She said that this was, in part, thanks to a push by the Local 987 of the American Federation of Government Employees to make sure union members were aware of the program and encouraged to participate.

Once a volunteer decides to REACH out, Patti Conley is ready and waiting. Conley is the match coordinator of the Houston County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, through which the REACH program operates.

Conley trains mentor volunteers in a small group session. She then speaks with each volunteer individually to find out which of the four schools the program serves

the volunteer would prefer to mentor. Volunteers also let Conley know if they have a preference regarding age and grade level, and whether they prefer to mentor a boy or girl. Conley also discusses personal interests that help her pair each mentor with the child they can best help.

"We are concentrating on four schools this year. They are Lindsey, Pearl Stephens, Westside and Parkwood," Conley said. "We always have a need for men (mentors) as women are usually more willing to volunteer, and a lot of boys are being raised without a male influence in their life," she added.

"At this time (Aug. 22) we have 83 mentors trained and ready to go," she said. Training sessions continued this week, and will continue as long as necessary.

Davis said that those interesting in becoming a mentor

can still volunteer do so.

"They can become a mentor anytime during the year," she said.

While the REACH program was initially a Contracting Directorate initiative, it has been open base wide since its second year.

"Anyone on base can participate," said Davis. "If a child can be mentored, and I can make that happen, then I'm happy.

"These children are in need of one-on-one attention, and it makes them feel important that someone cares about them," she said.

Anyone interested in becoming a REACH volunteer may contact Davis for more information at 926-6094 or by e-mail at laura.davis@robins.af.mil.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

- **Crystal Waddell**, Maintenance Directorate, Avionics and Instruments Division. Point of contact is Lynn Aultman, 926-1586.

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. Submissions run for two weeks.

CAMP

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housed in a cabin, looks homey but is filled with state-of-the-art medical equipment.

"We're equipped for everything but surgery," Vandecor said. "We have kids with severe seizures and others on ventilators. We have to be prepared to treat anything."

This hands-on experience is invaluable for pediatricians and nurses, Johnson said. In fact, three Air Force hospitals have already made it part of the curriculum for pediatric interns in the field of disabilities to attend a session of Camp CAMP, where they not only learn about disabilities but they see and treat them firsthand.

This training, both hands on and in the classroom, counts toward continuing education credits. It is her hope that doctors and nurses will become better able to care for disabled children, Johnson said.

Training a side, Johnson has not lost sight of the true purpose of the camp, which is helping children — like Michael Bachman Jr.

Michael, the 13-year-old son of Master Sgt. Michael and Ayako Bachman from Lackland AFB, has been to Camp CAMP six times. He has cerebral palsy, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and is mentally retarded.



U.S. Air Force photo by Rolando Gomez

Michael Bachman Jr., son of Master Sgt. Michael and Ayako Bachman, enjoys a dip in the pool.

"I know this is a positive experience for him," said his mother, Ayako. "He participates in a lot of activities and he gets a chance to be social. Michael doesn't have a lot of friends, so it's good that he's a part of a group here."

Despite his disabilities, Michael enjoys the same activities as other kids. He loves horseback riding, archery and swimming.

"My favorite is horseback riding," he said.

Ayako said the camp is not just fun for children, but it is also beneficial for parents.

"It isn't easy," she said. "Michael is disabled, but he's healthy. Many kids here aren't and that can be draining over time. It's especially difficult on military families since they're usually away from family so the burden is solely on them."

Because of this, CAMP expanded its services to include weekend respites

throughout the year so parents can get a break at other times besides the summer. The organization also offers day care for disabled children here called The Littlest Camp, or TLC.

Camp CAMP has come a long way since that first rainy session in 1979.

Thousands of children have passed through, but Johnson said she will always have a special place in her heart for Matt, the boy who helped her realize her dream.

"I started this camp because Matt walked into my life," she said.

In part because of his experiences at Camp CAMP, Matt went on to graduate from college as a minister. He was working on his master's degree when he passed away in 1999.

"His parents cremated him and spread his ashes here because of what this camp meant to him," Johnson said.

"In school, these kids are compared to other kids," she said.

"Here they have the chance to be the best. This is the one place in the world where children like Matt are the best at everything."

"I know this is a positive experience for him. He participates in a lot of activities and he gets a chance to be social."

Ayako Bachman
mother

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.

Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Today — K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13)

Starring Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson.

This is the true story of the USSR's first nuclear ballistic submarine, K-19, which on June 4, 1961, while sailing in the North Atlantic, discovered that the cooling system of the reactor had failed, leading to a possible nuclear meltdown. (disturbing images)

Saturday — Men In Black 2 (PG-13)

Starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee



Courtesy photo

Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson star in The Widowmaker.

Jones.

Agent J needs help in his latest case so he elicits the help of Agent K by restoring his memory and together they battle the latest threat of aliens against Earth. (sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor)

Thursday — Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13)

Starring David Arquette and Kari Wuhrer.

A group of spiders is exposed to a noxious chemical that causes the arachnids to grow and grow. They get big and they get mean. (sci-fi violence, brief sexuality and language)

Courtesy photo

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones star in Men in Black 2.



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.