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Air Force releases all specialties from Stop-Loss

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The last officer and enlisted specialties on Stop-Loss will be released beginning Sept. 1. In making the announcement, Secretary of the Air Force James G.

Roche said the release will be phased in during a one-month period to allow both the Air Force and

affected personnel time for transition.

“We have arrived at a new steady-state,” Roche said. “Stop-Loss most certainly helped us get here successfully, but we had pledged all along that we wouldn’t hold onto anyone longer than necessary.”

The release, which affects three officers and 15 enlisted specialties, will begin with people who had

original retirement or separation dates prior to April 1.

They will be able to leave beginning Sept. 1. During the second phase, individuals with retirement or separation dates between April 1 and Sept. 30 can be released. In the final phase, anyone with a retirement or separation date of Oct. 1 or later can separate at his or her established date.

Members can request to remain

on active duty up to five months to transition to civilian life and use accrued leave.

The release does not apply to airmen who are currently deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom; all deployed personnel will remain subject to Stop-Loss as long as they are deployed.

Upon completion of deployment, people will have up to five months

to transition.

Stop-Loss was implemented shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to meet unprecedented mission requirements. The process was reviewed every 60 days.

“We were very aware of the sacrifice our airmen and their families were making,” Roche said. “Service before self is an Air Force core value and their performance illustrated that.”



U.S. Air Force photo

Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, enjoys the view from the cockpit of the Air Force’s newest C-17 Globemaster III. Lyles helped deliver the airplane from the Boeing facility in Long Beach, Calif. to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Lyles delivers newest C-17 to Air Force

By Sarah Anne Carter
Air Force Materiel Command News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — A critical piece of the Air Force puzzle was put in place Aug. 1 as Air Force Materiel Command’s top officer delivered the newest C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, delivered the aircraft, the 42nd C-17 to be delivered to Charleston. “This aircraft is literally the workhorse for Operation Enduring Freedom and everything we’re doing today in the war on terrorism,” Lyles said. “It’s the major strategic air lifter and one of the primary tactical air lifters in Afghanistan and the entire theater.”

Air Force officials describe the C-17 as one of the most flexible aircraft in the Air Force’s fleet. The ramp can be configured to transport more than 100 war fighters, about 35 litter and more than 50 ambulatory patients and attendants, or almost 171,000 pounds of cargo.

“Right now, with what we’re doing since Sept. 11, this airplane is absolutely critical to our operation,” said Maj. Scott Brown, C-17 aircraft commander.

One reason the C-17 is critical in the war on terrorism is its capable of landing on runways as short as 3,500 feet. Other cargo aircraft require significantly more room, Brown said.

“We bombed the Kandahar airport and only had 3,500 feet of usable runway afterward,” said Lt. Col. Steve Shope, 15th Airlift Squadron commander at Charleston. “We delivered a minesweeper to Kandahar that we couldn’t have gotten within 1,500 miles of otherwise. No other airplane could have put it in there.”

On top of this, Shope said the C-17 can use a spiral approach to land, which minimizes the aircraft’s vulnerability in enemy territory.

“We did one of these spiral approaches in Kandahar on a mission I was on during the day and we were on the ground in a matter of minutes,” Shope said. “That’s a very short period of time that somebody has to shoot at us. That’s the capability of the airplane — it’s keeping our guys safe out there who are doing our mission for us.”

The new aircraft also provides the crew with the technology to map terrain, track the location of nearly 100 aircraft in about a 100-square-mile area and use a reactive wind-shear warning system on the heads-up display. It can also store 60,000 more pounds of more of the earlier versions.

With the delivery of the 89th C-17, Air Force officials are looking forward to receiving many more. Current funding is available to produce 120 planes. Congress, however, just gave approval for 60 more, bringing the expected total to 180. Still, Air Force officials hope for additional C-17s, and with good reason.

“In that landlocked country of Afghanistan, where everything goes in by air, there’s no way we could have done what we’ve been able to do without a program like this; it’s really a tremendous success story,” Lyles said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Back to school

First-grade teacher Jackie Warnock tries to coax Zachary Doll into joining the class for their next activity. Classes resumed at Robins Elementary School Thursday.

Save-A-Child helps keep kids healthy

78th Dental Squadron

The 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron and Robins Air Force Base school system will sponsor the 10th annual Operation Save-A-Child program this month. The program focuses on the health and safety of school-age children of active duty and retired military personnel.

In a letter from Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander, to parents, the colonel wrote, “The State of Georgia and the Department of Defense require all new students entering the school system to have hearing, vision and dental screen-

ings, as well as needed immunizations.”

This year, a team of health care providers and the security forces’ crime prevention unit will be available at Robins Elementary School and the dental clinic to provide various screenings and services. On Tuesday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., new Robins Elementary School students will be serviced at the school. The screening day for all other new students will be Aug. 24 and will be conducted in the 78th Medical



Group clinic, Bldg. 700A, on the second floor.

Screenings and services

to be provided include hearing, vision and dental screenings; immunizations; scoliosis screening for fifth and sixth graders; height, weight and blood pressure checks; and photo identification and fingerprinting for ID cards. The events will also include visits from McGruff the crime prevention dog and Alex the Alligator, mascot of the 78th Dental Squadron.

Bonus for navigators possible

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders have given the green light to offer retention bonuses to some people in navigator and air battle manager career fields, pending approval of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2003.

The navigator and ABM bonus programs will be administered under the Aviator Continuation Pay program. They will be targeted to specific groups of navigators and ABMs whose flying skills and rated expertise are critical to preserving Air Force war-fighting capability, said Maj. Carlos Ortiz, rated force policy mobility forces chief at the Pentagon. He said bonus amounts and other details would be released within the next several months.

"Nearly half of the navigator force will be retirement eligible in the next five years," Ortiz said. "The navigator bonus will be targeted primarily to retain the more senior navigators in the Air Force past their traditional retirement points. Retaining this group is critical and will help preserve the Air Force's mission-essential rated expertise."

As a critical, low-density and high-

demand resource, the retention picture for ABMs is equally important, Ortiz said.

"The ABM career field is undermanned and has seen significant operations tempo increases following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11," Ortiz said. "Improved ABM retention is crucial to maintain the combat capability of aircraft and ground systems that rely on ABMs."

Specific systems include airborne warning and control, joint surveillance target and control, and ground tactical air control.

Besides new bonus programs, the Air Force's integrated rated retention plan will include pilot, navigator, and ABM re-recruiting efforts in the near future.

This will be similar to the re-recruiting efforts recently completed for developmental engineers, in which a group of senior developmental engineers traveled around the world talking one-on-one with developmental engineers who were approaching the "stay or go" decision point in their careers, Ortiz said.

"The intent of this re-recruiting counseling is to emphasize just how important their continued service is to the Air Force and our nation," Ortiz said. "We'll do the same thing with our pilots, navigators and ABMs."

AIR FORCE NEWS BRIEFS

Board determines F-15E fire causes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — An accident investigation board recently determined an F-15E Strike Eagle engine stall and fire on Feb. 12 was caused by several factors.

Factors include operating the engine in secondary mode, a reduced stall margin and a high fuel-flow rate into the engine.

The F-15E, assigned to the 492nd Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, experienced a left engine fire on take-off. The aircraft was No. 2 of a two-ship training formation conducting a basic surface attack mission. The aircraft safely landed and there were no injuries.

The fire was confined to the engine causing approximately \$1.2 million in damage to engine components. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Overseas assignment listing available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments is now available for the April to June 2003 cycle.

The deadline for updating assignment preferences is Aug. 22. Airmen will be notified of their selection by Sept. 9.



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy AFP

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EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force Specialty Code and rank. Members are instructed to review and specifically list their job preferences in order, based on the EQUAL list.

Individuals should work through their military personnel flights or their commander's support staffs to update their preferences.

People can view the lists from the Air Force Personnel Center Web site or at local MPFs. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

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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ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup officers' Hail and Farewell on Aug. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club.



Wetekam

Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact Marchelle Glover at 926-3074, or e-mail marchelle.glover@robins.af.mil.

Quarterly awards ceremony Monday

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will host the Robins Air Force Base quarterly awards ceremony Monday at 3 p.m. in the base theater.

Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit — use your creativity, bring noisemakers, etc. An award will be presented to the unit demonstrating the best unit pride and spirit. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Edith Garcia, at 926-0792, for more information.

Hostile fire pay

The Civilian Personnel Office has released an announcement Department of Defense civilian employees who were physically present at either the World Trade Center buildings or the Pentagon and surrounding grounds — not the Navy complex — at the specific times the aircraft impacted the buildings, or rendered emergency assistance on Sept. 11 at either location, and who were exposed to the hazards of the attacks, are eligible for hostile fire pay.

The entitlement amount is \$150. Employees who were hospitalized and treated for injuries or wounds may be entitled to additional money.

Civilian employees must have been operating in an official capacity and must have been physically present — through permanent duty station or in a temporary duty assignment status — in order to receive the entitlement.

Employees requesting the entitlement must submit justification for the pay to their directorate level. Upon directorate validation, the request must be forwarded on an electronic staff summary sheet to the servicing employee relations specialist for approval by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director.

Requests must include employee's name, social security number, and the employee's official capacity and location on Sept. 11. For more information, call employee relations specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802.

Medical clinic hours change

Faced with increased operational and training requirements, selected 78th Medical Group clinics will consolidate their training activities into a single half-day each week.

As of Wednesday, the Family Practice,

Internal Medicine, Pediatric and Flight Medicine clinics have the following hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the exception of Wednesday, when these clinics will be closed to routine appointments at noon.

In order to accommodate people with acute illnesses that do require medical care on Wednesday afternoons, a limited number of acute appointments will be available through the central appointment line at 327-7850.

The medical group will continue to offer Saturday morning acute appointments for adults and children from 9 a.m. to noon. If additional information is needed about the service hours changes, call Master Sgt. Donald Mogle, superintendent, Medical Operations Squadron at 327-7821.

Water restrictions on base announced

Due to current drought conditions in Georgia, outdoor water use is not allowed between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Robins Air Force Base.

Address-based watering is allowed on an even/odd schedule at other times in military family housing. If restrictions change, notification will be made by the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Yard of the Month Program under way

Base Housing's Yard of the Month Program is now under way and will continue through September.

The purpose of this program is to encourage housing residents to improve the looks of their own yards and thereby improve the looks of the entire housing area.

Scoring is based on lawns neatly edged, lawn care and health of grass, neatly pruned shrubs, neat planters, neatly arranged hanging plants and decorations — hanging decorations should not be excessive — and clean and neat carports and entryways.

The bowling alley, officers' barber shop, Ken's Cleaners, Pine Oaks Golf and the flower shop provide gift certificates and coupons.

U.S. Air Force Honor Guard at Robins today

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard will be at Robins today for demonstrations and recruit briefings.

Demonstrations by the group's drill team will be conducted at 9 a.m. in the Military Personnel Flight parking lot, and at noon in the parking lot of the base exchange. Recruit briefings will be conducted at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the education center.

The goal of the group is to attract interested noncommissioned officers and senior NCOs for career broadening opportunities with the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Pools schedule

The Crestview pool will close Sunday. The officers' club pool will be open Saturday and Sunday until Labor Day. The enlisted club pool will be open every day except Thursdays until Labor Day.

The fitness center outdoor pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Robins needs your help in knowing what you want to see on TV

The Public Affairs Office produces three television programs that air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15 three times a week. Those shows are –

- **The Robins Report** – a news-oriented program offering base and Air Force wide coverage.
- **Around Robins** – a television magazine format offering information about upcoming social events, leisure opportunities, golf tips, financial tips and health news.
- **Inside Robins** – an in-depth look at Robins missions and issues.

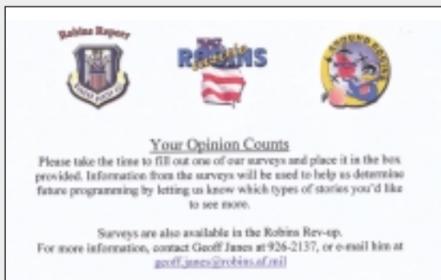
Robins Air Force Base Public Affairs Office has produced this short feedback form to gather information on how we can better serve the Robins Community.

The survey will appear in the July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 editions of the Robins Rev-up. To participate in this survey, you can:

- Drop your completed surveys in the drop boxes provided in Services facilities
- Mail your completed survey to the Public Affairs Office
- Drop the forms by the Public Affairs Office in Bldg 215.

The address is:

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center
Office of Public Affairs
215 Page Road, Ste. 106
Robins Air Force Base, Ga. 31098-1662



3. What types of stories would you like to see more of?

- Community events
- Mission-related topics
- Air Force wide news
- Family Services
- Recreation
- Other _____

4. What types of stories would you like to see less of?

- Community events
- Mission-related topics
- Air Force wide news
- Family Services
- Recreation
- Other _____

5. How entertaining are the shows on a scale of one to five, with five being the highest?

- Robins Report
- Around Robins
- Inside Robins

6. How informative are the shows on a scale of one to five, with five being the highest?

- Robins Report
- Around Robins
- Inside Robins

7. How often can you use information that airs on the shows?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Occasionally
- Never

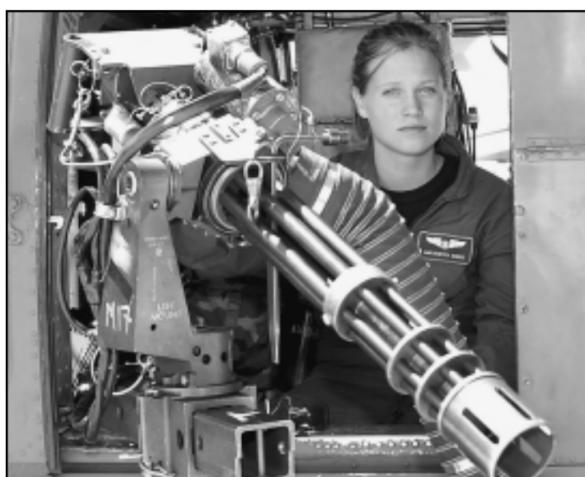
Additional comments:

1. Which of the shows do you watch? (Circle frequency)

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|--|--------|--------------|--------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robins Report | Weekly | Once a month | Rarely | Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Around Robins | Weekly | Once a month | Rarely | Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Robins | Weekly | Once a month | Rarely | Never |

2. Do you feel the shows offer subject matter that is interesting, entertaining and worthy of coverage?

- Yes
- No



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Carlson

Airman Vanessa Dobos, 58th Training Squadron will be the Air Force's first female aerial gunner when she graduates from her technical school in a few weeks. Her first duty station will be Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Air Force training first woman aerial gunner

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFMCNS) — Airman Vanessa Dobos, 58th Training Squadron here, will be the Air Force's first female aerial gunner when she graduates from her technical school in a few weeks.

As a gunner and member of a search and rescue crew on the H-60 helicopter,

she'll perform a combat duty that was formerly closed to women in the Air Force.

Dobbs said she follows the philosophy an instructor told her, "A gunner's a gunner, don't think you're special because you're a female."

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Deadline for submissions to the Rev-Up is 4:30 p.m. Monday for the Friday edition Rev-Up offices are located in Bldg. 215, Suite 106 Phone number is 926-2137.



U.S. Air Force photos by Lanorris Askew

Rewards for reading

Jeremy Seilhan adds some chocolate syrup to his sundae at the culmination party for this summer's "Where in the World are you Reading" program at the Robins Air Force Base Library. Seilhan read a total of 18 books, his mother said.

Jerri McGirr thanks Feriba Rezaee for speaking to the children about her culture. Rezaee was one of many who took time to teach the children about a different part of the world at story time each Tuesday throughout the summer. McGirr headed up the summer reading program.



Changes made to promotion system

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has made changes to officer promotion opportunities for upcoming boards and to the data presented on the selection brief available to board members.

During the Oct. 3 promotion boards, those looking for promotion to O-4 will find the promotion opportunities, or the maximum number of individuals each board may select to be promoted, higher than in the past.

The promotion board for O-4 can now promote the number of officers equal to 95 percent of the number in the promotion zone for line officers, lawyers and medical service corps officers. That number is up from 90 percent during the last board.

Additionally, promotion opportunities for some competitive categories during the upcoming O-5 board will also increase.

According to Maj. Sandra Edens of the Air Force office of officer promotions at the Pentagon, the increase in promotion opportunity allows the Air Force to adjust long-term force strength and to come closer to meeting its goals for those in field grade officer positions.

Along with the changes

for O-4 promotion boards, officer selection briefs used in all boards meeting as early as August will no longer contain references to race, ethnicity or gender, as directed by Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche in the recently approved Memorandum of Instruction for officer selection boards.

"Removal of race, ethnic-

ity and gender information from the officer selection brief more accurately reflects the Air Force's officer promotion board process, to be fair and equitable to all individuals meeting the board," said Maj. Isaac Davidson of the Air Force office of officer promotion, evaluation and separation policy.

New lodging program helps guarantee military travelers rooms

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Military travelers will soon be required to consider government-contracted hotels before others when traveling inside the continental United States.

The new requirement, set to begin about Nov. 1, is part of the Federal Premier Lodging Program, run by the General Services Administration. The FPLP benefits travelers by contracting with hotels in key cities where federal employees do business to guarantee a specific number of available rooms at a specific price.

“The federal travel regulation will require you look at FPLP properties first,” said Patrick McConnell, program manager for the FPLP. “Under the per diem process, you were not guaranteed a room. What FPLP does is get properties to guarantee rooms, especially where we compete with corporate and leisure travel.”

Hotels wanting an FPLP contract are required to meet cer-

www.policyworks.gov/org/main/mt/homepage/mtt/perdiem/plp/plphp.html

tain safety and accessibility requirements, as well as have a restaurant nearby. If a traveler feels the establishment does not meet his or her mission requirements, finds that the FPLP hotel is full, or finds a less-expensive place to stay, he or she may book reservations elsewhere, McConnell said.

“[This is the] best way to meet laws requiring federal employees to stay in motels and hotels that meet the Federal

Emergency Management Agency’s fire and safety requirements,” McConnell said.

When all contracts with lodging facilities have been finalized, the program will be in about 75 cities. The FPLP Web site lists lodging facilities currently contracted with the FPLP. The Web site is www.policyworks.gov/org/main/mt/homepage/mtt/perdiem/plp/plphp.html.



U.S. Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

Joseph Reaves, with the recycling program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, holds a handful of earthworms that help turn vegetable scraps into fertilizer. The base is using earthworms to turn fruit and vegetables and other kitchen waste into compost.

Waste munchers

Base uses worms to recycle

By Tiffany Pitts
Air Force Print News

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The environmental management office has started a new program here that has upped the base population by 250,000. But these new base inhabitants are unlike any other. They have no eyes or ears, and can eat about 250 pounds of food a day.

People from the environmental office have acquired a worm farm to recycle food waste from the commissary.

The worms are used in a process called Vermi-composting, a method of using earthworms to turn fruit and vegetables and other kitchen waste into compost.

The Vermi-composter uses more than 250,000 worms to process about 250 pounds of food and paper waste from the base commissary per day, said Bill Meinerding, recycling program manager in the environmental management office.

Meinerding said that by using Vermi-composting, the base reduces the use of chemical fertilizers; enhances plant growth; increases moisture retention, aggregation, and aeration of soil; and reduces erosion.

“This program will allow the base the opportunity to

close the circle from food waste into natural fertilizer,” said Meinerding. (Pitts is with Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs)

Bash it!!!!



Don't miss the fun and excitement of Summer Bash, Saturday, beginning at 4 p.m., at Robins Park. Sandy the Dog will be on hand and there will be games, music, rides and more.

Air Force selects program to replace FormFlow

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials at the Pentagon recently approved a plan to acquire a new information management tool software package that will replace the FormFlow program used for more than a decade.

After nearly a year of extensive testing and research into ways to improve form support to war fighters, the Air Force departmental publishing office has selected PureEdge Solutions as this replacement technology.

The program is a “quantum leap” over previous ways users processed data or exchanged information, said Carolyn J. Watkins-Taylor, AFDPO director.

“We recognize now more than ever that any modernization program we initiate must include methods of providing our war fighters with an optimal level of support,” Watkins-Taylor said.

“We are excited at the potential opportunities that this kind of cutting-edge technology can provide, especially when it translates into a more efficient and effective support method.”

More user-friendly

An information management tool, or IMT, is simply a form, but one that is far more advanced and user-friendly than the old FormFlow versions, Watkins-Taylor said.

Immediate benefits of the new software and its IMTs include digital signatures, document routing, online or stand-alone mode and the ability to package a form and all related data into a single file.

With FormFlow, the form and the data were separate elements, while with PureEdge, the IMT and the data always stay together.

“One of the main complaints about FormFlow is people say they keep losing their data,” Watkins-Taylor said.

“With this new solution they won’t even have to look for the data because it will be with the document. The IMT maintains the integrity of the document with the data, and it also keeps any attachments that you might have.”

Another benefit of the new software is that file sizes are kept to a minimum.

“The average IMT will be from 12 to 24 kilobytes, and that’s small,” Watkins-Taylor said.

“With FormFlow, the file sizes ranged from 178 kilobytes to one megabyte, because you have the form and the data that had to go together. These smaller file sizes mean they won’t use up as much bandwidth, which is a concern to the war fighter.”

Rave reviews

The technology was demonstrated at the Pentagon in early July.

More than 100 people used the program to complete some common Air Force IMTs, and their reactions were very positive.

“You dream about things like this and to finally see it now is wonderful,” said Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing, an information manager with Air Force financial management who has used forms on a daily basis for 20 years.

“This is leaps and bounds over what we’ve ever had in the past. I’m very happy the Air Force is replacing FormFlow and can’t wait to

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Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing
information manager with Air Force financial management

use the new system.”

The wait will not be long. Watkins-Taylor said the goal is to start Phase 1 on Aug. 15, when the 100 most commonly used Air Force forms will be converted to IMTs and made ready for use, with the remaining

forms converted in the coming months. Phase 2 will focus on building partnerships with functional areas throughout the Air Force to examine how IMTs can improve business processes.

“We’re changing our whole approach to focus on

content and user interaction,” said Bruce Lyman, lead architect for the Air Force’s transition to PureEdge.

“The primary goal is to make things easier on the user and easier on Air Force by replacing an obsolete system. We’re taking a content approach rather than just worrying about what the forms or the little boxes look like. The PureEdge technology allows us to do all of this and more.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing, an information management specialist stationed at the Pentagon, puts the PureEdge software through its paces during a demonstration at the Pentagon in early July.

Eliminate unlawful discrimination

When I last addressed you in this form, I challenged you all to create dialogue with someone that doesn't look like you.

Did you take the challenge? I did, and I want to tell you what I learned.

We are afraid to talk about race issues. We have a fear of the unknown.

We fear if we talk about race others may see us as a racist. I guess it's a "Catch 22, damned if you do damned if you don't." The events of 9/11 only confirm that we need to know more about one another.

Do you have an understanding of my culture?

Do you have an understanding of my religion? Perceptions and racial stereotypes are powerful and can perpetuate our fears.

Get the facts before you pre-judge. You ask, "What can I do to eliminate unlawful discrimination?"

Communication and awareness is the key to eliminating unlawful discrimination.

People are like presents. You can't know the person inside just by looking at the outside. We live in a diverse society, one that includes people of many different

racings, cultures, beliefs, physical and mental characteristics. It is our individual responsibility to be aware of those differences. Those differences are what make us unique and interesting.

Diversity is the basic principle of creation.

"No two snowflakes, blades of grass or people are alike," wrote Lynn Maria Laitala.

Deciding to dislike a person before you get to know them can lead to discrimination. Take the time to talk to someone who is not like you, a co-worker or even a neighbor.

It can be as simple as asking a person their home of record. When you visit the dining facility or the base restaurant do you segregate yourself?

Only sitting with those that look like you. Take a chance, step out of your comfort zone and sit down with someone that doesn't look like you.

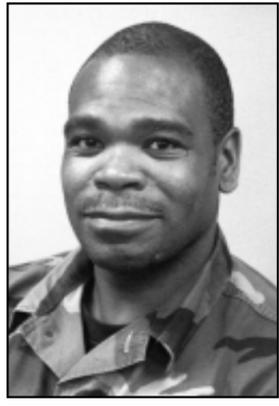
You may find that you have something in common.

I have listed some strategies to eliminating unlawful discrimination:

- You can start by knowing yourself. Take an honest evaluation of your attitudes and personal

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Master Sgt. John F. Gilkey
Superintendent, Military Equal Opportunity



the principle that the individual has infinite dignity and worth. The Department of Defense, which exists to keep the nation secure and at peace, must always be guided by this principle.

"In all that we do, we must show respect for the service man, the service woman, the civilian employee and family members, recognizing their individual needs, aspirations and capabilities.

"The defense of the Nation requires a well-trained volunteer force, military and civilian, regular and reserve.

"To provide such a force, we must increase the attractiveness of a career in the Department of Defense so that service members and civilian employees will feel the highest pride in themselves, their work, their organization and their profession.

"To attain these goals we must create an environment that values diversity and fosters mutual respect and cooperation among all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or gender."

The bottom line is treat others, as you would like to be treated, with dignity and respect.

bias.

- Treat people as individuals and recognize their individual strengths.

- Avoid acting on your stereotypes and confront your prejudices.

- Be flexible and objective in your communication, by being open minded and fair.

- Respect others rights and feelings.

- Set the standard for others to follow.

- Take action, don't allow unlawful discrimination occur.

It has been said that, "If we don't learn from the past we are

doomed to repeat it."

I really don't believe that we will ever see another holocaust or anything like the days of slavery. But we are discriminating, intentionally or unintentionally and we can't afford to continue to plead ignorance.

You don't have to be friends with everyone, but everyone deserves respect. So communicate with and become aware of the people around you.

I want to close this commentary with excerpts from the Department of Defense's Human Goals Proclamation.

"Our Nation was founded on

Commanders' Action Line

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.



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

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



Motorcycle safety

Q: Can something be done to make the on base motorcycle safety class more available to personnel, either by making the class available on weekends or by coordinating it with classes taught in the community?

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns about motorcycle safety. Conducting motorcycle training on the weekend has surfaced before as an alternative or addition to the present motorcycle training program. This option has been explored and we have found that there are insufficient volunteer instructors available to conduct weekend training. Additionally, current courses offered on base are not meeting their capacity. There is space to conduct training for 24 personnel a month.

Our average for the past five months of courses is nine students per class. Students are notified in advance of the class, but there are many occasions in which the student cancels due to "mission necessity." This training provides knowledge and skill to address those critical elements found to be the cause of most motorcycle mishaps. Attendance is of the utmost importance.

At present we have only three instructors on station. To teach between eight and 12 students on the range requires a minimum of two instructors. As two of our instructors are military, there have been occasions when we have been unable to conduct training due to deployments or temporary duty assignment. In order to expand the depth of our instructor cadre, we have been soliciting for additional instructor candidates for the past few weeks through the base newspaper, the Rev-Up. With more instructors, we have more latitude to potentially conduct more courses.

Regarding use of the community program, the state does not offer sufficient courses during the course of the year to meet the demands of the residents of the state wishing to attend. Additionally there is a \$50 cost per individual to attend this training. According to AFI 91-207, The USAF Traffic Safety Program, such traffic safety training as may be required will be provided to the individual at no cost.

Again, let me thank you for your interest in the motorcycle safety program and your efforts to raise awareness.

Leadership, attitude, teamwork make situation for everyone

By Lt. Col. Brian Jurkovac
43rd Airlift Wing chief of safety

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) — Too often, people depend on unit leadership to define how "good" things are. In reality, they are the ones who make their organization a better place to work.

Everyone has a stake in the effectiveness, health and welfare of his or her organization, base and community.

When I ask others about their best assignments or most rewarding experiences, their answers are surprising.

They list assignments to austere places supporting difficult missions, deployments and contingencies. They don't always list the garden spots typically found on our dream-sheets.

This is because people make the assignment what it is. It is not the hardware, the building or the location. You determine how good or bad your assignment was, is or will be.

Here are my top 10 ways of making the best of one's present situation.

Understand your mission: Could you describe your unit's mission to a visitor or new service member? Could you articulate how your specialty fits in? If not, ask an "old head" who has been around a while. You may just find out how rich a heritage your unit has and its historic significance on the preservation of freedom and democracy around the world.

Have loyalty in your unit: Learn to trust the decisions and actions of your leadership. Resist the temptation to "bad-mouth" when things don't go exactly as planned. Be part of the solution to unit challenges. Being loyal means helping others when they need you and taking action when you see an opportunity for improvement.

Maintain standards: Check yourself every day, starting with your uniform, your performance and, most of all, your attitude. You know what the standards are. Live up to them. Your unit will reflect the standards you set. Job competency is too often the toughest standard.

Keep learning: Check your "know-it-

all" attitude at the door. Try to learn something new about your unit's mission, people or equipment every day. Never let your rank, job title or experience get in the way of learning. Above all, learn how to do things the safest way, the right way. As you learn, the whole unit becomes smarter, more diverse and more capable.

Mentor: The best way to have great folks in your unit is by teaching them the ropes and sharing your experiences. Spend time with your troops; show them, tell them and teach them the pitfalls of disaster and the ingredients for success.

Listen: Listening is an essential communication skill. Your troops will bring you their problems, but they can also bring you outstanding ideas if they know you will listen.

Participate: Participating in unit activities, both on and off duty, go into making the team a cohesive combat-ready element. Hone your leadership skills by spearheading a unit project.

Be considerate: One very basic social skill I learned as a child was "it was nice to be important, but it was more important to be nice." Be considerate of others. That doesn't mean you can't tell it like it is, but you can do so nicely. Displaying even the simplest courtesies, like being on time, prepared and using the words "please" and "thank you" go a long way.

Have integrity: There is no contribution more significant to the health and success of your unit than integrity.

Show pride: You can be proud and enthusiastic about your unit without being boastful or arrogant. Pride is in the way you do your job; the way you never quit; the way you care about your performance and your unit's achievements. Pride means you deliver on your promises and can be counted on when the going gets tough and the hours are long. Pride never says "it's good enough for government work."

It is not the equipment or the weapons that make us great! It is you and the way you come to work every day.

Commentary courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.



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CloseUp

Friday, August 9, 2002

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19th Middle Georgia Military Ball

'A salute to the warriors of Operation Enduring Freedom'



Clockwise from top right:
Retired Brig. Gen. Robert Scott gives his signature thumbs up at the 19th Middle Georgia Military Ball.

Thirty-three-year veteran New York Fire Department Lt. Richard Saracelli was the featured speaker at the ball. The ball paid tribute to the men and women of Robins Air Force Base who have played a role in the defense of our country.

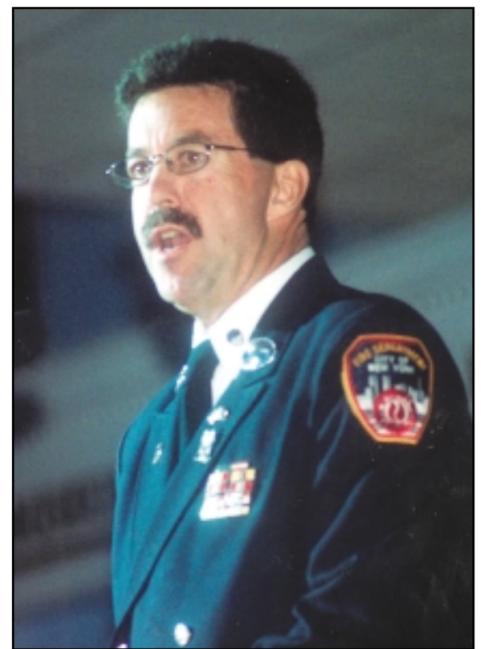
Tom McMichael, Scott, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Gerald Murkerson present an honorary check for \$10,000 to the Museum of Aviation from the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee.

Guests at the ball dance to music provided by the Reserve Generation Band of the United States Air Force Reserve.

The 82nd Airborne Chorus performs at the ball.

Wetekam cheers as the Air Force Song is played.

The WR-ALC Color Guard presents the colors.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



TV SCHEDULE

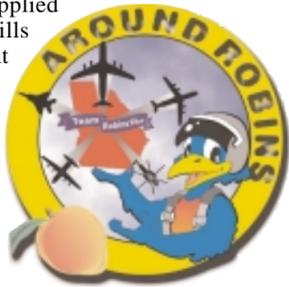
These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



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 a feature piece on the Spouse Appreciation Essay contest and the reception recently held at the Robins Air Force Base Officers' Club to announce the winners. Capt. Jamie Braswell, protestant chaplain, will speak about the new Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program and how it can help prevent future suicides through education. The show will take a final look at what the Marines did while they were in the Macon area. Lindy Kurtz, base dietician, offers advice for nutritious cooking.



Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week's Inside Robins will feature an interview with Lt. Col. Sheri Andino, chief of safety for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Andino will discuss injuries at Robins, how they can be prevented and safety education. She also will talk about site surveys and how to make the work environment safer for employees.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

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

Today — Star Wars Episode II – Attack of the Clones (PG)

Starring Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman. The galaxy has under gone significant change, Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. As the two Jedi are assigned to protect Padme they face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic. (sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence)



Aug. 10 — Powerpuff Girls (PG)

Animated. When Professor Utonium first cooked up the girls in his laboratory, he wasn't trying to give them superpowers, he just wanted to create the perfect little girl. But when the Professor's mischievous monkey lab assistant Jojo knocked a dose of Chemical X into the mix, the Powerpuff Girls, Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup were born! (non-stop frenetic animated action)



LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

- **Mary Shepherd**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Col. Gayle Bowen, 327-357.
- **David Kitchens**, Maintenance Directorate. Point of contact is Betty Branch, 926-8802.
- **Wanda F. Hawn**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Meg Keith, 327-1324.
- **Ilene Leslie**, F-15 System Program Office. Point of contact is Tina Billingsley, 926-4416.
- **Lorenda Jones**, Logistics Management Directorate. Point of contact is Marchelle Glover, 926-3074.

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.

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 information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. A safety meeting will be held on Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. and on Aug. 28 at 11:45 a.m. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

Child Development Centers 926-3080/5805

A parent's open house is scheduled for Aug. 23, 2-4 p.m. at CDC East and West with a Hawaiian Luau.

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 two-for-one rib-eye steak for \$14.95 today and Saturday, and fried catfish and hush-puppies for \$7.95 on Aug. 16 and 17. Reservations are welcome.

Equipment Rental 926-4001

Vehicle sales lot registration is held at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. Cost is \$10 for 15 days. Registration is required prior to placing a vehicle on the lot. Dealers are not allowed.

Officers' Club 926-2670

A membership breakfast will be on Aug. 23, 6:30-8:30 a.m. The meal is free to members and \$4 for guests.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001



Join the NASCAR tradition with outdoor recreation and watch the race from the best seats in the house from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Enjoy the Mountain Dew 500 and NASCAR Busch series South Carolina 200, to include two-night accommodations, two admission tickets and transportation for \$275 per person. Race fans must be registered and paid in full by Monday. A minimum of 12 people must register for there to be a trip, and a maximum of 20 can go. For more information, call Lynne Brackett or Dee Kidd, or visit the equipment rental center.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

The entire Robins Air Force Base community may attend Summer Bash. This event will be held Saturday, 4-9 p.m. at Robins Park.

Summer Bash participants with base IDs, 18 years or older, will have a chance to win prizes by completing entry forms at the Friendship Pavilion. The first-place prize package includes two round-trip United Airline tickets for anywhere in the continental United States that United flies, DVD player with two gift certificates for two DVD movies and two back packs. There will also be instant-win prizes. Participants must be present for instant win prizes. First- and second-place prizes will be drawn between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

The purchase of a \$3 wristband gives Summer Bash participants access to all

games and amusements. For a complete listing of Summer Bash rules, go to the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services, click on the Summer Bash icon, and then click on contest rules. Sponsored in part by Air Force Materiel Command Services, First Command Financial Planning, Sprint gosprintmilitary.com, Macon Coca-Cola, Geico, Robins Federal Credit Union and United Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

A Summer Bash on-line coloring contest is on the services division Web site located at www.robins.af.mil/services. Click on the Puzzle, Paint and Color icon on the services homepage. The first 50 kids to put the puzzle together, print and color it, and bring it to Summer Bash Saturday, will win a prize. The limit is one entry per person.

Smith Community Center is offering open play for chess players. The ballroom will be reserved 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 27, and on Sept. 3 and 10.

Japanese Grill 922-0136

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.

Nature Center 926-4500

Spalding Nature Center will be showing nature films on Aug. 17, 2-4:30 p.m. Bring the family for free.

Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: open recreation, 3-11 p.m. today; TRAIL meeting at 6 p.m., and Keystone meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday; open recreation 3-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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

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

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 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, such as the following: different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family.

Advance registration is required.

Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, starting at the center.

The tour includes a "windshield" of 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.

CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on CSB/REDUX, \$30,000 Bonus With Reduced Retirement Pay, on Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Individuals who initially entered military service on 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.

Applied suicide prevention skills training

A workshop on applied suicide prevention skills training will be conducted on Aug. 21-22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., base chapel annex.

This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted on Aug. 23, 9a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 139.

This class is designed to cover resume writing beyond the basic mechanics by dissecting the various parts of a resume.

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.

Nursing mothers program

The Air Force Aid Society Nursing Moms Program provides a grant, up to \$100, towards the rental or purchase of a breast pump to eligible active duty Air Force families as an incentive to enroll in Family Advocacy's Parents Support Program. This program makes it possible for young families, who may not otherwise be able to afford a breast pump, to participate and, at the same time, receive valuable advice and training from the Family Advocacy nurse specialist. The FANS determines need, certifies participation and provides the member or spouse with a voucher for the grant. If a participant has a need for assistance above the provided grant, an interest-free loan may be offered, up to \$200.

The voucher should be given to one of the participating rental agencies in the area who will receive payment monthly from the AFASO.

Unit spouse volunteer program

The Unit Spouse Volunteer program is designed to enhance spouse awareness of, and connection to, appropriate installation resources. The Family Readiness Team provides an orientation, training and referral assistance to the participating squadron first sergeants and commanders and their appointed unit spouse volunteers.

Informative brochures and booklets are offered to couples on topics such as a newlywed checklist, spouse survival guide, new spouse orientation, and balancing work and life assistance.

Family readiness briefings

Family readiness briefings focus on pre-deployment, deployment and homecoming. Help with family care plans is also available. Contact your FSC Family Readiness Team for assistance.

Individual and family readiness education material

The center's Family Readiness Program has individual and family readiness education material available for military members and families who are being deployed.

Information is available on managing and dealing with pre-deployment, separation, reunion phase stressors and coping with disasters.

HA video cameras

Family Readiness has three video cameras that may be borrowed for up to 48 hours to tape a special event or private message to send to the military member. Some restrictions apply.

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.

For more information about this program or to schedule an appointment, call Doug Jones, career focus manager, at 926-1256.

Employment assistance

There is a Georgia Department of Labor Veterans Service Specialist in the Family Support Center to assist veterans or personnel within 180 days of leaving the military with their job search. To schedule an appointment, call Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Register early

Register early for FSC classes since many are subject to cancellation if advance registration is insufficient.

Bluesuiter plays for Browns

By John Van Winkle
U.S. Air Force Academy
Public Affairs

BEREA, Ohio (AFP) — An Air Force Academy football coach put on the shoulder pads to play for the pros this week.

Second Lt. Ben Miller, junior varsity offensive line coach for the Air Force Academy Falcons football team, reported to the Cleveland Browns training camp recently.

Miller, a two-year starter at left tackle for the Air Force Academy, was signed as an undrafted free agent on April 26 by the Cleveland Browns. The Browns then converted the 6' 3", 250-pound collegiate left tackle to H-back.

"The H-back position is a hybrid between a fullback and tight end," said Miller.

Since the team has no bonafide fullbacks on its roster, the H-back experiment of last season will continue this year, supplemented by formations that use two tight ends. For Miller, who was a tight end in high school, the



U.S. Air Force photo by John Van Winkle

Second Lt. Ben Miller (center) talks with running back Autry Denson (left), during Cleveland Browns training camp July 26.

position change means getting the ball back in his hands for the first time in four years.

"The hard part of it has been learning the routes for the passing game, just learning how to read the coverages, what the linebacker's doing, which way you have to cut off of him, just the little intricacies of the offense at playing a receiver more than just playing the offensive line," he said. "It's so much more complex."

But for this year, Miller will only be available to the Browns through the first pre-season game. As a 2002 Air Force Academy graduate, Miller has a five-year service commitment.

After two years on active duty, he can switch to the Reserves if he makes the Browns roster, but will triple his remaining service commitment in doing so.

It is on the 2004 Cleveland Browns that Miller has set his sights.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Course 926-4103

Robins Air Force Base Golf Championship will be held on Aug. 17 and 18. Cost is \$30 for annual green fee players and \$50 non AGFP. Price includes green fees, range balls and prizes. The cart fee is extra — \$8 members and \$9 nonmembers. Winner of the base championship will become the Air Force Materiel Command Golf Championship qualifier. Two men, two senior men and one woman will make up the Robins Golf team. Sign up at the Pine Oaks Pro Shop, or call 926-4103 or 923-7334.

Session I for Tee for Two, Learn to Golf will be on Aug. 19 and 26, Sept. 9 and 16, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Session II will be on Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10 and 17, 9-10:15 a.m. Session III will be on Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12 and 19, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Bring a buddy or family member for this two-for-the-price-of-one program and receive four weeks of lessons at a team rate of \$80. Sign up and receive a duffer's pack that includes swing stick, ditty bag, putting training ball and step down tees, while supplies last. For details call the golf course.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

An intramural league meeting will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the community center ballroom. League play begins on Sept. 5. Bowlers may contact their squadron sports representative for more information.

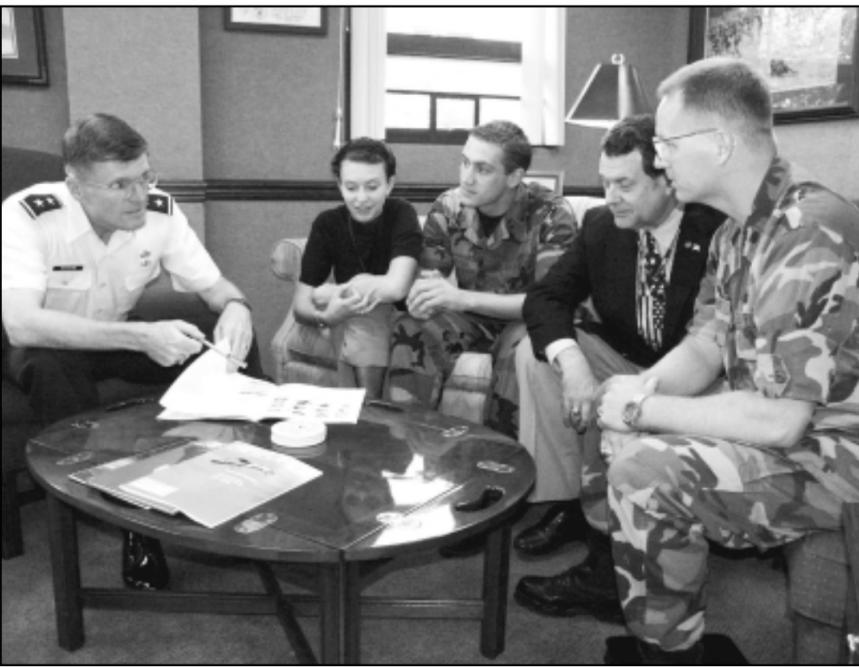
Youth bowlers roll back to school on Aug. 16 from 7-10 p.m. Cost of \$10 per person includes Thunder Alley glow bowling, shoes and pizza.

Roll into fall with youth bowling. Kids ages 5-21 are required to register by Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes bowling shirt and Youth American Bowling Alliance membership. For more information, call the center.

Youth Center 926-2110

The Robins youth sports program will continue registration until teams are full. Sports available are youth cheerleading, ages 5-12; youth tackle and flag football, ages 11 to 12 for tackle and ages 5-10 for flag, at a cost of \$45 for members and \$50 for and nonmembers; and youth fall soccer, ages 5-18 at a cost of \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. For more information, call Ron Hayes at the center.

Robins Youth Center is offering a youth basketball "fun-da-mentals" camp for youth 9 to 14 years old. The camp will be conducted at the center every Saturday, 9-11 a.m., from Sept. 7 through Oct. 19. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers, which includes T-shirt and practice jersey. Register by Aug. 30. For more information, contact Ron Hayes at 926-2110.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, speaks with Society of Logistics Engineers members about the newly reactivated chapter on Robins Air Force Base.

Logisticians to host luncheon

SOLE

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will be the guest speaker at the membership drive for the newly reactivated Society of Logistics Engineers chapter. The buffet luncheon, which will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the officers' club ballroom, is open to all who are interested in the logistics profession and in shaping its future.

SOLE is an international, non-profit, organization with more than 100 active chapters in more than 50 countries. The organization is comprised of government and industry members in the logistics profession and was formed to help promote the advancement of logistics technology and management. SOLE supports several technical symposiums, specialty courses which augment degree programs and sponsors the certified public logistician program. The

CPL is an all-day exam, which covers the breadth of the logistics profession. Those who pass the CPL exam have the official title of CPL bestowed on them, as well as earn leveraging power in the commercial sector.

If interested, contact Trenton Spencer at trenton.spencer@robins.af.mil or Dawn Ogletree-Simpson at dawn.ogletree-simpson@robins.af.mil or call 929-5373 for any questions.

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.

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.

For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.



Courtesy photo

Everything SAME

Jimmy Autry, vice-president of Marketing for Flint Energies, speaks to Society of American Military Engineers members and guests at the group's July meeting. He talked about the new Hydro Cell technology that Flint EMC is involved with as a future technology for industrial and residential use. For more information about SAME, check the Web site <http://www.same.org>.

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.

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CIVILIAN RETIREES

The following are civilian retirees for the end of July through the beginning of August.

Faye B. Atkinson, LYP-MGS
 William R. Austin, TINRSL
 Marisue J. Barfield, AFRC/BA
 Esther G. Bishop, AFRC/DPIC
 Leopold A. Broome, DET 3
 Aurora P. Chandler, DET 3
 Joycelyn C. Clifton, LESVS
 Gary G. Cox, LYSN
 Edward P. Davis, LFPC
 Tommy Dubose, LYP-MMS
 Lester L. Dziuk, DET 3
 Gary L. Herrin, DET 3
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Richard D. Kessen, LAES
 Robert S. Kovarovic, LGMRA
 Nick J. Makris, DET 3
 Judith Moll, LNKC
 E. Dallas Perry, LJPA
 Kenneth A. Robinson, LGPC

William P. Sanders, LJET
 Bonnie S. Talcott, LGSPA
 Terry E. Teasley, LYP
 William H. Thompkins, LKGL
 James P. Vasil, DET 3
 Judith F. Vasil, DET 3

HAWC SCHEDULE

Diabetes 101: Aug. 19, 8:45 a.m. to noon

Fit Stop: Wednesdays, 3-3:40 p.m.

Stress Management: Aug. 13, 1-2 p.m.

Lactation Class: Aug. 22, 3-5 p.m.

HAWC hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.

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Committee needs help

The Robins Air Force Base Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the planning and fulfillment of this year's activities. Anyone wanting to get more involved in the base community, or wanting to learn more about the many Hispanic cultures should join. The next meeting will be in Bldg. 905, Room 248 at 2 p.m. today. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Juan C. Martinez at 926-8269.

Recruiting vets as teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Monday in Bldg 905, Room 137, 10-11 a.m.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 800-745-0709, 404-657-9055, or by e-mail at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com. For more information about this briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at the base education office at 327-7325.

Scholarship available

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior line officers to study at a university abroad. The length of study is two years and the purpose is to provide the officers with an in depth understanding of a foreign culture so they will be sensitive to viewpoints and concerns of people around the world.

Since study must be in a foreign language, selected officers attend up to a year of language training before beginning their studies. Interested officers should mail their application to AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C St., Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4734. Application procedures can be obtained from the officer PME Web site at afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme or through local military personnel flight customer service. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15.

Seeking Boy Scouts

Back to school means the Robins Scout Round-Up is just around the corner. All boys in first through 12th grade, who would like to try the scouting adventure, may attend Pack 220's annual swim party. Prior scouts, parents and siblings may also join in the fun! The swim party will be held at the Robins Air Force Base Enlisted Club pool Saturday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Motorcycle safety class

The next motorcycle safety class will be on Aug. 22 and 23. Those interested should sign up through security forces at Pass and ID, or contact Bill Morrow at 926-6271 at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office.

OSC gets ready for a new year

The Officers' Spouses Club is preparing for a new

year of activities. The first function will be held on Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in the officers' club ballroom. Anyone new to the area or just interested in meeting other spouses should contact Deb Morris at 988-9134.

Thrift shop reopens

The thrift shop is re-opening Wednesday. The store is located on Page Road, Bldg. 288, and is open Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is also open the first Saturday of each month.

Chapel to hold jam fest

The Robins Chapel is offering anyone who plays an

instrument or has another musical talent to join in a jam fest at the chapel on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

William Brown and Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Knox, chapel music coordinators, said the fest will give singers and musicians a chance to hone their skills and have a good time with other musical people. The evening includes

refreshments. Anyone — military or civilian — interested should call chaplain assistant Airman 1st Class Sheleada Wells at 926-2821 for information and registration.

ASMC to host lunch

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American

Society of Military Comptrollers will host a luncheon on Aug. 21 at Smith Recreation Center. The guest speaker will be Michael O'Hara, civilian personnel. Tickets are \$5.50 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Contact Cindy Branham at 926-6615 for more information.



Courtesy photo

Man-made nests secure loggerhead sea turtles eggs removed from their original sites, which were too close to the water on the beach at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's environmental flight runs a program designed to protect the eggs.

Tyndall remains longtime home to sea turtles

By 2nd Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) — It is a cycle as old as time: loggerhead sea turtles returning to lay their eggs on the beaches here.

In 1983, the year Tyndall AFB began an active effort to protect the reptiles, there were only seven nests on the base's beaches. In 1998 there were 99, and so far this year, there are 45 nests.

"The increase in nests is caused by large-scale efforts to protect sea turtles," said Dr. Jack Mobley, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's wildlife biologist. "More turtles in the water equals more turtles on Tyndall's beaches."

Protecting the turtles and boosting their survivability is the goal.

"Because we're good stewards of our resources, it is important to do everything we can to protect these endangered species," said Bob Bates, chief of natural resources, of the base's efforts.

The 325th CES's environmental flight runs a program designed to protect the sea turtle eggs. The eggs are vulnerable to several factors, including human disruption; predators such as ghost crabs, raccoons, coyotes and armadillo; and "strandings," a condition that occurs when new hatchlings move toward lights on shore rather than the waters of the

ocean.

The natural resources element of the environmental flight checks all 43 miles of Tyndall shoreline every day for what they refer to as a "crawl," the markings left on the sand from the large turtles coming ashore. Once they find a crawl, the search team checks for a nest by sticking their fingers into the sand to find the tops of eggs. If a nest of eggs is found, "we put a cage on it," said Dr. Mobley. The cage is designed to keep predators out.

Turtles reach sexual maturity from about 20 to 25 years of age, and they have a tendency to return to the area they were hatched to lay their eggs.

Once the eggs are buried in the sand and protected by the cage, the sand acts as a natural incubator. The eggs are very sensitive to temperature.

A temperature change as small as 2 degrees can drastically change the time an egg takes to hatch. A normal loggerhead egg takes about 50 days to incubate. The same egg could take as long as 80 days if the temperature is cooler than normal.

This year is a slightly down year for nests compared to others in the recent past. The last time Tyndall had less than 50 nests in a season was 1995. Mobley said there is no explanation for the fluctuation.

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.

HONOR ROLLS

Melanie Conner, Avionics Support Division, was selected Avionics "Super Achiever" for the third quarter. Conner is the item manager for the APN-232 Combined Altitude Radar Altimeter System. Conner has proven herself an invaluable member of her team. She has volunteered for added responsibilities, simplified complex processes and performed her duties in an outstanding manner.



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The following individuals were selected from among 2,300 employees as Avionics Achievers for the third quarter.

Teresa Maddox, F-15 Electronic Warfare Shop Replaceable Unit Production Line chief, Avionics Production Division, was named the Avionics Supervisor of the Quarter for the third quarter. Her innovative leadership spearheaded an increase in the production of electronic warfare shop replaceable units to support the F-15 aircraft. Production of shop replaceable units within the section has increased from an average of 400 units per month to 534 units per month.



Maddox

The Airborne Warning and Control System Team of the Avionics Support Division and Communication Support Division was named Avionics Achievers Team of the Quarter for the third quarter. In the past quarter, Team AWACS has reached even further into their toolbox to improve AWACS support. The stockage effectiveness has increased 18 percent since last year, and backorders have plummeted from 1,500+ items to 781 items last month. Team members are **Gail Childress, Patsy Lamb, Tim Nettles, Fern Looney, Vic Hunsicker, Phyllis Peavy, Charles Farmer, Gary Shave, John Portz, Ron Buck, Mike Williamson, Jenny Thompson, Rick Jackson, Karen Willingham, Joseph**

Sepulveda and Robert Scheve.

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The Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate names its third quarter honorees.

Rosalind R. Overton, a training monitor, is honored in category I. Since her arrival in the directorate, she has gone out of her way to ensure supervisors and employees understand the newest Web-based training process and system. Overton is instrumental in ensuring the engineering division is responsive to action items generated by the using commands. She was tenacious in identifying the engineers responsible for numerous purchase descriptions that transitioned from San Antonio Air Logistics Center. During the five months she has been here she has made tremendous efforts in developing a process for the supervisors to follow their employees individual training program.

Steven Davis was honored in the GS9-GS-12 category. He developed an approach to award a competitive contract for redesign, test and manufacture of the original Hub Assembly for the P-23 aircraft rescue fire fighting truck that was produced by Timoney. This strategy increased competition and provided the potential for a substantial cost savings. The program office's cost estimate for this effort based on the original approach to redesign the Timoney hub assembly was \$8.8 million. The cost for Davis' alternate approach, including all options, is \$2.4 million.

Vinnie DuPree, an inventory management specialist for the vehicle and munitions handling equipment branch, was honored in the GS-12 and above category. She is the first-level supervisor for 19 inventory management specialists. She has items that are in all budget programs. She also manages one program where the responsibility is for support to all governmental agencies to include Department of Transportation and Department of Commerce as well as Department of Defense. DuPree has a working knowledge of the requirements for various systems; and has a working knowledge of different funding areas.