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Robins enlisted member earns acceptance to AFIT, makes history

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A 78th Communications Squadron senior master sergeant is one of eight Air Force wide who will break historical ground this fall as the first enlisted members to pursue graduate degrees at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Senior Master Sgt. Stephanie Carroll, the squadron's superintendent of systems control, said she was excited and honored to have been accepted.

"At one point, I knew, the 140-candidate list was down to 18 and that I was still on the list," she said. "So being accepted wasn't a total surprise. I knew my records were fairly good."

"I feel really good about breaking historical ground," she said, "and all of us who were selected will try very hard to be successful so that we can lead the way for

those behind us to continue to attend AFIT."

Her commander, Lt. Col. Carl Unholz, described Carroll as "an exceptional performer with an exceptional record." This year, she was a distinguished graduate of the Senior NCO Academy, where, he said, she "clearly demonstrated her ability to shine in all capacities."



Carroll

Carroll, who has been in the Air Force nearly 17 years, arrived at Robins just seven months ago. It was her fifth move in seven years. She bought a house thinking she would be here for a while.

"When I came to Robins, my plan was to start my master's degree work here," she said. However, she knew that wouldn't be possible until

January 2003 because she was scheduled for Senior NCO Academy this spring and deployment in the fall. Those plans changed June 21 when she learned she had been selected for AFIT.

Continuing education

Carroll began taking college classes as a part-time evening student with a full-time job working for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In 1985, she enlisted in the Air Force and had a break in her studies because, she said, some of her assignments were not conducive to school.

She returned to college in 1990, and in 1993 while stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Central Oklahoma.

If all goes according to schedule, she will graduate from AFIT in

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78th Communications Squadron

ment eligible, as determined by Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The eight selected with Carroll are all in the communications and information field.

"Our Air Force continues to become more technically oriented all the time," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Eitnier, enlisted professional military education chief at the Pentagon. "Graduate education for these (senior) NCOs brings greater technical competencies across their Air Force specialties, which benefits our high-tech Air Force."

AFIT is the Air Force's graduate school of engineering and management and its institution for technical professional continuing education. Since resident degrees were first granted in 1956, more than 15,000 graduate and 300 doctorate of philosophy degrees have been awarded by AFIT.

AFMC commander, union president tackle people issues at annual meeting

Air Force Materiel Command News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Continuing their charge toward strengthening their partnership, the Air Force Materiel Command commander and national president of the command's largest employee union met here recently to discuss major people issues.

Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, and Bobby Harnage, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, national president, sat down for an afternoon to discuss issues ranging from how personnel disputes are settled to pay and benefits in what has become an annual meeting between the two leaders.

The two also received updates on several programs and initiatives affecting AFMC, including initiatives of the AFMC-AFGE Council 214 Partnership Council, the command's new master labor agreement, work force shaping and proposed legislative initiatives.

Both Lyles and Harnage praised the partnership that's guided the command boasting the Air Force's largest number of civilian employees and the union representing the majority of those workers.

"The spirit of partnership and teamwork I see across the command today is right on target," Lyles told Harnage and several AFGE local presidents and center directors gathered at the meeting.

Harnage commended Lyles for his work on management-labor relations.

"I've never met anyone as dedicated to the work force, both civilian and military. You're the best I've met," Harnage told the general.

Also, Harnage said he was impressed with the AFMC people and programs he saw during the past year while visiting Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

During the meeting Dr. Dan Stewart, AFMC executive director, and Scott Blanch, president of AFGE Council 214, co-chairs of the AFMC-AFGE Partnership Council, updated Lyles and Harnage on council activities during the past year, emphasizing

two major initiatives - implementing a command-wide alternative dispute resolution, or

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Delta Airlines looks into LEAN during Robins Air Force Base visit

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A team of aircraft-mechanic managers from Delta Airlines visited Robins Air Force Base to learn more about techniques for improving their depot maintenance activities.

The professionals from Atlanta and Dallas focused on aircraft operations similar to Delta's while visiting the Technology and Industrial Support and C-5 directorates.

While Robins may have the largest depot maintenance activities in Georgia, Delta Airlines' operations are very similar and they recently hosted members of the C-5 directorate on a tour of the operations center in Atlanta. Both tours emphasized the importance of cross-feeding technical and management information between the skilled managers.

"Delta has great success stories as does Robins," said Al Haines, C-5 LEAN team member, "it's important that we both take advantage of the short distance between us to share our philosophies and lesson's learned."

"Partnering with industry in not new to Robins and the Air Logistics Center."

Haines continued, "Robins understands the importance of improving our mission to better support the war fighter; partnering with industry allows us to gather and implement new ideas from each other where we both can benefit."

LEAN depot repair is being fielded throughout the ALC. In maintenance areas where LEAN was fielded during the last two years, it is proving itself an invaluable tool for increasing efficiencies.

LEAN focuses on reducing waste in all aspects of the maintenance



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Workers in the C-5 System Program Office may be a model for Delta Airlines workers, who may adopt the LEAN concept for their company.

process. It organizes, simplifies and allows the worker to make many of the decisions regarding the flow of the process. LEAN emphasizes getting the right product, at the right time, at the right price to our customers.

Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, whole-heartedly endorses the

LEAN management philosophy.

He believes that we can no longer "do more with less;" we must support the war fighter with smarter, faster and cheaper products. "LEAN is a critical component of our transformation process into a more agile and efficient war fighter support team," says Wetekam.

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Robins Pride - Pick it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!



FOD awareness keeps aircraft, personnel safe

Maj. Samuel Simpliciano
78th OSS/DO

Foreign objects can be very dangerous. These objects aren't any from another country.

Here at Robins Air Force Base, a foreign object is defined as any substance or object found at an inappropriate location.

When this item is ingested into an engine or cuts a tire or gets jammed in the aircraft flight control, it now becomes foreign object damage or FOD.

From nicks on a propeller blade to jet engine fan blades, FOD has been around since the airplane was first invented.

For the men and women who fly the aircraft and those who maintain them, the potential of FOD is a concern for all. In 2001 alone, there were nine incidents of FOD that resulted in more than \$1.2 million in damages to aircraft at Robins.

Foreign objects come in various shapes and material including tools, pavement material, loose hardware and clothing. They are basically anything that can find its way into an engine or flight controls. Foreign objects are found at many locations such as the parking ramp, in maintenance hangars and can even originate in a home or office.

An example is a pen that is unknowingly

dropped in front of an engine. It eventually gets ingested and becomes FOD.

FOD prevention is not just about saving money — it also saves lives. The most recent example of FOD that led to death was the Air France Concord crash in July 2000. Investigators believe that a metal strip on the runway punctured one of the tires that set-off the chain of events in which the aircraft was destroyed and all aboard perished.

FOD may never be completely eliminated; however, all can take steps to prevent the next incident of FOD. These include:

- Following FOD procedures and include a "clean-as-you-go" work ethic;
- Taking only the tools and hardware required to do the job;
- Reporting all lost tools or items;
- Accounting for all tools and items used to accomplish a task;
- Securing loose items prior to entering an aircraft;
- Covering or capping open lines and engines when not in use or removed;
- Keeping the work area clean.

Foreign objects can be controlled and their damage prevented. All need to do their part to be vigilant for any loose item on the ramp or on an aircraft. When in sight, pick it up. This will prevent damage to an aircraft or injury to people.

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ADR, program and operationalizing partnership principles at all levels throughout the command.

The ADR program has been agreed to by both AFMC and AFGE leadership and is to be up and running by the end of the year, according to Stewart and Blanch. It will offer each AFMC base and organization a process that provides the option to have work force disputes resolved before filing formal grievance and unfair labor practice complaints. Implementing the program will include extensive training in ADR procedures.

By operationalizing partnerships, the council hopes to instill its principles at all levels and at every AFMC installation, Stewart and Blanch said. The key elements of the operationalizing plan are effective partnership agreements and councils operating at each base, establishing appropriate training and emphasizing partnership principle communication.

Despite the work still needing to be done, the AFMC-AFGE partnership is already paying off. AFMC Director of Personnel Jim Barone told Lyles and Harnage that the newly

approved AFMC master labor agreement with AFGE was negotiated in five weeks compared to the previous agreement that took six years.

While the two leaders praised the work of both sides during the negotiations, there are some differences between AFMC and the union, especially on contribution-based compensation systems, used in work force demonstration projects at Air Force Research Laboratory and at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

This type of salary determination is also being considered at Wright-Patterson as part of an acquisition demonstration project proposed by Aeronautical Systems Center.

But Lyles said he believes those differences can be worked out through a spirit of partnership.

"I'm very pleased with the AFGE support and leadership of AFGE," he said.

And Harnage said AFGE is committed to making the partnership work in AFMC.

"It takes a lot of guts to do what you're doing here, you've got total commitment from AFGE," he said.

Master sergeant to resume civilian life as Stop-Loss ends

Announcement of end comes as a result of latest review by major commands

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When Air Force personnel officials announced release of most Air Force specialty codes from Stop-Loss, Master Sgt. Jorge Medina knew he would be able to put his long-range career and educational plans in motion.

He is among about 200 Robins Air Force Base military personnel who will be able to retire or separate now that the Air Force has lifted Stop-Loss. Air Force personnel officials announced June 21 the release of most Air Force specialty codes from the Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

Medina, an electrical program manger with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, had planned to retire effective Feb. 1 this year, but with terminal leave would have been gone in November. Stop-Loss

A former New Yorker, he was moving to the Washington, D.C., area to complete his master's degree requirements and to work part-time at night — "enough to survive," he said. After that, he wanted to return to New York.

He took the Air Force Stop-Loss announcement earlier this year in stride.

"You learn to live with reality, stay in or apply for a waiver," he said.

"I did not qualify for a waiver (granted for emergency at home and economic hardship). So you have a job to do, and you do it as best you can."

In addition to his civil engineer job, Medina has been active in a host of volunteer jobs working with the elderly, coaching, fixing children's bicycles and mentoring.

"I loved everything about my career," he said, "until the merging of career fields." The career merger, he said, put a strain on manpower and more specifically, the people.

"We had to accept new Air Force Specialty Codes, but assignments opened up all over the world," Medina said. Medina has been in most European countries, Hawaii and Asia. He was born in Colombia and has vacationed in Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Tobago and Curacao, Ecuador, and Peru's Lima and Cuzco, ancient capital of the Incas.

When Medina joined the Air Force, he had already begun his education. At his first base, he completed the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree, achieving in less than two and a half years a level that normally takes more than four years.

"All of the training paid off because it presented an opportunity to be part of teams all over the world."

Eventually, he would like to work in project management, electrical contracting, inspections and physical security.

"I am excited to be able to start a new life," he said, "but at the same time I am

going to miss the people. But when it's time for you to go, you go and start life in a different perspective."

The Air Force announcement came as a result of the latest review of AFSCs by the major commands, Air Staff, Air Reserve Component, Secretariat and the Air Force Personnel Center, and applies across the board to both active-duty and Air Reserve Component members, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

The officer career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are: 11S, 12S and 31P.

The enlisted career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are: 1A1X0, 1A1X1, 1C0X0, 1C0X1, 1C0X2, 1C1X0, 1C1X1, 1N0X0, 1N0X1, 1T2X0, 1T2X1, 2F0X0, 2F0X1, 3P0X0 and 3P0X1.

Middleton said Air Force members with an approved date of separation or retirement in those career fields approved for release are free to separate or retire almost immediately.

Officials are developing guidance for the release of all personnel remaining on Stop-Loss and expect to make the announcement to the field within the next couple of weeks, she said.

"Any released active-duty or ARC member, not mobilized or deployed, with an approved expiration of term of service, date of separation or date of retirement may be allowed to separate or retire no earlier than July 1," Middleton said.

Active-duty and ARC members who are deployed in support of ongoing operations or are either voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty to support ongoing operations will not be released until they return from their deployments or they are demobilized.

"Since Stop-Loss was first implemented, the Air Force's exit plans have called for a gradual draw-down of the number of affected AFSCs," she said.

"We have tried to release as

many AFSCs as possible after each review." Stop-Loss was not used as a manning tool, Middleton said.

"The determining factor for an AFSC's release was based upon the Air Force's ability to maintain sufficient forces to meet ongoing mission requirements," she said. "To accomplish this, we review current manning and authorizations, the number of people deployed for operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the number of Air Reserve Component people mobilized, and the overall health of the career fields."

However, Stop-Loss waivers have been and still are available, and may be granted based on specific circumstances, she said.

"We understand that many people and their families have had to put their plans on hold since Stop-Loss was first implemented," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche.

"I just want everyone to know that the Air Force and this nation are grateful for your service and the sacrifices you have made to keep us safe from evil."

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78th LG welcomes new commander

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Command of the 78th Logistics Group changed in a ceremony held Thursday at Robin's Officer's Club.

Lt. Col. Laura L. Sylvia became the new commander, succeeding Lt. Col Michael R. Sizemore. Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, was the presiding officer.

Sylvia served as chief of Headquarters Air Mobility Command's Logistics Plans Division at Scott AFB, Ill., before coming to Robins. Sizemore, who commanded the Logistics Group since 1998, retired after more than 20 years in the Air Force. He plans to remain in the area.

LU saves day in door contract

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Late in the day on June 21, the MC-130H Talon II team in the Special Operations Forces System Program Office, or LU, succeeded in keeping a contractor on task to deliver in a life-or-death situation.

Capt. Jonathan Terry, contracting officer and fixed wing engineer support branch chief, and Wayne Masters, contract specialist, launched into action when the contractor who agreed to provide Talon II paratroop doors in response to a recent combat mission needs statement, or C-MNS, informed them that it wouldn't meet the promised delivery schedule for the doors.

Within two days of the contractor's statement, and after intense negotiations, Terry and Masters succeeded in getting the contractor to honor the initial delivery schedule.

Talon II program managers Maj. Kathleen Tighe-Smith and Capt. Jeff Witt have also been instrumental in working with Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, to fully understand the command's requirements and to translate them into a modification to the aircraft that meets their mission needs.

This demonstration of commitment and

caring is something that SOF special programs integrated product team, chief Lynn Hogg could not let go unnoticed – and with good reason. Currently, Talon II paratroop doors have small, round windows. Aircraft crewmembers look out the windows to try to spot incoming enemy fire.

While the aircraft have electronic warfare systems that can divert enemy fire, the smaller windows make it difficult to spot that fire in a timely manner. The expanded window size on the new doors will improve crewmember survival rates and decrease the possibility and the extent of aircraft battle damage. A delivery schedule slippage for the new doors, or any delays to the modification of the aircraft, would increase the possibility of someone not coming home or of an unsuccessful mission, Hogg said.

The SOF SPO is committed to war fighter support. "The men and women of HQ AFSOC have been in the Operation Enduring Freedom fight from the very beginning," said Hogg. "The LU team never takes for granted that the work we do directly affects the survival and success of our AFSOC war fighters. We are a small community of people. The AFSOC folks are our friends and we want them home safely."

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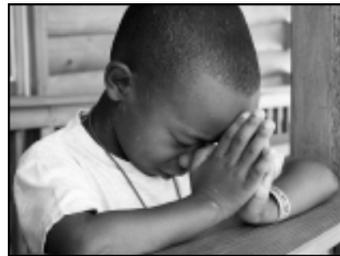
Lynn Hogg

SOF special programs integrated product team chief



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Jordan Kay decorates a sun visor Monday at the Robins Air Force Base Chapel Vacation Bible School. Below, R.J. Christopher prays.



Bible camp gives outlet

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel held vacation Bible school this week.

Nearly 100 children in kindergarten through sixth grade attended the camp.

Vacation Bible school brings God and fun together as one. The children enjoyed games, crafts, exploration of nature and kept the creator as No. 1 throughout all their activities.



Joshua Crosby navigates a grouping of hoola hoops on an obstacle course children conquered at the week-long camp at the Robins AFB Chapel.

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Officials release RQ-4A accident report

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFP) — Air Force investigators have determined structural failure caused an Air Force RQ-4A Global Hawk aircraft to crash Dec. 30 at a deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Global Hawk, an unmanned reconnaissance aircraft, was destroyed upon impact about 80 miles from its operating location. No one was injured in the accident. The aircraft was assigned to the 12th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, but its parent unit is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at

Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

According to an Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Report, the primary cause of the accident was the structural failure of the right V-tail and ruddervator assembly because of massive delamination of the main spar. This was the result of the failure of a control rod which was bent by coming in contact with an improperly installed actuator nut plate bolt.

The ruddervator, which is a combination of a rudder and elevator, provides directional flight control for the aircraft. After the control rod failed, the aircraft entered a right spin and hit the ground.

Courtesy of ACC News Service.

Air Force releases findings in trainee's death

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFP) — Air Force officials have released a report of investigation into the death of Airman Basic Stephen W. Fortune, citing the cause of death as a ruptured aortic aneurysm.

Fortune died May 24, after he collapsed while negotiating an obstacle course during basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The investigation board determined the aneurysm was congenital and existed before Fortune entered the Air Force.

The report was the result

of an investigation directed by Maj. Gen. John F. Regni, 2nd Air Force commander here.

Col. Robert Simmons, commander of the 982nd Training Group at Sheppard AFB, Texas, was appointed to conduct the investigation which included interviews and statements from military training instructors, medical personnel and many of the trainees who participated in the obstacle course.

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.

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Process change allows bigger pool for leader selection

By Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Healey
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Getting the right person for the job is the fundamental reason why selecting materiel management leaders will now be a function of the Command Screening Board.

Although the change will personally affect only a small percentage of the AFMC family, the implications touch everyone in the command, AFMC officials said.

The CSB, a centralized process, has in the past several years, supplied a list from which wing and group commanders across the Air Force are screened for subsequent placement. On Sept. 10, the CSB's list will also become the source for the materiel management community's leaders, such as major weapon system program office directors and air logistics center directors, among others.

Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, is pleased this integration

will finally happen.

"This is a significant step for the Air Force," he said. "It's the right thing to do to make available the best candidates for these positions as well as recognize the significance of the leadership roles in this command."

Lyles has championed this change so the materiel leaders will be recognized as equivalent to wing and group commanders, both in visibility and responsibility. Last December, that effort paid off when Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, directed the acquisition and logistics leadership communities to participate in the CSB instead of a jointly-chaired AFMC, AF/IL, SAF/AQ functional selection process known as the Materiel Managers Board.

Air Force Senior Leader Management Office officials administer the CSB screening process. This office is a combination of the former General Matters Office, Air Force Colonel Matters Office and Air Force Senior Executive Management Office.

"This integration emphasizes one of the Air Force's core competencies — 'Service before self.'"

Charles Coolidge
AFMC vice commander

The screening board has multiple panels of qualified members which oversee specific functional categories.

To ensure the right criteria are used in the selection process for the materiel leaders' slots, there will be a Materiel Leaders Panel at the CSB with Lt. Gen. Stephen Plummer, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, serving as chairman. Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, AFMC vice commander, will be one of seven to nine other panel members.

Coolidge applauds the initiative as "a fundamental shift from an internally-focused functional management process to one aligned with the chief of staff's existing

method of identifying and choosing our Air Force Leaders."

He cites two of its most important points as providing a bigger pool of eligibles for the materiel leaders positions, and broadening the pool for the wing and group positions.

According to Col. Vincent Snyder, AFMC senior officer management division, AFSLMO will send a message to each military personnel flight Monday listing who is eligible for the CSB.

They, in turn, will notify the affected colonels and colonel-selects of their eligibility.

"A critical point for the eligible officers to realize is that if you accept eligibility to compete, you are vulnerable for all categories — if you decline, you decline them all," he said. "You can't choose which list you want to be on. This allows Air Force officials to best match your skills with Air Force leadership requirements."

"There are sure to be a lot of questions about the CSB, how the MMB will fit into it, and who it will

affect how," said Snyder. "This command's leadership will be here every step of the way to answer questions and provide the right information at the right time. Just because we've passed the torch to AFSLMO on the screening process doesn't mean we're passing on our responsibility to our people."

Headquarters AFMC Senior Officer Management Division officials have already established a web site with information including frequently asked questions, point papers on how the CSB is administered, eligibility criteria, accept and decline rights of eligibles, and other pertinent data. The Web site is www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/DP/dpo.

"This integration emphasizes one of the Air Force's core competencies — 'Service before self,'" Coolidge said.

"Air Force leaders are looking for the best person to fill every job. Sometimes it may not be exactly what the individual wants, but it will be what's best for our service and our nation."

Meeting addresses women, war

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force women deployed to the Middle East a decade ago faced unique health and emotional challenges as they successfully performed their missions during the Persian Gulf War, a military researcher said.

Air Force Reserve Col. Penny Pierce, a flight nurse who served six months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, was one of 30 speakers at a recent women's health symposium at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

During her presentation, "Deployment Considerations of Military Women," Pierce discussed findings from her recently concluded 10-year health surveillance study of 521 Air Force women who had served in the Gulf region during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"One of the things we wanted to do was just to document and describe those physical and emotional health effects of women who served during that time," Pierce said, adding that little official research was available before her survey on how deployments affect military women.

Pierce said her findings also helped researchers determine how the women's families fared following deployment, specifically their children.

Although a lot of strides have been made in addressing military women's health issues in the past decade, her

survey indicates that more work remains, she said.

An associate professor of nursing at the University of Michigan's School of Nursing, Pierce said survey answers and written comments reveal several gender-specific health challenges women faced once they reached the Persian Gulf.

Those concerns, she said, included inadequate field latrines, a shortage of physicians knowledgeable about women's health concerns, local clothing customs that caused great discomfort among women and, not unexpectedly, concern for children back home.

"Even despite some of the reported difficulties women have had, the singular message they want to convey — that they asked me to convey — is that they are proud to serve, they want to serve, despite everything," Pierce said.

The colonel said survey respondents pointed out that most field latrines they encountered offered little or no privacy.

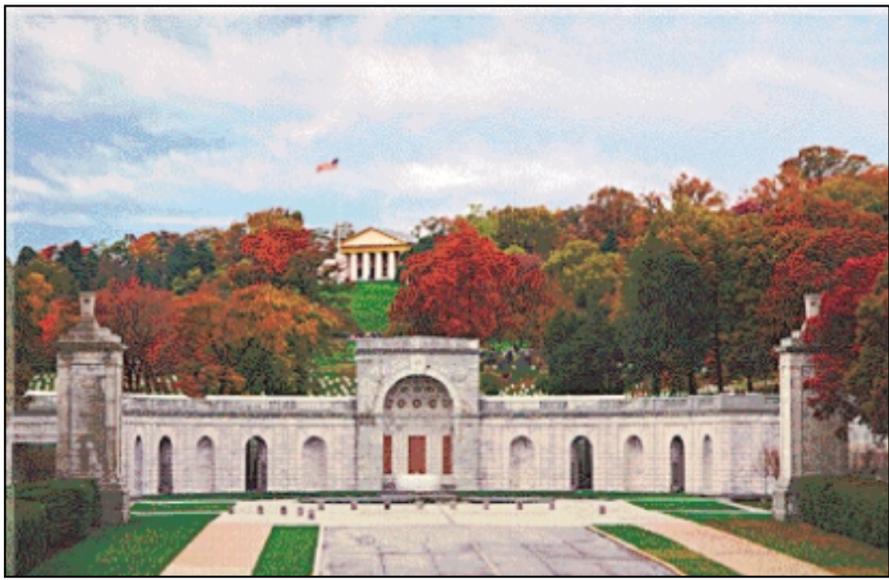
Some had barriers to screen users, but respondents believed that most were inadequate.

The situation embarrassed many of the women and caused them to endanger their health, she said.

Women aviators and other aircrew members, she said, were especially peeved. They had to pull down their flight suits while using latrines and that required them to disrobe in plain sight of the men, she said.

Because of the lack of privacy and routine long lines to use latrines, Pierce said many women surveyed reported holding off and waiting for less crowded moments at the latrines. That practice leads

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Courtesy photo

The Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery is a tribute to the many women who have served the United States through military service. Recently, a women's health symposium was held at the memorial to discuss and present findings that dealt with the physical and emotional health effects the 1990s Persian Gulf missions had on women who served in the Middle East.

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to urinary tract infections, which women report often while on field operations, she pointed out.

Pierce said bottled water was plentiful in the hot gulf climate, but the Air Force women said they limited their water intake to delay trips to the latrine. Many women became dehydrated as a result, she said.

Health care for women was another hot topic, Pierce said, noting that having "timely gender-specific health care in deployed locations...is probably the most important thing" the women cited in the survey. Respondents said that most health care providers they encountered were not physicians, but male medics who knew a little of female health concerns.

As a consequence, Pierce pointed out, many respondents said they simply put off addressing health issues until they could see a doctor, preferably a woman.

The Air Force women, she added, also cited the scarcity of female physicians in the gulf region.

Skin infections caused by continual wearing of full field uniform outside in the hot climate was another issue cited, Pierce said, noting that American service women had to be fully clothed when outside to comply with local cultural concerns.

"In Saudi, women couldn't take their shirts off, like men, to get cool; we (also) had to keep the long sleeves down...because of the culture," she explained.

Turning to "home front" issues, Pierce said that Air Force women deployed to the gulf who had children back home had more emotional worries than women, and men, without children.

Pierce said that differences between women and men should be leveraged rather than magnified in order to make the U.S. military stronger and more efficient. Information provided by long-term studies like the Air Force women's deployment survey, she added, can help to make that so.

"The take-away message, I think, from the subjects in my study the past few years is they are proud to serve their coun-

try," Pierce said, noting that military women comprise about 15 percent of the active-duty force.

Military women are proud of their service and "don't want to come across as complainers," Pierce said. However, she emphasized that the Gulf War survey of Air Force women illustrates genuine concerns.

"We want to speak to the data," Pierce said. "The more research that we do where we have quality data, then we can make quality policy decisions that best support women in military service.

"Perhaps that's what we need to listen to," she said. "How can we help women perform their duties, stay committed to a

military career, do their job, without the barriers and hindrances that we currently put in their way?"

Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, the program director for women's health issues within the office of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, was a major organizer of the symposium. A military psychiatrist, she

agreed that Pierce's work raised significant concerns of deployed women.

"We have been attempting to make headway in this arena," Ritchie said. "There are now a number of pamphlets and other sources of information to teach both women and the chain of command about the importance of personal hygiene, adequate hydration, private latrines and other methods to reduce infections."

She said important research is now ongoing within the Department of Defense regarding the provision of adequate latrine facilities for all deployed troops. Ongoing research efforts outside the DOD are examining the development of kits to self-diagnose and treat urinary tract infections, she said.

Still, field hygiene is a leadership issue, Ritchie said.

"Women usually will not complain, but they may vote with their feet and get out," she said.

Article courtesy of American Forces Information Service.

"The take-away message, I think, from the subjects in my study the past few years is they are proud to serve their country."

Col. Penny Pierce
Air Force Reserve flight nurse

Air Force pioneer dies

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the Air Force's first black general, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

Davis, promoted to the rank of general by President Bill Clinton on Dec. 9, 1998, is recognized for his role in breaking the color barriers in both the Army and Air Force. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on July 17.

Born Dec. 18, 1912, in Washington, Davis was the son of an Army cavalry officer. At age 14, following a flight with a barnstorming pilot at Bolling Field, he decided he wanted to fly.

Davis' long battle with military racial segregation began in 1932 when he became only the eighth black to enroll at West Point. In an attempt to force him to quit, upperclassmen ordered other cadets to give him the silent treatment. During his four years at West Point, Davis never had a roommate, never shared a tent when in the field and ate his meals in silence.

The young cadet persevered.

When he received his diploma and commission in 1936, he was only the fourth black cadet to graduate, ranking 35th in a class of 276. Following graduation, he joined his father as one of the few black officers in the Army.

The newly minted second lieutenant tried to follow his dream of flying, applying for flight school with the recommendation of the West Point superintendent. The Army, however, accepted no blacks into its air corps in any capacity — flying or support. What followed was an assignment to the infantry as the commander of a segregated service company at Fort Benning, Ga.

Two years later, he became an ROTC instructor at the all-black Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. He served briefly at Fort Riley, Kan., as aide to his father, Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first black to earn a general's star.

When President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the creation of a flight training program for blacks at Tuskegee, then-Capt. Davis was selected to lead the first class of 13 student pilots — thereby becoming the first Tuskegee



AFP file photo by Helene Stikkel

President Bill Clinton, left, and Elnora Davis McLendon, right, pin the fourth star on the epaulets of retired Gen. Benjamin O. Davis during a White House ceremony Dec. 9, 1998. Davis, who commanded the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

Airman.

But first, Davis had to fight through that first segregation breakthrough; he had to take two flight physicals because the first doctor he saw, who had not heard about Roosevelt's directive, failed him for a disease he never had — epilepsy.

Davis and the four others who graduated March 7, 1942, from Tuskegee's first class, formed the nucleus of the 99th Pursuit Squadron. With Davis in command, the 99th completed its combat training, then waited until the spring of 1943 before a war-fighting command would accept the unit.

The 99th flew its first combat mission June 2, 1943, with then-Lt. Col. Davis in the cockpit of the lead P-40 Warhawk.

Promoted to colonel, Davis returned to the United States to form and take command of the 332nd Fighter Group. The 332nd, which ultimately consisted of the 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd squadrons, became known as the "Red Tails" and achieved a combat record unmatched in World War II — no Allied bombers under their protection were downed by enemy fighters.

Following his military retirement, Davis served as safety director for Cleveland, commanding the city's police and fire departments. He later became director of civil aviation security and was named by President Richard Nixon as assistant secretary of transportation, where he helped cut the number of airline hijackings in the United States from 34 to zero in less than two years.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Web system now in use

The base education and training office is now processing the Education and Training Management System, or ETMS, Web July System Release. This change will release to the command the Automated DD 1556 Module of ETMS Web. This module is a new addition to the current system. It will allow current ETMS Web users to follow the DD 1556 from creation through completion. Current users of ETMS Web include supervisors, unit training managers and base education and training employees.

ETMS Web users who are granted access to the new 1556 module will notice some changes to the ETMS Web main screen. There will be a new button titled 1556 Functions. Users will click on the 1556 Functions button to view the list of options available. The automated DD 1556 form that is used was mirrored after the hard copy form. ETMS Web will pre-fill some of the required information based on information available within ETMS Web and the user drafting the DD 1556 will supply the rest. As the DD 1556 passes each level of approval, the approving user's name and phone number will be recorded at the bottom of the of the DD 1556. This will constitute their electronic signature on the form. The automated DD 1556 can be printed at any stage of the process. For more information about this new module of ETMS Web, contact Katee Dugas, ETMS site administrator, at 327-7320 or e-mail her at katharine.dugas@robins.af.mil.

Office looks for instructors

The Center Safety Office is looking for potential motorcycle safety instructor candidates. Although the training program is mandatory it is managed through the use of volunteer instructors. Your organization must be willing to release you for a 10-day temporary duty training session where you'll be certified as a Motorcycle

Safety Foundation instructor. Following the training you'll be working with other instructors and conducting a motorcycle training course at least once a month. If interested, contact Bill Morrow, 926-6271.

Tickets for ball on sale

Tickets are on sale through July 24 for the military ball. The ball will take place Aug. 3 at the Century of Flight Hangar of the Museum of

Aviation, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will provide a tribute to "The Warriors of Operation Enduring Freedom." Also featured at this year's event will be the 82nd Airborne All American Chorus. Tickets for on base personnel are available from your organizational ticket monitor or by contacting Linda Shaw or Phyllis O'Neal at 926-3826. Community personnel interested in attending should contact their local Chambers

of Commerce for individual and table sales. All proceeds benefit the Museum of Aviation. For additional information, visit the Robins home page.

Voting is important

Exercise your right to vote in upcoming local, state, and federal elections. Contact your unit voting assistance officer if you would like to register to vote. Base organizations without a unit voting

assistance officer are encouraged to appoint a representative.

Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov> for more information. Contact the installation voting officer, Capt. James Mitchell at 9266-8206 or james.mitchell@robins.af.mil.

New pass validation

Through a careful revalidation process, 78th

Operations Support Squadron has notified each section of the number of industrial area and flight line passes assigned for use. Effective Monday all old passes are void. New passes became effective June 17. Under no circumstance may a pass be duplicated. Perpetrators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact 2nd Lt. Wayne Taylor or 2nd Lt. David Walton at 926-2328.

Taking nation's patriotism with us while we serve

By Tech. Sgt. Paul A. Fazzini
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AFPN) — While traveling across the country, or even while in their hometown, most people would agree there is an incredible amount of patriotism being displayed through the flying of our nation's flag.

Since Sept. 11, that patriotism has been more apparent to me everywhere I turn, but never more so than in the men and women I serve with in the Air Force.

I've always thought my level of "gung ho" was higher than your average airman.

I always enjoyed getting "caught" during retreat, saluting both senior officers and the most junior second lieutenants.

I even enjoy calling those brand new airmen sir or ma'am, and then stand when they enter my office. While they are new to my Air Force, they are professionals and deserve the respect simply because they made the choice to serve this great country.

On a recent trip aboard one of Dover's C-5 Galaxies, to the country of Kyrgyzstan, located in the former Soviet Union, I had several opportunities to speak with the aircrew members, both officer and enlisted.

I found what they do for our nation, far and away, exceeds my level of patriotism. I'm not saying that as a

The flags that wave in front of homes, businesses and schools may become tattered and torn from the elements, but our service members — these aircrew members — continue to serve without getting torn apart by the daily grind. And, they never seem to waiver in their commitments, their patriotism.

journalist and former maintenance troop my job is less significant, but they really impressed me with their focus, resolve to serve and warrior spirit.

As I spent more time with them — going through the motions of crew rest, eating when you can, sleeping when you can, and patiently waiting for the alert call to happen — each brought a different experience level to the table.

One loadmaster was on his very first mission overseas, while another was on one of many since beginning his flying career during the latter stages of the Vietnam War — more than 20 years on board the C-5 alone.

But, it was during my conversation with a flight engineer that I realized something.

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serve without getting torn apart by the daily grind. And, they never seem to waiver in their commitments, their patriotism.

That engineer told me his patriotism is the way it is because he's carrying our nation's patriotism, more specifically your patriotism, wherever he flies.

He's taking it to foreign lands where other service members are fighting this war against terrorism.

Are you taking his patriotism to your job? I may never get another opportunity to fly with these individuals again, but they can count on me to press on, to represent them in all I do.

When considering the core value of "service before self," patriotism is almost automatic.

But it's really not. You have to want to take your teammate and your nation's patriotism with you. It's your choice and yours alone.

Commentary courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.

Good night's sleep can make all the difference

By 2nd Lt. Jason K. Perez
Electronic Systems Center Safety Office

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFPN) — According to the National Sleep Foundation, only about one-third of American adults say they get at least the recommended eight hours or more of sleep per night during the week.

Most people don't see a lack of sleep as a safety issue, but since so many people commute to work, perhaps it is an issue worth discussing.

Possibly you do get the proper amount of sleep.

However, since the NSF also says about half of people interviewed reported that they have driven while drowsy, maybe it's not worth honking at the person who's slowing up traffic on the way to work because this person may not be conscious enough to hear you.

According to the Spring 2002 edition of the Air Force Journal of Occupational, Recreational and Driving Safety, you might be sleepy if:

- Your eyes close or go out of focus
- You have trouble keeping your head up
- You can't stop yawning
- You have wandering, disconnected thoughts
- You drift between lanes, tailgate or miss traffic signs
- You keep jerking the car back into the lane
- You have drifted off the road and narrowly missed crashes

Chewing gum, rolling down your windows, and turning up highly annoying music won't save you. The average adult needs eight hours of sleep a night, but the average American sleeps only seven hours a night.

Not only does it affect your work, but it's unsafe on the road so, get plenty of sleep!

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

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

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

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



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

DMAPS clock

Q: The DMAPS clock rarely has the correct time. Today it is more than a minute slow. I e-mailed the DMAPS office about this on March 5. On March 6 I got an e-mail back from DMAPS admitting that their clock loses about 15 seconds per day. They said a possible solution is to purchase software that automatically checks for time and adjusts.

That was more than 3 months ago and they haven't fixed it yet. Their e-mail also said that the system administrator has been monitoring the timing situation and adjusting the time. Well, the system administrator isn't doing a very good job. Their clock is 1 minute and 6 seconds slow right now. I e-mailed them again about this problem a few days ago and so far have not heard from them.

A clock linked by radio to the standard atomic clock can be bought very cheaply. I have such a wrist watch, and I have seen clocks of the type for about \$30. Why can't DMAPS buy one of these clocks and adjust their time daily?

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: A version of the proposed solution was implemented on June 5. Using existing hardware and software, DISA expanded the concept by establishing a computer that is automatically updated by the U.S. Naval Observatory to serve as the "time standard" for all of its

computers. The TAA time clock has been synchronized with the "time standard."

Thanks for bringing this issue to my attention. If additional information or clarification is required, contact Mark Johnson at 926-2760.

Illegal parking

Q: I work in Bldg. 645 and have a concern about the parking situation in this area. I have noticed that there are 20 handicapped spaces in front of the building. This morning there were 12 of these spaces taken. Of these 12 spaces, only four had a handicapped tag or sticker displayed. Now I don't have a problem with those that need the spaces, but I don't understand the need for all those spaces taken illegally or the need for the extra spaces that go unused each day. With parking being a major problem, these spaces could be utilized more effectively. Also, are there any plans to increase parking spaces around Bldgs. 640/645? At this time we have to park out by the old base exchange. There just isn't any legal parking available when we come to work at 7 p.m.

A: Col. Cirrincione's responds: Since the 78th Security Forces Squadron and parking monitors work together to enforce parking instructions, I will pass your concern on to them to work this issue. As they conduct

extra patrols in the area of Bldg. 645 for force protection, they will also look for parking violations. In addition, please feel free to also address your concerns to the primary and alternate parking monitors for Bldgs. 640/645, Joann Rape at 926-1503 and Lynn Altman at 926-1586. The 78th Civil Engineering Squadron has just added 44 spaces at the rear of Bldg. 640 and hopes to add 25 more spaces later this fall as funds become available. Also by this fall, 30 spaces will be added where Bldg. 930 used to be. We recognize the limited parking around your building and will continue to strive to improve the situation with added parking and enforcement of existing parking.

Commissary kudos

Q: I would like to take an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful support provided to me at the commissary. A few weeks ago I had the task of purchasing the produce products for the 19th Air Refueling Group's Annual Safety Fair. For this event we planned to prepare 700 burgers and hot dogs. I wasn't very anxious of the thought of asking an already busy produce person for the assistance that I needed, but I proceeded to do just that. I approached the first produce department employee I saw and said, "Hi, I need a lot of assistance."

The response I received was, "OK, how can I help you." That individual's name is Diane Henry. She provided the case and bag pricing for the lettuce, tomato and onions that I required. Not only that, through her patience and assistance I was able to view the bulk quantity items, which allowed me to make an even more accurate decision of how much to purchase for our event. Once I decided on my quantity requirements, she loaded the items for me as well.

As a frequent shopper at our base commissary, I have in the past taken for granted the great service and quality of the fresh vegetables and fruits, not to mention the hard work it takes to keep these perishable type items fresh and well presented. Thank you Ms. Henry, and all of the produce department for what you do and how well you do it.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: I am pleased to convey your kudos to Ms. Henry and your appreciation for the produce department at the Robins AFB Commissary. Ms. Henry's assistance to you was no exception but rather her normal work ethic and desire to please the customer. Ms. Henry's supervisor, Harry Hodges, has assured me that Ms. Henry will receive the appropriate recognition for her great customer service that you have experienced.



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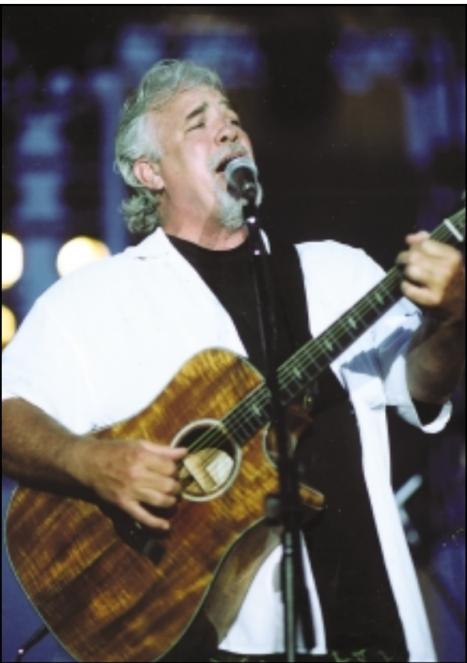
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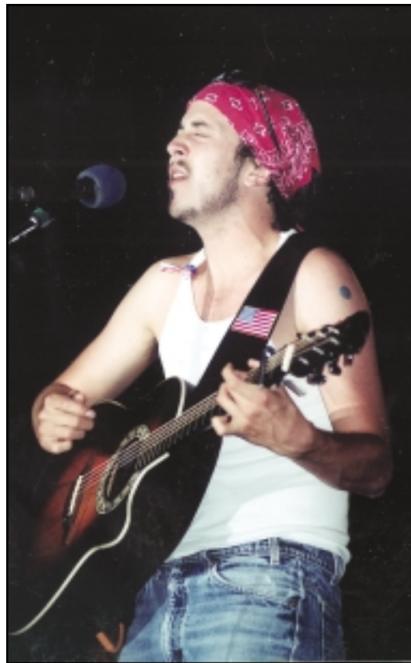
Master Sgt. Timothy Fountain performs a solo during the concert put on July 3 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium in Warner Robins.



The Houston County Honor Band performs at the Independence Day concert.



Gary Morris, left, was the headliner of this year's concert. His son, right, also performed for the large crowd that turned out to enjoy the music and fireworks.



Airman 1st Class Rebecca Collins gets down on her clarinet with back-up from tuba player Staff Sgt. William Granger while Staff Sgt. Steve Collins looks on.

U.S. Air Force photos by Gary Cutrell



Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren and Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, clap after a performance at the Independence Day Celebration put on by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



Staff Sgt. Steve Collins, Senior Airman John P. Caputo, Airman 1st Class Rebecca Collins and Airman 1st Class Carolyn W. Gill sing for the audience at the Independence Day concert.

TV SCHEDULE

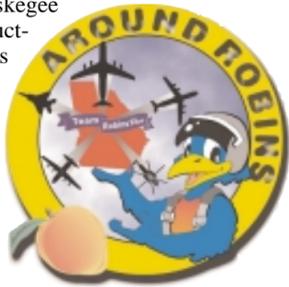
These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – This week's Around Robins will feature a local group of aviators who recently honored Bob Scott by making him its honorary wing commander. There will also be a look at what the Marines did while they were in the Macon area. The spotlight is on retired Lt. Col. Chuck Dryden, a former Tuskegee airman who was recently inducted into the Scott Society's Order of the Warhawk. Dryden is only the third aviator to be honored following retired Brig. Gen. Robert Scott and Senator Sam Nunn. There will also be information about the "adopt-a-pet" program at the nature center and the lightning warning system at Pine Oaks Golf Course.



Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week's Inside Robins will feature an interview with Lt. Col. Paul Dunbar. Dunbar discusses how Robins supports the C-17, if Robins will get modification work for the C-17, and multi-mission capabilities of the aircraft in Afghanistan.

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 — Undercover Brother (PG-13)

Starring Eddie Griffin and Chris Kattan.

An underground movement has begun unleashing a terrifying top-secret weapon — a drug that will reduce the entire population to mindless zombies. However, a dedicated group of good guys, known as the B.R.O.T.H.E.R.H.O.O.D., are now braced for a showdown. (language, sexual humor, drug content, and campy violence) 86 minutes



Saturday — The Sum Of All Fears (PG-13)

Starring Ben Affleck and Morgan Freeman.

European neo-Nazi terrorists get their hands on a lost nuclear device and set about on their plans to use it at the Super Bowl.



The plan is to disguise the attack as being caused by Russia, in the hopes of rekindling the Cold War. Luckily, young CIA analyst Jack Ryan is on the case. (violence, disaster images and brief strong language)



Sunday — Spirit: Stallion Of The Cimarron (G)

Matinee starts at 2 p.m., doors open at 1 p.m.

Animated Characters

A wild and rambunctious mustang stallion, Spirit, journeys through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a remarkable friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful paint mare named Rain on his way to becoming one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Old West. (General audiences)

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. During the remainder of the program members will have six chances to win. July safety meetings will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. and on July 24 at 11:45 a.m. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

Expressions 926-0304

Fill out the "Give Us Your Ideas" entry form on page 24 of the July Edge magazine and drop it off at Expressions, located at the base restaurant, for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate. Drawings will be held on Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. Need not be present to win.

Child Development Center 926-5805

Evening childcare will be available on July 19 6:30-10 p.m. at the CDC East and school-age program for ages 6 months to 12 years of age. For more information, call 926-5805.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Nominations for the Air Force Club membership scholarship program are due to services marketing by Monday.

Club members and their families can apply for the Air Forces Services sixth annual club membership scholarship program, sponsored by First USA Bank. Three scholarships will be awarded — \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Nominees must provide an essay on "Air Force Clubs — How to continue the tradition" and a single-page summary of their accomplishments. For additional information, call Sherry Trauth at 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Press Box is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be fried catfish and hushpuppies for \$7.95, today and Saturday; and two-for-one 10 ounce T-bone steak for \$14.95 on July 19 and 20. Reservations are welcome.

WIBB 97.9 FM will be out in full swing Saturday 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.

There will be a Preferred Plus! membership dinner Wednesday, 5:30-7 p.m. Members eat free. The cost is \$5 for guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

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 a first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. 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.

Junior Smooth Move

The center's Relocation Assistance Program has a workshop for kids of military and Department of Defense civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held at the center Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted on July 19, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

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

UNISERV TSP briefing

The personal financial management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan on July 19, 1-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units. The Web site www.tsp.gov has a summary of the booklet, forms and a question-and-answer section.



A Sunday brunch will be held on July 21 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Primary members eat free. The cost is \$8.95 for guests and \$11.95 for non-members.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

The current top three organizations for the 2002 Squadron Challenge with Robins Air Force Base and the Macon Braves are as follows: in first is the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron with 98 members; in second is the 93rd Air Control Wing 1A4 with 73 members; and in third is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Special Operations Forces System Program Office Special Programs Integrated Product Team with 16 members. Through July, military and civilians of any squadron or division can plan group trips to Macon Braves games for a chance to be the best. First sergeants and designated members of various units may purchase tickets from Information, Tickets and Travel. The group with the most participation wins an exclusive VIP party with the team, including giveaways and tickets to future Macon and Atlanta Braves games. Tickets are \$3.50 each. Call Information, Tickets and Travel or ask your first sergeant for more information.

Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: open recreation, 3-7 p.m., and a pool party at the enlisted club, 8 p.m. today; fund-raising yard sale at Smith Community Center, 7 a.m., Keystone members sleepover, 11 p.m. to 8 a.m., and center open, 6-11 p.m. Saturday; center open, 6-9 p.m., and Atlanta Rocks climbing wall field trip, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday; open recreation, 2-9 p.m., Wednesday; center closed, and Tennessee Aquarium field trip, 7:30 a.m., Thursday.

Officers' Club 926-2670

A Preferred Plus! membership appreciation dinner and dance will be held on July 26. A buffet dinner will be available 6-8 p.m. Bob Cummings and the Reflections will perform at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$10.95 for a guest or spouse. No reservations required. A la carte menu will not be available.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Swim lesson registration is under way at equipment rental, Bldg 986. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. The last class will be held July 23-Aug. 2. Cost for "Mommy & Me" toddler class (ages 2 and 3 years) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4-13 years) the cost is \$40 per child.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

Summer Bash "Let's Celebrate" will be held on Aug. 10, 4-9 p.m. at Robins Park. Activities will include games, rides, petting zoo, giant slide, merry-go-round, 24-foot rock climbing wall, big glove bouncy boxing, carnival games and entertainment. Participants will have a chance to win prizes such as two round-trip tickets on United Airlines for any where in the continental United States that United flies, DVD player with two DVD movies, two back packs, Xbox with a game, digital camera, beanie toys, T-shirts and "I want to be a millionaire" games. A \$3 wristband gives Summer Bash participants access to all games and amusements. Sponsored in part by AFMC Services, First Command Financial, Sprint/Sprint PCS, Macon Coca-Cola, Robins Federal Credit Union and United Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

A cookout will be held on July 26 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Pizza Depot patio. Get two hot dogs, chips and a 20-ounce drink for \$3.50.

A Summer Bash online coloring contest is located 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 on Aug. 10 will win a prize. Limit one entry per person.

Youth Center 926-2110

Before and after school program registrations will be held today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for currently or previously enrolled students and July 15-19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for new students. Register at the youth center, Bldg. 1021.

The Pied Piper will be performed on July 26 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Smith Community Center with children of the Robins AFB community playing the roles. Cost is \$3 for adults 18 years of age and older. Auditions will be conducted for elementary and secondary students to take part in the production beginning on July 22. Extended care will be offered on a limited basis for this weeklong event for \$60 per child. Make reservations for extended care by Monday by calling the school age program at 926-2110.

Suicide prevention skills

A workshop on applied suicide prevention skills training will be conducted July 24-25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., base chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

Interviewing 101

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing basics and preparation on July 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. Topics include general information on the interview process and its role and importance in the job search; types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them; as well as preparation for the interview, including dress.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free money and credit management workshop on July 26, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on July 31, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180.

This class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Personal financial fitness

The center has available an interactive CD-ROM training package on personal financial management. The personal financial management training series materials were developed to educate military personnel, their spouses and youth on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. Call the center at 926-1256 for a computer time to check out this program and begin working on a financial plan.

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.

Home alone

Tips help parents decide when to supervise

By Mary Hodgkins and Jane Hamilton
Family Advocacy Officer and Robins School Counselor

Children love summer for many reasons. Life is more relaxed, more fun.

It's also a time when some children ask parents if they can play or stay at home without parental supervision.

To help parents make these difficult decisions, the following guidelines have been approved by Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander. These are the same guidelines used by the Department of Family and Children's Services and Family Advocacy Program when they are asked to evaluate situations.

- Children younger than 4 should not be left alone.

- Children 5 to 8 may walk to school or the youth center. They can play outside if an adult can see or hear them and checks on them frequently.

- Children 9 through 12 may be left alone for a short time if they are responsible and capable.

- Children 12 and older may be left in charge of a younger child.

- A child who demonstrates the following traits consistently is probably capable of self-care: completes chores; follows directions; tells problems to parents; uses good judgment; knows how to contact and respond to emergencies like fire, poison and injuries; knows personal safety including handling phone calls, strangers at the door, sexual assault safety; knows house rules, what is expected from parents; wants to be alone.

When in doubt about leav-



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When in doubt about leaving a child or children alone, don't. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

ing a child or children alone, don't. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

If you have children who don't get along, even if they

are older, it is a wise idea for an adult to be in charge or other arrangements to be made.

Anyone with questions or

anyone who sees a situation in which children seem to be at risk, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 327-8398.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

- **Michelle Needleman**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Mary R. Stefanos, 327-1618.

- **Betty Beal**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Paula B. McGuorick, 327-1778.

- **Angelina D. Colemn**, Logistics Management Directorate. Point of contact is James Sheffield, 926-2956.

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.

Robins 3-peats as AFMC champs

By Staff Sgt. Jay Grall

The 4th of July is a special holiday for most military members. For the men of the Robins Air Force Base Softball Team, it was one to remember. For the third time in three years, Robins won the Air Force Material Command Softball championship.

The tournament, hosted at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was a five-day event, with teams representing Eglin AFB, Fla., Edwards AFB, Calif., Hanscom AFB, Mass., Hill AFB, Utah, Kirtland AFB, N.M., Tinker AFB, Okla., and Robins AFB. After practice each team sent two representatives to the Home Run Derby where Robins' Sam Pursley hit 7 of 10 out to win the competition.

"Players from the other teams where in awe," said Robins head coach Brian Maxwell, "someone said they should serve meals on anything that travels that far."

The format was a seven game round-robin tournament with each team playing the other teams once. The top four teams then advanced to a double-elimination round on July 4.

Robins opened the tournament against a young, scrappy team from Hill.

Robins started flat and didn't get their first hit until the eleventh batter of the game. Defensive miscues and good hitting from Hill sent Robins to an early defeat. In the next game, Robins faced the boys from Hanscom.

Robins regained their strokes putting up 24 runs and ending the day with a 1-1 record.

Day two saw three games on the schedule for Robins. First up was Kirtland, with Robins pulling off the 14-9 victory.

Next up was Edwards, who showed up with a young team this year.

Despite turning three double plays and great defense, the offense of Robins proved to be just too much for them.

The afternoon saw Robins facing tournament host Wright-Patterson and former Robins player Eric North.

North and his team showed how important hitting with two outs can be, scoring 16 of their 31 runs with two out, sending Robins home for the day with a 4-2 record.

With two games remaining the following day, the team came together that night for a unity dinner; and whatever they ate must have worked. Robins came out

Wednesday morning to face regional rival Eglin AFB. Robins has faced them several times this year and obviously felt very comfortable against them as they ended the game early with a 38-8 route.

"We finally found a lineup we liked. We had a lot of injuries and moved people up and down in the order to try and generate some offense. I guess it worked," said assistant coach Greg Harden.

It worked so well that Tinker, 1-5 coming into the afternoon game, could do nothing to stop the offensive onslaught and watched helplessly as Robins pounded them 26-4. Now it was time to determine who would advance to the next day's double elimination round. Robins, Hill and Eglin all finished with 5-2 records, each having one victory and one loss to the other. The deciding factor was

number of runs scored, giving Robins the top seed in the tournament.

Hill, Eglin and Kirtland, which made it in with a 4-3 record, completed the top 4 tournament seeds.

Robins picked up where they left off. Facing fourth seeded Kirtland, Robins again invoked the 20 run rule, which states if a team is up by 20 runs after 4

innings that team ahead is declared winner, beating Kirtland 25-5. Meanwhile, the team from Hill pulled out a late inning victory against Eglin, setting up the rematch everyone on the Robins team wanted.

Against Hill, Robins pulled out to an early lead but was never able to completely put Hill away. Robins never trailed throughout the game and pulled out the narrow victory 30-27. "They just

didn't quit, they're like cockroaches or something. They just kept coming. We would need 6 runs to end it and we'd get 5, then they would come in and score 8 or 9. They had a lot of heart," said Steven VanErt.

Hill had to face Kirtland, who had defeated Eglin in the first elimination game. While the Robins team rested, Hill and Kirtland battled back and forth to see who would face Robins in the championship game. Kirtland rallied to win by one run in the last inning for the right to play Robins. With less than twenty minutes between games, Kirtland came out sluggish in the championship.

"You could tell they were done," commented Robins' Sam Pursley, "They had already played three games in that heat and they knew what we had done to them earlier, too."

Robins again broke the 30 run mark scoring 33 runs to Kirtland's 12. That's when the celebration began.

The Robins team met at the middle of the field and huddled together, reminded of what had been said earlier that morning, "Three wins. That's what I told them we needed to win it. Three wins," said Robins' George Broussard.

Robins Air Force Base Men's Softball Team

Senior Airman Greg Bailey, 5th CCG, OF
 Tech. Sgt. George Brossuard, 5th CCG, P
 Staff Sgt. Jay Grall, 12th ACCS, OF
 Master Sgt. Greg Harden, 5th CCG, 1B, EH
 Tech. Sgt. Russ Hearst, 116th BW, C, 1B
 Master Sgt. John Maldonado, 78th CS, SS
 Staff Sgt. Brian Maxwell, AFRC, IN, Coach
 Staff Sgt. Louis McCoy, 78th MDG, OF
 2nd Lt. Brian Nealon, 5th CCG, OF
 Staff Sgt. Sam Pursley, 5th CCG, OF
 Tech. Sgt. Tony Vanderstock, 116th BW, 3B
 Airman 1st Class Steven VanErt, 12th ACCS, IN, OF
 Staff Sgt. James Westmoreland, AFRC, OF, P

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

As of July 9

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB
78 MSS/WR-ALC	20	2	0	.909	—
19 ARG-1	19	3	0	.864	1
5 MOB-1	16	3	0	.842	2.5
LBP/C130	17	5	0	.773	3
93 ACW-1	14	5	0	.737	4.5
78 SFS	16	6	0	.727	4
93 ACW-2	15	6	0	.714	4.5
12 ACCS	15	7	1	.682	5
OLD CROWS	13	7	0	.650	6
78 CS	13	7	0	.650	6
HQAFRC	12	7	0	.632	6.5
93 CSS	12	8	0	.600	7
19 ARG-2	13	9	0	.591	7
93 MXS/LG	11	9	1	.550	8
78 MDG	11	11	0	.500	9
78 CEG	10	10	0	.500	9
AF OSI	9	12	0	.429	10.5
116 BW	8	14	0	.364	12
128 BS	7	13	0	.350	12
AHZ	6	15	0	.286	13.5
367 RCG	5	16	0	.238	14.5
653 CLSS	5	17	0	.227	15
93 MXS/AGE	4	17	0	.190	15.5
5 MOB-2	4	18	0	.186	16
CGOA	4	19	0	.174	16.5
53 CBCS	3	17	0	.150	16
78 OSS	1	20	0	.048	18.5

SPORTS BRIEFS

AFA golf tournament

The Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 will hold their annual golf tournament on July 19 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Shotgun starts will be held at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with lunch at 11 a.m. Tournament fee is \$50 per person, \$35 for enlisted, with all sponsorship profits benefiting the Stafford Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact John Carter at 922-4258 or Kathy Copija at 923-5741.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Life's a beach with FitLinxx. Customers will have a chance to win a \$200 voucher for hotel accommodations at any Choice Hotels International

in July. The center has set goals using various distances to beaches from Warner Robins.

To be eligible for the drawing, use the FitLinxx equipment or perform any aerobic type exercise. Each minute of aerobic exercise equals a mile toward the goal. Every time a destination is reached their name will be entered into the drawing to be held at the end of the month.

Golf Course 926-4103

The Robins Air Force Base Golf Championship will be held on Aug. 17 and 18. The cost is \$30 for advanced green fee players and \$50 for non AGFP. Includes green fees, range balls and prizes.

The cart fee is extra — \$8 for mem-

bers and \$9 for 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 AFB 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 held on Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10 and 17, 9-10:15 a.m. Session III is 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. Receive four weeks of lessons at a team rate of \$80.

For details, call 926-4103.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Avionics holds big bite bash

The Avionics Management Directorate Production Division held its annual Watermelon Feast on July 3. The division management furnished the watermelons. James Addison, a co-op student currently enrolled in the Robins Air Force Base Technical Co-Operative Program, grew all 110 of them. Addison works in the F-15 avionics repair branch.



Courtesy photo

James Shatek cuts a piece of watermelon for John Wiggins at the Avionics Management Directorate Production Division Watermelon Feast on July 3.

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.

Health meeting open to all

Col. George P. Johnson, 78th Medical Group commander, will host the quarterly 78th Medical Group Healthcare Consumer's Advisory Council Meeting Thursday at 2 p.m., at the Smith Community Center

ballroom. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first-hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. Commanders, first sergeants, command champions, enlisted, officers, civilians and others with medical group concerns or positive feedback are highly encouraged to be a part of this informative meeting. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Fredrick Newell at 327-8027, or Tech. Sgt. Lottie Moon at 327-8027.

Office seeks participants

Robins Air Force Base Education Office is now accepting enrollment into the 2002/2003 Air Command and Staff College seminar program. Major or major selectees of all services, Civil Air Patrol and civilian employees grade GS-11 and

above are eligible to enroll.

The ACSC seminar program consists of six separate courses with examinations and four written exercises. The seminar meets approximately three hours a week for 10 months. The American Council on Education recommends up to 27 hours of graduate credit.

If you are interested in enrolling in this seminar, or need further information, contact Robert Anderson at 327-7304 or via e-mail at robert.anderson@robins.af.mil.

Veterans can be teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center, Bldg 905, Suite 113, Monday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the

U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to service members who are seeking a second career as educators in public schools.

Troops to Teachers is administered by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and is headquartered in Pensacola, Florida. For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 800-745-0709; commercial at 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.

Motorcycle training

The next motorcycle training class is scheduled for Thursday and July 19. Sign up through security forces pass and ID or contact Bill Morrow, at the center safety office at 926-6271 or william.morrow@robins.af.mil.

HONOR ROLLS

Members of the Space and Special Systems Management Directorate recently received Patriot of the Quarter awards for the second quarter.

Gloria Fowler won for category I, GS-03 to GS-07. Fowler spent hours learning the new training system to ensure employees would not miss any required or needed training. She was able to troubleshoot training issues for employees with ease. She paved the way for others coming into the division by maintaining concise training and military files.



Fowler

Frank Barnes won for category II, GS-09 to GS-13

— specialist, professional. During this period, Barnes was a key player in the Davis-Monthan A-10 GAU-8 incident investigation. His documentation, preservation and testing of the evidence directly resulted in the discovery of ammunition issues causing the most extensive damage in the history of the 30 millimeter GAU-8 gun incidents. This discovery explained this incident and prevented other like incidents from happening.

For category III, the **Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Technical Order Team** came out on top. The team has consistent-

ly overcome schedule and contract limitations to deliver top quality manuals to the 93rd Air Control Wing. It has implemented process improvements to ensure an integrated solution is delivered to the customer. The hard work of the team has ensured the 93rd ACW has safe, suitable and effective technical orders with which to operate and maintain the JSTARS. The team members are **Irelle Dixon, Brenda Giles, Paul Wilson, Bill Browder, Mike Giles, John Siebenaler, Joan Brown, Andy Giles, Eddie Driggers** and **Master Sgt. Todd Smith**.

Where in the world are they reading?



Jerri McGirr gives information about Scotland during story time at the base library. This summer children are learning about different countries and cultures during the Tuesday readings.

The Robins Air Force Base Library summer reading program is taking children around the world.

"Where in the World Are You Reading" is the name of this year's summer reading sequence. Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. children gather in the library to hear guests from around the world speak about their different languages, customs and cultures.

The nine-week program will culminate with an ice cream party at the library on Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. Drawings at the party will include a bowling birthday party certificate and Robby the Robin beanie toys.

Children in the program were required to read at least 10 age-appropriate books and attend at least four meetings at the library.



Senior Airman Kara Thorson, on the bagpipe, and Tech. Sgt. Jerry Textor, on the drum, members of the Band of the Air Force Reserve, perform for children at the base library.



Alena Vazquez reads during story time at the base library.

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Participants in the Robins Air Force Base Library "Where in the World Are You Reading" program ask Senior Airman Kara Thorson questions about bagpipes and other Scottish traditions on June 25.