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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Robins' depot maintenance reorg set for Oct. 1

New structure to boost warfighter support

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When it comes to the future of maintenance organizations at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, where once there were many, soon there will be one.

As part of a reorganization across Air Force Materiel Command, Robins is combining all of its maintenance companies into one comprehensive corporation – the Directorate of Maintenance. The merger is aimed at increasing efficiency and effectiveness while providing improved support to the warfighter and establishing uniformity across the Air Force's three air logistics centers.

"This reorganization – the largest at Robins since 1990 – comes at the right time for our center, our command and our nation," said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

"Our maintenance work force is already in the midst of a revolution with the implementation of Lean Depot Repair initiatives across the center. This change enables us to deploy Lean more consistently and share best business practices among various weapon systems. All of this adds up to improved support to the warfighter at a time when it's more needed – wartime."

The general stressed that no jobs would be lost in the maintenance

consolidation and there will be virtually no impact on most base workers. "About 95 percent of our people will come to work in the same place, doing the same job, with the same people," said Wetekam. "The only major difference is that all maintenance workers will be working for a single director."

Jim Culpepper, the current director of the Logistics Management Directorate, will lead the new directorate. He is the principal logistics advisor to the center commander. A 33-year veteran of federal service, Culpepper has extensive experience in maintenance finances, requirements and acquisition budget poli-

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Transformation: Falldine explains Robins' roadmap

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The Air Force is going through transformation and so is Robins Air Force Base. In many ways, the base has already felt the effects of this new way of thinking, including the maintenance reorganization announced today, but there's more to come.

According to George Falldine, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs director, "While Robins has always tailored

its business practices to the changing mission, threat or war scenario, what's happening now is that we have the Department of Defense and the Air Force beginning to rethink conflicts of the future. We're no longer thinking in terms of traditional kinds of war planning where you'll have a major defined conflict with a major defined, or a minor defined, enemy. It's now about the ability to respond very

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Air Force looks to the future

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics visits base, speaks of change

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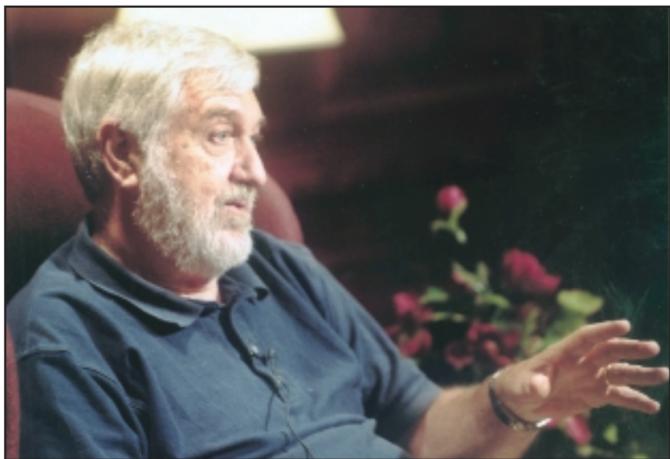
Like the Bob Dylan song, for the Air Force, "The times they are a' changing."

And those changing times require changes in the way the Air Force does business, according to Nelson F. Gibbs, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

Gibbs toured the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center July 17-18, where he received briefings from base leadership and gave his own briefings on trends for the future.

Gibbs said the base, along with the Oklahoma City and Ogden Air Force Base air logistics centers, is set to play an important role in the Depot Maintenance Reorganization transformation program.

"(Robins) is an integral part of it," he said. "The DMRT is really a cooperative effort among Headquarters Air Force, (Air Force Materiel Command), and with each of the ALCs playing a really important role. It's a combination of all three of those levels that have allowed us to look at ALCs from different perspectives and be most effective in identify-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics talks about changing the way the Air Force does business.

ing those inhibitors that are keeping the depots from expanding their competencies to be all they can be."

During his briefing on the future of Air Force depot maintenance, Gibbs told various mid-level supervisors and leadership from the Local 987 of the American Federation of Government Employees to concentrate on being a world-class organization.

"To become a world-class organization, the Air Force will have to recruit, train and retain a high-quality work force; implement depot maintenance processes, and sustain a robust, modern, properly sized infrastructure," he said.

As to what makes up a world-class organization, Gibbs said it

has to do with handling current troubles and being proactive.

"In my view, a world-class maintenance organization is one that has developed its ability to handle its problems in a rapid and effective manner – that it is not only willing to change as the times change – it gets out ahead and it becomes a leader, making changes to respond to the requirements that the customer puts on them."

And one way that Robins is looking to meet the customer's needs is by adopting LEAN Depot Repair concepts. A task that Gibbs said not only has Robins heading in the right direction, but also falls in line with future transformation.

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MSEP: Checking it out

Mike Fulmer, C-130 aircraft supervisor talks with Col. Doc Warr, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General Task Evaluation Team member, about a sloping longeron, which is a part of the interior frame of the C-130E. The Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program evaluation was ongoing this week to evaluate how well the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center maintenance and repair operations conform to Air Force technical requirements, specifically in the areas of maintenance management, technical data, process tools and equipment, and qualification and training.

LANTIRN's performance lights the way for the war fighter

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In less than one year of operation under a historical direct sales agreement between the Air Force and Lockheed Martin, the Avionics Production Division, or LYP, has proven it has what it takes to support the war fighter.

In July 2001 Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines, former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signed the Air Force's first DSA for commodity repair. The agreement stipulates that LYP will perform depot-level repairs on Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night shop replaceable units for direct delivery to Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. Recent figures show that after just nine months of operation under the agreement, LYP has reduced Lockheed's LANTIRN SRU repair turnaround time by approximately 75 percent. For the 190 items that LYP has repaired since August, the division's average SRU turnaround time has been 21 flow days compared to the

previous vendors' 86-day average for similar repairs. As a direct result of these SRU flow day reductions, LANTIRN roll section line replaceable unit flow days have also been reduced by eight days and mission incapable awaiting parts, or MICAP, backorders have decreased from 40 to two during this same time period. LRUs are line items with associated stock numbers; SRUs are subassemblies of LRUs.

LYP's success is nothing short of remarkable and it also provides an excellent benchmarking story. However, falling squarely behind LYP's success is the DSA, and the Air Force and Lockheed's commitment to supporting the war fighter. An example of this continuing commitment is Lockheed's recent request for LYP to repair 64 more items than those 163 items already covered by the agreement.

"The DSA is one of the reasons that the LANTIRN weapon system, specifically the targeting pod, is mission capable today," said Gregg Fogarty, chief of the Precision Attack, Radar & Manufacturing



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Derrick Jackson works on the nose section of a Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night targeting pod.

Branch — or LYPM. Fogarty believes that the agreement provides three-fold benefits. For the Air Force, LYP is better able to exercise its depot-level capabilities and capacity.

For industry, Lockheed Martin is now able to pick up and repair LRUs faster because they do not have to wait so long for SRU vendor support. But the ultimate benefactors, the war

fighters, have gained the most from this partnership. "They now have the items they need, on the shelves, when they need them," said Fogarty.

Jack Schoch, general manager for the Lockheed Martin World Wide LANTIRN Depot describes the DSA as "a very unique contract arrangement that punctuates the forward vision leadership and partnering initiatives of Lockheed Martin and WR-ALC. This arrangement is a win for industry, a win for the government, and a win for the war fighter. We are very excited about the partnership and the positive impact it will have on the health and longevity of Robins Air Force Base."

According to Fogarty, LANTIRN leadership birthed the partnership with Lockheed after Operation Desert Storm when sales of the LANTIRN navigation and targeting pods – the two weapons systems that make up LANTIRN – increased by 50 percent, primarily to foreign nations. "Even with the increased pod sales workload, the Air Force's repair capacity remained the same," said Fogarty.

Rumsfeld: Leaking classified info 'outrageously irresponsible'

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Anyone in the Department of Defense who would leak classified information to the press is so "outrageously irresponsible" that an investigation to find that person is worth the cost, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday.

Rumsfeld ordered the Air Force's Office of Special Investigation to look into a leak that is the purported basis of a July 5 New York Times article on a secret

war plan for an attack on Iraq. The information in the article allegedly came from a top-secret document provided by an anonymous defense official.

"I think anyone who has a position where they touch a war plan has an obligation to not leak it to the press or anybody else, because it kills people," Rumsfeld said in a Pentagon press briefing.

He was adamant that the person who leaked the document should be jailed. He said people could get killed if others start treating "war plans like paper airplanes" they can fly to anybody who wants them.

"I think it is so egregious, so terrible, that I decided to have an investigation notwithstanding the cost," Rumsfeld said.

According to military legal experts, jail time for such a crime is a real possibility. A senior defense official explained military people caught leaking classified information can be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and civilians, under the Espionage Act.

"Depending on the severity of the leak, people caught passing classified information could spend significant time in jail under the

Espionage Act and the UCMJ," he said. In times of war, the death penalty is even a possibility if the leak were egregious enough, he added.

At a minimum, individuals caught leaking classified information would lose their security clearances, which usually means the loss of their jobs as well, the official said.

During the briefing, Rumsfeld also said DOD employees who know of leaks should come forward. "I hope that if there's anyone in the Department of Defense who knows who did that, that they will give someone in a position of

responsibility that information, because they have every bit as big an obligation to do that as they do to not release it in the first place," he said.

Rumsfeld also vehemently dismissed the notion that someone might have leaked the information to expose a flawed plan, thus saving lives. "There is nothing you could say that would lead me to believe that the individual was well motivated and trying to serve his country by violating federal criminal law — nothing you could say," he said.

AFPS reporter Jim Garamone contributed to this article.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup officers' Hail and Farewell today at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Ryan Earnest at 926-3371, or by e-mail at ryan.earnest@robins.af.mil.

Personnel office closed

The Civilian Personnel Office will observe a DPC call today. This official function will begin at noon. Limited services will be available after that time due to minimum manning in all offices.

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.

78th ABW hosts NCO promotion ceremony

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW enlisted promotion ceremony Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Century of Flight Hangar, Museum of Aviation. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia, or Master Sgt. Mike Stanton, at 926-0792.

Mobility exhibit at museum today

Showcase of Mobility will be on exhibit at the Museum of Aviation today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is traveling across America to educate the public of how 767 tanker and C-17 airlifter impact American jobs, technology and freedom.

Medical clinics 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.

Safety office needs motorcycle 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.



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

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presents the flag that draped the coffin of Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. to Davis' sister, Elnora McLendon, during the burial at Arlington National Cemetery on July 17.

Pioneering Tuskegee Airman laid to rest in Arlington

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

WASHINGTON — Friends, family and military people gathered July 17 to pay tribute and to lay to rest an Air Force pioneer.

Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first black Air Force general officer, was remembered with a memorial service at the Bolling Air Force Base Chapel. After the ceremony, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Davis died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center of natural causes. He was 89.

Dr. Alan Gropman, chairman of the Grand Strategy Department at National Defense University, delivered the eulogy. Many of those in attendance wore the distinctive red jackets of the Tuskegee Airmen, and were members of the units Davis commanded during, and after, World War II.

"General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., is an American hero," said Gropman. "We call those who demonstrate physical courage heroes because they risk their lives for something bigger than themselves.

"General Davis risked his life for his (country and his people). He believed all his adult life in racial integration and thought he could bring this essential reform to America

once World War II began. If he demonstrated blacks could fly and fight and lead with the same skill and courage as whites, a notion foreign to white America of 1941, he believed he could destroy the myth of racial inferiority.

"The Tuskegee Airmen shared his vision and courage, and he and they succeeded."

Davis' nephew, Judge L. Scott Melville, spoke on the attributes of respect, dignity and honor, and how Davis worked to earn them.

"(Men) and women of all colors could not acquire those attributes through birth...they had to earn them," said Melville.

"Ben understood these rules of American politics, and he was determined to overcome them. Not by demonstrating, not by denouncing, not by complaining, not by whining, but by succeeding," Melville said. "He was determined to succeed. This is what motivated him. He tried to instill in each of his officers the need to show by example that they were just as good as anybody else, and maybe even better."

Following the memorial service, Davis' body was taken to Arlington National Cemetery.

Safety office stresses traffic safety



Pedestrians are encouraged to use this overpass that straddles First Street at Bldg. 125. At right Don Bill, who works in the F-15 System Program Office, uses the pedestrian overpass.

By J. Darin Pierce
WR-ALC Safety Office

In recent months Robins Air Force Base safety personnel have noticed people are failing to utilize crosswalks, speeding and not wearing their seatbelts on Robins roadways.

One area of concern involves the overpass that crosses over First Street adjacent to Bldg. 125. Personnel are crossing the road in this area instead of utilizing the pedestrian overpass.

The vehicle operators in this area are often times not expecting pedes-

trians to be crossing the roadway and may not see them in time to stop.

In areas where an overpass is provided pedestrians must utilize it. The pedestrian is breaking the law by crossing the street instead of using the overpass.

When a vehicle and a pedestrian collide the pedestrian loses 100 percent of the time.

Many users share base roads and not all are as easy to see as automobiles.

No one is more vulnerable in traffic than the pedestrian. When crossing the street, pedestrians

should increase the odds in their favor by following a few simple steps.

- Use marked crosswalks when crossing streets.

- In areas where there are no painted crosswalks or an elevated crossing bridge, cross at the intersections.

- Look both ways before entering the street and never assume oncoming traffic will stop for you.

- Walk; do not run because you may fall into the vehicle's path.

Remember, vehicles have the right-of-way on the road. They are to yield to you only if you're

already in the crosswalk – do not race them to the crosswalk.

People should also remember not to park in fire lanes. This greatly hinders emergency vehicles' ability to respond to fires or other emergencies. Park only in approved parking spaces. Do not park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

With the multitudes of vehicles and pedestrians at Robins, speed limits are very important. Speed limits are set for good reasons, but the strongest argument for slowing down is the simple fact that speeding is dangerous.

Safety officials have also noticed

that personnel are not using seatbelts. It is against Georgia State Law to operate a passenger vehicle without wearing seatbelts. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing his or her seatbelt prior to the vehicle being put in motion.

Safety belts have been proven to save lives.

Crosswalks, speed limits, and seatbelts are all tools to be used for your safety.

The roadways of Robins can be very dangerous if just one of these is not utilized. Play it safe all the time.

'Waste busters' keep LEAN in line with WR-ALC goals

By Dwight Gatlin
Depot Re-engineering

By now everyone has probably heard of LEAN, a method used by a variety of companies to instill continuous process improvement in their organizations. Simply put, there are two basic steps to all LEAN efforts — identify waste and eliminate waste.

There have been several very successful LEAN CPI efforts at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center over the past few years. Recently Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, center commander, made the decision to utilize the principles and concepts of LEAN across all business areas. The Re-engineering Directorate was chosen to support and coordinate this effort and has prepared a concept of operations that aligns LEAN with the goals of the WR-ALC strategic plan as well as Air Force Materiel Command objectives.

Consultants from Simpler Consulting are proven experts in LEAN deployment and

have been working with several WR-ALC organizations for some time now. RE will continue to rely on Simpler's expertise and has also put together a diverse expert staff of their own to advise organization change agents as they deploy LEAN throughout the center. The RE guys are jokingly called "Waste Busters," but actually are advisors to all of the various organizations.

The advisor's role is to communicate deployment objectives for CPI, ensure that standard LEAN methodology is used, and coordinate organization's efforts for "bottom line" results in terms of scheduled delivery, cost and quality. They will be deployed, as needs dictate, throughout all WR-ALC and base organizations, but not permanently assigned to any specific area. This will allow them the capability and flexibility required to fully support all initiatives.

The leader of the LEAN advisor team is Andy Gross who has an industrial engineering degree from Auburn University and has



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
John Ezell, Andy Gross and Tom McAlister plot ways to eliminate waste.

extensive knowledge of, and experience in, previous programs such as total quality management, strategic planning and other RE initiatives.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bennie Montgomery has unparalleled experience in

aircraft maintenance and was instrumental in setting up the "Blue Suiter" program at Robins. He holds an FAA Certified Airframe and Power Plant license.

Barry Justice has many years of experience in the private sector with Lockheed and other companies and has been involved with implementing programs with LEAN concepts since 1981.

Carl Ray Duncan has worked in aircraft production as a forward logistics specialist in addition to also serving as a depot supply retail item manager and supply systems analyst.

Dwight Gatlin has more than 30 years experience in depot supply and was the first C-141 Weapon System Support Center chief.

Gerald Smith recently retired after an extremely productive Air Force career as a supply non commissioned officer. He was the first Aircraft Repair Enhancement Program materiel storage and distribution chief at

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Avionics surges to reach 9-11 milestones

Division flexes its production muscles to support war fighters

Office of Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – The Avionics Management Directorate reached two significant milestones when it produced its 10,000th and 13,000th surged units since 9-11 in support of military members in the trenches around the world.

Surge units are items repaired and supplied above the usual amount of parts to customers in support of the global war on terrorism. Surge units are coded in support of various Joint

Chiefs of Staff directed missions. Each surge unit fills a need for war fighters as they combat terrorist activity wherever it may hide.

In the past, the Avionics Production Division repaired an average of 16,000 total units from October to December. This year, 19,600 units were produced in those three months, of which 4,815 directly supported the war on terrorism.

The 10,000th surge unit is the trigger pulse amplifier, more commonly known as the “driver.” It is an integral part of the many systems that make up the AWACS surveillance radar.

Personnel in the directorate’s source of supply functional area are responsible for the 13,000th surge requirement. An antenna coupler was shipped to the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. This part is applicable to the Airborne Radio Communications

System, also known as ARC-190, which has been in use by the Air Force for 20 years. While the ARC-190 is used on multiple platforms, this particular system will be installed on one of 37 C-5 aircraft at Travis.

The 60th AMW is responsible for strategic airlift missions circling the globe. The unit’s primary role is to provide rapid, reliable airlift of American fighting forces anywhere in support of national objectives.

Since 9-11, the division has worked through the initial rush of production and met every demand. Surge is now an everyday occurrence that has become part of the daily workload. Through Lean Depot Repair initiatives, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is working to increase its capacity to repair the more than 175 aircraft electronic systems, 5,300 discrete items and any future work required.

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WR-ALC while working in both the C-141 and F-15 WSSC’s.

John Ezell held several key positions within the aircraft maintenance area during his career including Deputy Production Division chief. His expertise is recognized throughout all of the aircraft production areas.

Roger Hobbs also held several key positions in the aircraft maintenance area during his career and also served on both the C-5 and C-17 bid teams.

Bart Reed is retired from the Air Force with 20 years of Standard Base Supply System experience and has been involved with process improvement programs for 10 years.

Henry Golden is retired from the Air Force with over 22 years of logis-

tics experience. Among his many endeavors he has served as a superintendent and manager for depot field teams and Rapid Area Distribution Support Teams.

Don Harlan is a former Depot Supply Division chief and has worked with several initiatives that have lean principles such as the Clean Sheet program.

Jim Howell retired with almost 40 years service and held various positions in the maintenance arena including Avionics Production Branch chief.

He has a college degree in applied science and a level two certification in system acquisition.

Tom McAllister is retired from the Air Fore with 24 years of experience

in logistics. He has worked several years with software development and has been a key player in several RE projects involving the Distribution Standard System and D035 Systems.

Russ Mills is retired from the Air Force with more than 18 years experience in planning, supervising and managing programs within the education and training community. He has been a field level instructor, achieved master instructor status, and has been an instructional systems design engineer.

As you can see, RE has assembled an impressive cadre with diverse talents to guide and support the CPI effort using Lean methodology. If you need further information, contact the “Waste Busters” at 926-1448.

Misusing e-mail account can mean trouble

By Patricia McCants

Robins AFB E-mail Postmaster

E-mail is for official government use and authorized personal use — period. Using it any other way is inviting trouble.

Air Force Instruction 33-119, Electronic Mail Management and Use, paragraph 3.1, spells it out: “Air Force members and employees use government communications systems with the understanding that any type of use, authorized or unauthorized, incidental or personal, serves as consent to monitoring. Members of the Air Force or civilian employees may use a government-provided e-mail communications system only for official or authorized personal use.

“Any other use is prohibited. Military members who fail to observe this prohibition may be subjected to disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian employees who violate this prohibition may face administrative disciplinary action without regard to otherwise applicable criminal or civil sanctions for violations of related laws.”

The AFI defines official uses as those the Air Force has determined “necessary in the interest of the federal government.” Examples are using e-mail for coordination and staffing and to transmit official taskings.

Authorized limited personal use is defined as e-mail that does not adversely affect the performance of official duties, conforms to local and major command policies and is of reasonable duration and frequency.

In addition, authorized personal use should not overburden the communications system, create any additional cost or reflect adversely on the Department of Defense or the Air Force.

The first supervisor in a chain of command who is a commissioned officer or a government civilian holding a rank of GS-11 or above may authorize limited personal use. An example would be exchanging important and time-sensitive information with a spouse or other family members.

Using a government-provided e-mail account to send junk e-mail, greeting cards, jokes, video clips, offensive materials, chain letters and other unnecessary material are prohibited and may get the user in trouble.

Misuse of government computers and e-mail could result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from employment.

E-mail is an effective tool for quickly passing along information about nearly anything, but when it comes to a government e-mail account, remember to keep it official.

Blending of 116th, 93rd impacts diversity

Have you ever been the minority in a group setting? How did you feel? It was an uncomfortable feeling wasn't it?

When we are put in this situation, we usually do not welcome the challenge of interacting with others who are different from us.

What is diversity really? Informally we can define diversity as the differences that make each person unique – the differences we recognize in each other.

Formally, diversity can be defined as the layers of personality, internal factors, external factors and organizational influences. The 116th Bomb Wing and the 93rd Air Control Wing are getting ready to

experience those uncomfortable feelings associated with interacting with someone different from themselves.

Both units are preparing to experience a great undertaking when we join forces. Of course, there are some fundamental differences between the Air Guard and the active duty component of the military.

Some would say that the guard does things differently; but, who is to say that different isn't better. Others might indicate that those active duty folks are too structured; but, who is to say that structure is not a good thing. Both wings have experienced big challenges and

changes before, and this will be one that is a first for any unit, active or Guard.

As far as the differences in guard and the active component, they are really few.

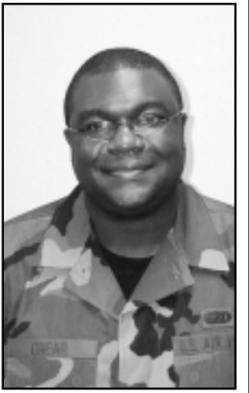
Having been discharged from active duty a little more than a year ago, I was proud to be on active duty, and I am now proud to be a member of the 116th.

I look forward to being a part of history. The only true way to deal with the cultural differences between the two components is to concentrate on what we have in common, and that is the mission. Both units are outstanding award winning units.

They both have awesome leadership and outstanding personnel. Last but not least, both units have risen to every challenge put in front of them. No one ever said that it would be easy, but anything worth having takes hard work.

“The only true way to deal with the cultural differences between the two components is to concentrate on what we have in common, and that is the mission.”

Tech. Sgt. Ronald S. Crear
116th Military Equal Opportunity Office

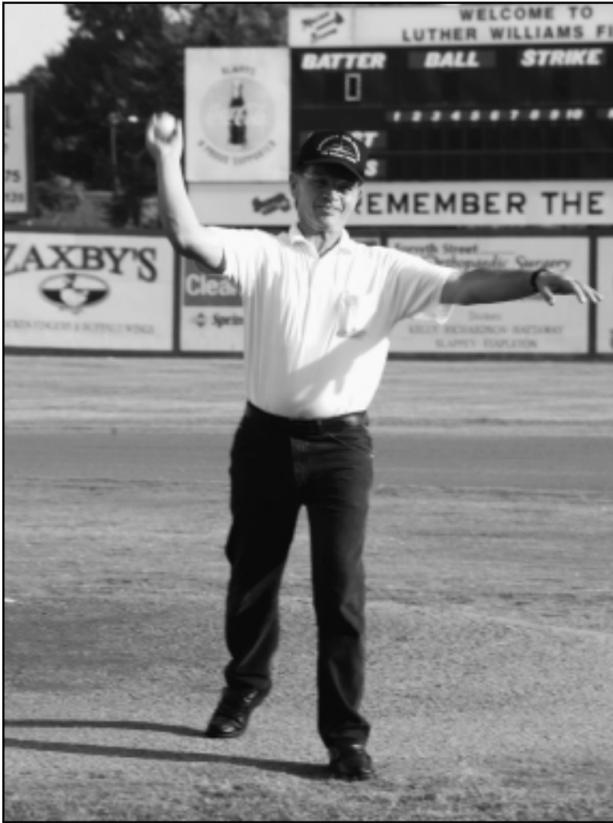


So, let us all rise to the challenge and make history doing it.

Pitching it in

Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gerard throws out the first pitch during 116th Bomb Wing Night at the Macon Braves. Gerard recently retired after 42 years of service in both the Air Force and Georgia Air National Guard. He joined the Air Force in 1960 and the Guard in 1966.

Courtesy photo



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Taking command

Capt. Fred Massey assumes command of the 116th Communications Flight as he accepts the flag from Col. Lois Schmidt, 116th Support Group commander, during a recent unit training assembly.

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rapidly to a wide spectrum of potential conflict.”

Falldine also said that the traditional thinking that called for “bigger, better, faster or more” technology is now being replaced by “out-of-the-box” thinking.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper provided a good example of this “out-of-the-box thinking” in his July 10 interview with Air Force Television News.

“We have a staff sergeant riding around on a horse in Afghanistan, talking to a crew in a B-52 flying overhead at 36,000 feet ... the kid on the horse with the laser goggles enables the crews from the B-52 to put global positioning satellite-guided bombs on target to within 800 meters of friendly positions on the ground,” said Jumper. The traditional way of thinking would have scoffed at the use of horseback to call in an air strike, but transformational thinking calls for getting the job done in the smartest manner.

DMRT will improve areas

WR-ALC will soon see the effects of the Air Force’s depot maintenance re-engineering and transformation efforts.

The DMRT, whose goal is to improve depot maintenance support and financial performance, will focus on eight areas: organizational structure, financial management, work force, infrastructure, information technology, metrics, workload and production, and material support.

Falldine was the team lead for the organizational structure focus area during the first phases of the DMRT effort.

Falldine provided examples of how transformational thinking can be used within

two of the four center core competencies.

In the area of sustainment integration, Falldine said the center recognizes that it has living weapons systems, such as B-52s and the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, which will be modified and changed over a long time. Because of this, the center must plan for long-term and continuing partnerships with the private sector that are no longer based on traditional contractor-subcontractor responsibilities, but instead create relationships of mutual need.

“It’s no longer either the private sector or the public sector – it’s both the private and the public sector. It’s the two together that provide the optimum support to the airplane,” he said.

Rethinking maintenance

In terms of depot-level maintenance, Falldine said the Center could re-think how it does basic maintenance processes such as corrosion control and stripping and re-painting airplanes. Because the Air Force is procuring less aircraft and relying more on commercial, off-the-shelf software, transformational thinking in the area of avionics repair could include hiring or training technicians with more broad-based skills to make those repairs, and using much cheaper automatic test equipment and processes.

The 78th Air Base Wing

has already implemented transformation through its efforts in the areas of home base security, family support, antiterrorism, force protection and communications.

● According to Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, 78th ABW commander, the Air Expeditionary Force concept

has operated under for the past five or six years has significantly helped leadership address the home base security and family support challenges that arise from increased military deployments. Under the AEF concept, units and service members are given advanced notice about upcoming deployments so they know their “win-

dows of vulnerability.” This allows everyone involved to better plan for dependent care and other issues.

● Cirrincione said Robins has implemented a Civil Engineer contingency response plan that covers CE’s responsibilities in helping Robins recover in the event of a terrorist incident. The base fire department has also ensured that its employees are trained in using cutting-edge technology to identify and detect hazardous substances such as chemical and biological agents. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recently recognized these two antiterrorism efforts as best practices.

● In the aftermath of 9-11, the base has implemented

random antiterrorism measures, such as random identification card checks, that are very effective in breaking up the routine activity of which would-be terrorists try to take advantage, the colonel said.

● Robins will expand its use of wireless networks so that real time information and data can be communicated faster and more effectively to those who need it. According to Cirrincione, the result will be more secure networks, better use of direct labor hours, and a better response to customers’ needs.

Transformation has become a way of life for the DOD and Team Robins, and this new way of thinking is here to stay.

“Transformation is a journey. It’s not an end-state,” said Cirrincione.

To find out more about transformation, access Air Force Materiel Command’s transformation Web site at: https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/TR/AFMC_TR_Transformation_News.htm.

Transformation

The Air Force defines transformation as “a process by which the military achieves and maintains asymmetric advantage through changes in operational concepts, organizational structure, and/or technologies that significantly improve war fighting capabilities or the ability to meet the demands of a changing security environment.” The Air Force’s transformation efforts are the result of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s vision to prepare the services for the future by requiring them to “think differently and develop the kinds of forces and capabilities that can adapt quickly to new challenges and unexpected circumstances.”

C-H-I-E-F steps lead to success

By Master Sgt. Skip Haag
354th Communications Squadron

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) - Just because you don't have eight stripes on each sleeve doesn't mean you can't exemplify the qualities of a chief. Many leaders have helped my military career thrive by influencing me to be a better troop, sharing in my accomplishments and by helping me bounce back from failure. These leaders all shared five key qualities:

Candidness

There's no harm or foul to tell it like it is. Tell your boss what he or she needs to hear, not what he or she wants to hear. Being candid doesn't necessarily mean yelling. Don't waste time being subtle, reserved or by beating around the bush. Make your point. Encourage your troops to do the same by letting them use you as a sounding board, so they can get things off their minds.

Humility

Don't forget where you came from or your struggles while climbing the ladder of success. Remember what it's like to be the first-line troop or supervisor packing the gun on post, turning a wrench on the flightline or working in the 24-hour messaging center? Subtle gestures like visiting your people in their work area, instead of having them come to your office all the time, makes a difference. Don't ask someone to do something that you're not willing to do yourself.

Instinct

Use it. If you have a strong impulse about something, but didn't act, you didn't listen to your gut. Do you know when to seek forgiveness rather than ask permission? If you're doing something important without any definitive rules or regulations it's better to go with your gut instinct instead of asking permission only to get burdened with "red tape." As Gen. Colin Powell once said, "You don't know what you can get away with until you try."

Endurance

Obstacles and challenges will increase in number and complexity during your career, but don't get overwhelmed with frustration. You must maintain your strength to handle "irons in the fire." There will be times in your career in which the day-to-day running of the mission may seem second priority. You need to work hard to keep distractions from making you fail at your day-to-day contact with your troops.

Fortitude

Don't take the easy way out even when given the chance. It's the ability to make a tough and unpopular call without fear of ticking somebody off. It's the courage to admit you made a mistake. It's also realizing when to salute smartly.

Not everybody will reach the rank of chief master sergeant, but there's no doubt in my mind that following the steps of C-H-I-E-F will make you a successful leader and foster much success in your career.

Museum of Aviation still growing strong

When I look around our grounds and buildings, I can't help but be awed by how far we've come since our humble beginnings in 1984.

In just a little more than a decade and a half, we have obtained an awesome collection of more than 90 aircraft and missiles, making us the fourth largest aviation museum in the nation. We have four buildings with more than 170,000 square feet of educational and interactive exhibits and plans are on the drawing board for even more. Our attendance has increased more than 15-fold since our beginnings and we are now approaching the three-quarters of a million mark.

There are four major education programs here at the Museum, each designed to educate and excite students about math, science, technology and the humanities. Meticulously planned to correlate with objectives of the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum, the guidelines under which our state schools and teachers operate, the programs are STARBASE ROBINS, a Department of Defense program designed to reach underrepresented and underserved students in Georgia, and enhance basic knowledge of science and aviation, Aviation Adventures, a program designed for younger students that focuses on aviation history at the museum using artifacts as hands-on tools, the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, promotes interest and enthusiasm in science and technologies among students and teachers, and MissionQuest, an interactive, one-of-a-kind program that uses state of the art aircraft simulators to support local, state and national math and science learning objectives, such as problem solving, communications, team building and leadership skills.

In addition to these four programs, the Museum also hosts a number of other educational activities throughout the year, including guided tours, specialized programs and classes for school and youth groups, as well as workshops, academies and Staff Development Units for teachers.

We are no longer just another fun field trip. We are an extension of the classroom, providing students throughout the mid-state and region with opportunities and experiences that might otherwise be unobtainable.

We have the know-how, the staff, and the programs as well as an ideal location and market-base to draw from. Strategically located in the center of the state, the Museum has the potential of reaching a student base of 1.4 million school-age children within 150 miles! We couldn't have dreamed a better situation.

Along with our award-winning education programs, we have started an aggressive marketing campaign that will increase awareness of our great facility throughout the southeast.

New advertising strategies, a brand new brochure, and a state-of-the-art Web site, www.museumofaviation.org, are just a few of the components that will help us further

our efforts of being the best.

In April we honored the anniversary of the Boeing B-52 and opened a new temporary exhibit space housed in the Century of Flight Hangar. "50 Years in the BUFF: The Role of the B-52 in Preserving America's History," is an interactive exhibit tracing the transition of the B-52 from a strategic nuclear role to that of a tactical conventional ground-support aircraft. This exhibit will run through August 1 and will then be replaced by several Smithsonian exhibits that will be arriving throughout the rest of this year and 2003.

To honor the one-year anniversary of the Attack on America, we will unveil an exhibit dedicated to those who lost their

lives and those who worked in the recovery efforts of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The temporary exhibit space will then house the first Smithsonian exhibit slated to arrive in November, At the Controls, a pictorial on the evolution of the cockpit. To honor the Centennial of Flight, we will be premiering the Pioneers in Georgia Aviation Exhibit, an ongoing exhibit that will tell the story of the

first manned flight in Georgia and continue on with the history of flight. We will also feature the "One-Lungers to AfterBurners: The Evolution of the Aircraft Engine" exhibit in January, as well as house two Smithsonian exhibits in the Spring entitled NASA African Americans in Space Science and Produce for Victory, honoring the plight of women in aviation. In June we will open "Vacuum Tubes to Chips: Airborne Electronics," an exhibit featuring the development of aircraft electronics from early radios to modern electronic warfare. Several other exhibits will be on display throughout the conclusion of the upcoming year in continuation of our efforts to educate our visitors on the history and evolution of aviation.

We will soon start construction on a face-lift of our picnic area that will make the facility user-friendlier, as well as eye-catching. Along with the beautification of our picnic area, we were delighted to receive word on the acquisition of a B-1 Bomber that will be arriving this fall for us to display and tell the role Robins AFB played in flying such a magnificent aircraft.

And, through it all — through everything we are and everything we will be — we continue to work toward accomplishment of our mission — to portray the history of aviation and Robins AFB logistics support for the United States Air Force by preserving and exhibiting aircraft and items of historical significance or interest and providing innovative, extensive, hands-on educational programs.

As always, we invite everyone to come by and visit with us. It's free. It's fun. And, it's yours. Take pride in what you, your base and your community have built—a place that is living up to its vision of becoming the best aviation museum in America!

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Wayne Schmidt
Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center

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



Tour of duty hours

Q: I am the primary caregiver for both of my parents who are elderly and sick. I requested a waiver to start my normal tour of duty at 9 a.m. and it was approved, but on days when my parents have doctor's appointments or I have doctor's appointments, I usually have to take four hours of annual leave. In 1999 I borrowed sick leave for surgery and am still paying it back, so I have been depending entirely on my annual leave, which is currently extremely low. What is the policy for requesting a temporary change to tour of duty hours in order to accommodate doctor's appointments? Are there any other instances when I can request a temporary change to my tour of duty hours in order to save leave?

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: Thank you for your call. There are no regulatory provisions to allow tour of duty changes for doctor appointments or to save leave, except for flexitime which is no longer in effect due to our enhanced security posture. If you have a valid hardship, requests for exceptions may be approved on a case-by-case basis. One-time unusual exceptions may be verbal and can be approved by the supervisor; however, regular, recurring exceptions must be in writing and approved at the appropriate management level designated by the organizational director and in accordance with the provisions of the local supplement to the Master Labor Agreement.

Incorrect information

Q: I am the Contracting Directorate point of contact for e-directory updates. I sent e-mails to 78th Communications Squadron POC two weeks ago regarding the changes I made in e-directory not being in the new Robins Directory. I have not received a reply. I update the e-directory every time a change is made. I was told all updates as of February were valid, which is not the case since most of the updates I made were prior to February. None of the updates I made in e-directory have shown up in the new Robins Directory. Could you please explain this to me, as my supervisor is concerned?

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: I wish to express my appreciation for your observations and your e-mails on the new base telephone book. You were correct in the identification of out-of-date telephone listings. From our investigation into the matter, we learned that the publisher used the incorrect database to populate this year's directory. Thus, the entire directory will be reprinted at no cost to the government. We expect the updated directory to be delivered in August. Thanks for taking your e-directory duties seriously and following-up with us to learn why our base telephone book is not as accurate as it should be.

Your inquiry has helped us make our telephone listings right and improve our updating process in the future.



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Johnson is Robins new career assistance adviser

MSgt ready to help airmen plan for future

By Leslie K. Nelson
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If you're thinking about leaving the Air Force or just need to talk to someone about your military career options, stop by and visit the base's new career assistance adviser – Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson. From retention

advice to re-enlistment counseling to pay and benefits information, Johnson is the base's one-stop source for military career assistance.

One of Johnson's primary responsibilities in this position is to keep commanders and first sergeants informed about retention issues. One of her other major responsibilities is to provide one-on-one counseling to first- and second-term airmen who might be considering leav-

ing the Air Force.

"The more aware an airman is about all their career options, the better able they are to make sound decisions when it comes time to re-enlist," said Johnson.

Johnson predicts that more retention counseling may become necessary in the next few months since the Air Force lifted stop-loss in certain career fields.

Johnson's expertise also extends to providing advice

about career progression, pay, benefits, assignments and re-training options. She also keeps abreast of new Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center issues and passes that information on to the military work force.

Johnson can be reached by phone at 327-7356, or by e-mail at: andrea.johnson@robins.af.mil.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson, the new career assistance adviser for Robins Air Force Base, talks with an Air Force member about her options in her Air Force career.

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

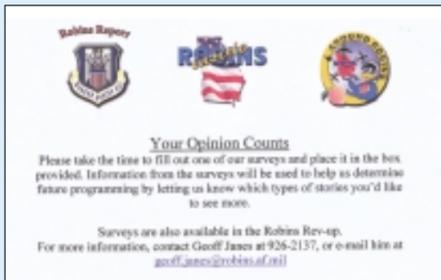
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1. Which of the shows do you watch? (Circle frequency)

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<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



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:

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cy, long-range planning, logistics management systems, management of worldwide inventory levels, depot supply and overall depot maintenance and repair.

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, AFMC commander, believes the transformation is essential to success of the ALC's in today's world.

"The depot maintenance reorganization is an enabler to help the ALC provide better support to the warfighters and improve its financial performance," said Lyles. This reorganization is a fundamental part of a larger Depot Maintenance Reengineering and Transformation initiative. This maintenance reorganization sets the foundation for other significant DMRT improvements and transformation efforts throughout AFMC and the Air Force.

"The ultimate goal is to ensure sustained world-class depot maintenance to meet the challenges of an expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force," said Lyles.

"We must do all we can to achieve our goal of ensuring warfighter support is the best

it can possibly be," he said. "This transformation of our depots is an important step to mapping and integrating our processes and our products to provide the level of support our customers deserve."

According to Col. Andy Busch, deputy director for Logistics Operations at AFMC headquarters, ALC employees will keep the Air Force's aircraft fleet airworthy and combat ready as they have for years, but in a single maintenance organization.

While employee moves from one organization to another will be necessary, there is no plan to reduce the

total number of jobs as a result of the depot maintenance reorganization. Where there are position changes, every effort is being made to minimize or eliminate the impact.

"We intend to make this change to our depot maintenance organization without any loss of jobs," said Lyles.

Busch and Col. Gary McCoy, special assistant for DMRT to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics at Headquarters Air Force in Washington, D.C. are leading the effort.

"The focus of the new organization will be efficient,

effective, high-quality depot-level maintenance," said McCoy. "It will provide a clearer alignment of accountability, responsibility, and authority. This reorganization of depot maintenance is also consistent with the goals and philosophy of the new combat wing organization."

Busch explained that the new maintenance organizations will be as consistent as possible at each of the command's three centers – Robins, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Hill AFB, Utah.

AFMC management and union officials have already

met to discuss the impending changes. Implementation of the new structure is set for October 1, 2002. While the details of the new directorates at each center have been worked out, changes to other organizations at the ALCs are still being studied. The complete transformation of the ALCs will continue through 2003.

The depot maintenance reorganization is one of eight focus areas in DMRT. The DMRT effort grew out of a Depot Maintenance Review Team tasked to identify issues and recommendations that would improve depot

maintenance support to the warfighter and improve financial performance of the depots. Several areas were investigated, including the way the ALCs were organized.

In addition to the depot maintenance reorganization, several other depot processes are being examined as part of the overall ALC Transformation effort: acquisition product support, engineering, human resources, purchasing and supply chain management, financial management, information technology, and intelligence. Some may result in further reorganization in the future.

Gibbs

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"The basic (idea) of the LEAN program is 'hey, we don't need to do things that aren't value-added,'" he said. "(LEAN) looks at all of our processes from the perspective of 'let's eliminate everything that's not value-added.'"

He went on to say that the process allows the center to shorten cycle times, use smaller facilities and use fewer people in a particular activity.

"All of those things give the individual depot the opportunity to do other things that are making a greater contribution," Gibbs said. "We have got to eliminate the things that are not adding value to our product – and our product is to support the war fighter."

But Gibbs also said that LEAN isn't a quick fix, and used the analogy of going on a diet.

"If you want to take it off and leave it off, you take it slow and easy and make sure it sticks," he said. "You can't do LEAN in a month or a year – there is a study looking at the airframe industry (the commercial side), and one of the comments that's contained in there is that it takes about seven years to go through a facility and to work it into a real LEAN facility.

"I'd urge the people here not to look for Nirvana or conclusion too early in the process," he added. "Keep at it, and you'll get there."

Gibbs said that as for the future workload of Robins, he saw more of the same.

"(I think Robins will continue) moving on into cargo aircraft," he said. "You do a lot of the C-130s and the C-5s now. I would expect that to continue and hopefully expand as we go forward into the future."

Lightning! Watch out or it will get you

Army Countermeasures

Lightning can strike anywhere, anytime. In fact, every 0.7 seconds lightning strikes somewhere in the United States, adding up to 40 million lightning strikes annually.

On average, lightning is the leading cause of severe weather fatalities, exceeding those of flood, hurricane and tornado. Annual property damage from lightning in the United States is almost \$2 billion.

In the last 18 months, lightning has killed and injured Department of Defense personnel. In each case, soldiers were dismounted and in a field environment.

Human and economic costs of lightning can be reduced through comprehensive risk management tools. Leaders should take steps to ensure personnel and equipment are protected from lightning strikes. Safety procedures should be briefed and rehearsed during field operations.

The safest place to be in a lightning storm is in a building. Structures like "port-a-johns," lean-to shelters or any other nonmetal structures do not give sufficient lightning protection. If in a building, do not use the telephone or any electrical appliance that is connected to the building's electrical system. Do not use showers, sinks or anything where the water is in contact with the building's plumbing system. If lightning strikes the building, it is likely that the current will flow through either the electrical or plumbing system.

If caught outside and there is no adequate shelter available, the following actions should be taken:

Ground all metallic equipment and tools, and move a safe distance away.

Stay away from tall, isolated objects like trees, flagpoles or posts.

Avoid large open areas like fields and parking lots.

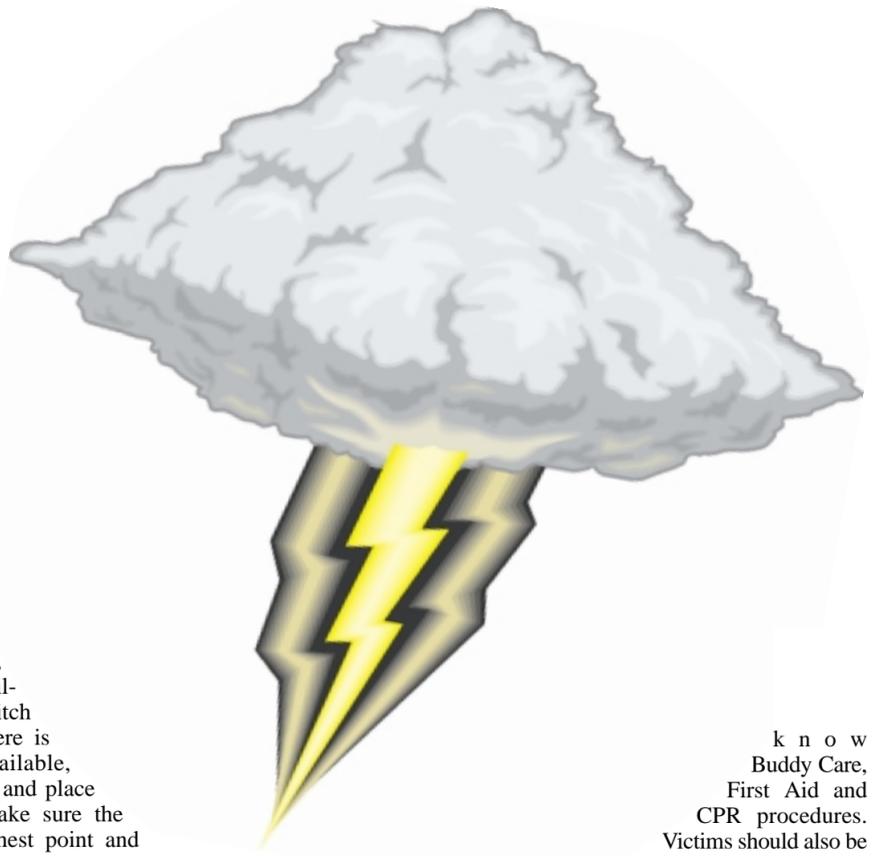
Stay away from lakes, ponds,

railroad tracks and fences which could bring current from far away.

In dense woods do not stand close to any of the trees.

In an open area, seek the lowest available ground, like a ditch or depression. If there is no low ground available, kneel, bend forward and place hands on knees. Make sure the head is not the highest point and that neither hands nor head are in contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground.

If lightning is about to strike you or something extremely close, you may experience a tingling feeling on your skin and your hair may stand on end. If this occurs, immediately drop to the aforementioned position.



Victims of lightning strikes are not always initially in a fatal situation. Typically, a lightning strike will cause a cardiac arrest that can be corrected with proper resuscitation. Many lightning-related deaths occur when the victim does not receive proper medical attention, so make it a priority to

know
Buddy Care,
First Aid and
CPR procedures.
Victims should also be
evacuated as quickly as
possible.

Lightning cannot be stopped. It is a random event with its own agenda.

However with advanced planning, training and proper risk management, individuals can protect themselves from the hazards generated by lightning.

Reducing risk increases summer fun

By Tech. Sgt. Rodney Whitaker
93rd ACW Safety Office

The phrase "summer in the South" tends to conjure images of barbecues, volleyball, swimming and fun in the sun.

OK, maybe not so much sun, but summer is the time to take advantage of good weather and to take a break from the often-relentless pace of work. Members of the Robins family need to stand back from the pressures of the mission once in a while to relax with family, friends and other unit members. But behind the pleasant imagery of this fun-in-the-sun scene lurk many hazards, both minor and catastrophic.

Last summer, the Air Force and Robins experienced numerous mishaps during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, according to reports.

So, this year everyone needs to take more time and implement the Operational Risk Management concept in off-duty activities as well as at work.

Identify the hazards

Let's look at the hazards associated with a simple cook-out:

- Weather (heat, thunderstorms, wind and humidity)
- Location (near water, desert, forest and urban areas)
- Wildlife (bugs, snakes, poisonous plants and other friendly critters)
- Activities (water activities, sports, mountain climbing and games)
- Attendees (military, family members, children and open to the public)
- Menu (barbecue, store bought items, cooked on site, refrigeration and alcohol)

Assess the risk

Then assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss and severity:

- Injuries and damage due to severe weather, sunburn
- Incidents involving water, heat injuries, dehydration, POV
- Animal bites, insect-borne diseases, skin irritations and bothersome pests
- Drownings, sprains, broken bones, overexertion, slips, trips and

falls, etc.

- Relative health of attendees, allergic reactions
- Food poisoning, barbecue burns, flammable liquids, increased susceptibility to heat injury due to alcohol consumption

Analyze risk control measures

Once you have identified the hazards and assessed the associated

risk, you should decide on some controls, which can be employed to reduce or mitigate the hazards:

- Start with a good, thorough safety briefing to all participants. (You know how your spouse and kid(s) enjoy your safety briefing)
- Check the weather and plan accordingly.
- Don't take chances with summer thunderstorms. Plan for shady areas and cover in case of inclement

weather. Insist on the use of suntan lotion and hats.

Make sure people don't wander off into the water, woods, or desert.

Use insect repellent.

Get familiar with the type of local critters you may encounter and what you should do if one shows up. Talk to the medical folks about this.

Ensure sports are played by the rules and are supervised.

If alcoholic beverages are present (and they usually are), watch drinkers for signs of overindulgence.

Watch young children closely.

Consider elderly people or anyone with known pre-existing medical conditions.

Know the rules of safe barbecuing and follow them. Have a fire extinguisher handy.

Be careful with food, particularly meats; ensure they are continuously refrigerated prior to cooking and that they are cooked thoroughly. Pre-cook chicken if possible.

Make control decisions

Accept the risk, avoid the risk, reduce the risk, or spread the risk. Do not make dumb decisions.

Risk control implementation

Once you select appropriate controls, use them! A plan is only good if it is followed.

Supervise and review

As always, the situation is subject to change quickly. Monitor the situation and adjust as necessary to keep things under control.

Summer is a great time to have fun and we all deserve a break every now and then.

From now on, use risk management to make your summer fun memorable and safe. No one wants a summer outing to turn into a tragedy.



TV SCHEDULE

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

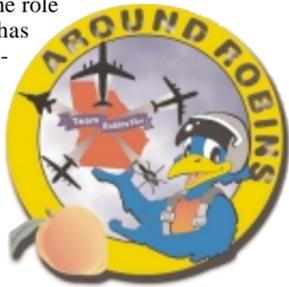


Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – This week's Around Robins is a special, single-themed show centering on the 50th anniversary of the B-52. Bill Head, base historian, talks about the aircraft's inception, how it has changed and makes mention of the special B-52 display at the Museum of Aviation. He also discusses the role Robins Air Force Base has played in the planes' maintenance.

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



Sunday

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

Monday

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

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 — Windtalkers (R)

Starring Nicolas Cage and Adam Beach. During World War II, the Navajo language was used for decoding top secret messages because it was a code that the Japanese did not have the resources to break. The military was aware of the danger to the Navajo soldiers, so they assigned a Marine to each as a bodyguard. (pervasive graphic war violence and language)

Saturday — The Bourne Identity (PG-13)

Starring Matt Damon and Franka Pontente. A Zurich safe deposit box yields an assortment of passports, a hefty load of cash, an automatic weapon and a name ... Jason Bourne ... with a Paris address. What it means remains a mystery, but Bourne quickly realizes that although he knows no one, there are people who recognize him — and do not wish him well. (violence and some language)



Sunday — Scooby-Doo (PG) Matinee show starts at 2 p.m., doors open at 1 p.m.

Starring Matthew Lillard and Freddie Prinze Jr. This first-ever live-action adaptation of the beloved and long-running animated series catches up with Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang as they meddle their way into a bonafide mystery that leads them into murky and possibly supernatural waters. (some rude humor, language and some scary action)



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

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Press Box is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be 1 pound of crab legs for \$11.95, today and Saturday. One pound of crab legs for \$11.95, on Aug. 2 and 3. Reservations are welcome.

Take a bite out of crime. Let McGruff the Crime Dog and fingerprint your kids Monday from 5-6 p.m. at the enlisted club. Also enjoy family night dinner 5-7 p.m. with free TechWorld game play. Cost is free for members' kids, \$4.95 for 13 years old to adult, \$2.95 for nonmember kids and \$6.95 for nonmember adults.

A Sunday brunch will be held on Aug. 4 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Cost is free for members, \$8.95 for guests and \$11.95 for nonmembers.

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 vehicle on the lot. Dealers are not allowed.

Fitness Center 926-2128

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

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



Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

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 tickets; in second is the 93rd Air Control Wing 1A4 with 86 tickets; and third place is the 78th Mission Support Squadron with 20 tickets. 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 ITT or ask your first sergeant for more information.

Clean the clutter and earn cash. The ITT yard sale will be on Aug. 3. Tables can be rented for \$7 with set-up at 7 a.m. Sign up early.

Nature Center 926-4500

A nature hike and summer craft program will be held on Aug. 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Families are invited to create projects with natural materials and enjoy a hike through the woods. Cost is \$5 per participant. Register by Thursday. A minimum of 10 students is needed for classes to be held.

Officers' Club 926-2670

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

Kids' night buffet will be Monday

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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

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

Financial workshop

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

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

Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Wednesday, 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.

Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 128. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Base tour

The center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members on Aug. 7, 1-3 p.m. starting at the enlisted club.

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

Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop is on Aug. 7, 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.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop on Aug. 8, 9 a.m. until noon, Bldg. 905. Information covered will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, acquiring

6-8:30 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Water aerobic classes are held at the fitness center indoor pool on Monday and Wednesday at 6 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday at 4:20 p.m. Cost is \$5 per individual class or \$30 per person for a four-week session. Register at the equipment rental center, Bldg. 986. For more information, call 926-4001.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The new air-conditioned woodworking hobby shop will make its debut opening on Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. and will be equipped with an extensive selection of woodworking tools and equipment.

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 a petting zoo, giant slide, merry-go-round, 24-foot rock climbing wall, big glove bouncy boxing, carnival games and entertainment. Participants with base IDs, 18 years and older, will have a chance to win prizes by completing entry forms at Summer Bash. 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. Two second-place drawings for prizes include an Xbox with a game and digital camera. Participants need not be present during the drawings to win first and second place prizes. Other instant-win prizes include, beanie toys, T-shirts and "I want to be a millionaire" games. Participants must be present for instant win prizes. 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 gospintmilitary.com, Macon Coca-Cola, Geico, Robins Federal Credit Union and United Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

financing, legal requirements, license and tax information, and resources available for use. Anyone considering a business venture, will gain valuable information to help get started.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Aug. 12-14, 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 on Aug. 13, 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, on Aug. 14, 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.

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.

Relocation assistance program

The Relocation Assistance Program at the Family Support Center has base brochures on many Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard bases. It also has base videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for check-out.

Air Force Marathon plans on track

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Plans for the annual Air Force Marathon are on track as the date for the race approaches. With more than 1,600 runners registered for the Sept. 21 event, the race will likely break all previous participation records, said marathon officials.

Runners of all ages, military and civilian, are encouraged to participate. All runners will receive a 2002 Air

Force Marathon T-shirt and patch. All participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medallion.

Pre-race events include a two-day sports and fitness expo at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center here on Sept. 19 and 20, sponsored by marathon organizers.

Vendors will display a variety of sports apparel, equipment and memorabilia at the event.

A pre-race pasta dinner will be held on Sept. 20. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased on the registration form.

After the race, all runners, volunteers, family and friends are invited to a free post-race party sponsored by the conference center beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the hotel.

More information on the annual Air Force Marathon, including registration procedures, is available on the marathon Web site.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 exercise.

Each minute of aerobic exercise equals a mile towards the goal.

Every time a person reaches his destination, his name will be entered into the drawing to be held at the end of the month.

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. Includes green fee, range balls and prizes.

The cart fee is extra — \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members.

Winner of the base championship will become the AFMC Golf Championship qualifier. Two men, two senior men and one woman will make up the Robins Air Force Base 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 is slated for Aug. 19 and 26, Sept. 9 and 16, 5:30–6:45 p.m. Session II will be held Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10 and 17 9–10:15 a.m. Session III will be 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

The first Beat the Heat winner, Milton Goldin won \$200 in a random drawing at the bowling center. Get a stamp for every snack bar, pro shop or open bowling purchase costing more than \$2.

Collect five stamps for a chance to win up to \$500. Cash prizes totaling \$200 will be awarded on Aug. 2 and 16. The grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on Aug. 30.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. There is no limit to cards that may be turned in. Every Thursday Preferred Plus! members get a free stamp by showing their club card.

Call the bowling center for complete details. No purchase necessary. To receive an entry form by mail, write to HQ AFMC/SVXA, Bldg. 262, Room N236, 4375 Chidlaw Road, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433-5006.

Bowl, cool off and celebrate National Friendship and Ice Cream Sandwich Day at the center on Aug. 2. Bring a friend, bowl three games for \$1.50 per game,

per person and cool off with a free ice cream sandwich.

Youth Center

926-2110

The Robins Youth sports program will continue registration until teams are full. The sports are as follows: youth cheerleading, ages 5–12; youth tackle and flag football, ages 11 to 12 for tackle and ages 5–10 for flag with a cost of \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers; youth fall soccer, ages 5–18 with a cost of \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members.

For more information, call Ron Hayes at the center.



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

From high school to war on terrorism

By Airman 1st Class Tarkan Dospil
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public
Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFP) — She analyzes maps and charts for hours every day and studies the latest intelligence reports of foreign countries. The safety of dozens of aircrew members rests in her hands.

And Airman Amanda Phillips is only 19.

As an intelligence analyst for the 44th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Phillips is responsible for briefing aircrews on any threats they may encounter while flying combat air sorties in support of the war on terrorism.

"It's safe to say, I save a lot of butts," she said with a grin, "because if an aircrew doesn't know what it's getting into, it can be life-threatening."

That is quite a task for the airman who graduated high school in Detroit just a year ago, and one she says can be quite daunting.

"Sometimes I get intimidated because I'm a one-striper and I'm briefing crews who have a lot of flying experience," Phillips said. "But I feel that I've grown in my abilities."

Phillips never thought she would be involved in a war — at least when she first discussed joining the military with her father.

"I'm sitting at a restaurant with my dad — one that we always go to — and I was deciding if I wanted to go into the service," she said. "My dad said 'Go for it. It's not like we're in a war or anything.' Next thing I know, I'm in the second week of tech school and 'bam!' 9-11 happens."

Military service is somewhat of a



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tarkan Dospil

Airman Amanda Phillips, an intelligence analyst with the 44th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, briefs aircrew members prior to a combat sortie in support of the war on terrorism. Phillips is deployed to Al Udeid from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

family tradition for Phillips. Her brother was in Navy intelligence and her father was involved with Air Force intelligence. Now, Phillips has "taken the torch" to her first deployment.

"So far it's been fun," she said. "The tent life can be frustrating, but the aircrews here are really cool. They're all great characters and appreciate my input."

"Airman Phillips has developed an excellent working relationship with the aircrews," said 1st Lt. John McMurray, chief of intelligence for the 44th EARS. "They trust her briefings."

Phillips is looking at her future

beyond the Air Force. She plans to finish her Career Development Course, then take college classes in English literature and composition. Her long-term goal is to work for the Central Intelligence Agency or Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Right now though, she is satisfied serving her country during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"After 9-11, I've felt a lot more patriotic," she said.

"I've got a lot of pride serving my country. Hopefully, I will get the chance to help prevent something like that from happening again."

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, enter door 201 of Bldg. 300 WW, to room 196. To develop and polish your speaking and leadership skills call Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-7676.

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

Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government - meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dining room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chair-

man publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

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

Officers' Christian Fellowship - meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's

conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

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

Robins Top 3 Association - meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club —

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

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94 - meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

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

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:

Lisa Mathews, editor,
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LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

- **Sharon Head**, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. Point of contact is Brian McAnally, 926-4326.

- **Linda Dixon**, 78th Air Base Wing Plans and Programs Office. Point of contact is Dot Clark, 926-5383.

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.

HAWC SCHEDULE

Evening Weight Loss: Aug. 5 (4 sessions), 4:45-6 p.m.

Diabetic Seminar: Aug. 5 and 7, 7:45 a.m. to noon

Diabetes 101: July 29 and Aug. 19, 8:45 a.m. to noon

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

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

Prepared Childbirth: Aug. 6 (4 sessions), 6:30-10:30 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.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Troop 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, on Aug. 10, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Snack and refreshments will be served.

Base to hold info tech expo

A technology exposition will be displayed at Robins Air Force Base, with an open invitation for all Department of Defense personnel, Armed Forces, civilians and contractors that have access to Robins AFB. The show will take place Wednesday in the officers' club.

The displays will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no fee to attend.

Visit the Federal Business Council Web site at www.fedpage.com/eventslist.asp to pre-register or to find out more about the FBC and it's coming shows and conferences.

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Motorcycle safety class

The next motorcycle safety class will be Aug. 22 and 23.

Those interested should sign up through security forces at Pass & ID, or contact Bill Morrow at 926-6271 at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office.

Recruiting vets as teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to

Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Aug. 12 in Bldg 905, Room 137, 10-11 a.m.

He will be in the area 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.

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.

FMA to hold awards lunch

The Federal Managers' Association Annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon will be held Thursday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers' Club.

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will present awards to the FMA Federal Managers of the Year and local high school scholarship winners. To attend, call Sandi Portz by close of business Monday. The cost of the meal is \$8.

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.

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.

Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, please contact museum director of protocol and volunteers, Judy Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870 for additional information on how your time and talents can be used.

ASMC to host luncheon

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.

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Stepping up a stripe

Tech. Sgt. Mark Edwin Rowell laughs as Chief Master Sgt. Mike Brodzinski, security forces manager, puts an extra stripe on Rowell's right shoulder after Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, surprised Rowell with a Stripes to Exceptional Performers promotion on July 10 at Gate 5. He was promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant. Before announcing the promotion, Wetekam had Rowell thinking he was in trouble as he drilled him on information a security forces member needs to know while they are on post.

'Girl genius' receiving Air Force commission

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. (AFP) — Joyce Lippe, 17, already has a bachelor's degree in biology and is ready for commissioning as an officer in the Air Force.

Though not yet old enough to vote, she is on her way to becoming a doctor and will become a second lieutenant Aug. 8, her 18th birthday, during a ceremony at the University of Arizona.

She has already accomplished more than most people her age but she is not done yet. Joyce, following a lifelong dream of becoming a doctor, shopped around for scholarships to help offset medical school expenses before meeting Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Hawkins, an Air Force recruiter, nearly two years ago.

"I met Sergeant Hawkins when he went to the Medical Professions Career Fair at the University of Arizona," Joyce said. "He was entranced in a conversation with another young man interested in joining the Air Force. I didn't want to disturb him, so I just grabbed a business card and called him the next day."

Hawkins recalls the first time he spoke with Joyce. He thought someone was playing a practical joke on him.

"I remember one afternoon sitting in my office doing paperwork when I got the call," Hawkins said. "I did the preliminary questions to find out if she was eligible, and I remember asking her, 'How old are you?' She said, 'I'm 15.' I almost fell out of my chair. Then I started thinking that someone in the squadron was yanking my leg. But I decided to go with it."

"She said she wanted to come down and talk to me about the Air Force so I figured I'd call the bluff," Hawkins said. "I told her because of her age, she needed a legal guardian to accompany her. She didn't hesitate to agree and came to my office the next day."

Amidst chuckles from Hawkins' co-workers, the young lady, along with her mother, came down to the Air Force recruiting office.

"I remember the first time mama and I were in his office," Joyce said. "We grilled him for two straight hours about the Air Force. We knew there had to be drawbacks, but there weren't any. At the time, I'd never considered the Air Force, but now I get to do something that I love and serve my country at the same time."

But cutting through the barriers was not easy. Preliminary physicals and eligibility paperwork could not be completed for two years, until she turned 17 years old.

In the week following her 17th birthday,

Joyce got her physical and completed all the required steps to becoming an officer in the Air Force.

In the years following their initial meeting, Hawkins continued to update Joyce's status with Air Force Recruiting Service officials. New people at the AFRS thought he was kidding, according to Hawkins.

"(They were) in disbelief," Hawkins said. "Not only had Lippe graduated from college by the time she was 17, but also never had lower than an A-grade in any class she took. Schools would call her to verify her age. At headquarters, we have everyone awaiting transition into active duty on reports. That helps keep the leadership abreast of their status. In every report we'd print, every laundry list of applicants awaiting entry, Lippe's name appears, but hers is the only one with an asterisk next to it saying, '17 year old.'"

Joyce has made it a habit of accomplishing feats early. At 2, she lost her father in a helicopter accident. She began to beg her mother to teach her how to read.

At 3, her mom conceded and began teaching her to read and in three weeks Joyce was reading on her own, she said.

"I wanted to read, I wanted to do math," said Joyce. "Every day I would come home and throw temper tantrums because they wouldn't teach me in daycare. My mother was a veteran of 32 years teaching elementary school. She created her own teaching program, and from that I learned to read in three weeks. After seeing that, she decided to home school me with the help of my grandparents."

People who are home-schooled in Arizona are required to test every year to ensure they are meeting the standards of the state education board. By the time she was 10, Joyce was testing above high school levels. Upon seeing this, the State of Arizona Board of Education allowed her to begin attending community college-level classes.

By 13, she had earned an associate of arts degree in liberal studies and by age 14 she was a full-time student at Arizona State University where she graduated with her bachelor of science in biology at 17. Joyce graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 4.0 and was a member of the National Dean's List.

Being at the top was nothing new for Joyce. When she was at Central Arizona College she also had a GPA of 4.0, was named valedictorian and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the International Honor Society.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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