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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Taking charge

Wetekam: 'Robins leads industry in aircraft repair'

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After just five weeks at the helm of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Maj. Gen. Donald C. Wetekam, center commander, met with members of the media to discuss his views on several topics ranging from lean depot repair and the war on terrorism to community support and first impressions.

Wetekam said the lean depot repair initiative, which is a program aimed at streamlining maintenance repair at the WR-ALC, has impressed him so far.

"I am still being educated on lean, but I have seen marvelous results from units where it has been deployed fully," he said. "ALCs suffer from a perception that they

aren't as efficient as they could be, and that is not always an accurate perception."

Wetekam said programs such as lean have strengthened the high opinion he held of Robins Air Force Base even before he came here as commander.

Wetekam said the job of the ALC is to keep old airframes flying.

"We do that better than anyone else, even better than industry," he said.

Wetekam also discussed Robins' role in the war on terrorism.

"Every place you go around Robins, you see work done in support of the war fighter," he said. "We are surging to support our troops in Operations Enduring Freedom and Nobel Eagle."

Wetekam said, since Sept. 11 there has been a level of activity that he hasn't seen before in ALCs. Wetekam said he has seen this increased level of activity through, what he terms, "leadership by walking around."

"The general activity level is higher than I remember," he said. "We have better supply support and people are ready to work."

Community support was another topic of discussion for Wetekam.

"Across our Air Force today, I think every place you go there is strong community support for the installation," said Wetekam. "But there are a handful that have a level that is over and above, and Warner Robins is at the top of that list."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander since Feb. 1, discusses his views on various issues with the media during an interview on March 8.

Wetekam said if he didn't understand southern hospitality before, he definitely does now.

When asked what he would like people to say

about him when he has left Robins, he said that the mark of a good leader is leaving a command better off than when you came. He said he hopes that is the case when

he has gone. Wetekam also discussed partnerships with industry, and recruitment and training at universities as the way to go for the future.

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E-business at Robins

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signed a memorandum of understanding Monday with representatives of Lockheed Martin. The center and Lockheed will be joining forces to develop a supply chain integration partnership. The memorandum provides the framework for joint development of an electronic supply chain to support weapons systems. See A-2

Homeland Security Advisory System

President Bush has signed a directive to create the Homeland Security Advisory System. This is part of a series of initiatives to improve coordination and communication in the fight against terrorism. It will provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry. See A-4

Communications directorate formed

Air Force officials have announced the consolidation of several existing organizations into a combined communications directorate. This is being done to enhance the responsiveness, impact and cost-effectiveness of public affairs and communications efforts. See A-4

Marriage enrichment weekend scheduled

The base chapel will be offering married couples a chance to learn more about their relationships from an expert. Chaplain James C. Cerbiglia will lead a marriage enrichment weekend April 12 through 14 at the Museum of Aviation. See B-1

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Time for Tattoo

Ceremony to be Wednesday at museum

By 1st Lt Travis McDonnold
Tattoo Ceremony Committee

Robins Air Force Base's Tattoo ceremony for 2002, "Robins Air Force Base: Sixty Years of Enduring Freedom," will be conducted this year at the amphitheater of the Museum of Aviation Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.

The show will be open to the entire population of Robins to include civilian employees, retirees, military and all family members.

Daughter of base's namesake to be honored guest

The guest of honor this year will be Dorothy Robins Cook, daughter of the late Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, for whom the base is named.

Dorothy Gretchen Robins, "Robby," was born on March 11, 1916 to Dorothy Gretchen Hyde and Augustine Warner Robins at Fort Riley, Kan. Within a week, her father was sent to New Mexico to serve with General Pershing on the Mexican border. The family joined her father in New Mexico when she was a little more than 1 year old.

During the next three years, she lived at Scott Air Field, Ill; Park Field, Memphis, Tenn.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Washington, D.C.

It was during their time in Washington that then Major Robins was severely injured in a plane crash. After a six-month recovery, the family moved in 1921 to Fairfield, Ohio, where Major (then Lieutenant Colonel) Robins was commander of the Fairfield Air Intermediate Depot and later concurrently of



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tattoo volunteers, Airman 1st Class Paul Heiser, left, and Senior Airman Jonathan Stone, discuss their roles in the upcoming Tattoo ceremony which will be conducted Wednesday at the amphitheater at the Museum of Aviation.

Wright Field, Ohio. From 1928, he attended school and held many important positions.

Upon promotion to brigadier general, he returned to Wright Field in 1935 as commander of the Air Corps Materiel Division. Here he played a vital role in the preservation of the B-17 program and its acquisition.

In February 1939, General Robins and

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Some C-17 work is headed this way

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According to C-17 System Management Directorate officials, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will be the new home of some C-17 management and sustainment work.

The work includes buying peculiar support equipment for the C-17, the newest cargo plane in the Air Force inventory.

David Silva, deputy director of the C-17 System Management Directorate, said some of the work already has been moved from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to Robins.

"This means acquiring the support equipment and providing it to Boeing for item management and distribution to main operating bases, training bases and new site activations occurring now."

Silva said the main thrust of this shift is that Robins has an organization that is going to stay here and grow. The C-17 directorate is 2 years old and was originally here only to preserve an organic option in the event the Air Force decided long term sustainment would be done by the ALC versus contractor support, a decision that would have been made

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David Silva
C-17 System Management Directorate
deputy director

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Pentagon reconstruction: A sign of triumph over terrorism

By Linda D. Kozaryn
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WASHINGTON — Six months after terrorists slammed a hijacked jet into the Pentagon, the charred, gaping hole in the building is gone and new five-story walls have risen from the ashes.

Two American flags fly atop towering yellow construction cranes more than 150 feet above the site where 184 persons died. Whenever work crews reposition the cranes, these banners of freedom take the lead, ruffling in high winds overhead.

To many, restoring the Pentagon has come to symbolize the nation's resolve to win the war against global terrorism. Six months from Monday, Pentagon officials and construction workers alike intend to have finished the most visible reconstruction, reno-

vation project manager Lee Evey told the press in an update briefing on March 7.

"We want to have people back in the building on E Ring, where the aircraft impacted, by Sept. 11 of this year," he said. "We want them to be sitting at their desks performing their mission."

Counting down days, hours, minutes

Everyone associated with the project, he said, wants to bring the building back as quickly as possible. "That's our goal, and that's our mission. We want to do it as efficiently, effectively, and we also want to do it in as cost-effective a manner as we possibly can."

A large digital clock at the site stands witness to that resolve. Illuminated red numbers display the



Department of Defense photo

Reconstruction of the Pentagon continues on March 5, as a countdown clock tracks the time remaining until Sept. 11.

hours and minutes remaining until the first anniversary of the attack. The clock bears the words, "Let's Roll," honoring the heroes who died

in the skies over Pennsylvania to prevent further attacks on Washington.

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WR-ALC, Lockheed Martin join forces in e-business

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is at the forefront of a collaborative venture between Lockheed Martin and the U.S. Air Force moving towards the future promise of e-business. The Air Force took a key step toward this future on Monday with the signing of a memorandum of understanding or MOU, for the development of a supply chain integration partnership with Lockheed Martin.

Framework for success

Senior staff from Headquarters Air Force, Lockheed Martin and the WR-ALC gathered to sign the document, which provides the framework for joint development of an electronic supply chain to support weapon systems, beginning with the C-130B-H. Successes on this platform will be migrated out to other weapon systems.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander of the WR-ALC, hosted the signing ceremony, which included Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders, the Air Force's director of supply, and Bill Anderson Jr., Lockheed Martin Aero's vice president for customer support.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those participating in this great event," said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam at the signing ceremony. "I would especially like to thank the C-130 SPO, the re-engineering office, Lockheed Martin and our friends from headquarters who have the vision to press forward. As we set our signatures to this MOU, we take a step closer to substantial improvements and modernization for our industry."

Commitment to work together

According to Maj. David Reese, Air Force headquarters' team lead for the purchasing and supply chain management or PSM initiative, the Air Force's effort to collaborate with its largest supplier, Lockheed Martin, demonstrates the commitment both parties have to working together and supporting the Air Force's spares campaign "Adopt Improved Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Initiative."

As a precursor to the MOU, the Air Force and Lockheed Martin have initiated an e-procurement pilot supporting the Web-based purchase and selling of spare parts for the C-130B-H platform.

Reese said, the WR-ALC C-130 e-procurement pilot is testing the dot com environment for the purchase of aircraft spares through an e-procurement tool.

Improving readiness

"Working with Lockheed Martin, and several other key vendors, in developing electronic parts catalogs and real-time pricing and availability via a single portal will improve readiness through



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signs a memorandum of understanding as Bill Anderson Jr., Lockheed Martin Aero's vice president for customer service looks on Monday.

accelerated parts procurement," he said. "Moving away from the labor- and paper-intensive processes of searching for, and buying, spare parts will allow personnel to focus on other more strategic roles."

Actual testing and use of the program began 30 days ago.

Replacing manual processes

"Ultimately, we envision an e-procurement architecture that will replace many of the manual processes used in the Air Force today," said Reese. "We are trying to digitize the process and move toward 'hands-free' procurement."

The e-procurement pilot is only a first step toward broader integration efforts across the supply chain. Building on this initiative, the Air Force and Lockheed Martin have both agreed to continue the development of common electronic supply chain capabilities to enable the efficient and cost-effective flow of materials and information.

According to Wing Commander Margaret Staib, an Australian air force officer working on exchange as the U.S. Air Force's PSM project manager, this joint initiative is a critical step in improving weapon systems availability across the Air Force.

"This program will improve supply support to the war fighter by better integrating our processes with those of U.S. Air Force's key suppliers," she said. "These business practices have worked well in industry, and now we will demonstrate what benefits they hold for the Air Force."

Other key Air Force signatories on the MOU included Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mansfield Jr., special assistant for supply chain integration and logistics transformation, and Brig Gen. Darryl A. Scott, deputy assistant secretary of contracting. Additional senior executives in attendance from Lockheed Martin included vice presidents James Foster, Burlie Brunson and Mayme Clinkenbeard.

Silva: 'Number of employees could increase'

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in 2003.

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Silva said, because of the shift, the number of employees could increase sizably.

"We moved here with 59 employees and have grown to beyond 70," he said. We are looking at an end strength of about 125."

Robins is currently doing some of the analytical condition inspections on the C-17. These are done to examine and fix wear-and-tear problems. This work is done by the depot maintenance personnel in the C-141 System Program Office.

Silva said landing this sustainment work is a good start towards a closer relationship



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Robins will be the new home for some of the management and sustainment work on the C-17.

between Robins and Boeing.

"We are beginning to partner with Boeing instead of competing with them," he said. "Boeing is stepping up to the plate to help build this relationship."

"There will be work here at Robins. We just don't know how soon, how much," he said.

Silva said, 86 aircraft have been delivered by Boeing, four of which have been leased to the United Kingdom. There are 82 in the Air Force inventory.

Workers putting 'heart and soul' into completing Pentagon project in one year

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"We're counting down the days," Evey said. "This gets to zero at 9:38 a.m. on Sept. 11 of this year — just to remind everybody of our commitment and what we intend to do by that date."

As many as 1,000 workers a day have put their hearts and souls into rebuilding the nation's historic military headquarters. At first they worked three shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"At Christmas, we insisted that all the workers take two days off," Evey said. "A group of 64 workers came and complained to us because they wanted to work straight through. We insisted they take two days off. We also insisted that they had to take two days off at New Year's."

As work progressed, managers cut the daily work force to about 600 workers, who now put in two 10-hour shifts a day, six days a week. "We didn't want to continue to push these guys seven days a week, 24 hours a day, because we're concerned that we could start to have accidents on the job," he said.

"Our accident rate on our project is extraordinary," he noted. "We've spent well over 860,000 man-hours on the job. We've had one lost-time accident, which was a minor thumb injury that one of the workers experienced. That's an extraordinary safety record."

Both managers and workers are highly motivated, Evey said. Managers start arriving at 3 a.m. so that the work is laid out and everything's ready for the workers to move forward by the time they arrive about 5:30.

Rising from the ashes

The first step in the undertaking was dubbed Project Phoenix. It involved demolishing about 400,000 square feet of the building. From the first day, Evey said, the work has consistently been weeks ahead of schedule, he noted.

"We very quickly removed about 10,000 tons of debris," he said. Workers then shored up the structure, making it safe to "go back into those areas, remove things like classified materials, personal effects and things like that," he said.

After testing the condition of the building's concrete, construction engineers determined they would have to take down more of the build-

ing than they'd originally thought. Evey said normal concrete is brown or gray, but inspected parts had turned red, indicating extensive damage.

"Most of that damage," he said, "was caused by the intense heat to which it was exposed — heat intense enough in some areas to melt the window glass, which ran down the walls and puddled on the floor."

Original estimates indicated that demolishing the damaged area would take up to eight months. "We managed to bring the building down in one month and one day, which is an extraordinary rate of building demolition," Evey remarked.

Detailing protection

Pentagon officials are striving to improve "force protection" should the building be subjected to similar threats in the future.

"We have interviewed everyone that we could find in the building who was in close proximity to the crash at the time that it occurred," Evey said. "We're learning as much from them as we possibly can with regard to the performance of the building and how we can improve it."

Some changes are tiny, but very important, he said.

"In a fire, for example, it is unlikely people are going to be standing upright, looking for exit signs over doorways. You're going to be on your hands and knees," he said, "You probably won't be able to see your hand in front of your face. If you're underneath that exit sign, just eight or 10 feet away from it, it might as well be a hundred miles away, because you won't be able to see it."

To correct this, he said, workers are installing nonelectrical, glow-in-the-dark devices that can be placed at floor level so that a person on hands and knees can find the way out. "That doesn't cost a whole lot. It's not very sexy. It's not very exciting. But it's just very practical, and it seems to work pretty darn well," Evey said.

Pentagon officials are also looking at ways to improve the sprinkler system, how to make the building more resistant to different types of attack and how best to evacuate the building. Some new forms of protection had already been installed as part of renovation work under way at the time of the attack, he noted.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell on March 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club.

Spouses are invited to attend the event and the social that follows. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Matthew Wylie at 926-4432, or e-mail to matthew.wylie@robins.af.mil.



Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam

Seward reassigned

Col. Jay E. Seward II, former commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, will become commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 775 in Columbia, S.C., on June 30.

Fraley becomes C-141 SPO deputy

Marian L. Fraley will become the deputy director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center C-141 System Program Office. Fraley was previously the chief of the business and program control division of the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate.

Contracting wins AFMC unit award

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Contracting Directorate, Operational Contracting Division, recently was awarded the fiscal 2001 Annual Contracting Award in the Outstanding Unit or Team category. All Air Force Materiel Command bases were represented in the competition.

According to the nomination package the team was able to execute more than 4,600 operational contracting actions worth \$159.7 million during the fiscal year.

They also received the high-visibility A-76 study award of a \$11.5 million contract for Robins Air Force Base education and training needs, awarded seven last-minute Depot Maintenance Activity Group minor construction projects valued at \$2.4 million and executed an \$11.5 million food service contract which was cited as a key factor in Robins' winning the LeMay Award.

The division was also responsible for the rapid

response which avoided the shutdown of the C-130 programmed depot maintenance process line, the emergency contingency support for the Army National Guard C-23 crash near Unadilla and the comprehensive expansion of the Government Purchase Card Program which netted \$1.4 million in cost avoidance.

"This is simply a credit to the outstanding people in the operational contracting division," said Lt. Col. David Hincks chief, of the division. "As guardians of the public trust, the work contracting professionals do every day is sometimes misunderstood.

"We're a very important last step in the process to putting in place a successful contract. The dedication, professionalism and patriotism of the people in this division is something to behold," he said.

Hincks said communication with all customers is the most critical part of the success of the operational contracting division.

"It's amazing what happens when people just talk to one another," he said.

The division is made up of 75 personnel. Of those, approximately 20 are military and the rest are civilians. Hincks said Robins' division is the only contracting division with military enlisted personnel.



Hincks

Two from supply division win command fuels awards

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Air Force Materiel Command has chosen a civilian and a military member from the 78th Logistics Group Supply Division as best in their fields in the command's annual outstanding fuels personnel of the year competition.

Evelyn L. Mathis won in the civilian supervisor category, and Airman 1st Class Carlos Garcia in the junior fuels technician category. Capt. Dan Franklin, fuels management chief, described the two as "among our very best."

Mathis

Mathis, who Franklin says has "unparalleled work ethic, leadership and enthusiasm," is the functional expert in the field of fuels accounting and the "go to" person AFMC has used for advice on accounting issues.

She assisted in resolving \$21 million in suspended or rejected Air Force-wide fuels transactions, and spearheaded efforts to bring the Air Force finance community on line with new fuels accounting procedures.

Mathis managed the transfer of fuels transactions from supply to a new system under the Defense Energy Support Center, making Robins the first base in the command to complete the change over.

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, Mathis made sure fuels controllers were trained to prepare daily fuels situation reports, providing timely, accurate fuels status to organizations up through AFMC. AFMC benchmarked her report format for implementation across the command.

Garcia

Garcia was picked as preventive maintenance team chief for the 29-unit fuels fleet, a job that underscores management's confidence in the two-striper's abilities.

In that post, he quickly detected and corrected minor discrepancies, resulting in a 95 percent in-commission rate.



Mathis

Garcia also applied a common-sense, sequential order method to improve checklists, leading to a 25 percent reduction in the amount of time required to inspect each fueling unit.

Franklin said Garcia is "dedicated to mission accomplishment," personally servicing 127 home station and transient aircraft. He safely issued more than 274,000 gallons of aviation jet fuel and delivered a combined 5,761 gallons of diesel and unleaded gasoline to base organizations during the award period, fiscal 2001. His 8.7-minute personal response rate broke the flight's goal of 15 minutes.

Garcia also helped build a four-inch pipeline, while deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, for receiving and issuing thermally stable fuel, eliminating 600 feet of losses and saving the government an estimated \$20,000 annually in replacement costs alone.



Garcia

Bush creates Homeland Security Advisory System

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WASHINGTON — Federal, state and local authorities, law enforcement agents and the American people need to know about terrorist threats as quickly as possible.

To ensure that happens, President Bush signed a directive Tuesday creating the Homeland Security Advisory System. White House officials said the system is the foundation for building an effective communications structure.

Part of a series of initiatives to improve coordination and communication in the fight against terrorism, the advisory system would provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry, allowing officials to communicate the nature and degree of terrorist threats.

Labeling the threat

Government officials would determine if a threat is credible and whether it has been corroborated. They would also determine the gravity of the threat and whether it is specific and imminent.

Government officials would also characterize levels of vigilance, preparedness and readiness in a series of graduated threat conditions. These threat conditions would help federal, state and local government officials, law enforcement agents and citizens decide what action they could take to help counter and respond to terrorist activity.

Based on the threat level, federal agencies would then implement protective measures that the government and the private sector would take to reduce vulnerabilities. States and localities would be encouraged to adopt compatible systems.

The advisory system would also include public announcements of threat advisories and alerts and inform people about government steps to counter the threat. The announcements would also provide information to help people respond to the threat.

Heightened threat conditions could be declared for the entire nation, for a specific geographic area, or for a functional or industrial sector, White House officials said. Officials would use a color-coded system: conditions green, blue, yellow, orange and red.

Know the colors

Condition Green would indicate a low threat of terrorist attack. Government and law enforcement authorities would refine and exercise protective measure plans and regularly assess facilities for vulnerabilities and take steps to reduce them.

Condition Blue would indicate a general risk of terrorist attack. Among other precautions, authorities would check communications with emergency response and command locations. They would also review and update emergency response procedures and provide the public with necessary information.

Condition Yellow would indicate significant risk of terrorist attacks. Protective measures would include increasing surveillance of critical locations, coordinating emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions and implementing contingency and emergency response plans, as appropriate.

Color coded threat conditions

Condition Green would indicate a low threat of terrorist attack.

Condition Blue would indicate a general risk of terrorist attack.

Condition Yellow would indicate significant risk of terrorist attacks.

Condition Orange would indicate a high risk of terrorist attacks.

Condition Red would indicate severe risk of terrorist attacks.

Condition Orange would indicate a high risk of terrorist attacks. Authorities would coordinate security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force and restrict access to essential personnel only. Additional precaution would be taken at public events.

Condition Red would indicate severe risk of terrorist attacks. In this case, emergency response personnel would be assigned and specially trained teams would be pre-positioned. Authorities would monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems, close public and government facilities and increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

The president has given the attorney general responsibility for developing, implementing and managing the Homeland Security Advisory System.

Government and law enforcement officials and the public will have 45 days to comment on the plan. Ninety days later, in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security, the attorney general will present a system to the president for approval.

Air Force officials create communications directorate

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In a realignment designed to enhance the responsiveness, impact and cost-effectiveness of its public affairs and communications efforts, Air Force officials announced Monday the consolidation of several existing organizations into a combined communications directorate.

Effective today, the new directorate will integrate the functions of public affairs, integrated marketing, issues team and executive staff group, and will be responsible for the research, development and execution of timely, accurate communications activities.

William C. Bodie, the special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force for policy and planning, will assume the additional duties of director of Air Force communications.

“Today’s Air Force combines the world’s

finest high-technology air and space systems with the most talented and motivated airmen,” said James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force.

Responsibilities for the new communications directorate will include:

- Integrating Air Force communications support for recruiting and retention initiatives;

- maintaining an open and responsive media relations capability;

- generating internal communications — print, video, and Web-based — to ensure that Air Force people have superb access to relevant information and perspectives about the service;

- support for community-outreach activities; and

- the generation of fact sheets, issue papers and interactive materials to increase understanding and awareness of Air Force programs, people and priorities.

Tattoo ceremony dates back more than 300 years

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family moved to Randolph Field, Texas, where he assumed duties of commander of the advanced flying school. He died on June 16, 1940.

Cook was married first to World War II fighter ace Lt. Col. Frederic C. Gray and later to Col. Emerson C. Cook, who served as an Air Force presidential liaison to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

"Robby" has two sons, Lt. Col. Frederic C. Gray III and Michael Warner Cook, and three daughters, Robin Gray Davidson, Sydney Cook Fisher and Kevin Cook Johnson.

Cook has lived in San Antonio since 1977. She is the last surviving direct descendant of General Robins. Robby Cook not only carries her father's nickname but, like her father, she has been a part of the U.S. Air Force her whole life.

Ceremony rich in history

The Tattoo ceremony itself is rich with military history.

According to legend, the ceremony began more than 300 years ago during the reign of King William III of Great Britain. English soldiers serving during a war in the Netherlands were fond of spending their evenings in local inns and pubs.

The legend goes that each evening, when the time came for the soldiers to return to the towns and hamlets where they were quartered, drummers would march through the streets to let the soldiers know it was time to end their evening's activities. This was also a sign to the innkeepers that it was time to stop pouring ale.

In their own language, the Dutch drummers would say

Plane's pilot sends note to Pentagon spokeswoman

By Linda D. Kozaryn
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WASHINGTON — Flying back to Washington on March 7 after giving a speech in Los Angeles, Pentagon spokeswoman

Torie Clarke did not expect to get a note from the plane's pilot.

"Nice to have you on board," the pilot wrote. "I work at headquarters for the Air Force as the crisis

action team duty officer. Just finished duty yesterday as a reservist. I'm working about 15 to 18 days per month for the military, which is keeping me pretty busy, a small price to pay for keeping our way of life secure."

It was signed, "Capt. Rich Lepman from United Airlines. Or, Lt. Col. Rich Lepman from the U.S. Air Force Reserve."

At a Pentagon briefing March 8, Clarke said the note reminded her of the incredible job the National Guard and Reserve are doing in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Noble Eagle, the stateside homeland security effort. She said 79,000 Guard and Reserve members have been activated to date and they are now providing a variety of critical services.

"They are serving in Afghanistan. They are serving in Guantanamo Bay. They are working here at home," Clarke told reporters. "We really appreciate what they do. We appreciate the support they get from their employers and their families, and we just wanted to thank them."

"doe den tap toe," which translates to "turn off the taps." This was later adapted to "tap toe," which, translated to English, became "tattoo."

By the 19th century, complete bands played for the whole army, corps, division battalion regiment or garrison. Thus, the English tradition of the solemn military Tattoo was established.

U.S. military services have adopted the Tattoo with all its pomp and reverence.

The Robins AFB Company Grade Officers Association organized the event this year. The project officer this year is Capt. Michelle Hamerla of the 78th Air Base Wing. The director of the event is Capt. Beth Graboritz of the 78th Communications Squadron.

Robins' 60th anniversary to be honored

"The Tattoo ceremony has evolved over the years to be a time for a military community to come together and reflect on its own history and contributions to freedom," said Hamerla. "Each year Robins AFB selects an important moment in history to which the evening is dedicated. This year is about the dedication ceremony of Robins AFB and

'Sixty Years of Enduring Freedom.' Robins AFB is 60 years old this year, and we're honoring Team Robins Plus' contributions to our nation's enduring freedom."

The program this year includes live entertainment followed by short vignettes of events in history where Robins AFB contributed to our nation's enduring freedom. Moments in history we'll remember include the Berlin Airlift, Korea's MiG Alley, the Vietnam conflict, Desert Storm and, of course Robins' role in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following the vignettes, the ceremony includes a symbolic retiring of the British and American colors and a tribute to fallen comrades.

The live entertainment portion of the program includes music by the Band of the Air Force Reserve, the Reserve Pipe Band and the Band of the Welsh Guard from London.

This event also involves more than 80 volunteers from organizations all over Robins, as well as the local community, to ensure the show is a success.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision to move the ceremony indoors will be made 24 hours in advance. A Web page with more information about the ceremony is available at <http://www.robins.af.mil/tattoo/> and



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Jonathan Stone, left, and Airman 1st Class Paul Heiser try on the costumes they will wear during the Tattoo ceremony.

will be used to provide notice of the relocation.

Parking will be available via the Georgia Highway 247 entrance as well as from the Robins gate on base. There will also be a shuttle service running at Bldg. 905 from 6:15 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The shuttle will also run following the 70-minute ceremony.

Those attending the ceremony are encouraged to carpool and to be in place at the amphitheater by 6:50 p.m. Chairs are provided; do not bring lawn chairs. Handicapped seating will also be available.

Due to security posture, remember those attending should have their identification. Backpacks and coolers will not be allowed.

President speaks on 6-month anniversary of 9-11

'I will not relent,' Bush vows

By Linda D. Kozaryn
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WASHINGTON — America's war on terror is "not just a policy, it's a pledge," George W. Bush declared Monday at a White House memorial marking six months since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I will not relent in this struggle for the freedom and security of my country and the civilized world," the president vowed. History will know Sept. 11, 2001, "not only as a day of tragedy," he said, "but as the day the civilized world was stirred to anger and to action."

Terrorists will remember Sept. 11 "as the day their reckoning began," the president told about 300 attack survivors, along with victims' family members, and members of the U.S. Cabinet and Congress. "America will not forget the lives that were taken and the justice their death requires," Bush said. "Our resolve has only grown because we remember."

Recognizing support of coalition forces

Representatives of the coalition nations taking part in the U.S.-led war on terrorism also attended the memorial. The flags of 170 nations flew on the South Lawn, representing what Bush called the "mighty coalition of civilized nations" that "is now defending our common security."

"We're proud to display their flags at the White House this morning," Bush said. He expressed the deepest gratitude on behalf of the American people for the contributions "these nations have made, some well known, others not."

In all, he said, 17 nations deployed forces to Central Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. More than half the forces now helping Afghan fighters and

providing security in Kabul are from countries other than the United States. Australia, Canada, Norway, Denmark and Germany sent teams to fight beside American and British special operations forces.

The United States could not have done its work without support from countries like Pakistan and Uzbekistan, the president said. Japanese destroyers are refueling coalition ships in the Indian Ocean. Turkish air forces have refueled American planes. Russia, Jordan and Spain built hospitals to treat Afghans. South Korea has provided help and supplies.

The war's human toll includes people from America, Germany, Denmark and Afghanistan. "Each life taken from us is a terrible loss," Bush said. "We mourn each one, and for their bravery in a noble cause, we honor them."

Bush cited Australian Sgt. Andrew Russell as an example of those who've given their lives in the battle against terror. The Australian Special Air Service member died in Afghanistan last month, leaving behind his wife, Kiley, and infant daughter, Lisa.

"Friends said of Sgt. Russell, 'you could rely on him never to let you down,'" Bush said. "This young man and many like him have not let us down."

Much has been achieved so far; more to be done

Andrew Russell and the other U.S., coalition and Afghan forces have achieved much in the short time the war has been under way, Bush said.

The coalition has liberated the Afghan people from terrorist occupation and averted mass starvation. Coalition forces have cleared minefields, rebuilt roads and improved health care.



Courtesy photo by Rudi Williams

More than 1,000 people gathered on a chilly Monday morning on the White House South Lawn for a six-month remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Members from 29 coalition nations in the worldwide fight against terrorism, more than 120 ambassadors, members of Congress, the Bush Cabinet, Supreme Court and armed forces also attended. Speeches supporting the U.S. fight against terrorism were delivered by Nigerian Ambassador Jibril Aminu and South Korean Ambassador Sung Chul Yang. "We have come together to mark a terrible day, to reaffirm a just and vital cause, and to thank the many nations that share our resolve and will share our common victory," President George W. Bush told the large gathering.

Schools are slated to reopen in Afghanistan next week, the president noted, stressing, "They will be open to all. Many young girls will go to school for the first time in their young lives."

The war on terrorism is entering a second stage, Bush said. The war now calls for "a sustained campaign to deny sanctuary to terrorists who would threaten our citizens from anywhere in the world," he said. More patience and more courage will be required.

U.S. forces fought a fierce battle in the Shahi Khot Valley, he noted, "yet it will not be the last battle in Afghanistan, and there will be other battles beyond that nation."

There must be no refuge or safe haven for terrorists, he stressed. Every terrorist must be forced to

live as an international fugitive with no government to hide behind, no safe place to sleep. Driving terrorists from place to place will disrupt their planning and training for further attacks.

"America encourages and expects governments everywhere to help remove the terrorist parasites that threaten their own countries and peace of the world," the president said. America would provide training and resources to help governments meet this commitment.

About 500 U.S. troops are currently helping train forces in the Philippines, he said.

Terrorists there linked to Al Qaeda are trying to seize the southern part of the country to set up a militant regime. At the request of the Republic of Georgia, U.S. offi-

cial plan to send up to 150 military trainers to prepare Georgian soldiers to control Al Qaeda-linked terrorists in an area near the Russian border.

In Yemen, Bush said, U.S. officials "are working to avert the possibility of another Afghanistan." Al Qaeda may attempt to reconstitute itself near the Yemeni-Saudi Arabian border with new recruits from the region. The United States plans to work with the Yemeni government to provide training and equipment to prevent that from happening.

Overall, the coalition is confronting "not a nation, but a network," Bush said. Dismantling the network will require international diplomatic, financial and military cooperation.

The few, the proud, the Starlifters

C-141 System Program Office taking steps to preserve history of airlifter

For more than 40 years the C-141 Starlifter has graced the skies all over the world. It has seen action in every conflict since 1965.

From Vietnam to Afghanistan, anywhere there was a conflict or crisis in the world, the proud "T" tail of the C-141 has been a symbol of America's presence. It has performed many missions, from moving our military forces anywhere, anytime to delivering earthquake relief supplies, to transporting babies, to hauling hay for starving cattle.

First delivered in 1964, 284 C-141s were built and have "hailed the mail" faithfully ever since.

Now, after soldiering on for so many years, the C-141 is "slowly fading away." With its replacement deploying now, this venerable and proud workhorse is gradually retiring one-by-one. The all-time high of 284 aircraft has now dwindled to less than 90, with more to retire this year.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center was an integral part of the C-141 program from the very beginning. The System Program Office stood up at Robins Air Force Base in 1961 and continues to operate today and will continue until the last aircraft retires.

The C-141, like the C-124 Globemaster it replaced, is being replaced by the C-17 Globemaster II. Like the C-124 and C-141, the C-17

will be managed and sustained by WR-ALC.

Since 1965, when the C-141 entered active service in the U.S. Air Force, it has hauled millions of tons of cargo and passengers all over the world. Despite millions of flight hours, the C-141 has maintained an impressive safety record. Accumulating more than 10,500,000 flight hours, its safety record is unmatched in the airlift world.

Milestones marked

During this time, the C-141 has had some major accomplishments and milestones as well. Just to name a few:

- In 1965, the first operational C-141 was delivered to Travis AFB, Calif.; in 1968 the last of the C-141s were delivered, for a total of 284.

- The C-141 gradually took over the strategic airlift mission from the venerable C-124 Globemaster and C-133 Cargomaster, the last propeller-driven strategic airlifters in the U.S. Air Force inventory. The last of these birds to retire did so in the mid-1970s, bringing to a close another airlift chapter and beginning another.

- In 1973, aircraft 66-0177 flew the first Vietnam prisoners of war from Hanoi back to freedom and earned the name "Hanoi Taxi." (Note: this aircraft is currently undergoing pro-

The Hanoi Taxi is currently undergoing programmed depot maintenance here at Robins.

Col. Kenneth R. Emery II
director
C-141 System Program
Office



grammed depot maintenance here at Robins. It is scheduled for return to its home unit in September of this year. Additionally, it will get its original gray and white paint scheme for its final years of service before it is permanently retired to the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

- In the early 1970s it was recognized that the C-141A was usually loaded to its full capacity in volume, not weight. This led to the "stretch" modification, the addition of 23 feet 10 inches of fuselage. Aerial refueling capability was also added, and the result was the C-141B. The first B model was delivered in December 1979.

- In the early days of Desert Shield, it was the workhorse that helped the C-5 and C-130 deliver more than 189,000 tons of critical supplies to the Middle East in the first 100 days and continued, "hauling the

mail" throughout the conflict, bringing the troops home as well.

- Our maintainers' skills were put to the test in 1993-1995 when severe cracking around the wing "weep holes" threatened to ground the fleet and severely degrade the airlift capability of the U.S. Air Force. WR-ALC stepped up to the challenge and, in record time, repaired and returned the fleet back to operational service. In doing so, the C-141 SPO earned personal commendation from General Shalikashvili, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appreciation from the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Defense.

End draws near

Gradually the C-141 is fading from the U.S. Air Force airlift fleet and the skies across the world. At the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.,

the "aircraft graveyard," 152 are in storage and used for parts for the remainder of the fleet. Ten are already in museums and another 10 are permanently grounded as maintenance or load trainers at various locations.

Storing history at Museum of Aviation

The C-141 SPO is taking the unprecedented step of preserving much of its history by transferring important data and documents about the C-141 and its long history to the Museum of Aviation here at Robins.

The goal is to make the museum the repository of much of the C-141 heritage and the most comprehensive repository of C-141 information in the world.

This will not only preserve the C-141 information for future research, but also establish a photographic collection like none other in the world.

Meanwhile, the C-141 continues to provide airlift to a special niche in the strategic airlift mission. The Guard and Reserve forces carry much of the C-141 load, as do two active duty units. Most recently Al Qaeda prisoners were transported from theater to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, courtesy of the C-141.

WR-ALC served as the major depot for the C-141, performing a huge array of programmed depot maintenance ensuring the safety

and sustainment of one of the Air Force's most successful aircraft.

The C-141s throughout the world have been sustained by a core of dedicated and professional folks at WR-ALC who had, and continue to have, the sole responsibility to support the Starlifter until the final one retires in 2006.

PDM for the aircraft will begin to diminish with the last few aircraft being delivered in late 2003. With that final delivery, depot-level maintenance of the C-141 will end at Robins, and C-141s will then become a rare sight on the Robins flight line.

The men and women that have supported the C-141 through these many years have done a magnificent job. But, it is not done; our responsibility continues to sustain this aircraft until the last bird retires, and that is less than five years away.

Our job is to continue to keep it safe and support the mission the Air Force still has for it. Then, when it is time, retire the Starlifter with the dignity, honor and respect it deserves after more than 40 years of service to the nation and the U.S. Air Force.

Contact the Museum Research Division at 926-7313 if you have C-141 photos and or negatives you would like added to this impressive and growing collection.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander
78th Air Base Wing

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

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.



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

Parking at restaurant

Q: When will our security posture allow more parking around the base restaurant? Could more parking be opened up so patrons, especially handicapped, could park for lunch? Even without more parking being opened, enforcement of visitor parking around Bldg. 166 would result in more spaces being available for restaurant patrons.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: As you know, the barriers were placed around the cafeteria's perimeter as a force protection initiative to protect the large number of the Warner Robins Air Logistic Center work force that use this facility for breakfast, lunch and dinner. I concur with the recommendation from the installation threat working group's review of your suggestion and will leave the barriers in place to protect our work force from terrorist attack and maintain our ability to successfully support the Department of Defense war-fighting capability.

We are utilizing DOD antiterrorism construction standards to determine what is needed to keep parking and roadways away from primary gathering places. We have made future plans to better mitigate potential harm from the large amount of glass in the facility, but its execution will be determined

by budget constraints. Our force protection actions will be reviewed in a few months by a visiting assessment team, and results from that visit may suggest some barrier modifications or even other alternatives.

Wherever and whenever possible, we will adjust barriers to best support the facility's purpose, while not compromising security. For further information, contact Tech. Sgt. Shannon Gallien at 926-2186.

Horses on the move

Q: I am presently a member of the Pine Oak Riding Club. I was notified by services that, due to the influx of active duty military personnel waiting to stable their horses, I would have to vacate the barn by March 17. This not only affects me, but all the other DOD civilian personnel that have their horses stabled there.

I have read AFI 34-262, and nowhere does it say that I should vacate for that reason. I understand that active duty personnel have first priority. When I first applied to board my horse there I was never told that I would be "on the bubble." Had I known that, I would never have considered taking my horse there. I feel that we, as civilians, are getting the short end of the stick and hopefully a solution can be reached.

Why can't the existing members be "grandfathered," or a certain percentage of the stalls be allotted for civilians?

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for the concern you showed for our military and civilian members assigned to Robins AFB. Upon review of past and present practices concerning membership at the base stables, I have determined that it is important to support both the retired and civilian populace use of its facilities, as well as, the active duty forces.

Five of the 33 stalls located at the stable facility will be utilized for eligible base personnel, priority 3 and lower, per AFI 34-262, Use Eligibility and Priority for Services Facilities.

The remaining 28 stalls will be reserved for active duty and reserve personnel assigned to Robins AFB. Civilians currently utilizing the stables will be able to continue this usage, since their numbers are less than the five stalls set aside. If you have further questions, contact Lynne Brackett, with outdoor recreation, 78th Support Group Services Division, at 926-4001, or e-mail lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

Burned out street lights

Q: I work in Bldg. 158 and noticed that

on the east and west side of the building there are a number of street lights that are not working. I wondered if someone would look into getting these replaced?

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron is currently reconfiguring the street light circuits throughout the base. With the recent addition of the high mast lights base-wide, there are several locations where lights are no longer necessary.

On Byron Street, the northern most lights were repaired with the southern lights scheduled for removal. On Cochran Street, the southern lights near Bldg. 158 are scheduled for removal also. The lights on the west side of Bldg. 158 are currently being repaired.

On the east side of Bldg. 158, we are in the process of relocating a double lamp pole. The light over the entryway for Bldg. 158 has been inspected and repaired.

If your facility manager finds any other problems, notify 78th CES Service Call Desk at 926-5657. They will be more than happy to assist with initiating a work request.

With the help of your call, we will do a better job of informing building managers when street lighting adjustments may affect their operations.



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Airman's antics promote esprit de corps

You can't judge a book by its cover ... or a bird by its feathers

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Airman 1st Class Christopher Osby has been leading a double life.

The 20-year-old Chicago native may spend the majority of his duty day working as a front desk specialist at Pine Oaks Lodge, but when the situation calls for it, he puts on a completely different uniform.

Donning an oversized bird head, and a foam rubber padded bird suit, the usually quiet airman becomes Robins Air Force Base's fine-feathered friend – Robby the Robin.

"The personality I have with Robby and my personality are two different things," Osby said. "It's a way to have innocent fun without worrying that someone will say I did something wrong."

But doing "something wrong" is not something Osby has to worry about, according to Jerry Cardinal, chief of the 78th Support Group Services Division here at Robins Air Force Base.

"He's an outstanding young airman," Cardinal said. "Osby spends a lot of his personal time to do this – a lot of the things he has to do after duty, and it's very hot in that suit."

Not as easy as it seems

And although it may seem like a lot of fun, playing the part of the base mascot isn't as easy as it seems. The 20 lb. outfit provides little room for air circulation, and after about five minutes the heat can really have an effect on a person.

"It can get really hot in there," Osby said. "There have been tons of times where I was dancing and it got so hot that the sweat started running down my face and into my eyes – and so I'm just dancing and squinting my eyes as tight as I can. To dance in that outfit,

you have to be really focused so you don't kick or hit anybody."

But it goes with the territory, and Osby said that playing the part of the base mascot gives him something to be proud of.

"When we took the trip to Wright Patterson (Air Force Base) to pick up the LeMay trophy, it hit me," he said. "Robby the Robin is more than just a mascot – he's a part of services."

And others noticed too.

Brigadier Gen. Larry Stevenson, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, has nothing but praise for Osby's performance.

"I would say that Robby inspired the crowd at Wright-Patterson, (for the LeMay awards ceremony) like nobody else did," he said. "People were on their feet clapping to the beat of 'Rockin' Robin' – I would go as far as to say that Robby played a big role in the Services Squadron winning LeMay, and boosting morale wherever he went. The bottom line is for an airman to play this kind of role, and have this kind of impact on an organization is truly remarkable."

Cardinal agreed.

"There has to be a personality involved," he said. "You can't just walk around in a suit. We've had other people put it on, but they don't even come close."

On the return flight from Wright-Patterson, Osby got quite the surprise as Stevenson made his way down the aisle of the airplane and asked Osby to come to the front with him.

"I was scared at first," Osby said, "because there wasn't a smile on his face. I thought maybe I was in trouble or I had done something wrong. As we got closer to the cockpit, he turned around and he was smiling. He said, 'you did an outstanding job, would you like to ride in the cockpit?' And I did. I flew the rest of the trip sitting up front."

Osby went on to say that it was one of the



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Robby the Robin, the 78th Support Group Services Division mascot, gets the crowd pumped up at an event at the fitness center.

finest moments in his military career.

"Not too many airmen get to do that when they're not part of that career field – it's a really proud feeling."

Airman a natural for the job

Linda Hinkle, Services Marketing director, said she hired Osby for the job last year and he's a natural.

"I was really in a pinch one day because I didn't have anybody to be Robby," she said.

"That's when Chris asked if he could do it. I told him he couldn't just put on the suit, but would have to try out. I told him we'd have to videotape it and then Mr. Cardinal would have to approve it. When he started dancing around, it was like he was a completely different person. I knew right there he'd be perfect for the part."

And although Osby enjoys being the mascot, he said it can come with a little social discomfort. Osby's girlfriend, who is also stationed at Robins Air Force Base, was unaware of Osby's side job until recently.

"She found out in a way I didn't really want her to," he said. "I had a tape in my room of Robby dancing, and she was looking for a movie to watch and she found it."

"She said, 'so, you're the birdman,'" Osby added with a laugh. "She didn't believe me at

first, and said 'It's not like you. You seem too quiet to be running around and dancing and acting crazy.'"

But Osby said that's the way it has always been. As a high school student at Kenwood Academy Osby was always outgoing and involved when it came to sports. It didn't matter what sport, he was involved, but in the classroom and as part of the student body he was reserved – just like in his life today.

"When I'm working as Robby, I'm outgoing," he said. "But in my private life, I'm quiet and I like to keep to myself."

And although Osby has been called the perfect man for the job, the day will come when Osby and Robby part company.

But not if Cardinal can help it.

"We're going to see if we can get the chief of staff of the Air Force to give a special assignment to the bird so we can keep him here," he said with a laugh. "But in all seriousness, there's going to be a huge void to fill when (Osby) does PCS. Like I said, I've seen other guys in the suit, but it's not the same."

For now though the job is Osby's. And of all the things that go with playing the part of a big red bird, he said the interaction with children is the most satisfying.

"When I'm dealing with the kids, just seeing all those kids run up to me and give me a hug – that's the best part," he said.

"They laugh and they call me a chicken, it's just great to see them smiling. It really gives me something to look forward to as a parent."

As far as his philosophy on life is concerned, Osby said it's pretty simple.

"Your perception of me is not necessarily reality."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Christopher Osby holds the head of his alter ego, Robby the Robin.

Robins AFB Chapel offers marriage enrichment weekend

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The Robins Chapel is offering married couples an opportunity to learn more about their relationships and each other from an expert in the field.

Chaplain James C. Berbiglia, a practicing marriage and family therapist, will lead a marriage enrichment weekend April 12 to 14 at the Robins Museum of Aviation Eagles Nest Conference Room.

The weekend is the chapel's way of reinforcing Gen. Lester Lyles', Air Force Materiel Command commander, designation of marriage and family as a command focus for the second consecutive year.

Seminar sessions will be 7 to 9 p.m. on April 12, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 13. Lunch will be provided on April 13, and free childcare will be provided throughout the weekend. The Protestant worship services at the chapel on April 14 at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. will center on marriage and family.

Those interested in attending the seminar sessions must register by contacting the chapel office at 926-2821. Parents who need childcare also must register their children with the base chapel.

Berbiglia is a Presbyterian minister ordained in 1958 with degrees from Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas; and Perkins Divinity School at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He is a supervisor for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, a practicing marriage and family therapist and a supervisor for the Association

for Clinical Pastoral Education.

He served Presbyterian churches for 10 years before entering military service. Berbiglia retired from the Army Chaplaincy in 1990 with 24 years of service, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. He developed a program for Air Force chaplains at Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, and taught chaplains for 10 years. His wife is Violeta A. Berbiglia, recently retired professor of nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Together, the couple has led workshops in Japan, Korea, Germany and throughout the United States.

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson, who spearheaded the seminar planning, said the weekend is a "once-in-a-lifetime treat," a chance to gain valuable insights and to learn some tips "to protect the most important investment a person makes in life."

"Ask yourself the following questions," Hutson said. "Are you still in love with your spouse? When thinking about marriage, do you ever wonder whether you would do it all over again if you had the chance? Do you find yourself wondering why almost every conversation between you and your spouse turns into an argument? Have you wondered what happened to your marriage relationship? What changed about that person that you felt you couldn't live without when you first knew them?"

"These questions are concerns of many marriages today," Hutson said. "For the military family, these concerns are heightened by extended separations due to tours of temporary duty and remote assignments. My best advice to everyone out there is to come, learn more about yourself and your spouse, and protect your marriage."

Volunteer delivers service with a smile

Hobby gives man his life back

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Maurice Foster Brunson, affectionately known as Pops to his customers, arrives at the Robins Auto Hobby Shop every morning with a smile. Full-time volunteering at the shop "gave Pops his life back," said his son Randy Brunson, an auto hobby shop employee.

"He's waiting in the car for me every morning."

Just two years ago, when Brunson was 86 years old, five medical specialists told his son that Pops would not live.

The younger Brunson cared for him at home and eventually brought Pops to work with him one day a week, "just to get him out of the house," Brunson said. Being out and about gave him strength, as did daily communication with people. Gradually, Brunson accompanied his son to work more frequently until he was a full-time resource of the auto hobby shop.

"Pops comes to work every day and doesn't miss a beat," said Frank Gomez, skills development center director. Brunson hands out tools, handles money transactions and answers any questions the customers may have.

"He's what they call an 'old shade-tree mechanic,'" said his son. Brunson has tinkered with old cars since he can remember. He also worked on tractors, locomotives and steam engines throughout his 39-year career with a charcoal and carbon-block



Courtesy photo

M.F. Brunson, right, hands Robert French a specialty tool at the auto hobby shop.

manufacturing company.

His customers appreciate his wide knowledge of mechanics. "He knows everything there is to know about all the tools. He's helped me out quite a bit when I've brought my car up here," said customer Michael Poole.

Brunson also has a joke to accompany every tool he handles.

His attitude helps make a jovial setting for the auto hobby shop. "He's always got a smile on his face, and he's real funny," Poole said.

"I love having Dad around," said the younger Brunson. "He just glows when he talks with people and always seems to make them smile."

"I love to meet people and tell them about Jesus," Brunson said. "It makes life worth living."

With a wife of 67 years, nine children, 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, Brunson has a lot for which to live.



Courtesy photo

2nd Lt. Algernon Williams gets into character in his sort-of sumo wrestling suit.

Chapel sponsoring sumo tournament

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Two command chief master sergeants will square off in the female division of a sumo wrestling tournament the Robins Chapel is sponsoring in cooperation with the base physical fitness center.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathy M. Mast will face 93rd Air Control Wing Chief Master Sgt. Susan A. Moore in a growing field of competitors expressing interest in the tournament, Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson said.

The tournament will be held on March 22 beginning at 4 p.m. and on March 23 beginning at 10 a.m. on the center's all-purpose floor, Bldg. 827. Trophies will be awarded in four categories — male, female, youth and squadron challenge. The organization that wins the squadron challenge will earn the right to display a tall trophy in its unit.

Hutson said the tournament is the chapel's way of building camaraderie and promoting its commitment to the total person concept of health — mind, body and spirit.

The local sumo contest is more sort-of sumo. Competitors don bulky outfits designed to make them appear more like 500-pound sumos. A black helmet looks like hair pulled back in sumo fashion. Competitors wear thick gloves to prevent scratching.

Hutson said the sort-of sumo is more strategy than strength. Agility and the ability to move in the bulky suits play a key role in winning.

"This is a good, different way to have fun," he said. "We are concerned about the total person — mind, body and spirit. If people know we are encouraging fitness and the total body concept, perhaps those not active in the chapel or church programs may see the need to have spiritual fitness as well."

Spectators are welcome at the tournament, and at least one squadron is planning to have cheerleaders, Hutson said.

The first 100 to sign up will receive free T-shirts. Registrations are being taken at the chapel office at 926-2821 and at the fitness center at 926-2129.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.



Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. —

This week's Around Robins includes an in-depth look at the Starbase Robins educational program. There will be a feature on the recent car winners in the Squadron Challenge. On Wellness Discovery, Lt. Col (Dr.) Laura Torres-Reyes discusses the benefits of quitting smoking; and Cindy Graver talks about the newcomers' tour.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m.

Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**

1 p.m. - **Around Robins**

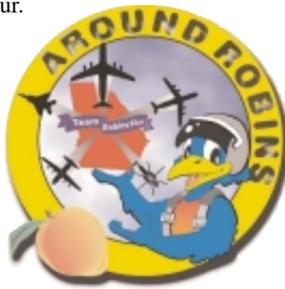
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**

12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**

1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**



LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

● **Patricia A. Hess**, C-130 System Program Office, C-130 Contracting Division. Point of contact is Lt. Col. Jeffrey Whittall, 926-3983.

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

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

NCMA to hold lunch

The National Contracts Management Association March luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. on March 28. The group is celebrating its 25th anniversary of the Middle Georgia chapter. The guest speaker is Steve Davis, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director. Notify your NCMA division representative, Belinda Mitchell at 926-5224 or Terri Frye at 926-5123 by close of business on March 26 if you plan to attend.

School board meets

Robins Air Force Base school board will meet at 4:45 pm. on March 25 at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The meeting is open to the public.

OSC luncheon

People new to Robins Air Force Base may attend the next Officers' Spouses Club luncheon on Thursday, 11 a.m., in the Robins Officers' Club ballroom.

The speaker will be Dee Dial from the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Judge Advocate General Office.

To make a reservation, call A-M, Brenda Wilson at 929-4181; N-Z, Cathy Taylor at 922-8486; permanent, Elizabeth Davison at 971-1670.

AFA membership drive ends today

The Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association membership drive has been extended to today. Unit points of contact have recruiting packets and training materials. AFA Chapter 296 president Art Bosshart has set a goal of a 6 percent increase or 110 members during the 2002 membership drive. Membership information and applications are available through each unit's point of contact, or obtained by calling Maj. Susan Morgan at 327-8230.

Thrift shop in business

Visit the Robins Air Force Base Thrift Shop on Page Road, Building 288. Hours of operation are Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for consign-

ments. The store is also open the first Saturday of each month. Call 923-1686 for more information.

Commissary closed

The commissary will be closed on March 31 in observance of Easter.

Museum promotes membership

People who join the Museum of Aviation Society of Eagles membership program in March can receive an "American Pride" community coupon book worth more than \$2,300. People may purchase a book directly from the Museum of Aviation Foundation by calling 923-6600 or at the following locations: the Byron Welcome Center; Century 21 Williams Realty on Watson Boulevard next to City Hall; Forget Me Not Florist on Hospital Drive; Houston County Deputy Sheriff's Office; Houston County Commissioners Office; and Thompson, Davis and Associates at Corporate Point. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Center 926-2110

Summer camp registration forms will be accepted Tuesday and Wednesday. Participation will be decided based on a lottery format this year. Registration forms are available at the youth center and online at www.robins.af.mil/services. A registration drawing will take place Thursday. Please call the youth center for more information and requirements.

Air Force customer feedback survey

The annual customer feedback survey will be delivered randomly to individuals across the base. This survey is used to measure customer satisfaction, value for price paid, quality of services, facilities, equipment, materials and programs. This survey is easy to complete, has a self-addressed envelope and requires no postage. Customer feedback enables managers to enhance programs, improve service and make optimal use of their resources to benefit services customers. For more information on the survey, call services marketing at 926-5492.

Customer comments

The services division would like to remind its valued customers that their comments and suggestions are very important. Customers are encouraged to fill out comment cards located in each services facility and to leave comments and suggestions online at www.robins.af.mil/services. The 10th customer to submit a comment online will receive a free Robby the Robin stuffed toy. Monthly drawings for \$10 in division



dollars to use at any services facility will be conducted from the comment cards received. Some exclusions apply.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

"Give the World a Hand" clean-up day is slated for 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Base and community organizations will pick up trash, clean bleachers and benches and plant flowers around the base in an effort to make Robins Air Force Base a cleaner community. All community members are encouraged to take part in this event. Individual volunteers and organizations are encouraged to call the community center for more details.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Celebrate St. Patty's Day with green beverage specials and live entertainment by alternative-rock band Dyscontent at the St. Patty's Day party at the enlisted club tomorrow. This event is sponsored in part by Clear Channel station WQBZ-Q106 that will broadcast a live remote from the club 7-9 p.m. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Spring tennis league registration will take place through March 22. Cost is \$10 per player. Participants play at their own level with four divisions and singles or doubles to choose from.

Play bingo for a chance to win a seven-day Caribbean cruise for two on the 14th annual Bingo World Championship Cruise Nov. 2-9. Three jackpots worth thousands of dollars are available every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at the base restaurant, Bldg. 166. Games start at 7 p.m. and doors open at 5 p.m.

Officers' Club 926-2670

Kids' night buffet is slated for 6-8:30 p.m. on March 25 with movies and prizes.

Easter Sunday brunch will be served 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 31. Cost is \$10.95 for members and their spouses, \$12.95 for nonmembers and \$5.95 for children.

The officers' club barber shop is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed 1:30-2:30 p.m., for appointments and walk-ins when available. Call 918-0775 for an appointment.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Turkey hunting season on base will be from March 23 through May 15. A \$10 base permit and base orientation are required. Call outdoor recreation for more information.

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.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, in the 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. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Junior smooth move

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

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted on March 26, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 250. The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on March 27, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. The class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program

Frequently asked questions

Do I really save by shopping at the commissary versus an off-base supermarket?

Supermarkets advertise and sell items below cost to attract customers to their stores. Air Force commissaries sell all grocery items at cost, providing an overall 29.7 percent savings over commercial purchases, based on 1996 Market Basket Survey. For more information, go to <http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQCSJ8>.



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.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will present a workshop on money and credit management on March 29., from 1-4 p.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 127.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Loan closet moving

The Loan Closet, Airmen's Attic, Relocation Assistance Program and Volunteer Resource Program will not be available for services from Monday through March 22. These programs will be moving from their current locations to Bldg. 945, and will reopen for business, on March 25.

Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor, and Robins AFB Family Support Center Employment Resource Program and Transition Assistance Program are sponsoring a job fair on May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., American Legion Post 172 Watson Blvd. This job fair is open to veterans, the Warner Robins community, and all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members seeking employment.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gen. Scott tourney coming

The sixth annual General Robert L. Scott Jr. Birthday Golf Tournament and Evening Celebration will be held at Barrington Hall Golf Club in Macon on April 12.

The four-person scramble tournament will include a noon lunch at the clubhouse, greens fees, riding cart, range balls, a distinctive commemorative golf shirt and an evening birthday celebration buffet.

Golfers have a choice of an 8 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. tee time. The tournament fee is \$94 for players. Prizes will go to the top six teams. To register, golfers should call the Museum of Aviation Foundation at 923-6600.

Youth Center

926-2110

Volunteer youth baseball, softball and tee-ball coaches as well as swim coaches are still needed. No experience is necessary; training will be provided. Apply in person or call Ron Hayes at the youth center.

Registration for Operation Night Hoops, a five-on-five basketball league for ages 13-18, will be held through Saturday, 1-7 p.m. The season begins in April and will focus on teamwork and discipline. Discussions will be held weekly on important issues such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The cost is \$10 per person. For details, contact Ron Hayes at the youth center.

Fitness Center

926-2128

A St. Patrick's Day 10K will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to first-place male and female participants. Souvenir T-shirts costing \$5 will be available at this free event, which is open to all active duty, retired, Reserve military and their family members as well as Department of Defense civilians.

Certified spinning instructors are needed at the fitness center. Applicants may contact Staff Sgt. Yomica Nance or Roger Braner at the fitness center at 926-2128.

Sign up for the inaugural indoor soccer tournament on March 23 and 24 at the fitness center. Teams and individuals should call the fitness center to register by Monday.

Pine Oaks Golf Course

926-4103

Sign up for annual green fee membership during March and receive 13 months membership for the price of 11. Individual and family memberships are available. Call the golf course for more information.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Intramural games this week

Date	Time	Home	Visitor
March 19	6 p.m.	93 ACW	78 MSS
March 19	7 p.m.	116 MXS	78 SFS
March 19	8 p.m.	653 CLSS	78 CEG
March 19	9 p.m.	WR-ALC	OUTLAWS
March 21	6 p.m.	5 CCG	19 ARG
March 21	7 p.m.	J-STARS	116 MXS
March 21	8 p.m.	78 CS	653 CLSS
March 21	9 p.m.	78 SFS	93 ACW

Over 30 games this week

Date	Time	Home	Visitor
March 18	6 p.m.	5th MOBB	78 CS
March 18	7 p.m.	78 MDG	78 CEG
March 18	8 p.m.	19 ARG	78 SFS
March 18	9 p.m.	RNCOA	78 LG
March 20	6 p.m.	653 CLSS	HQ AFRC
March 20	7 p.m.	RNCOA	78 CEG
March 20	8 p.m.	78 LG	5TH MOBB
March 20	9 p.m.	78 MSS	78 OSS

Intramural league standings

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
5 CCG	8	1	0	.889	—	290	360
J-STARS	8	3	0	.727	1	468	564
78 MSS	5	2	0	.714	2	218	244
653 CLSS	6	2	0	.700	1.5	449	508
78 CEG	7	3	0	.700	1.5	380	472
78 SFS	7	4	0	.636	2	450	477
OUTLAWS	7	4	0	.636	2	466	580
WR-ALC	6	5	0	.545	3	494	487
93 ACW	4	5	0	.444	4	333	352
116 MXS	2	8	0	.200	6.5	470	322

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
93 MXS	1	8	0	.111	7	437	284
19 ARG	1	9	0	.100	7.5	540	418
78 CS	0	8	0	.000	7.5	414	341

Over 30 league standings

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
78 MSS	9	1	0	.900	—	511	711
RNCOA	7	2	0	.778	1.5	299	401
5th MOBB	6	2	0	.750	2	278	338
HQ AFRC	6	4	0	.600	3	449	434
78 CEG	4	3	0	.571	3.5	360	390
653 CLSS	5	4	0	.556	3.5	382	393
78 LG	3	4	0	.429	4.5	349	331
78 OSS	3	5	0	.375	5	285	172
78 SFS	2	5	0	.286	5.5	316	305
19 ARG	2	6	0	.250	6	391	272
78 CS	1	6	0	.143	6.5	288	219
78 MDG	1	7	0	.125	7	330	272

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions may also be made via e-mail at bryan.reed@robins.af.mil or fax at 926-9597.

Robins Fitness Center announces policy changes

Services Marketing

The Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center has abridged its listing of membership and locker usage.

What follows is some important information for members and interested members.

Active duty, Reserve components, retired military members and their dependents, who meet the fitness center age requirement, gain priority access with base identifica-

tion cards. Age requirements are 14 years of age with parental supervision and 16 years of age unsupervised.

Civilians may apply for 500 full-time and 600 non-peak-time memberships. Individuals unable to receive membership due to space availability will be placed on a waiting list.

Full-time civilian members must use the facility at least 20 times per quarter and non-peak members must use the facility at least 15

times per quarter.

For every full week of documented temporary duty assignment, annual leave or sick leave, minimum quarterly usage will be reduced by two visits.

Active duty members take priority in rental of fitness center lockers.

The next group eligible for lockers is active duty dependents, Reserve components, Reserve component dependents, armed forces retirees, armed forces retiree depen-

dents and authorized Department of Defense civilian fitness center members.

Non active duty locker holders are subject to having privileges revoked in the event of a locker shortage.

The rental year for lockers is April 1 to March 31, with annual renewals occurring during March. Cost of locker rentals is \$2 per month for distinguished visitors, \$1.50 per month for chiefs' row, and \$1 per month for the common area.

Individuals may terminate their locker rental and request a refund on a monthly pro-rated basis.

Services and the fitness center staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items left in the locker room or lockers.

Contact the fitness center director, Roger Braner, at 926-2128 with questions and concerns.

For complete policy information, visit the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil and click on the fitness center Web page.

HONOR ROLLS

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center recognizes its engineering and technical management award winners.

The General James Ferguson Engineering Award winner is **Earl Williams** from Space and Special Systems Management Directorate. This award recognizes an outstanding Air Force Materiel Command engineer in the grade of major/GS-13 or below who illustrated how resourcefulness was used to make or encourage significant contributions to solving technical engineering problems.

The General Barnard P. Randolph Engineering Team Award goes to the **MH-53J/M Operational Flight Program team** from Avionics Management Directorate. This award recognizes the superior performance of an engineering team, consisting of at least two engineers, whose contributions have best enhanced the mission of AFMC. The team was led by **Troy Smith**.

The Roland R. Obenland Engineering Award winner is **1st Lt. John C. Armstrong** from C-17 System Management Directorate. This award recognizes a company grade officer with less than seven years total commissioned service, who has been engaged in advanced development, engineering or testing during the period of consideration.



The WR-ALC C-130 System Program Office announces it's fourth quarter award winners.

First Line Supervisor of the Quarter – **John Wallace**, C-130 Readiness Division

Senior Supervisor of the Quarter – **Denise Bryant**, C-130 Production Division

Administrator of the Quarter – **Teresa Price**, C-130 Production Division

Professional Civilian of the Quarter – **Brenda Phillips**, C-130 Plans and Programs Division

Senior Professional of the Quarter – **John Dorminey**,

New York Air Guard has openings

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 2A1X2; 2A1X3; 2A5X1; 2A6X4; 2A6X6; 2A7X1; 2A7X3; 2F0X1; 3E0X2; 3E1X1; 3E2X1; 3E3X1; 3E4X1; 3E9X1; 3P0X1; 4A0X1; 4A2X1; 4E0X1; 4N0X1; X4N0X1; and 6F0X1. The wing also has full-time active duty opportunities in the following career fields: 2A5X1 and 2A6X6. The point of contact is Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson, 109th Airlift Wing, at Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.af.mil, DSN 344-2456, or 800-524-5070.

What's right under your nose can kill you

By Chris Zdrakas
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The 78th Medical Group is joining a nationwide observance that focuses on the dangers associated with inhalants — a cheap, legal and commonly accessible group of substances popular with pre-teens.

The substances can be found in nearly any room of the house, and they are important enough to merit a week-long information and education campaign across America.

The observance of National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week begins Sunday, but to be really effective, parents should know what inhalants are, counsel their children and look for warning signs every week of the year, said Vera Seales, drug demand reduction program manager for the 78th Medical Operations Squadron.

"Parents are often out of the loop when it comes to inhalants," Seales said, "Most parents know how to talk to their kids about marijuana, date rape and drinking because they have enough knowledge about those issues. Inhalants are an informational blind spot."

At least one in five eighth graders has intentionally inhaled everyday products, causing brain damage and even death,

according to the 2001 National Institute on Drug Abuse-sponsored "Monitoring the Future Survey."

Seales said inhalant abuse is most common in the 10-12 age bracket and that inhalants are considered a gateway drug, a child's first form of substance abuse before graduating to other drugs.

"Inhalants are as close as the kitchen sink or your child's classroom," Seales said. "Abusable products include butane, propane, gasoline, freon, degreasers, typewriter correction fluid, nitrous oxide, whipped cream, shoe polish, spray paint, paint thinner, chloroform, computer cleaning fluid, air freshener, cooking spray and inhalants commonly known as poppers or rush."

"What young people don't realize is that using any inhalant is like playing Russian roulette," she said. "Experimenters can die the first, 10th or even 100th time they use. Other effects of inhalant use include brain, respiratory, liver and kidney damage, short-term memory loss and hearing impairment."

Seales said her program offers information parents can use to keep their children safe. Anyone interested in obtaining flyers on the subject may contact Seales at 327-8408. The flyers will be available at the base restaurant next week.

Common inhalants

butane
 propane
 gasoline
 freon
 degreasers
 typewriter correction fluid
 nitrous oxide
 whipped cream
 shoe polish
 spray paint
 paint thinner
 air freshener
 cooking spray

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Today — The Count of Monte Cristo (PG-13)

Starring James Caviezel and Guy Pearce. Edmond Dantes, a sailor falsely imprisoned in an island prison for treason eventually escapes, becomes rich, and wreaks revenge upon the men who framed him. (adventure violence, sword play and some sensuality)

Saturday — The Mothman Prophecies (PG-13)

Starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney.

John Klein is a Washington Post reporter whose wife dies shortly after a bizarre, seemingly unexplainable car accident. He later finds pictures she drew during her final days of a bizarre looking winged creature. Two years later his car breaks down and in the space of 90 minutes he has somehow managed to travel 400 miles to Point Pleasant, W. Va. Here he becomes aware of the many strange happenings in the town. (terror, some sexuality and language)

Across the pond

Refuelers are lifeline to 'airbridge,' global reach capability

By 1st Lt. Tisha Wright
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U.S. Air Force refueling aircraft are one of three vital components that contribute to the success of Air Mobility Command's "airbridge."

The "airbridge" is not a concept, but rather a physical trail of U.S. Air Force assets that make the global reach mission possible.

The Tanker Airlift Control Center, located at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is the AMC hub responsible for planning and directing tanker and transport aircraft operations around the world via the "airbridge."

"The 'airbridge' is the aluminum structure of aircraft in the sky and support elements on the ground that we use to span the oceans, getting everything needed to the fight," said Arnie Schmith, TACC director of mobility operations. "If it's got to get there fast and by air, it goes across the 'airbridge.'"

"The 'airbridge' is the backbone of any mobility operation into an area of responsibility," said Maj. Gen Michael W. Wooley, TACC commander. "It basically has three components: aerial refueling, global reach lay-down and strategic airlift."

KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders perform the refueling mission across the entire U.S. Air Force

"They give us the opportunity to not only fuel the strategic aircraft but also the capability to refuel the fighters and bombers going in the area

of responsibility," said Wooley.

This capability is unique to the U.S. Air Force and an integral part of deploying fighter aircraft and their units to the fight across the "airbridge," according to the command's explanatory briefing entitled AMC 101.

Tankers have the ability to perform mid-air refueling missions as well as cargo transport. Their dual capability enables them to "drag" entire fighter units across the "airbridge." The tankers fuel the fighter aircraft while also carrying in the cargo bay extra crews, maintainers and equipment to necessary locations in support of the Global Reach mission.

"Air refuelers are the lifeline of global reach, increasing range, payloads and flexibility," the briefing reads.

U.S. Air Force tankers can also refuel Navy, Marine and many allied aircraft. They increase all service capabilities on land, sea and in the air.



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt Tisha Wright
The 19th Air Refueling Group refuels an airborne warning and control system aircraft from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

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U.S. Air Force photos by 1st Lt Tisha Wright
ABOVE: Capt. Gerry Hinderberger, aircraft commander for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron; 1st Lt. Mack Erwin, co-pilot for the 99th ARS; and Staff Sgt. Dave Coleman, boom operator for the 99th ARS, plan for a refueling mission.
LEFT: 1st Lt. Stan Socha, co-pilot for the 99th ARS, does a preflight check on a KC-135 Stratotanker before takeoff.



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Tisha Wright
Staff Sgt. Dale Mathews and Airman 1st Class Garrett Blake stand near the new "Let's Roll" logo on a 19th Air Refueling Group KC-135 Stratotanker. Mathews and Blake were the first crew chiefs to launch from the 19th ARG on Sept. 11.

Black Knights reflect on 'Let's Roll' nose art

By 1st Lt. Tisha Wright
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The 19th Air Refueling Group unveiled the "Let's Roll" nose art last night on one of their KC-135 Stratotankers, in a solemn ceremony, to reflect on the events of Sept. 11 and to remind us of our national unity in the fight against terrorism.

The "Let's Roll" voice of passenger Todd Beamer became the inspiration for the national resolve to fight terrorism when he, and other passengers on Flight 93, saved countless lives by sacrificing their own in an attempt to take out the terrorists hijacking the aircraft.

They began the national unity embodied in the new "Let's Roll" nose art currently being placed on one aircraft per wing in the U. S. Air Force.

"We do our jobs day to day in the military and you know your life is on the line, but those on Flight 93 had to make that decision in a moment's notice," said Staff Sgt. Cesar Stephenson, the 19th Air Refueling Group non-commissioned officer in charge of support.

"They could have sat down in that aircraft, but they didn't," he said. "They risked their lives."

The nose art is a link between what American civilians started when they fought back on Flight 93 and what the American military is carrying out through Operation

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Handy: The world is watching

By Staff Sgt. Scott Leas
AMC News Service Editor

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command's new commander, Gen. John W. Handy, calls the opportunity to command the world's premier mobility force an extraordinary and humbling experience.

"I take incredible pride in what I've found in this command," said the general. "All of the people in AMC are an inspirational example of military professionalism. They provide our nation the airlift capability necessary to take our forces to the fight."

As with most new commanders, Handy has a vision for where he would like to take AMC, but not at the cost of tried and true methods. He prefers a smooth transition with a follow through from previously developed programs.

"As the commander of AMC, I have no desire to develop new procedures or policies above and beyond that which already exist," said Handy. "Current AMC procedures have been well-tested by time and circumstance and have proven reliable for the execution of our mission."

Room for improvement

While the general feels there is no need for great change for the command, he understands there is always room for improvement and welcomes new ideas to increase mission productivity from those who accomplish the job on a daily basis.

"It is my opinion that the most creative and innovative concepts for process improvement come from individual specialists skilled in the art of accomplishing their daily tasks," explained Handy. "These people are far more in tune to the specifics of what it takes to get the job done and how to improve these processes than our senior leadership. I encourage people



Courtesy photo
Gen. John W. Handy, Air Mobility Command commander, talks about his opportunity to command the world's premier mobility force.

to be innovative in what they do, yet thoughtful in their work and how they look at processes."

While Handy encourages AMC's people to strive for improvement, he knows that ultimately he is responsible for setting the command's priorities and says the command's No. 1 priority is readiness.

A ready force

"Air Mobility Command has been, and will continue to be, a ready force," said Handy. "However, readiness is still a strong concern because the world is watching, especially after the terrorist acts of Sept. 11. Our enemies only need to look at all we have accomplished since Sept. 11 to know how strong the arm of Air Mobility Command is, as evidenced by the Herculean efforts of our mobility warriors."

"We delivered more than 2.4 million

Humanitarian Daily Rations to an oppressed people half way around the world while simultaneously supporting air strikes to crush the oppressive Taliban regime," the general said. "As for the people who would threaten this nation, we've hunted them down and we will continue to hunt them down until we root them out wherever they are in the world. You can't do that without AMC."

Concerns about current tempo

The general is concerned however about how long AMC can sustain current operations and personnel tempo.

"We need to look at where our efforts will be focused after Afghanistan," said Handy. "Our mobility system must be very ready to do its job. We will do everything we can to sustain readiness and make whatever improvements are necessary."

"Having ready, motivated people is not enough to accomplish the Global Reach mission," he said. "A force must have modern weapon systems to meet today's military challenges, and AMC is focusing on several of its aircraft for modernization."

"A full C-17 acquisition is the command's first modernization priority," said Handy. "We are working diligently to get a follow-on multi-year procurement contract in place and ramp up to 180 aircraft, and ultimately I hope to see us be able to acquire a minimum of 222. That would put AMC in a position to meet requirements of the Mobility Requirements Study and give us a lift capability to do the things we are supposed to do."

However, Handy explains the C-17 cannot do it alone.

"Next is C-5 modernization. We need to increase C-5 mission capable rates. By upgrading the aircraft's avionics and re-engineering it, we'll take a

New York native shares thoughts on World Trade Center attack

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When I was asked to write about how the Sept. 11 attacks affected me, I immediately refused, thinking, "they have some nerve asking me that question." Then I thought of how valuable my experience might be to someone who has never stepped foot in New York City. In that response I realized this too was the NYC mentality. We have hard shells, and don't push over easily, but when we open up, there is much we can share.

That early Tuesday morning, in September, there were two things that

kept recurring in my mind. First, was my family OK, and second that my life, and subsequently my career, was changed forever. My life, like 10 million of my NYC brethren, was halted. For me, living in Georgia at the time, the tragedy seemed quite foreign. But for my parents, siblings, relatives and friends it became a daily healing. Sure I lost a good friend, a childhood coach and neighbor, and a relative, but I was 1,000 miles away and I didn't have 2 million tons of smoldering rubble to face each and every day.

However, two months after the attacks, I got the opportunity to go home. It was the first time in my life

that I was scared to go home. When I got there, things seemed to be like they had always been, aside from the billboards and clothing apparel sparked by this horrific event. Even my friends seemed somewhat normal, as normal as one could be after losing family, friends and memories.

I think it all hit me when I walked to the overpass of 69th Avenue and the Long Island Expressway and saw the Empire State Building, standing all alone, and to the south a plume of smoke. So, I decided to hop on the subway. Even the trains seemed normal. But as the people began to filter in and out of the doors something

overcame me, something I never, in my 23 years living here, had felt. It was a camaraderie between every single person on that train, a hidden understanding of one another's pain and hardships.

I got off the train and stopped at St. Patrick's Cathedral and it was completely full. There wasn't even a service. I left the cathedral and began my walk toward "ground zero."

About 10 blocks away, something very strange happened. Everything around me was eerily quiet. Cars were banned from the streets. A perpetual layer of dust covered everything. I got within about 500 yards of the site and

my heart sank. I then knew why my life and everyone I knew was changed forever.

It is the six-month anniversary since the tragedy that toppled two large buildings and affected countless lives. I am sitting in a tent halfway across the world from home. I am contributing to the efforts of Operation Enduring Freedom. I know my Air Force career has taken a new direction. But, I could never be more proud doing the job that God has allowed me to do – upholding and defending the freedom that my family and friends had stripped from them that early fall morning.

IG: 19th ARG 'excellent'

The 19th Air Refueling Group here received an "excellent" rating following the week-long single integrated operations plan inspection Feb. 22-27 by the Air Mobility Command Inspector General team.

"Congratulations to all Black Knights. The 19th did extremely well in our SIOB Inspection. We safely and expeditiously generated our full tasking of aircraft 4 hours earlier than the standard," said Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, commander of the 19th ARG.

"We had every crewmember, not actively involved with Operation Noble Eagle or deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom, generate to completely cover all tails remaining at home. We accomplished the Alert Aircraft Repositioning Plan flawlessly. We responded to U.S. Strategic Command Emergency Action Messages rapidly and safely. Crewmembers aced the open and closed book tests with all 100 percent scores," she added.

The 19th ARG received an "outstanding" rating in every operational area of inspection.

"In all operational matters we were outstanding," she said, "and the support we received from the 78th ABW and 93rd ACW was outstanding."

The commander is especially proud of the 19th ARG for their excellent rating while meeting the current operational tempo demands.

"We did all this while flying operational taskings for two wartime commanders-in-chiefs, operating at 220 percent of our peacetime tasking, and handling doctrinal issues at the unit level that U.S. Strategic Command, North American Aerospace Defense and AMC haven't begun to address," said Faulkenberry. "While the operational readiness inspection was on-going we launched ONE sorties and maintained Alpha, Bravo and Charlie taskings. The Black Knights did an outstanding job demonstrating our capability to support our secondary wartime mission, and I couldn't have been prouder of our efforts!"

The following individuals have been recognized by the commander for their outstanding performance during the inspection.

Super Star List

Lt. Col. Ed Sienkiewicz, 19 ARG
Maj. Clarke Richardson, 19 OSS
Maj. Greg Scheer, 99 ARS
Capt. Mary Teeter, 19 AGS
MSgt. Tim Richardson, 19 AGS

SrA Jason Bremer, 99 ARS
Ernie Infinger, 19 ARG
Roy Swygert, 19 ARG
Rosaling Ashe-Gay, 78 ABW
Lt. Dmitri Kalinin, 19 MXS

Lift to come from aircraft changes

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fairly mature weapons system and extend its lifetime well into this century," he said.

Full procurement of the C-17 along with C-5 modernization will provide a balanced lift capability for the command, but the command's aging tanker fleet is also a concern.

"Our aging KC-135 tanker fleet is another concern. We know we're going to have to step up to the plate some day and modernize this aircraft, but we are not at that point yet," said Handy.

An interim solution is the possibility of leasing aircraft. Current Congressional legislation allows the Secretary of the Air Force to study the option of leasing up to 100 Boeing 767s for use in the air-refueling mission.

"That will allow us to retire all of our KC-135E models and transition R-models into the reserve component," he said.

Other long-term modernization goals include establishing a multi-year procurement contract for C-130Js and replacement of an aging C-9 aeromedical evacuation fleet.

In closing, Handy said, "Everyone in AMC should take enormous pride in the fact they are a part of a historical endeavor in the war on terrorism. Be they active duty, reserve, guard or civilian, everyone is pulling together to fulfill our Global Reach mission. We are truly one Air Force – one fight."

Knights get \$10,000 QOL bonus

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Chief Master Sgt. Charles Foley, superintendent of the 19th Air Refueling Group, received a \$10,000 check during the 21st Air Force Command Chief Conference at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., in late February.

The check was presented to Foley by Gen. George N. Williams, 21st Air Force commander, and is to be used for quality of life programs for the group.

"Basically, we use the money for anything that is going to improve the working environment and make it easier for members to do their job," said Foley.

Foley said the donation is commonly referred to as walk around money.

"I walk around and talk to the shops directly to get an idea of what they need or want," he said.

Past donations of walk around money have been used for a barbecue grill,



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Chief Master Sgt. Charles Foley, superintendent of the 19th Air Refueling Group, talks to Tech. Sgt. Tim Miller and Tech. Sgt. Charles Huffstutler, members of the 19th Operational Support Squadron, about a new stereo system to drown out classified communications in the global reach communication element workstation during special operations exercises.

televisions, and tables and chairs for the Air Generation Squadron Hanger.

The chief is currently in

the process of allocating the money. "I get to be a hero," he said. "What would you like?"

Under the command of the 21st Air Force, wings received \$20,000 and groups received \$10,000.

Art symbolizes heroism

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Enduring Freedom.

"They were the first heroes in the war," said Lt. Col. Joseph Rohret, deputy commander of the 19th ARG. "To me this (nose art) is their medal. They stand for the nation and everything the military is doing now in the war."

The aircraft bearing the nose art will fly refueling missions in support of the war effort.

"We're taking a symbol that civilians created over to the war, and we're bringing their message of heroism and their support for the U.S. military," said Capt. Gerry Hinderberger, aircraft commander for the 19th ARG.

"The nose art is a reminder that our work now goes toward preventing this (terrorism) in the future," said Airmen Sammy Stokes, who provides documents and procedures training for secure airborne communications for the 19th ARG, joined the U.S. Air Force shortly before Sept. 11.

The aircraft bearing the nose art will be the wing airplane, according to Rohret.

"We will fly distinguished visitors as much as possible in this aircraft and display it when we can," he said. "It has a gorgeous paint job and is the appropriate place to put this special symbol."

Tankers make flying long distances convenient

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Without the tankers, many aircraft would have to go great distances out of their way to land for fuel before continuing on to their final destination, according to AMC 101. That translates into costly delays in the delivery of people, equipment and parts where they are most critically needed.

Fighters, bombers and cargo aircraft rely on tankers to get them to the forward operating locations faster.

Global reach laydown is the ground support in place at various locations in the "airbridge" to keep AMC's aircraft moving from leg to leg of a mission.

AMC's large cargo aircraft, the C-17 Globemaster III, C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter, perform the strategic airlift mission. They ensure people and cargo are deployed to fight and sustain their mission objective, according to AMC 101.

Editor's note: Some of the information included in this article was from an AMC News Service story by Staff Sgt. Scott Leas.



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Maj. Don Long, 99th Air Refueling Squadron aircraft commander, and 1st Lt. Stand Socha, 99th ARS copilot, inspect a KC-135 prior to a refueling mission.