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Tattoo at Robins

Air Force needs more C-17s, modernized C-5

By Cynthia Bauer
Air Force Print News

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command planners said the Air Force's strategic airlifters are doing a tremendous job in supporting the global war on terrorism, but more aircraft are still needed to meet long-term U.S. defense needs.

To meet those needs, officials said the Air Force must increase its inventory of C-17 Globemaster IIIs and modernize the C-5 Galaxy.

Airlift capability falls short of the minimum Defense Department requirements set in a comprehensive two-year study of the defense transportation system, called Mobility Requirements Study-2005, said Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, AMC's director of plans and programs.

The study, which began in 1998, focused on what the DOD needs based on the 2005

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Col. Michael Fricano
Air Mobility Command

military force structure. The report considered major theater war, special operations, and non-war fighting requirements among other criteria.

The study concluded the minimum strate-

gic airlift requirement was 54.5 million ton miles per day by active, reserve component and commercial airliners in the Civil Reserve Airlift Fleet.

Today's capability lies between 45 and 46 million ton miles per day, officials said.

The "MTM/D" is a transportation industry measure of capacity to push cargo in tons, through a distance in miles in a period of time with a given fleet of vehicles. One million ton miles per day would be the equivalent of loading 14 Greyhound buses aboard C-5s and flying them from Washington to Germany in one day.

Lichte said the new mobility demands for homeland defense and the global war on terrorism, when combined with the requirements from the study, could very well cause an increase above the 54.5 benchmark; however, that amount is yet to be determined.

"Since 9-11," he said, "we have been tasked very heavily, and we are doing a lot

more than we've ever done before in the airlift business."

The challenge for planners is to determine how to match AMC's capabilities with defense airlift requirements.

"We're looking to fill the gap with more C-17s and modernized C-5s," said Col. Michael Fricano, chief of the studies and analysis division of AMC's plans and programs directorate.

"This year Congress approved procurement of 60 more C-17s, which brings the total number of C-17s to 180, the minimum number just to meet the initial requirements of MRS-05," he said. "But, as we continue to learn the lessons of operations like Allied Force and Enduring Freedom, we see a need for at least 222."

Both the C-5 and the C-17 are necessary to meet airlift requirements, Fricano said.

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The 78th Security Forces Squadron will relinquish control of Gate 6, beginning March 29. This move brings Robins Air Force Base one step closer to privatization of the new Huntington Village military family housing area.

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F-16 crash kills one in Germany

An Air Force captain on a training mission died when the F-16 he was piloting crashed in Germany, Wednesday.

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Housing managers offer advice to those PCSing

The peak season for permanent change-of-station moves is May through September. With this in mind, managers of military family housing offer advice for those preparing to move.

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Sprucing up for spring

Spring is in the air and, for many, that means it's time to start sprucing up yards. The 778th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight is ready.

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Easter's on its way

Easter is on March 31 this year. Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson describes Easter as "the most significant day in the life of Christianity." There are several Catholic and Protestant services scheduled by the Robins Air Force Base Chapel during the next week.

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AFAF bake sale set

There will be an Air Force Assistance Fund-sponsored bake sale Tuesday. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. at Bldg. 905. Call Airman Christi Hammond at 327-3668 for more information.

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Stevenson encourages support for AFAF

Base has met 51 percent of \$71,319 goal for year

AFAF Installation Project Officer

The Air Force Assistance Fund got a boost Wednesday from a strong supporter when Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, led a rally for unit representatives as this year's drive turns the corner into its last week. Stevenson encouraged 100 percent contact with military members stationed at Robins to help push the fundraising campaign over its goal.

The campaign will continue through March 29. As of 8 a.m. Thursday Robins had met 51 percent of its goal of \$71,319 this year.

The campaign is an Air Force-wide annual event to

raise money for four charities. These charities benefit active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired Air Force people, and their families. Members, their families and widows of Air Force members benefit via the Air Force Aide Society, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Stevenson reminded everyone that there is still time to fill out a pledge card for the campaign by contacting unit project officers.

Installation project officer for this year's campaign is **2nd Lt. Tammy Foster**. She can be reached at 327-7364.

Unit project officers are **2nd Lt. Jeffery McGowan**, for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, 926-2922; **2nd Lt. Pam Montelepre**,

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, encourages unit project officers of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign to make an "all-out" effort to make this year's campaign a success at Robins.

93rd Air Control Wing, 327-3413; **2nd Lt. Reuben Samaroo**, 5th Combat Communications Group, 926-3897; **1st Lt. Derek Salmi**, 19th Air Refueling Group, 327-3095; **Capt. Timothy Sites**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, 327-0342; **Master Sgt. Pamela**

Wardlaw, 78th Air Base Wing, 326-4759; **Master Sgt. Michael Fergue**, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, 926-6729; **Tech. Sgt. Louis Rigney**, 339th Flight Test Squadron, 926-9912; and **Staff Sgt. Deitra Mathis**, 367th Recruiting Group, 926-6330.

AFAF eases family's stress in times of need

By Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — For more than 22 years, nearly the whole of my professional life, I have never defaulted on a loan, been late with a payment or needed help to pay my bills. I'm quite proud of that achievement. However, a serious family illness 18 months ago put me face to face with an emotional and financial challenge I didn't quite know how to handle. I will be eternally grateful for the help I received through the Air Force Assistance Fund.

My hero, my dad, had been fighting what we were beginning to realize was a losing battle against malignant melanoma — skin cancer — for nearly three years. We had exhausted nearly every treatment option available and were left with more drastic measures.

Since my dad's cancer was believed to be isolated in his leg, he qualified for a risky procedure being evaluated by University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia. Although his medical insurance would cover the surgery and other related costs, it couldn't help with travel expenses or lodging and food costs.

Because of his condition, my dad couldn't fly or take a bus or train. The only way he could travel was to lie down on the back seat of the car under strong pain medication. Even then, many stops would be required before reaching his destination. My mother can't drive. I needed to get from California to their home in western New York, then drive them both to Philadelphia. Once there, it would be at least a two-week stay. Plane tickets to New York I could handle, and I'd left my trusty station wagon with my parents because I thought it would be easier for my dad to drive than his full-size pickup. Gas, food and hotel costs were an entirely different matter. Someone suggested I visit the Air Force Aid Society representative at the family support center.

The Air Force Aid Society is one of four charities supported by Air Force Assistance Fund contributions. It's the first place I would have suggested a subordinate go for help in a

similar situation, but I never even considered it for myself. Perhaps, because I'm a master sergeant, I figured I should be able to handle it alone. Nothing is further from the truth. We all need help sometimes, and it's good to know there's a place to turn.

I made an appointment to speak with the AFAS representative. I filled out some paperwork, got Red Cross confirmation of the emergency back home and, that same day, I had a check in my hand in the form of an interest-free loan. Repaying the loan was easy. Finance deducted the monthly payment directly from my pay. My dad's procedure, which consisted of 12 hours of surgery and a week in intensive care, was considered a success. Unfortunately, unknown to the medical team at the time, the cancer had already traveled beyond his leg and was soon spreading like wildfire throughout his body. Less than a year later a frantic phone call from home sent me flying back to New York. My dad was dying. Not even his doctors had anticipated his condition deteriorating so fast. Four days later, my dad was gone. Mom was an emotional wreck, and I found myself in charge of making funeral arrangements and settling his affairs. I didn't know where to begin. We thought we'd have more time.

Dad's illness had eaten up almost all his assets, as well as a portion of mine. His modest funeral would cost just under \$5,000 and, together, we could raise less than half that amount. The funeral home didn't do payment plans nor would they take a credit card. Once again, I turned to Air Force Aid. Once again, my family got the help it needed when we needed it most.

I dearly wish my circumstances had a happier ending. Not a day goes by that I don't miss my dad. It was his encouragement, as well as his enthusiastic interest in aviation and the Air Force, that prompted me to first enlist and then remain in the Air Force for more than 20 years.

But I will never forget the relief I felt when I knew I would be able to pay for the funeral my father deserved. Nor will I forget how the contributions my fellow airmen made to the Air Force Assistance Fund helped make this most stressful time in my life just a little easier to bear. Thank you.

Anaconda is finished

Operations continue in Afghanistan

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Operation Anaconda is officially over, but skirmishes near Gardez and west of Kandahar prove the Defense Department's premise that actions in Afghanistan are not complete.

Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa, Joint Staff spokesman, put it simply during a press conference Monday: "Operation Anaconda is over, but Operation Enduring Freedom continues." Rosa said teams remain in the Operation Anaconda area looking for any remaining Taliban and al Qaeda. U.S., Afghan and coalition forces have searched more than 30 caves in the region so far and have found weapons, ammunition and documents.

On Sunday a patrol observed three vehicles about 45 miles southwest of Gardez, Rosa said. After watching them for a time, commanders called in helicopters to stop the convoy. When their warning shots were met with return fire, the aircraft destroyed the vehicles. In the firefight, 16 people in the convoy were killed, one wounded and one detained. There were no U.S. casualties.

"Numerous weapons, ammunition, rocket-propelled grenades were found in these vehicles," Rosa said.

A fourth car, just a bit separated from the other three, was stopped, found to contain a family and let go, he said.

U.S. forces also conducted a "site exploitation" of a compound in the vicinity of Kandahar, he said. Forces found a large cache of weapons and ammunition in the compound. They detained 31 people.

Operation Anaconda was important because it showed al Qaeda and Taliban that the United States was serious, "that our troops are up to the task," Rosa said. "And we know we accomplished quite a bit." He said the U.S. Central Command does not see large groups of al Qaeda or Taliban leaving the Operation Anaconda area.

Neither Rosa nor Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke wanted to quantify the number of al Qaeda and Taliban killed in Operation Anaconda. Clarke said conditions in the area make it very difficult to get exact numbers.

Air Force Reserve inducts first retired officer

Air Force Reserve Command News Service

The first retired active duty officer to come back to Air Force blue as an Air Force reservist was sworn in March 15 at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force Base.

Lt. Col. George Raeder, who retired Sept. 1, became a traditional reservist attached to the communication and information directorate at Headquarters AFRC, where he will manage the directorate's crisis action team.

Raeder, a civil-service employee at the headquarters holds a similar position to his new Air Force Reserve job.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2001 added Section 12741 to Chapter 1223, Title 10 United States Code, which permits

retired active-component service members who later serve in the Air Force Reserve to elect retirement as members of the retired reserve.

Raeder spent 22 years and three months on active-duty in the communications field.

"When I retired, I missed (the Air Force) more than I thought I would," he said.

To be eligible for the program, people must be regular active duty Air Force retirees who retired not more than five years ago or current active duty members with an approved, projected retirement date. The program is open to all career fields. The Air Force Reserve will consider all applicants as long as there are valid vacancies to be filled, and they meet the program's criteria.

Once they become members of the Air Force Reserve, the retirees will participate within



Lt. Col. George Raeder

the regular boundaries of the Reserve's rules for promotion, continuation, utilization and retirement. The returning retirees continue to draw active duty retirement pay but will not receive dual compensation for active duty retirement pay and participation in the Reserve.

"I enjoyed my (active duty) military career," Raeder said. "I saw this as an opportunity for stability, as well as wear the uniform again."

IMA recalled to active duty deploys to support OEF

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Tech. Sgt. Kelvin King, an individual mobilization augmentee at Robins Air Force Base, has always had the desire to serve his country in the best capacity he could. As he watched the events of Sept. 11 unfold on his television screen, he knew that the world as Americans knew it had changed and he would undoubtedly be involved in the aftermath in one way or another.

King, who retired from active duty in 1990 and has served as a reservist and IMA with the Security Forces Squadron since 1991, said as the planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers, he was ready for whatever was to follow.

One month later, he answered the call of duty as one of more than 100 IMAs who were recalled to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I thought that we would be recalled sooner than we were," he said. "I felt a sense of duty. That's why I'm in the Reserve."

King and 14 others received deployment orders in December.

"We were supposed to leave in February, but the deployment date was changed to March.

"I didn't know what my job would be, but I knew I would do whatever I could to help my country," he said. "Security is our job and wherever they needed me, I would be."

"We (the Reserve) are a component of the military that, until 9-11, many people didn't see the importance of," he said.

King, who is a husband and father of three, is a native of Bainbridge. He said his family had plenty of time to prepare for his departure.

"They know that I am doing what I have to do," he said. "My wife said for me to

do what I have to do and come on back home safely."

King said all of those who were recalled were re-activated for one full year. In December, he re-enlisted for an additional six years in the Reserve.

"I am very satisfied with my career in the military," he said.

During his off time King works for Engelhard, a pigments and additives plant in Quincy, Fla., where he works in quality control.

Working an average of 35 days per year, IMAs are part of Air Force Reserve, yet they serve in a very different capacity than their counterparts assigned to Air Force Reserve Command units.

According to the base administrator, 450 IMAs are assigned and/or attached to Robins Air Force Base.

IMAs perform duty throughout the year in lieu of the one weekend a month that the traditional reservist serve.

Mix of C-5s, C-17s needed, officials says

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"We need a mix of both airframes," he said. "The (C-5) can move more cargo over longer distances than the C-17. The C-5 opens at both ends, and can 'kneel' for greater ease and speed in getting cargo and vehicles off the aircraft. The C-17 is a versatile heavy lifter that can provide direct delivery of people and cargo because it can land on short and unimproved runways.

"We have to look at C-5 enhancements and buy more C-17s to improve our overall capability," he said.

While C-17 reliability remains at or near the Air Force wartime standards, Fricano said C-5 reliability has fallen well short of requirements, which is why C-5 modernization is necessary. Programs planned for the C-5 include avionics modernization and re-engining.

"The numbers and models of C-5s to undergo modern-

ization will depend on the success of the testing program," Fricano said. "It will be fiscal year 2005 or 2006 before results are known, with modernization of the fleet beginning in 2007 and beyond. The success of the C-5 modernization programs will ultimately determine the number of additional C-17s we'll need to meet requirements." (Bauer is with Air Mobility Command Public Affairs. Article courtesy of AMC News Service.)

2002 AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION STATS

Unit	Percentage of goal met as of Thursday at 8 a.m.
78 ABW/CCEA	75%
78 MDG	85%
78 SPTG	96%
78 OSS	65%
78 LG	75%
78/778 CEG	53%
OSI	27%
ALC/CCEA	143%
ALC/FM	180%
ALC/IG	133%
ALC/LR	58%
ALC/LH	333%
ALC/LI	8%
ALC/LK	83%
ALC/LB	196%
ALC/LG	273%
ALC/QL	197%
ALC/PK	51%
ALC/TI	114%
ALC/PA	180%
ALC/LU	99%
ALC/RE	1,235%
ALC/SE	718%
HQ AFRC	124%
93 ACW	41%
5 CCG	47%
653 CLSS	49%
19 ARG	14%
ROBINS AFB	51%

* Units not listed have turned in 0 percent of goal as of 8 a.m. Thursday

ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell today at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and the social that follows. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Matthew Wylie at 926-4432, or e-mail: matthew.wylie@robins.af.mil.

78th ABW promotion ceremony set

Col. Bonnie Cirrincione 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony on March 29, at 3 p.m., in Hangar One at the Museum of Aviation. The 78th Logistics Group is sponsoring this month's event to honor promotees assigned to the 78th ABW. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeant of the April promotion. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit by bringing noisemakers and unit guidons. Contact Master Sgt. Reginald Pero, at 926-2133 ext 110, for more information.

MPF has new customer service hours

Due to several military personnel flight personnel taskings in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Homeland Security, the MPF will implement new hours of operation. Effective April 1 April, the new customer servicing hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Reserve volunteers for squadron needed

As the 55th Combat Communications Squadron nears stand-up in May, officials are still seeking Reserve members to round out the squadron.

People who may have been active duty combat communicators in the past, or who are interested in this career field, are encouraged to contact Senior Master Sgt. Frank Casey, Robins area Reserve recruiter, at 926-5241, or DSN 468-5241.

78th Security Forces will relinquish control of Gate 6

78th Air Base Wing

The 78th Security Forces Squadron will relinquish control of Gate 6 in the old "Robins West" housing area, beginning March 29, when an automated gate allowing out-bound traffic only will become operational.

The Gate 6 changeover will bring Robins Air Force Base one step closer to total privatization of the new Huntington Village military family housing area. Gate 6 is located off Davis Drive, close to the intersection of Davis and the City of Warner Robins' Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Security Forces will continue to provide a patrol dedicated to Huntington Village — with the exception of Huntington East — until a complete jurisdictional change to the City of Warner Robins takes place later this summer. The Huntington East property belongs to the City of Warner Robins.

Staff Sgt. Daniel R. Whidby, police services staff noncommissioned officer for the 78th Security Forces Squadron, said traffic counts showed that during daylight hours an estimated 150-200 vehicles per 12-hour shift use the Gate 6 entrance. The numbers drop significantly at night.

Anyone with questions or concerns should call Whidby at 926-2118 or e-mail him at daniel.whidby@robins.af.mil.

F-16 crashes in Germany, pilot dies

Air Force Print News

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — A 23rd Fighter Squadron pilot here died March 20 in an F-16 Fighting Falcon crash.

Capt. Luke A. Johnson, 26, from Powell Park, Wyo., was on a training mission when air traffic controllers here lost radio and radar contact with him at about 9 p.m. Central European Time.

The aircraft crashed in a flat, wooded, unpopulated area along a logging road near Lanscheid, Germany.

There were no injuries or apparent damage to personal property on the ground. At the time of the accident, visibility in the area was 5 miles with light rain and fog.

78th OSS chalks up seventh command award

By Chris Zdrakas
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A 78th Operations Support Squadron master sergeant with an exceptional record of achievement is the Air Force Materiel Command's Operations Resource Management Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, and the squadron's seventh command award winner to be announced in recent weeks.

Master Sgt. Edwin Vazquez,

acting first sergeant and NCO-in-charge of host aviation resource management, or HARM, has a reputation for paying attention to details, being computer savvy and spotting potential problems before they happen.

HARM is an automated system that handles flying requirements for all active and inactive air crew members on base.

Vazquez was instrumental in his office's earning an "Excellent" rating during a com-

mand-directed staff assistance visit.

Described as "super-sharp," he was the first to identify a problem with new computer software affecting non-rated aircrew members — a problem elevated to the Air Staff.



Vazquez

Self-improvement rates highly on his list of personal priorities. He earned both bachelor's and Community College of the Air Force degrees and completed the Senior NCO Academy.

Vazquez was selected over other senior ranking senior NCOs to assume first sergeant duties.

He spearheaded the June 2001 Base Promotion Ceremony that earned recognition as "best seen yet."

In his off-duty time, Vazquez

volunteers as a Cub Scout den leader.

"Master Sergeant Vazquez is always ready to step up to the plate and handle whatever issue is at hand," Maj. Timothy Arch, squadron commander, said.

"He puts an extraordinary amount of enthusiasm into his work, energizing the entire team.

"He is a valuable asset to our organization, and it's a real pleasure to see his diligence rewarded."

AFETS helps communicators help themselves

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Gates
5th CCG Public Affairs

When one of the Air Force's highly trained communicators has a problem, it's a lot easier to troubleshoot the problem locally than by diagnosing the issue by phone.

That's why Air Force combat communications units have members from the Air Force Engineering and Technical Services nearby.

Although AFETS people are not assigned to the unit, they help provide the training and support those communicators need.

"AFETS hires people who are experts in a particular field," said Rich Miller, AFETS lead at the 5th Combat Communications Group. "We take those people and distribute them among the combat Air Force, to provide any needed assistance to the combat forces."

Specialty considered

AFETS hires each person according to his or her specialty, said Miller. For instance, the unit here has an expert network specialist, four deployable systems specialists, one airfield radar expert and one systems integration authority.

Between all the specialties, the men and women who work at AFETS cover every conceivable system in the combat communications inventory.

Day to day, the AFETS team helps improve training opportunities and unit capabilities.

For instance, AFETS attends each of the group council meetings, offering advice on improving operations and training within the group, said Miller.

"We also provide a good amount of training in the Systems Learning and Integration Center," he continued.

"We are also taking over the initial training for many of the new theater deployable communications initial communications access package,

or TDC ICAP, units."

He explains that when a unit is slated to receive TDC ICAP, they send some technicians to train at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., before they get the equipment.

Once the unit receives the equipment, those technicians inventory it.

After that inventory, those technicians enter into familiarization training — the training AFETS is offering.

Centralizing training

For some time, the 51st Combat Communications Squadron ran this training. Now, Miller says, AFETS is taking it over to centralize the training.

"The 51st built a great training program," said Miller. "We use those basics to continue training new technicians on TDC. Our objective here is to get a small group of people trained and then send them back to their home unit to train the rest of the unit — to train the trainer."

Currently, AFETS is working on an advanced training class — something to give expert commu-

nicators more hands-on experience with the equipment.

"We hope to provide this training once the unit has worked with TDC for some time. The training should help them to use the equipment more effectively."

Enhancing training is a major portion of another aspect of the AFETS mission, Miller said.

The men and women on the team also evaluate new ideas and equipment to enhance and improve the capabilities of all the equipment in the combat communications arena.

Although training is a major aspect of the AFETS mission, maintenance and support is equally important.

During a real-world contingency, people from AFETS are prepared to deploy to the same hot-spots as their military counterparts to ensure communications networks operate smoothly.

"For the most part, we are just as prepared for deployments as are people in the military," said Miller.

"The expert assistance we can provide is invaluable to get systems up and running."

Rich Miller
AFETS lead, 5th Combat
Communications Group

"However, there are some big differences in how we deploy. We have some weapon training, we can only use a weapon in self-defense, or we risk losing our Geneva Convention protections. We are considered non-combatants, just like medical people and chaplains."

During Operation Enduring Freedom, Miller relates, an AFETS person deployed with one of the group's squadrons to help robust a communications network.

"If there was a problem with the network, our person helped fix it, or advised one of the technicians on repair techniques."

This is representative of the future of deployable communications.

Since many expeditionary wings have TDC to provide initial communication, AFETS can deploy with them until the system is set up and operating smoothly, he explains.

They leave once the commander is sure the unit can maintain the systems without assistance.

Helpful manpower

Equally important during the Expeditionary Air Force concept is the support he says AFETS can

provide during a rotational handover.

"Since the Air Force wants to make sure none of the systems fail during the two weeks of transfer between one unit and another, we assist during that transition time."

During exercises, Miller said, AFETS also helps to a certain extent.

"When a communications unit receives an order to deploy, they should make sure they have an AFETS Unit Type Code assigned as well. If not, they should request one.

"The expert assistance we can provide is invaluable to get systems up and running. In exercises, we can also work closely with the unit engineer and site commander to help plan the site. This is a perfect job for the integration aspects of AFETS."

Whether they are helping design sites, supporting deployments or evaluating new equipment, the men and women of AFETS are dedicated to providing expert advice and support to their customers.

Miller sums it up as "making sure that deployed communicators have everything they need to accomplish their mission — whatever it takes."

One of Robin's oldest buildings demolished

By Chris Zdrakas
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The nondescript building that, for nearly six decades, anchored the corner of busy Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Perry Street is gone.

It will soon to be replaced by grass.

Bldg. 274, built in 1943 and one of the oldest structures on Robins Air Force Base, last housed the family housing management office and the Army Corps of Engineers Area Office.

The 40 people who worked there have moved to Bldg. 706 across from the 78th Medical Group's clinic building.

The one-story wood frame structure covered 7,555 square feet and seemed to passersby to disappear in just days. Building inspector Brett Madison said the demolition took one week and extensive



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

In this empty lot stood Bldg. 274, one of the oldest structures on Robins Air Force Base. The space will be converted to a grassy area.

work preceded the building's removal.

The contractor has begun work on removing a portion of the parking lot, which should be completed by the end of this month. The north half of the parking lot will be retained.

Housing managers offer advice

By Chris Zdrakas
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Robins' Housing Office has good news for military members anxious because of a myth.

The myth is that when families move from military family housing, inspectors conduct "white glove" assessments that require contracted cleaning service. The truth is residents don't have to hire the pros. They can do it themselves.

The Flight Chief Johnna Phillips said her office applies the same standards to "do it yourself" cleaning as it does to professional, contracted cleaning.

General Air Force cleanliness standards are needed to pass final inspection. These include cleaning the mini blinds, light fixtures and ceiling fans. The baseboards should be wiped down and the walls must be spot cleaned of any dark marks including crayon and pencil. The cabinets throughout the unit should be cleaned inside and out of

all grease, food particles or residue removed. The appliances have to be wiped down inside and out as well as the vent hood.

The stove must be free of grease, burnt on food and cleaning residue. The bathrooms should be wiped down and all residue removed. All the trash and recycling material must be removed from the premises and the bins wiped clean.

The yard should be in regular inspection order, which includes trimming the bushes and have the grass cut, trimmed and edged. The windows do not have to be cleaned and the floors just need to be swept and mopped. Carpet needs to be vacuumed and spots removed.

"Inspections of family housing are not "white glove" inspections," she said.

"It isn't necessary to hire a contractor to pass. The final inspection ensures that the resident has met the standards of cleanliness, and it identifies any additional maintenance needs."

Shuttle to launch cadet satellite

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFPN) – U.S. Air Force Academy cadets on the FalconSAT-2 Small Satellite team here have learned that their FalconSAT-2 satellite is scheduled to be launched aboard NASA's Space Shuttle STS-114 in January.

This comes after two weeks of recent testing on the qualification model of the satellite at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. The cadets are now preparing to build the actual flight model.

The mission of the FalconSAT-2 will be to measure space plasma phenomena that are known to adversely affect space-based communication, such as the Global Positioning Satellite, and other civil and military communications, said Cadet 1st Class Luke Ball, from the small satellite team.

Because of the successful tests on the qualification model, only minor modifications must be made to the flight model design before

launch, he said. The cadets are now finalizing those modifications.

The design and fabrica-

tion of the flight model is also under way, and the cadets plan to complete construction this semester.

It's clean-up time

78th ABW offers prizes for best yard

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The time for cleaning, sprucing up and giving yards in military family housing a spring and summer look is here, and the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight is ready.

The Flight Chief Johnna Phillips said residents of military family housing will receive vouchers that can be redeemed for plants at a designated nursery.

The housing office provides a list of approved plants.

The arrival of spring also heralds the beginning of the Yard of the Month competition, which recognizes outstanding efforts of military families to keep their yards



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Trey Mobley watches as his mother, Kelly, throws grass seed on their lawn in base housing.

looking good.

The 78th Air Base Wing commander, or her designee, will select two noncommissioned officer families and one officer family as winners.

The prizes are certificates, photos, flags, a sign recognizing the yard as a yard of the month and gift certificates from vendors.

The competition runs from May through September.

"Our intent is to foster a pride in ownership attitude



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VP visits Air Force troops in Middle East

Cheney expresses gratitude for military

Air Force Print News

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — In his first stop to an Operation Enduring Freedom base in the Middle East, Vice President Dick Cheney visited the 366th Air Expeditionary Wing on March 17.

As part of his 10-day, 12-nation tour of the region, the vice president addressed service members on the vital role they are playing in the war on terrorism and the great humanitarian assistance they are providing to the Afghan people.

"These are testing times for the United States and, in such a time, we are especially grateful for our military," Cheney said. "You are here fighting for the defense of our country, and the forces of freedom will defeat the forces of terror."

"During Operation Enduring Freedom, and most recently Operation Anaconda, U.S. forces have encountered dangers and will encounter many more, but in the last five months, the al-Qaida and Taliban have gotten a good dose of

American airpower. Missions from this location have made all the difference in Enduring Freedom and Anaconda."

Cheney's entourage, which included the White House's top counter-terrorism official, and his wife, Lynne, received a rousing applause from the large contingent of troops upon entering the American compound known as Camp Andy, a temporary living and working area of nearly 200 heavy-duty, tan-colored tents first set up in September.

The camp is named after Air Force Master Sgt. Evander Earl "Andy" Andrews, the first U.S. casualty of Enduring Freedom who died here Oct. 10 as a result of a heavy-equipment accident.

The vice president then thanked the airmen for their efforts in the war against terrorism and continuously emphasizing the long-term commitment of the United States and other allied nations.

"Afghanistan is only the beginning of a long effort," Cheney said.

"You're here because you believe in America. I'm here to tell you, America believes in you."

Dick Cheney
vice president, United States



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Linas Venclauskas

Vice President Dick Cheney greets people from the 366th Air Expeditionary Wing during a visit to an Operation Enduring Freedom base in the Middle East on March 17.

"The war will end when no terrorist group is allowed to threaten any nation. We will assist governments in fighting terrorist cells wherever they form. We will respond decisively and we will prevail."

"You're here because you believe in America. I'm here to tell you, America believes in you."

During his visit, Cheney spoke one-on-one with several wing members, includ-

ing Lt. Col. "D Dawg," commander of the 157th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from the South Carolina Air National Guard.

"D Dawg," a decorated combat pilot as well as an American Airlines captain in his civilian life, gave the vice president a quick tour of his unit's F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, which are flying daily missions over Afghanistan.

The 157th EFS is a prime example of the Air Force's total force commitment of active-duty, Reserve and Air Guard forces involved in the Enduring Freedom campaign.

Notable is the fact that the guard unit, which has eight fighter pilots here who fly for major airlines, also plays a key role in U.S. homeland defense.

Pilots from this unit were flying combat air patrols

over Atlanta just four hours after the terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

The 366th AEW serves as one of the largest Air Force wings in the region with a number of support and operational functions.

Aircraft supported by the wing include KC-10 Extenders, KC-135 Stratotankers, E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft and F-16s.

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.ang.af.mil, DSN 344-2456, or 800-524-5070.

Special ops medics save first life in OEF

By 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss
Air Force Print News

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — A special operations medical team saved the life of the first person severely injured while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Less than one month after Sept. 11, people from the 16th Medical Group and the 16th Operations Support Squadron medical flight — the deployment's lead unit — were part of a team that saved the life of a man who lost nearly two-thirds of his blood when he fell and severely damaged his internal pelvic region, said Maj. (Dr.) Barbara Hilgenberg, a team physician.

Ready for anything

Being in the bare-base location for less than two days, the team, who are trained and equipped to provide all levels of medical care in austere conditions, had just completed an exercise to ensure they were prepared to handle triage and mass casualties, said Master Sgt. Dawn Fruits, an independent duty medical technician specially trained to function without physicians or other medical oversight.

Three patients were brought to the medical tent, called an air transportable treatment unit, for the exercise but "suddenly there was a fourth patient being carried in on a litter," Fruits said.

An Army sergeant, who fell and got trapped between a truck and a large water storage container, did not appear to have serious injuries during the team's initial assessment.

He was stable and alert, but when the emergency room doctor started to explore the wound, the team realized it was much worse, said Master Sgt. John Frentress, a team IDMT.

The patient had heavy internal bleeding, and the doctors determined he could not be flown for additional treatment until the bleeding was brought under control, Fruits said.

The surgical team immediately started working, and the garage-sized tent became an operating room, she said.

"Two of us were posted outside the flap of the surgical suite handing things in as the surgeons called for them," Fruits said. "When they called for two units of O-negative blood, I thought 'uh oh.' We hadn't received our blood shipment yet. I had compiled a list of all blood types in the camp, but it was very rough."

Finding blood

The search for O-negative service members would be difficult because the base was still developing, so no one on the list had an identified location, she said.

At 10 p.m., military people were sleeping on the ground, or in pup tents or sleeping shoulder-to-shoulder in aircraft shelters.

The team's medical logistician is O-negative, so when he heard the call for blood, he immediately volunteered to donate while two other team members started a search for others with the same blood type.

"I just did what I would do when I see a blood drive on base," said Staff Sgt. Brian Hockersmith. "It was no big deal."

Using a direct donor blood transfusion kit, the patient received Hockersmith's blood minutes after it was donated, Frentress said.

(Heiss is with the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs.)

Air Force paying bonuses for new pharmacy officers

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force will offer a \$30,000 signing bonus to net the 55 pharmacy officers it needs before Oct. 1.

These new officers will also get a specialty pay while serving on active duty.

The Air Force is looking for civilian pharmacists who are U.S. citizens,

have graduated from a U.S.-accredited pharmacy school, and hold a current state pharmacy license. Those interested may apply through a local Air Force health professions recruiter.

Candidates accepted by the service will earn their commission through commissioned officer training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and will be required to serve 48 months of active duty.

"The increased demand for pharma-

cists comes from our nation's increasing aging population and associated demand for pharmaceutical products," said Lt Col. Richard Handley, chief of the Air Force Recruiting Service Officer Accessions Branch.

"Bonuses are offered to maintain parity with the civilian sector and addresses critical shortfalls of Air Force pharmacists."

To request an information packet, call 800-423-8723.

Correction

In the photo caption of an Air Force News article printed in the March 8 Rev-Up, titled *WASP pilot chronicles women's aviation contributions*, the aircraft was incorrectly labeled as a B-26 Marauder. The aircraft is actually a Cessna UC-78B "Bobcat." This Army Air Corps aircraft type was actually designated the AT-8, the AT-17 or the UC-78.

What's so special about specialized management?

The Directorate of Specialized Management's office symbol is WR-ALC/QL, which has led to a considerable amount of confusion over the years. We have been mistaken for the quality office, the quality of life office, and some sort of operating.

Before the establishment of LR, or the U-2 Management Directorate, we were frequently assumed to be part of their "green door" operation.

Time to dispel some misconceptions

What I hope to do with this column is dispel some of the misconceptions about our organization by shedding a little light on what specialized management means, what we do, and who we are.

In order for the United States to maintain technical superiority in the event of conflict, the Air Force has always needed highly reliable, state-of-the-art specialized weapon systems, and some of these weapon systems must be developed, produced, fielded and supported outside normal chan-

Security restrictions, extensive travel and the inability to talk about the job outside of the office create a common bond where we view ourselves as family more than co-workers.

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Specialized Management Directorate



nels. At one time, programs designated as falling under specialized management purview could request deviations and waivers to department and agency regulations, but were always required to comply with public law and executive orders.

Showing significant benefits

The initial assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition Lightning Bolts were modeled in part on the streamlined procedures used in specialized management organizations. Today, some of the significant benefits of the specialized management process outside of security

are decreased reporting, a shorter program execution chain, direct funding, customized data systems and the personal hands-on attention of dedicated personnel.

Of course, this type management is labor-intensive and costly, which is why only a very few systems are determined to require specialized management.

The Specialized Management Directorate was established in the early 1980s, under the auspices of the Directorate of Materiel Management, with a handful of logisticians providing support to a couple of programs.

As both the numbers and scope of programs increased,

we grew to be a "mini-air logistics center" even before the institution of product directorates in 1992, with all of the functional specialties in one organization: program, logistics and item management; sustaining engineering and technical support; software development; transportation management; contracting; financial management; information technology; and management support services.

The Air Force office with cognizance over specialized management organizations is SAF/AQL, which is how we got our current office symbol.

Integral part of air logistics center staff

The directorate is now an integral part of the air logistics center staff, with access to all the other center resources. Our experience ranges from one-time assistance to full-time, long-term sustainment. Our expertise runs the gamut from one or two people coordinating special projects to all the functions necessary for full program management responsibility.

We have been involved in all acquisition phases, including laboratory and other developmental programs, through production and deployment, and in all sustainment activities for fielded product support through demilitarization and disposal.

We have system sustainment management responsibility for the high-speed anti-radiation missile targeting system pod, part of the Air Force weapons program executive officer portfolio, and we support the Air Force Special Operations Command through item management of the low probability of intercept transponder/beacon. A relatively new focus area has become transition management, where we facilitate the introduction of programs into the standard support structure.

Kudos to unsung heroes

I am extremely proud of all the unsung heroes in the Specialized Management Directorate: civilian, military and contractor. The individual level of effort required to

support specialized management programs is very high, and takes extraordinary people who truly exemplify service before self. Security restrictions, extensive travel and the inability to talk about the job outside of the office create a common bond where we view ourselves as family more than co-workers. That same situation also makes it critical to work together and focus on our commitment to the war fighters.

The directorate's motto is "Striving to exceed the combat Air Forces' expectations every day," and I know we do.

As one of our war fighter customers wrote me, "Your folks are awesome! Please pass on our thanks to all of them for the work that they do for us operational types ... rarely do we get a glimpse of what you guys do to make our requirements 'happen' and [we've] had our eyes watered! We now have a better picture of why we don't worry when your team is working an issue for us. Thanks again!"

And that's pretty special to me.

Air Force major has learned over years what it means to 'serve'

By Maj. George Mitchell
22nd Logistics Group

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. (AFPN) — I needed a job, and I was thinking about enlisting.

My father, a retired Navy chief, recommended the Air Force. He's never said if he was looking out for me or the Navy. He also talked about it not being a regular job, and about the importance of country; the significance of duty, sacrifice and honor; of living with a purpose; and the seriousness of weapons. It was over my head at the time, but I've gained an understanding of those words.

I got to basic training and enjoyed the many exercises in futility you endure that first night. Sometime the following morning, I opened

my eyes to see a very large man in a Smokey-the-Bear hat leaning over me asking if I planned on getting out of bed that day. I looked around at 49 other guys looking equally incoherent, but at least they were vertical, and wondered, "Who is he and why am I here?" That "duty" word my father had used came back to me. I don't think I understood it, but keeping it in the front of my mind allowed me to do some things I may not have otherwise accomplished.

Then I got settled into my first duty station. I needed a job and now I had one. We worked long hours and, like many people who don't know why they're in the military, I became disenchanted and figured I'd do four years and get back to the real world.

There are many good rea-

sons for coming into the military. I joined for a paycheck. Some people come in for an education, others to travel and a number of other reasons. However, those reasons don't suffice when it comes down to the challenges we face daily in service to our country.

Learning duty

We were recalled dark and early one morning to hear that the U.S. embassy, in a country I couldn't have found on a map, had been taken. The hours became longer and days off became less frequent, but that "duty" word my father had used came back. It made a little more sense this time, but I was still grasping.

Sacrifice, service

Later we got word of the Desert One accident and that

"sacrifice" word started to take shape. I was working harder than I had ever worked in my life and loved every sleepless minute of it. I still didn't understand all the words, but I was starting to understand the importance of "service" and understood that I was here to serve.

Years later, one country invaded another country I hadn't heard of. I again found myself asking, "Why am I here?" This time my problem with "here" was being in a tech school and not out in the "real Air Force," where every day you have the opportunity to make a difference; where every day I'm allowed to serve. I now understood that this is in fact an honor.

A couple of years ago I was part of an exchange program with an Allied Air Force. It was a challenge to

be productive in an unfamiliar environment, and it was frustrating. But whenever I had a reason to visit the U.S. Embassy, I could feel exhausted and confused, but when I walked through the embassy gate and saw the flag, I was home.

It was an amazing feeling.

One day I was walking through town in uniform when a man called to me by my rank. I stopped and he told me about his experiences working with the U.S. military during World War II. He didn't speak English, so it took several attempts to communicate, but he told me how much he had enjoyed working with the Americans and how much he respected our nation. He saluted, I saluted, and we each went on our way. He reminded me why I was there. I was there to serve my country and its

Allies, whether procuring parts for airplanes, or helping an old man remember who Americans are.

On Sept. 11, I, like many others, stood in front of a television and watched as sacrifice was again explained in very understandable terms. These days I don't often wonder why I'm here.

Here to serve

After 23 years in uniform I still can't define what my father's words meant, but I understand. Everyone in uniform came in for his or her reasons, but the only real reason to be here is to serve. To serve your God, your country, and other people, but always to serve.

Why am I here? I'm here to serve. (Commentary courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.)

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



Why are LES slips torn?

Q: For the last several months my and my wife's leave and earning slips have been torn upon receipt. Most of the time the perforated sections are so torn, they are open to anyone to retrieve our social security number, etc. This is privacy data and I don't think anyone should be privy to our personal information. I have kept copies of the earning

slips if anyone needs to view them. My personnel office in avionics tells me this is a postal problem and to contact them, which I have done. The post office says it's the form. I would appreciate someone looking into this situation and consider new forms that would not get caught and torn.

I would also appreciate a reply.

A: Gen. Wetekam responds: Leave and

earnings statements are mailed from the Defense Printing Service, or DPS, at Pensacola, Fla. Our pay service's office contacted DPS Pensacola and an audit of Robins' LESs will be performed in order to identify any problems during the printing process. Problems identified will be addressed and corrected by Pensacola DPS during the production run. An option open to

both you and your wife is to view the LES online through the employee-member self service, or EMSS, Web site. You have the option to discontinue the mailing of your LES if you choose and rely on EMSS for your payroll information. Contact Bambi Whitley or Debra Dennard in the pay services office at 926-4462 for further information on this process.



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Tattoo

Robins' namesake visits for ceremony

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Forty-six years ago when Dorothy Robins Cook, "Robby" daughter of the late Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins last visited Robins Air Force Base, she had no idea what the future would hold for her father's namesake.

"It's tremendous," she said. "I had no idea that it was this large."

Cook, who is the last living direct descendant of Robins, was the guest of honor at Wednesday evening's Tattoo ceremony. She sat down with media representatives after a tour of the base for a little reminiscing about growing up a Robins.

She described her father as a loving father and husband who liked everybody and everybody liked him.

"He never had a harsh word for anyone," she said. "He had a great sense of humor, he loved to sing, dance and I guess he loved to work."

She also spoke of his dedication to his mother who he wrote everyday.

Cook described her mother as a remarkable person who established a boarding house for young officers to bring in money after her husband had died.

"She was like a mother to many of them," she said. "I think one of her only regrets was that she never had sons. She loved the boys."

During her tour of the base, Cook was able to take in much of the scenery. When asked what stood out most, the buildings or the planes, she said she couldn't think of anything that stood out the most because everything stands out.

"It's a beautiful base," she said. "I've never seen so many big and small planes in one place."

Cook said that during her last trip to Robins, she was not able to do much touring because of the opening ceremonies. She said she has seen



things she never would have imagined then.

She said that when she learned the town and the base were to be named after her father it was a great and wonderful pleasure for her.

As for the events of Sept. 11, she said that it is very distressing.

"The world keeps hoping for peace one day, but every time we reach that point someone does something," she said.

She says that she enjoyed her visit and hopes that Robins is here for another 60 years.



Dorothy Robins Cook, daughter of the late Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, watches the Robins Tattoo ceremony Wednesday.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
ABOVE: The Band of the Welsh Guards perform during the Robins Air Force Base Tattoo Ceremony.

LEFT: A wreath is presented in memory of fallen comrades.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Actors portrayed key events that happened during Robins' 60-year history. Shown is a portrayal of the sacrifices today's airmen make in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Robins nests open around base

Women create rooms for nursing mothers as part of YOFAM

By Rebecca Yull
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The Year of the Family is centered around improving quality of life for Air Force members and their families. It is a time to ensure everyone knows of the programs and facilities open to help make living as an Air Force family member easier.

Some women on Robins Air Force Base carrying the YOFAM flag have taken steps to help improve the quality of life of Robins families. They have opened Robins Nests, "the best take-out for your baby."

"Our goal was to develop a family friendly environment for YOFAM initiatives," said Dairlyn Brown, a registered nurse with the Robins Health and Wellness Center, about opening nursing mothers rooms around Robins. "Supporting breastfeeding in the workplace can contribute to Year of the Family goals, by creating a family friendly workplace."

Getting Started

The number of pregnant women in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Contracting Division who planned to breast-feed their babies was on the rise when Joy Lloyd was pregnant with her second child. She too planned to breastfeed and realized finding a place to pump would be a bit of a challenge with more than one woman looking at the same time. So Lloyd decided women in her area, and on base, needed a place to pump while at work.

"We saw how many people had babies and wanted to do this. So we decided we needed a room for this purpose," Lloyd said.

The same was true at the 78th Air Base Wing Medical Clinic. Capt. Dawn Brooks was already a nursing mother for the second time around and had the same idea as Lloyd. There were a number of nursing mothers in the medical clinic and she thought a nursing mothers room would be beneficial to both her staff and mothers who came to the clinic with their babies. So Brooks went through the process to get the women a room where they could be comfortable providing for their babies while they were at work or waiting to meet with a doctor.

Both Brooks and Lloyd received the go-ahead for the rooms from their superiors.

"I had really good management support, especially with YOFAM," Lloyd said, who was able to meet her goal of opening the Contracting Directorate nursing mothers room in time for a mother who had a need for it by September.

Brooks and Lloyd each had to work with

the 78th Public Health Flight to learn if the room each had chosen was conducive for nursing or pumping. The medical clinic Robins Nest has been open since February.

Making life easier

Mothers who have used the room in the medical clinic said knowing there was a place they could go to pump removed any stress that would result from trying to find a place.

"I had to find whatever room was available" to pump, said Staff Sgt. Ronda Daniels who was stationed in Izmir, Turkey, when she was nursing her now 4-year-old son. There, she said, someone even walked in on her one time. As embarrassing as it was, Daniels didn't care enough to stop because she knew she was doing what was best for her son. Now she has a 3-month-old daughter and is glad to know there is a place for her to go when she needs to pump.

Tech. Sgt. Lottie Moon agrees having the room eases any stress of pumping for her 4-month-old daughter. "Right now, having this room just makes it easier," she said. Moon's daughter is cared for on base so some days on her lunch break she is able to go get her daughter to nurse in the medical clinic Robins Nest. There she can enjoy her daughter with no interruptions or irritations. "It's some quiet, some solitude. It's out of the way," she said. "It takes dedication to nurse a baby and work full-time," Brooks said. No one needs the added stress of trying to find a private place to pump, she said. "I know a woman who quit breastfeeding when her baby was six weeks because she thought there wouldn't be a place for her to pump."

Lloyd concurred that women in her area were hesitant to keep nursing their baby because they were returning to work. "People said they were quitting breastfeeding because of the whole process of finding a place to pump," Lloyd said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Rebecca Yull
Tech. Sgt. Lottie Moon, holding 4-month-old daughter D'Yani, talks with Capt. Dawn Brooks about how the 78th Medical Clinic Robins Nest benefits mothers on their staff.

A matter of health

Some people wonder why mothers can't just pump in the bathroom or an empty office or closet. Having a designated room where a mother can pump in privacy can positively impact the workplace by lowering health care costs, enhancing productivity, and improving employee morale, however you must coordinate with your supervisor to prevent in conflict in mission requirements, Brown said. "We do not recommend pumping in a bathroom due to hygiene and privacy reasons." Also, the room has to meet certain health specifications.

Breast milk is the best form of nourishment for infants, according to the medical community. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends mother nurse their children for the first 12 months.

Both rooms are open to nursing mothers who need a place to pump. One is located in Bldg. 300. To get to the room, enter through door 310 on the Byron Street side of the building. It is the last door on the left before the double doors. The other is located in the 78th Medical Clinic. Anyone wanting to use this room can get directions to the room from anyone attending one of the clinic's front desks.

A variety of services and education are offered at Robins AFB serving maternal and child health needs.

Health and Wellness Center, 327-8480
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Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m.

Dixie Crow holds 27th symposium

Dixie Crow

The Dixie Crow Chapter and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Electronic Warfare Management Directorate are co-hosting the 27th Electronic Warfare Symposium Monday through Thursday at the Museum of Aviation. Opening remarks will be provided by the National Association of Old Crows president, Dave Adamy.



Ken Miller, Congressional Electronic Warfare Working Group, will deliver the plenary keynote address and officially start the Electronic Warfare technical presentations to be conducted in the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater.

The symposium theme "EW - Where are we?" was chosen to shed light on the role electronic warfare plays in our national defense today and where the technology is headed in the future.

The symposium is held annually to raise money for local scholarship programs.

The technical exhibits will open in the museum's Century of Flight Hanger from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Registration packets may be obtained at the Ramada Inn beginning Sunday, 5-9 p.m., and Monday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration will also take place at the museum's Century of Flight Hanger Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit the Web site at www.dixiecrow.org for additional information, or contact: symposium chair, Dawn L. Ogletree at 929-5373 or dawn.ogletree@fastmtc.com; chapter president, Julie Vick at 926-2264 or jvick@robins.af.mil; technical sessions, Wes Heidenreich at 918-2926 or Wesley.J.Heidenreich@saic.com; also for technical sessions, Lt. Col. Sam Neal at 926-2010 or sam.neal@robins.af.mil; exhibits chair, Rick Drury at 923-8702 or essiw@aol.com; EW courses, Doug Moody at 322-4616 or dmoody@arinc.com; golf tournament, John Carter at 922-4258 or jwc110@cox.net; and registration chairman, Julie Vick at 926-2264 or julie.vick@robins.af.mil.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.



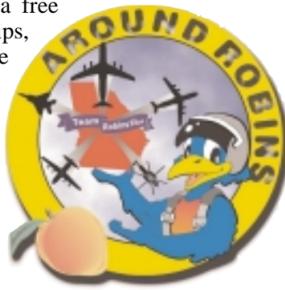
Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. -

This week's Around Robins centers on a recent food show at the base restaurant where several base activities showcased events. Several food vendors were also on hand to offer food samples. There will also be an interview with Lynn Brackett, the director of civilian recreation. Brackett discusses bingo, tennis and a chance to win a free cruise. This week on Golf Tips, John Anderson discusses the importance of having the proper grip. Capt. Michelle Hamerla, the project officer for this year's Tattoo ceremony, discusses what went into the planning of this year's event.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. - This week's guest on Inside Robins is Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Mast.



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.

- **Velveeta S. Black**, C-5 System Program Office, Sustainment Division. Point of contact is Betty Foster, 926-7117.

- **Bill Robinson**, 78th Communications Squadron. Point of contact is Mike Malone, 926-4885.

- **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.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club payment system down

The Club Works payment system will be temporarily inoperable until Monday. The enlisted and officers' clubs will not be accepting payments until this date, but payments are due by the date indicated on individual statements.

Club members may choose from the following payment options during this time: MasterCard club members can enroll and pay online at www.clubmemberservices.com, payments may also be made over the Internet at <http://www.FirstUSA.com>, pay over the phone 24 hours a day by calling 800-759-0294, or pay by mail. The minimum monthly payment, a fixed amount or payment in full may be made by automatic, pre-authorized debit from a card member's bank account with most banks.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Easter brunch will be served 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 31. Cost for members is \$8.95 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 6 through 12 and free for children 5 and younger.

Cost for nonmembers is \$10.95 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6 through 12 and \$4.50 for children 5 and younger.

Aero Club 926-4867

Instrumental ground school will begin Monday at the Aero Club. This six-week class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. Cost is \$220 and military students receive a 75 percent reimbursement. Call the Aero Club at 926-4867 for more information.

The Aero Club will host an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 6 with free simulator time, discounted aviation items, free refreshments and a chance to win a free discovery flight.



Civilian Recreation 922-4415

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.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by Lareine Danforth
Jon King and John Filler present Morris McGee, the recipient of the base restaurant's Thank Your Lucky Stars program's grand prize, with a brief case filled with \$1,000.

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.

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. This class is specifically designed to assist new parents.

This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Financial workshop

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

Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights are presented along with help in developing budgets and savings plans. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors on April 2, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

Advance registration is required.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop on April 3, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905.

Information covered will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, legal requirements, license and tax information, and resources available for use.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Resume construction

A workshop on resume construction will be conducted on April 5, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 137.

To attend this workshop, participants must have attended the resume research and writing class.

Participants bring prior job information to draw from as they

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

Officers' Club 926-2670

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

Easter Sunday brunch

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.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

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

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Visit Information, Tickets and Travel to enter for a chance to win a free seven-day luxury Caribbean cruise for two aboard one of Holland-America's five-star ships. ITT offers all-inclusive packages with Disney, Princess, Carnival and Alaska cruise.

ITT will host a yard sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13, May 4, June 15, July 13, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2. Tables cost \$7 may be set up at 7 a.m.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center is temporarily located in Bldg. 983, 790 10th St. All services are still available and orders are still being taken for engraving, framing, awards and screen-printing. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Frequently asked questions

What should I do if my ID card expires while my spouse is on a temporary duty assignment or on a remote tour of duty?

If you have a copy of the orders on which your sponsor traveled, you will likely be issued an ID card for the duration of his or her absence. If you do not have a copy of the orders, contact your spouse and have him or her prepare an application and mail it to you. Once received, take it to the nearest installation for ID card re-issue. Failing both of the above, you may be issued a temporary ID until the proper documentation is available. For more information, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#FREQUENTLY%20ASKED%20QUESTIONS>



are walked through the steps. The objective is to have a draft completed by workshop's end.

To register for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor, and the center's 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. Everyone attending the job fair is encouraged to bring copies of their resume. Dress for success.

'Why my spouse is so terrific'

The center is sponsoring an essay contest for all Team Robins Plus members.

Special prize packages will be awarded to first, second and third place based on the following guidelines:

- Nominations may be submitted by all military members, Department of Defense civilians or contractors assigned to Robins AFB. This includes all branches of service and organizations

- Each nomination should include a cover page listing the person being nominated and their address, the nominator's name, rank, title, unit or organization, and duty phone.

- Type the name of the spouse on the cover page only; do not use the spouse's name in the actual write-up.

- Limit the write-up to one typewritten page.
- Stress the contributions made during the last 12 months that have enhanced the nominator's career and mission readiness.

Direct questions to Krystal Shiver at 926-1256. The deadline is on April 30. Drop off essay at the center or e-mail to krystal.shiver@robins.af.mil. Winners will be announced at the spouse appreciation ceremony, on May 23. Certificates of Appreciation will be given to all essay nominees.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program has in place a five-step job search program for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military.

Warren officer battles a 'lotta' bull

By 2nd Lt. Matthew Bates
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. (AFP) — Second Lt. Jeremy Sparks, from the 321st Missile Squadron here, is not a matador, but he is a bullfighter.

Unlike the ancient Spanish practice of fighting an enraged bull with a red cape and swords, Sparks antagonizes the bull with his body, making sure he manages to escape the bull's wrath. The closer to the edge he gets the more points he racks up in rodeos.

"Unlike the matadors in Spain who try to kill the bull, it's the bull's job to try to do that to me," Sparks said.

"Getting as close to the bull and having the best moves earns points," he said. "The 'hotter' the bull, the better the competition. Judges score 50 percent on what the bull does and 50 percent on the bullfighter's style. If you're lucky, you get the craziest bull to fight. It's unlucky if the bull is tame. It's hard to earn

points that way. The closer I get to the danger zone the braver I get. I've gotta be aggressive and outsmart the bull. If the bull doesn't work with me, then I don't get any points."

His trademark move is running full speed toward the bull and jumping right over his head, an easy task for Sparks, who stands 6-feet, 3-inches tall.

"I've got an advantage," Sparks said. "There aren't many bullfighters as tall as me who can do that. The bull is my dance partner, except it's all improvisational, nothing is choreographed."

Taking on a bull in a one-on-one duel demands more than just athletic ability and flashy moves. It takes the "roughness of a football player, physical stamina of a hockey player, and the mental toughness of a major league pitcher," Sparks said. "If you go out against a bull without confidence, mental composure, physical ability or quick feet, well...let's just say you better not go out there."

Sparks has been fighting bulls since he was 14. And at age 24, he has no plans on stopping.



U.S. Air Force photo by Dudley Baker

Second Lt. Jeremy Sparks (right), from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., volunteers for target practice during a Kentucky rodeo to protect a fallen cowboy. Sparks has been bullfighting since he was 14.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Basketball tournament

The "Spring Jam," open basketball tournament, will be held at the fitness center April 5-7. There will be team and individual awards for first and second place, and a team award for third place. The first four teams to pay, get T-shirts. The deadline for entry is 3 p.m. April 2.

The points of contact are Tech. Sgt. Andre' Carr at 327-4642 or andre.carr@robins.af.mil, and Senior Airman Christina "CJ" Perkins at 327-4640 or Christina.Perkins@robins.af.mil

Youth Center 926-2110

Baseball and softball registration has been extended for children ages 7 through 16. Call Ron Hayes at the youth center for more information.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Women's varsity volleyball tryouts will be held at the fitness center 5-7 p.m. April 3 and 4. Players are encouraged to take advantage of open-play times at the center 5-8 p.m. Sundays and 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. Call Staff Sgt. Stephanie Jones at 327-7815 for more information and additional practice times.

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.

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. Cost for E1-E4 is \$300, E5-03 is \$465, 04 and up and all federal employees is \$576. Family and senior memberships are also available. Call the golf course for more information.

A glowball golf tournament is slated for April 6 with a 3 p.m. shotgun start. Play nine holes in the light and nine in the dark. Cost is \$30 for annual green fee members and \$35 for nonmembers. Teams should register with the golf course by April 3.

A wacky scramble will be held on March 30 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for annual green fee members and \$30 for guests. This tournament is a four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 60. Call the golf course to sign up.

A spring break junior golf academy is slated for April 3 and 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes instruction, lunch and snack breaks.

Call the golf course for more information and to register.

The golf course now has a meeting room available for special functions, small conferences and other group gatherings. The room can accommodate about 24 people and can be reserved by any person with a base ID.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

Bowl during the daylight-saving time celebration on April 7 for weekday prices and save 50 cents per game.

INTRAMURAL GAMES

Intramural league standings

As of March 19	Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
5	CCG	10	1	0	.909	—	386	463
78	MSS	7	2	0	.778	2	301	369
J-	STARS	9	3	0	.750	1.5	510	621
653	CLSS	7	3	0	.700	2.5	449	508
78	CEG	7	4	0	.636	3	435	521
OUT-	LAWLS	7	4	0	.636	3	466	580
78	SFS 7	4	0	.583	3.5	451	477	
WR-	ALC	6	5	0	.545	4	494	487
93	ACW	4	6	0	.400	5.5	389	398
116	MXS	2	9	0	.182	8	539	359
93	MXS	2	9	0	.182	8	494	327
19	ARG	1	9	0	.100	8.5	540	418
78	CS	0	9	0	.000	9	462	388

Over 30 league standings

As of March 19	Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
78	MSS	9	2	0	.818	—	562	752
RN-	COA	9	2	0	.818	—	402	549
5th	MOBB	8	2	0	.8	.5	367	437
653	CLSS	7	4	0	.636	2	478	529
78	CEG	5	3	0	.625	2.5	416	461
HQ	AFRC	6	5	0	.545	3	506	486
78	SFS	5	5	0	.5	3.5	432	443
78	OSS	3	5	0	.375	4.5	285	172
78	LG	3	7	0	.300	5.5	562	482
19	ARG	2	8	0	.200	6.5	492	354
78	MDG	2	8	0	.2	6.5	447	377
78	CS	1	9	0	.100	7.5	436	343

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in Bldg. 215, Room 106. Stories and stats can also be submitted via fax at 926-9597.

78th Air Base Wing establishes new warrior awards

Honorees come from staff offices

By Chris Zdrakas
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A financial management chief and a member of the Museum of Aviation team are the first winners

of the 78th Air Base Wing's new Warrior of the Quarter Awards.

Elaine Shuttlesworth, chief of the Plans and Programs Financial Management Office, earned the award in the supervisory category.

Richard Fair earned the award in the non-supervisory category for work in maintenance, security and restora-



Shuttlesworth

tion at the museum.

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, wing commander, presented the awards on March 5 in the winners' work areas.

The awards recognize exceptional performers from among the wing's staff offices.



Fair

Division chiefs submit nominations, and the wing commander, vice commander or both make the final selections.

They also will select the supervisory and non-supervisory winners of a Warrior of the Year Award.

Shuttlesworth earned recognition for her excellence in

get execution team and for providing a fiscally responsible, forward-looking plan that has postured the wing for current and future missions.

Fair earned kudos for developing the manning plan for the museum's gate security program that has been in place since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and for managing the maintenance and restoration of the 85-aircraft museum fleet.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

AAFES fashion show

The Army Air Force Exchange Service spring fashion show will be held at the Robins Air Force Base Exchange 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 926-6353.

AFA hosts awards luncheon

The Air Force Association Carl Vinson Chapter 296 is hosting the Robins Air Force Base 2001 Annual Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on April 10 in the Robins AFB Officers' Club ballroom. Lunch is \$12 per person. Make a reservation by April 3 to Jeane Paris at jeane.paris@robins.af.mil or 327-2651.

VFW offers free membership

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6605, located at 1011 Corder Road, Warner Robins, is offering a free membership to all active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel returning from Operation Enduring Freedom. Those who join enter the post under the Military Incentive Program. Continued membership is up to members after the year ends. For more information, leave a message for Dennis Solari at 922-2154.

School board meets

Robins Air Force Base school board will meet at 4:45 p.m. Monday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The meeting is open to the public.

NCMA to hold anniversary luncheon

The National Contracts Management Association March luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. 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 Tuesday if you plan to attend.

Thrift shop in business

The Thrift Shop will be closed April 1-6 for Spring break. The Robins Air Force Base Thrift Shop on Page Road, Building 288 is open Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for consignments. 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.

Museum of Aviation needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, contact museum Director of Protocol and Volunteers Judy Blackburn, or Angelina Banks, volunteer and education administrative assistant at 926-4242 for additional information.

Robins ALS has positions available

The Robins Airman Leadership School is seeking qualified staff sergeants looking for dynamic career-broadening experience and a change of pace. One flight instructor position is available for immediate hire. For further information, call 926-6515.

Air Force Clubs offers scholarships

San Antonio Services Division

The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

"Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members," said Fred Fried, chief of the club operations branch. "First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000."

The scholarships, which will be presented on Oct. 1, are available in part through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank of Wilmington, Del. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, titled "Air Force Clubs - How to Continue the Tradition." Entries should be submitted to services marketing, Bldg. 1011, by July 15 on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or similar font.

Entries must include a

sponsor's name, last four digits of the sponsor's Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name and the entrant's full name and mailing address. If nominees are family members, how they are related to the club cardholder should be included.

Additionally, a one-page summary of the nominee's long-term career or life goals and previous accomplishments must be included. The summary should include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments.

Applicants need to be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Plus, club membership as of June 30, is needed for eligibility.

In five previous years Air Force Clubs has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships.

Anyone interested in participating or needing additional information on the program should contact a club manager or Lareine Danforth at 926-5492 or access <http://www.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/scholarship.htm> on AFSVA's Web site.

Knowing about diabetes helps prevent problems

JoAnn Richardson, RN
Nurse educator, HAWC

There are currently more than 5 million Americans suffering from diabetes who don't know they have the disease.

Diabetes is quickly becoming a national epidemic and is now the third leading cause of death by disease in the United States, according to the American Diabetes Association. An

estimated 18 million Americans are currently diagnosed with this disease and that number is continuing to grow.

Diabetes is a condition in which the level of glucose in the blood, also known as blood sugar, is too high.

This is a result of the pancreas making no insulin or not enough insulin, or the body's cells are not able to use the insulin correctly.

Insulin helps the body's

cells use blood sugar. When the body has insulin-making problems, or the cells do not use it correctly, diabetes develops.

Are you at risk?

No one is sure what causes diabetes, but research has shown that the risk of diabetes may be higher for some people.

These risk factors include:

- A history of diabetes in the family
- Being overweight and inactive
- Being over age 45
- Being of African, Hispanic or Native American heritage
- Exposure to certain viruses that damage the pancreas
- A history of gestational diabetes (diabetes of pregnancy) or having delivered a baby

weighing more than 9 pounds.

What are the signs?

Signs of diabetes include the following:

- Frequent urination
- Increased thirst
- Extreme tiredness
- Weight loss (in spite of increased appetite)
- Blurred vision
- Slow-healing infections or wounds
- Pain, numbness or tingling in the feet
- Stomach pain
- Vomiting
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Sexual problems

These symptoms may appear suddenly or may appear gradually over time. Also, it is unlikely that any one person would have all these symptoms. It is also possible to have diabetes with none of these early symptoms.

Should you be tested?

All healthy adults 45 years and older should be tested for diabetes every three years. Those with risk factors should be screened more fre-

Do you really have a weight problem?

Shows weight 20 percent over maximum

Height, no shoes	Weight in pounds, no clothing	
	WOMEN	MEN
4'9"	134	
4'10"	137	
4'11"	140	
5'0"	143	
5'1"	146	157
5'2"	150	160
5'3"	154	162
5'4"	157	165
5'5"	161	168
5'6"	164	172
5'7"	168	175
5'8"	172	179
5'9"	175	182
5'10"	178	186
5'11"	182	190
6'0"		194
6'1"		199
6'2"		203
6'3"		209

Source: American Diabetes Association

quently and at an earlier age. Diabetes, left untreated, can cause life-threatening complications.

The Health and Wellness Center will sponsor a diabetes screen Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base restaurant. This service is

provided free of charge by a local area hospital in honor of Diabetes Day. A certified diabetes educator will be on hand to answer any questions regarding diabetes. For additional information or questions, call the HAWC at 327-8480.

Diabetes: Are you at risk?

If a statement is true for you, add the number of points printed beside the statement.

1. My weight is equal to or above that listed in the chart at right. (5)
2. I am under 65 years of age and I get little or no exercise during a usual day. (5)
3. I am between 45 and 64 years of age. (5)
4. I am 65 years old or older. (9)
5. I am a woman who has had a baby weighing more than 9 pounds at birth. (1)
6. I have a sister or brother with diabetes. (1)
7. I have a parent with diabetes. (1)

Your total score

3 to 9 points: You are probably at low risk for having diabetes now. But don't just forget about it - you may be at risk in the future.

10 or more points: You are at high risk for having diabetes. A doctor can order a simple blood test to find out for sure.

Source: American Diabetes Association

Easter reminds of God's power

By Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson
Acting Wing Chaplain

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel will join with Christians throughout the world on March 31 in the celebration of Easter — the most significant day in the life of Christianity.

And why all of the excitement over Easter? Isn't Christmas more important?

While Christmas is celebrated as the birth of Jesus, Easter is glorified as the day of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is the resurrection that gave rise to a faith that the believer in Jesus Christ will likewise be victorious over death.

Through the life of Jesus, the Christian is shown how to live in a manner that is pleasing to God. And through the resurrection the Christian is shown how God rewards those who are faithful and obedient to the will of God. Jesus is the example. Therefore, followers of Jesus' way are reassured every Easter of the mighty power of God at work among us.

The Robins AFB Chapel has a responsibility to facilitate the free exercise of religion for all faiths. During this time of the year, however, the Christian is preparing for Easter. The following is a schedule of events for Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Day.

Catholic Services

- Thursday, Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m., chapel
- March 29, Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.

"Therefore, followers of Jesus' way are reassured every Easter of the mighty power of God at work among us."



Chapel

- March 30, Holy Saturday Mass, 7:30 p.m., chapel. Reception follows in annex
- March 31, Easter Mass, 7:30 p.m., chapel
- Easter Egg Hunt after mass will be at Friendship Pavilion (for children up to 10 years of age).

Protestant Services

- Sunday School Easter Program, 11 a.m., (Combined 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services) chapel. Reception follows in annex
- March 29, Good Friday Worship Service, 3 p.m., chapel
- March 31, Sunrise Worship Service, 6:30 a.m., chapel
- March 31, Traditional Easter Worship, 11 a.m., chapel

Anyone with questions or concerns about the chapel's scheduled events, Christianity or religion in general, may contact the chapel office at 926-2821. We look forward to seeing you and serving your spiritual needs as Easter approaches.

HAWC CLASSES

Weight loss: April 1, 8 and 15, at 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or 4:45-6 p.m.

Tobacco cessation: March 28; April 4 and 11, at 11:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Evening tobacco cessation: April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 4:45-6 p.m.

Diabetic seminar: April 1 and 3 at 7:45 a.m. to noon

Diabetes 101: Classes are every Monday by appointment only, 8:45-11 a.m.

Healthy heart: Classes are every Thursday by appointment only, 8:15-11 a.m.

Evening healthy heart: April 4 at 3:45-6 p.m.

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

Stress management: April 11 at 2-3 p.m.

Prepared childbirth: April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 7-9 p.m.

Newborn care: March 29 at 1-3 p.m.

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

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

CIVILIAN RETIREES

The following are the civilian retirees for the end of February through the beginning of March.

Lewis M. Ayer, LAPPB
Kathryn Bohannon, LFPW
Leon Falkner, QL
Larry S. Garrett, TIEDM
Guadalupe Helton, LESGF

William E. McNair, TIPLA
Jane A. Propst, LYSH
Ben I. Simpson III, LKGR
David P. Thomson, LKNL
Richard Turk, LYGF
Larry Tyus, LJPPA
Demaris Westbury, LBPWM
Linda F. Whitehead, AFRC/DPXZ

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Today — Snow Dogs (PG)
Starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and James Coburn.

When a Miami dentist finds out that he has been named in a will, he travels to Alaska to claim his inheritance. Once he gets there, however, his dreams turn to mush: he discovers he has been left a mischievous team of sled dogs — Diesel, Scooper, Nana, Yodel, Sniff, Mack, Duchess and Demon — who have got it in for him. (mild crude humor)

Saturday — Collateral Damage (R)
Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and John Leguizamo.

Firefighter Gorden Brewer is plunged into the dangerous world of international terrorism after he loses his family in a bombing credited to Claudio "The Wolf" Perrini. Frustrated with the official investigation Brewer takes matters into his own hands, teaming up with a most unlikely ally — the wife of the terrorist — and tracks his quarry ultimately to Columbia. (violence and some language)

* No one younger than 17 admitted without an accompanying parent.

HONOR ROLLS

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center C-130 System Program Office announces its fourth Quarter and Annual award winners.

4th Quarter award winners

Exceptional Team of the Quarter (tie) — AMP Air Vehicle IPT and Surge Team

Hercules Hero of the Quarter — **Denise Dowd**, C-130 Readiness Division

Thinking out of the Box Award — **Ben Puckett**, C-130 Readiness Division

Thinking out of the Box Team Award — **IMPAC Team**

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter — **1st Lt. Kenneth Kuebler**, C-130 Readiness Division

LB Support Contractor of the Quarter — **Terry Zimmerman**, C-130 Plans and Programs Division

Top Mechanic of the Quarter — **Jeff Price**, C-130 Production Division

Annual award winners

First Line Supervisor of the Year — **Sara Wilson**, C-130 Readiness Division

Senior Supervisor of the Year — **Cheryl Ficklin**, C-130 Contracting Division

Administrator of the Year — **Lisa Cranford**

Professional Civilian of the Year — **Billy Bryant**, C-130 Production Division

Senior Professional of the Year — **John McDonald**, C-130 Readiness Division

Exceptional Team of the Year Award — **AMP Source Selection Team**

Hercules Hero of the Year — **Joye Marshall**, C-130 Technical Coordination Group Division

Thinking out of the Box Individual of the

Year — **Todd Engleman**, C-130 Technical Coordination Group Division

Thinking out of the Box Team of the Year — **IMPAC Team**

Company Grade Officer of the Year — **Capt. Jack Miner**, C-130 Readiness Division

Support Contractor of the Year — **Larry Hansee**, C-130 Readiness Division

Top Mechanic of the Year — **Jerry Flavin**, C-130 Production Division

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Airman 1st Class Sharman L. Moore, 78th Civil Engineering Group, was recognized for superior performance as a Robins Air Force Base Career Development Course Honor Graduate. Moore achieved a score of 97 percent on her career development course end of course examination in the operations management career field, in January.

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The WR-ALC Technology and Industrial Support Directorate announces the following awardees.

Richard Nicholson, an overhead support chief in the program control branch, was named the TI Supervisor of the Month for February. Nicholson is a dedicated individual who willingly accepts all challenges and motivates his employees to exceed production targets. He was instrumental in planning the prototype repair of the C-5 primary and secondary panels.



Nicholson