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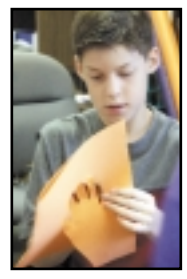

Robins joins fight against child abuse.
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Robins gains 124 military positions

Air Force announces force structure realignment

Office of Public Affairs

The Air Force fiscal year 2003 force structure realignment announced on March 22 shows a net gain in personnel for Robins Air Force Base.

Robins will experience an increase of 124 military positions and a decrease of seven civilian job slots overall due to the realignment. Military units receiving personnel increases include the 78th Transportation Squadron, the 93rd Air Control Wing and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

"The latest authorizations track with the trend of recent years at Robins, which has seen modest increases in workforce," said Lt. Col. Deb Bertrand, pubic affairs director.

78th Transportation Squadron

The 78th Transportation Squadron will increase by 70 military personnel. The majority of the 70 jobs being transferred to the 78th Transportation Squadron will go to the squadron's operations area, Jerry Stuckey, civilian deputy of the squadron, said.

Vehicle operations will gain 51 positions; vehicle maintenance, 14; and the traffic management office, five. Stuckey said transfers are expected to be completed in October 2003.

93rd Air Control Wing

The Air Force plans to retire the Airborne Battlefield Command and Control Center at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Workload from that center will be absorbed by the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar and Airborne Warning and Control Center fleets.

"JSTARS is absorbing part of the ABCCC mission, and because of this the 93rd will gain 32 military positions," said Capt. John Bryan, 93rd ACW Public Affairs.

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

The 653rd CLSS will increase by 12 authorizations due to workload realignments.

19th Air Refueling Group

The 19th Air Refueling Group's 19th Operations Support Squadron will lose two military positions as it converts to a new information processing system.

Other structure realignments will result in the addition of 12 military slots and the elimination of seven civilian authorizations. These moves however will not involve the movement of any personnel.

Air Force-wide, the realignment results in a total increase of 470 authorizations that include 299 military authorizations, 142 civilian authorizations and 29 drill authorizations.

MARE goes off without a hitch

Office of Public Affairs

On the morning of March 26, the Robins Air Fore Base Inspector General office tested the base's readiness and response during a major accident response exercise, or MARE.

The exercise began with an emergency 911 call to the base law enforcement desk, stating a 500-pound bomb had fallen off a munitions trailer and detonated.

The exercise added the special effects of several volunteers acting as real life casualties, with simulated explosive debris strewn about the area.

Lt. Col. Bronis J. Voveris, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center deputy inspector general, said the Disaster Control Group reacted quickly to the incident, as did all emergency response units to the scene of the accident.

"Explosive ordnance disposal team members from the 116th Air National Guard Bomb Wing cleared the way as Houston County emergency medical units cared for the injured."

"This was a very successful exercise," said Voveris. "There are always lessons learned and some observations were noted as to where improvements can be made."

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

First responders in the major accident response exercise transport a victim from a simulated bomb explosion Tuesday morning. Evaluators were pleased with the base's response to the disaster practice.

Command, union partners ink new master labor agreement

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The commander of the Air Force's largest civilian work force and the union council president representing them signed a new master labor agreement here on March 21, cementing the fruits of a newly formed labor-management partnership.

Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, and Scott Blanch, American Federation of Government Employees Council 214 president, signed the MLA during ceremonies at the officers' club here.

The 35,000-plus civilian AFGE Council 214 employees ratified the contract on Jan. 11. With that accomplished, the contract went through a mandatory Defense Department statutory review and received the thumbs up on Feb. 28, according to Ray Rush, AFMC labor and employee management relations chief.

The master labor agreement is the contract between AFGE Council 214 and AFMC.

It governs matters affecting bargaining unit employees' working conditions, to include use of official time for union representatives.

Since AFMC employs the lion's share of Air Force civilian employees — 51 percent at last count — it's the only major command with union recognition at the command level, AFMC civilian personnel officials said. Union negotiations are conducted at the local activity level in all others.

Quick turnaround

It took AFMC negotiators a mere six weeks, versus six years for the previous version adopted in 1998, to finalize the new MLA and present it to union members for ratification, according to Jim Barone, AFMC personnel director who was management's chief negotiator. He said speeding up the process was a product of AFMC and AFGE's commitment to a strong partnership.

The partnership Barone referred to is a Partnership Council formed in June 1999 between AFMC and AFGE Council 214. Lyles and AFGE, AFL-CIO, national president Bobby Harnage met in May 2001.

Their discussion centered on building stronger ties through active partnership councils at the command and base levels.

Barone said the Partnership Council, with the support of Lyles and Harnage, focused on a different approach to negotiating this MLA. In previous negotiations, command labor relations folks were the lead and all the labor-relations officers, one from each of the covered bases in the command, were at the table along with all of Council 214's union presidents from the respective locals. Approximately 20 people were called to the negotiating table.

This time, Barone said command officials wanted a member of senior management, who's above the fray of the day-to-day labor-relations activities, in charge to actually lead the negotiations. He also said officials recognized that things would not get done efficiently if there were too many people in the room. So, they narrowed the number to an even dozen — six from AFMC management and six from labor.

Barone explained that command officials also agreed they weren't going to overhaul the MLA. "We were going to tweak it," Barone said. "It was a good framework to start from."

Few changes

In all, only 18 of the MLA's 39 articles were modified or rewritten. The rest were untouched.

Another significant action resulting from the management-labor partnership was developing partnership principles — "statements about how we want to deal with one another — trust and respect one another, value the partnership," Barone said. "We all agreed to go over those at the beginning of each negotiation session, reinforcing that we're committed to the partnership which is bigger than any particular issue."

Different approach

With that commitment and focus, negotiators forged ahead, deciding to use interest-based bargaining versus traditional negotiation. This put-all-your-cards-on-the-table approach ultimately saved a lot of time.

"You can imagine in traditional negotiation, you don't put all your cards on the table," he said. "You're kind of looking for a Cadillac but will settle for a Chevy; but you've done a lot of horse trading to get from the Cadillac to the Chevy which is really what you were looking for."

In interest-based bargaining, he said, negotiators lay all their interests on the table and decide which are mutual interests and work to see how those can be solved while still

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Training at Robins

MLA training for all supervisors/managers to be held at the base theater on 8 and 9 April from 0800-1100 and 1300-1600, 11 April from 1300-1600, and 12 Apr 0800-1100. No requirement to sign up for specific time. Attendance will be documented using sign-in sheets for record of training provided. For more information contact the Labor Relations Office at 926-7781.

Donations provide real-life assistance

Air Force extends drive

AFAF Installation Project Officer

Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid officer at the Robins Family Support Center, has seen first-hand, good works accomplished with funds raised through the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

The AFAF campaign has been extended until April 12 at Robins Air Force Base and Air Force-wide. The base's goal for this year is $71,319 and, as of 8 a.m. Thursday, the base was at 77 percent of its goal.

The Air Force Aide Society, through the AFAF, helps people in a variety of ways, she said.

"In the past week, we helped one of the Macon fire victims be able to get settled into a new home, clothe the family and buy basic furniture," she said.

"We provided a food loan for a family that had had significant financial crisis; we got a one-day later plane ticket for a spouse and her active duty husband who returned from a deployment when a Red Cross message was received that they were needed back home," said Barnes.

She also explained that funds raised through the AFAF provide programs such as Give Parents a Break, childcare for families undergoing a permanent change of station and help for a mother to get relief from caring for her special-needs child.

Assistance also was made available in the form of funding three car repairs.

Barnes said another program funded by the AFAS office is Bundles for Babies. This class for expectant active duty Air Force families provides information, baby development books, growth charts and a layette for each baby.

"Air Force Aide Society assistance is available for active duty personnel, their dependents and retirees," Barnes said. "All branches of service can come to the AFAS office to obtain assistance from their branch's emergency agency.

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.

Anyone wishing to donate to the campaign may do so by contacting their unit project officer.

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

See unit donation chart page A-2

653rd moves fast for Enduring Freedom

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The White Knights of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron are doing their part in support of Operation Enduring Freedom by getting damaged aircraft back into the skies at remarkable speeds.

An example of their mission accomplishment took place recently in Turkey, when they were notified that a C-17 had sustained damage to its landing gear during a rough landing.

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Reinke, team chief, said a 653rd team of four was notified of the damaged plane on March 6 and prepared to leave the following day.

"We were airborne by March 8 on the way to Charleston and arrived in Turkey on the 11th," he said.

Upon arrival the team set to work, along side Boeing engineers repairing two main landing gear post assemblies which were cracked. They also removed, inspected and replaced all four landing gears.

Reinke said while the team was still in Turkey another C-17 sustained a wheel bearing failure at a forward operating location and was sent to Turkey where the 653rd team awaited it.

He said the second plane was on a strict schedule and was needed back quickly.

Tech. Sgt. Brian McUmber, team member, said there were no complaints from the team members during their mission.

"The team worked 22 and one-half hours, finishing the repairs on the second plane at 5:30 a.m.," said McUmber. "We finished two and one-half hours ahead of schedule, and the plane flew out on time and in good shape."

"Our guys were very mission-oriented," he said. They knew what they came to do, and they did it."

Reinke attributes a lot of this to the squadron's annual war-fighting training, which helps them to prepare for missions such as this one.

Another team of 653rd members led by Master Sgt. Edgar Anderson left last weekend headed to Kelly, USA where another C-17 sustained severe structural damage during a recent tornado.

"Their job is to get out there and get the aircraft back to the war fighter," said Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Cain.

Cain said to expedite the repairs the team will be working with Boeing engineers and civilians.

The mission of the 653rd CLSS is to provide highly trained, worldwide deployable teams to accomplish aircraft battle damage repairs, and augment supply and surface freight management operations.

2002 AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION STATS

Unit	Percentage of goal met as of Thursday at 8 a.m.
78 ABW/CCEA	138%
78 MDG	80%
78 SPTG	117%
78 OSS	29%
78 LG	119%
78/778 CEG	53%
OSI	27%
ALC/CCEA/CCD	153%
ALC/FM	180%
ALC/IG	300%
ALC/LR	166%
ALC/LH	333%
ALC/LI	8%
ALC/LK	233%
ALC/LB	196%
ALC/LG	273%
ALC/QL	197%
ALC/PK	51%
ALC/TI	176%
ALC/PA	455%
ALC/LJ	219%
ALC/LU	166%
ALC/XP	231%
ALC/LA	113%
ALC/RE	1,235%
ALC/SE	718%
ALC/LE	57%
ALC/LIP	23%
ALC/LF	88%
HQ AFRC	166%
93 ACW	70%
5 CCG	55%
653 CLSS	76%
19 ARG	45%
367 RG	92%
339 FTS	3%
ROBINS AFB	77%

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

PROMOTION SELECTEES

Brigadier general

Col. Gary T. McCoy – Special Assistant for the Depot Maintenance Readiness Team, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force

Col. Thomas J. Owen – C-17 System Program Director, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command

Senior master sergeant

WR-ALC Contracting Directorate
Gerald T. Brunson Jr.

WR-ALC Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate
Jeffrey F. Deynzer

653d Combat Logistics Support Squadron
Ronald G. Sacco II

778th Civil Engineer Squadron
Paul T. Humphrey Jr.

78th Security Forces Squadron
Bobby L. Gregory

78th Operations Support Squadron
Ronald J. Rousch

78th Medical Support Squadron
Terry L. Schaefer

5th Combat Communications Group
Lonnie Michaelson

5th Combat Communications Support Squadron
Richard A. Fischer
Sandra D. Holloway

53rd Combat Communications Squadron
Sonny G. Aquino
Barry D. Clark

93rd Air Control Wing
Harold P. Trahan

93d Logistics Support Squadron
Craig E. Henry

93rd Maintenance Squadron
Palumbo Anthony J.
Roberts James C.

93rd Training Squadron
Kevin S. Danson
Robert E. Hall

93rd Aircraft Generation Squadron
Lee Hart

93rd Operations Support Squadron
James L. Patterson

16th Airborne Command Control Squadron
Donald L. Alexander
David E. Hawk

AMC Air Operations Squadron
Cheryl D. Williams

367th Recruiting Group
Michael F. Degroot
Thomas W. Mccray Sr.
Ronald A. Patrick
Michael W. Rowland

AFSOC Electronic Combat Support Flight
Robert F. Edore

17th Air Support Operations Squadron
Bruce E. Voight

Air Force Reserve Command
Steven E. Little
Oliver M. McCoy Jr.
Stephen P. Mellum

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78th ABW promotion ceremony today

Col. Bonnie Cirrincione 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony today, 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, the new customer servicing hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appraisal, grievance systems highlight new lalbor agreement

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — A new pass-fail appraisal system and improvements to the civilian grievance process highlight the master labor agreement effective on Monday between the Air Force's largest group of civilian employees and Air Force Materiel Command management.

Although the new pass-fail appraisal system begins with the master labor agreement implementation Monday, it actually impacts appraisals required in the spring of 2003, according to Raymond Rush, AFMC labor and employee management relations chief.

He said employees having appraisals submitted in the current cycle will be completed under the old system.

The master labor agreement is the contract between the command's 35,600 civilian members of American Federation of Government Employees Union Council 214 and AFMC management.

In addition to the new appraisal system and improved grievance system, the agreement governs things like assignments, promotions and other civilian-personnel related issues.

Two-tier system

AFMC's new civilian appraisal system, which takes effect with the new labor agreement, is a two-tier system that brings AFMC's employees in line with most Air Force civilian employees. The systems calls for ratings of either pass or fail – no others.

The new system requires feedback like the old system did and it requires documentation. Command leaders think it's a more efficient system than the one being used now, according to Jim Barone, AFMC's personnel director who served as management's chief MLA negotiator.

He said the new system provides command employees feedback much like what's used on the military side of the house. Supervisors will provide this feedback to their employees at least once during an appraisal year.

Along with the improved feedback, Barone said the new appraisal process opens the door to an improved awards program.

Few changes

"If you review the MLA, you'll see we've kept an awards program related to appraisals that's almost identical to what we have today because we didn't have a better mousetrap to offer," Barone said. "But quite frankly, local commanders can negotiate, at the local level, an awards program so their top performing people can have more significant and more timely awards that don't need to be related to the appraisal process."

Barone said this was one of the negotiating team's toughest issues. But he said everyone was interested in top performers getting significant and timely recognition throughout the course of the year.

"What we need to do now is capitalize on the flexibility this MLA offers and use our management-union partnership process to develop a better awards program," he said.

"Then we'll have reaped the full benefits of the new appraisal system."

The employee grievance process was another MLA improvement area. Barone said negotiators provided for more effective review in the second step.

He explained that in the first step of a grievance, the employee receives an answer from a designated management official. If that employee wants to appeal that decision, the second step is usually dealing with a branch or division director in the field.

"In some cases there really wasn't a meeting, the field director would just look at the package and say I agree with the first level and that was it," Barone said. "Now we've indicated if you want to have a meeting to discuss it, you'll have a meeting. And if management is not timely, the issue can be elevated."

Barone said this improvement should result in more effective and timely grievance resolution.

Alternative dispute resolution

Additionally, AFMC management is now encouraging employees to use alternative dispute resolution methods which, Barone said, are "really important to our management-union partnership."

The alternative dispute resolution process is a key initiative of the AFMC-AFGE Council 214 Partnership Council.

"To get people to work out their differences without going through a formal grievance often results in a better solution and airing of the issues," Barone said. "Sometimes the grievance is only the tip of the iceberg. Getting people together with a facilitator, many times, will not only remove the problem but create a much better working relationship between supervisor and employee."

For more information on the new appraisal system and improved grievance process, call your base civilian personnel office.

Contract bargaining was good, open, productive, officials say

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possibly accommodating exclusive interests.

"If you don't have trust, interest-based bargaining isn't going to work because you're putting all your cards on the table and not holding back," Barone said. "You're committing that when you have an agreement on one part, you put it to bed and don't reopen it unless we have mutual agreement to do so.

"The partnership council helped build that trust and that's what we operated under. The partnership council gave us a personal awareness of one another and we developed trust by working together in that."

That trust is something Lyles said he's pleased to see happening.

"It all gets back to my basic premise of open communication — treating everyone the same, being willing to listen to all sides of an argument and not just assuming either the bargaining unit or the government is right or wrong in any particular case," Lyles said. "When you have the opportunity to sit and freely discuss things, eventually a solution or compromise is found and everyone is very happy. I've been very pleased to see how all that has taken place."

Scott Blanch, Council 214 president agrees, saying union bargaining team members had good, open discussion and have a solid understanding of what the contract means.

"We've come a long way," Blanch said, referring to labor-management relationships. "We used to spend more time fighting each other than getting the job done. But when we take the time to put our interests on the table and respect each others interests, we've proven we can appreciate each other more and do great things for the command."

Barone credits AFGE Council 214 and management team members for coming to the table and representing their interests very well.

"There were times we wondered 'are we going to get there, are we going to reach an agreement?' In the end, we did a great job of that.

"We were successful because of the way both teams approached this. Council 214 as well as management lived up to the commitment to use interest-based bargaining to focus on interests and put the interests of our people above our personalities and personal interests. I think we've demonstrated that you can achieve a lot more through partnership than you can through adversarial relationships."

116th Bomb Wing salutes security forces' support

Deployed sacrifice job, family to serve

By 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock
116th Bomb Wing

The 116th Bomb Wing Security Forces has been involved in demanding deployment circumstances since Sept. 11. The squadron has been deployed in various locations with an assortment of objectives.

Many of these deployments require involvement overseas and may require an extended amount of days of service.

The majority of deployed members have been in the unit for five to six years. Also, all present deployed 116th members are traditional; therefore, they sacrifice by leaving behind both their family and their civilian jobs in order to serve.

Air Force Security Forces have three different missions — air base defense, security system and resource protection.

The security forces career field is responsible for all "police" activities on an Air Force base.

Training in the field includes life-saving procedures, providing armed responses, directing vehicle and pedestrian traffic on base, operating speed measurement equipment, and conducting breath tests using devices to measure drug and alcohol levels in a suspect's system.

Security members are also trained to protect people, property and Air Force weapons systems. Required skills include knowing the laws, regulations, electronic security systems, physical security systems, apprehension procedures, riot control, detention, the use of police equipment and combat tactics for the Air Force defense.

Many members may also be responsible for protecting millions of dollars of equipment.

According to 1st Lt. Robby Key, 116th BW Security Forces commander, the members are working seven days a week and 12 hours a day. They are also living in tents or hardened shell barracks.

The 116th BW recognizes these security members, who have been serving alongside of thousands of other military members. These deployed forces are just another example of Guard participation in a time of American defense. Friends and family of each member anxiously await the return of these people.

Guard participates in Cherry Blossom

By 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock
116th Bomb Wing

The Cherry Blossom Festival is held every year in Macon to celebrate the annual blooming of the Yoshino Cherry Tree. Food, fun and friendly guardsmen are always some of the elements found at the festivities.

This year's celebration took place March 15-24. Georgia Air National Guard recruiters and 116th Bomb Wing volunteer members had the opportunity to speak to local residents and tourists about the numerous opportunities in the Georgia Air National Guard.

According to Master Sgt. Sue Holloway, a 116th Bomb Wing recruiter, approximately 1,200 people attended a guard presentation located in the official 116th BW detachable trailer. This trailer travels to Georgia fairs, car races and any other large gathering of people.

Citizens of all ages came by to speak to the men and women in uniform exchanging military experiences and opinions.

It is evident while watching these recruiters in action that they enjoy spreading the story of the Air National Guard.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock

Staff Sgt. Paul Rudziak, 116th Maintenance Squadron, speaks to some local residents about his military experiences at the 2002 Cherry Blossom Festival.

Former 116th member on survivor series

By 2nd Lt. Sandy Smock
116th Bomb Wing

Retired Col. Paschal English, former member of the 116th Bomb Wing and contestant on this season's Survivor, is known for his friendly personality and professionalism by Guard members who knew him well. Col. Lois Schmidt, 116th BW Support Group commander, had the opportunity to work with English for many years and was not surprised to see him as a contestant on the CBS series.

English is the oldest member on this season's series but has always taken exercise and a healthy lifestyle seriously, according to Schmidt. She said that English's military training will serve as an asset when reading people and also when working as a team.

Patriotism was one military trait English made evident when he chose the American flag as his one personal item to bring on the adventure, Schmidt said. This flag was displayed on the hut of English and his team members for inspiration.

The 116th BW can truly be proud of this former member's accomplishments and positive representation of military members, Schmidt said.

English currently serves as a Superior Court judge in the Griffin Judicial Circuit. He retired from the Guard in 1998.

‘Top Dog’ organizations proud of their life-saving efforts

By Chris Zdrakas
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A gold-plated bloodhound sits atop a trophy presented to five Robins Air Force Base organizations Tuesday, but the award has nothing to do with dogs. It has to do with life — the gift of life to be specific.

The bloodhound is the focal point for the Top Dog Award, recognition given for the fourth consecutive year to organizations that best support American Red Cross Blood Drives on Robins AFB. It replaces the Big Drop Award, a familiar icon in which interest had begun to wane.

To help blood drives

“When we conceived this program three years ago, we recognized the blood drive program needed a transfusion of energy — something that would make potential donors sit up and take notice,” said Diane Gross, Robins blood drive program manager. “The Top Dog Award definitely makes people take a second look. Our hope is that this annual recognition will continue to be a vehicle that generates more participation in our blood drives and fosters a healthy competitive spirit among base organizations.”

“Breeding excellence in support of American Red Cross blood drives’ the trophy’s plaque reads, and that really says it all,” she said.

“We are out for excellence — excellent turnouts that will help keep Georgia’s blood supplies from the critically low levels they have experienced over the past few years.”

Gross, a member of the 78th Air Base Wing’s Administrative and Compliance team, and Maureen Johnson of the American Red Cross are pleased that the trophies have proven popular with the recipients.

Gross described the March 20 presentations as a “spirited, camaraderie-building” ceremony that inspired pride among the winners. Col. Tad Stanley, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing and Gross joined the American Red Cross representative to present the awards and affirm that base leaders are 100 percent behind the blood drive program.

The trophy winners were:

- Large Organization — Electronic Warfare Management Directorate, 125 units donated
- Small Organization — ReEngineering Directorate, 14 units donated
- Hosted Organization — Air Force Reserve Command, 343 units donated
- Mini Organization — Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office, 7 units donated
- 78th Air Base Wing Organization — 78th Mission Support Squadron, 27 units donated.

Perfect timing

The introduction of the award is well timed because March is American Red Cross Month. The Robins Web Page features a link to the American Red Cross home page, an online resource containing information about American Red Cross, including programs, services and disaster news.

Details about volunteering, giving blood or tissue, and making a financial contribution also are included.

“The American Red Cross has a long history of responding to human needs, so much so that its Red Cross logo has become synonymous with relief,” Gross said.

“The Red Cross reaches out to support the neediest of the needy, worldwide and at home. As a member of the 78th Air Base Wing team, I am proud to be associated with the organization that carries the Red Cross message to Team Robins Plus and with leaders who go the extra mile to support Red Cross programs.”

The next base wide blood drive will be held on May 31. Last year, Robins AFB organizations donated a total of 2,520 units of blood.

“It is our hope that Robins will pull together as a team and put its strength and support behind the American Red Cross, helping it to help others,” Gross said.

“Giving blood is the same as giving life. I would encourage everyone who can to experience the joy of knowing that their giving of themselves could made it possible for another person to live.”

Courtesy photo

Receiving the “Bloodhound” award for their organization’s support are: Wendy Howard, left, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Depot Re-engineering; Ann Ray, bottom, WR-ALC Electronic Warfare Management Directorate; Richard Thomas, right, WR-ALC Safety Office; and Senior Master Sgt. William Stinebaugh, top, Air Force Reserve Command. Together, these areas collected 516 units of blood (AFRC alone collected 343 units) contributing to the 2,520 units collected basewide in 2001. Robins Air Force Base is the Red Cross’ largest donator of blood in the Southern Region.

Military spouse wins leadership award

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A military spouse who believes military families have a responsibility to positively impact their communities recently surpassed 23 other nominees to win an award that will go a long way toward meeting his community objective.

Jose Torres-Reyes, the husband of Lt. Col. Laura Torres-Reyes, commander of the 78th Medical Group Aerospace Medicine Squadron, won the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership — GOAL — presented by Central Georgia Technical College.

Torres-Reyes

The retired Marine is a computer information systems major attending Central Georgia Technical College under the HOPE scholarship program available to military spouses and dependents who live in Georgia for 12 or more months.

HOPE is Georgia’s Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally grant, which covers tuition and other costs.

GOAL, the highest honor that can be given to a technical college student, is based on leadership, technical knowledge, attitude, humanitarianism and interaction with other students, Torres-Reyes said. How competitors respond under pressure is among the factors judges consider in deciding the contest. As a GOAL winner, Torres-Reyes will become an ambassador for higher learning, speaking to prospective high school students about the benefits of going to technical college and how such schools can help them reach their goals.

“The school is beyond belief … the leading edge of technology,” he said.

Torres-Reyes, 55, has nourished his sense of community for a long time. He is a retired Marine chief warrant officer who also served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era.

He will represent his school at the state GOAL competition at the end of May, vying against winners from 37 technical colleges. A variety of panels will scrutinize nominees over three days of competition.

Meanwhile, Torres-Reyes is enjoying what he considers a major perk associated with being his school’s nominee. He will have his own parking spot at the school for a year.

PLAID manager earns service award

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Electronic Warfare Directorate presented Scott D. Warren, program manager for the Precision Location and Identification, or PLAID, program, the Exemplary Civilian Service Award for the period of January through December 2001. The award was presented by Patty Martin, deputy director of LN, on March 22.

Warren

Martin said the PLAID program provides enhanced situational awareness to aircrews through greatly improved radio frequency threat-warning capability, and solves parts obsolescence and vanishing vendor problems constraining current systems.

"Warren led a 25-member multi-functional team in successfully defining customer requirements, developing an evolutionary acquisition strategy and conducting a source selection which resulted in a best-value contract award to incorporate PLAID technology into existing electronic warfare radar warning systems," she said.

He led the team to document the requirement, develop the plan and execute the contractual document that will provide a capability to the war fighter that offers a significant advantage to the survivability of aircraft and aircrew and ultimately the successful outcomes of the battle.

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PLAID manager earns service award

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On Nov. 1, 2002, I would have worked at Robins Air Force Base for 25 years — a quarter of a century. So much has changed since my first day on the job in 1977. I really didn't know that much about the base when I came to work that first day. Well – I did receive a traffic ticket the first day on the job – I turned left on a street that said "no turns from 0700-0800" – military time didn't mean anything to me. Little did I know how much my life would change and that military time would be the only time I knew.

My dad worked at Robins but I really didn't know that much about what he did and about the people that he worked with every day. I had only lived in Georgia for two years, so I was fairly new to southern hospitality as well.

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As many of you may know, I am scheduled to report to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the first week in April as the deputy director LG for depot maintenance. It will be a great assignment with many opportunities to showcase what we've accomplished at Robins in depot maintenance and supply chain management and, hopefully, to develop policies that will facilitate even better performance across the command. But I have to tell you — this move is tough. It's tough because I love the people at this center. You are family to me. It is tough because there is so much you are doing to improve our center performance and I would like to see us through to the finish line. But I will be watching and cheering from afar.

It is always fun to look back at the way things used to be, and it is always amazing to comprehend just how much change we've encountered over the years at Robins AFB. Changes, whether by choice or not, that have made us stronger, more customer-focused and accountable for performance.

But there is one thing that hasn't changed and that is the quality of our work force. Yes, the culture of our work force has changed over time, but dedication to service has not. Our work force today is better-educated, better-informed and is highly skilled. However, the problems are tougher, the competition is more intense and the pressure to perform is unparalleled.

That is why I am so excited about our move to incorporate lean business practices in all areas. This process began in Avionics and TI several years ago and is quickly spreading to all business areas. The results of this process have been touted in numerous articles in the Rev-Up, local newspapers and industry magazines over the past two years, and we have had phenomenal success to date.

But our focus has predominately been in the production areas in depot maintenance. We have to make this our new way of life in every thing we do. This process is simple – eliminate waste in your process. Sounds simple enough.

Each of us in every day business sees the things that other people do in their process and we say – what a waste. Why can't they see that what they are doing is really no value added? Instituting lean processes in your area will give you that opportunity.

If you haven't heard about lean you need to ask your management. It is simple and can be done anywhere, anytime.

If you don't know who to contact, access the Robins main Web site and you can access lean information from there — or call the Re-engineering Office at 926-1274. They should be able to help.

So, all I ask as I embark on a new job, is that you try implementing lean practices. I firmly believe it is the most crucial step this center can take to be and stay No. 1 among the air logistics centers and industry. As I leave, I feel like the luckiest person in the world to have served with all of you. Thanks so much — good luck and God bless.

'Ladies first, airmen second': AF women in earlier years

By Retired Chief Master Sgt. Anne O'Connor

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho – I entered the Air Force twice – the first time Jan. 10, 1971, the second Nov. 7, 1981.

The first time I was a pampered novelty: a woman in the Air Force. Ten years later I was a valuable commodity: a prior-service airman.

In 1967, President Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, lifting grade restrictions and strength limitations on women in the military. That was the first major policy change affecting servicewomen since the Armed Forces Services Integration Act of 1948.

In 1972, Roger Kelley, assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs, asked all services to "take action to eliminate all unnecessary distinctions in regulations applying to women and, where appropriate, recommend legislation to eliminate any inequities which are now required."

Action was taken, but between 1967 and 1972 we were special. Femininity influenced everything about women in the Air Force.

Women weren't recruited like men. I had to submit a package with references and four pictures: front and side, full-length, and head-and-shoulders views. Had I been younger than 21, I would've needed parental consent; men only needed parental consent if they were younger than 18.

I had to have a high school diploma; for men, the Air Force considered a high school diploma "desirable" (almost all had one). Married women or those with children could not enlist, while married men could enlist but needed a waiver for more than one dependent.

Basic military training reinforced both feminine values and the feeling that we were special. In a 1993 interview, retired Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Picarro told me about her memories of basic training in 1967.

She remembered having to carry lipstick and perfume in her "ditty bag" at all times. Many times she heard her instructor say, "You are ladies first and airmen second." She was required to have two girdles — one on, one in the drawer. There was no obstacle course, weapons firing or guard duty.

Not much had changed when I went to basic training in January 1971. At 23, I was older than most and had been on my own for some time. I had never worn makeup and did not think of myself as particularly "feminine," but the Air Force set out to fix that.

The learning center presented a personal development course with a variety of tips for women. There were four hours about skin and hair care, two hours on etiquette and office manners, six hours about makeup, and a one-hour manicure and pedicure course.

The howling favorite was a two-hour block about posture and movement. According to the course syllabus, it was designed to "include definition and purpose of good posture with emphasis on grace in motion."

We were instructed in many aspects of good posture: climbing and descending stairs, removing and donning coats, and the all-important manner of crossing one's legs. The most startling of the instruction was an exhibition of how to "walk like a lady again."

The instructor said that marching for six weeks of basic training had ruined our walk. Touching the inside of each of her wrists, she showed us how to "bump" our hip against the wrist, evoking a fairly substantial bump-and-grind motion as she sallied up the aisle between the ranks of 55 awestruck young women. We were sent back to the dorm to practice the newest of our grace-in-motion traits.

Things changed tremendously fast after 1972. Although values didn't change overnight, change had been in the wind for several years and the overprotective umbrella was gone.

Equality became a core value in American and military culture. The military was so successful in making equality a part of its culture that when I returned to active duty in 1981, I entered an Air Force far different from the one I first entered.

The shift in values is reflected in many ways, such as how the media portrays issues. News of women in the Air Force in 1971 saw a number of "firsts" and Jeanne Holm's selection as the first female general was touted by Airman magazine with an article entitled "The Lady Is a General."

Twenty years after Assistant Secretary Roger Kelley put out the order for elimination of inequities, the November 1993 Airman magazine's nine-page article about Dr. Sheila Widnall's selection as the first woman secretary of the Air Force that only mentioned the fact she is a woman twice. (Commentary courtesy Air Combat 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.

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

Parking needs reprieve

Q: I want to ask you what the short-term and long-term plans are to alleviate the lack of parking on several locations on the base. I think it's an awful sight to see vehicles parked on grassy areas, non-handicapped cars in handicapped parking spots, and cars parking in spots reserved for motorcycles. All of these examples occur everyday in the areas of Bldgs. 300, 301, 162, and the credit union. Maybe if the 78th Security Forces Squadron would issue tickets to these people parking illegally we wouldn't have this problem.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Our current Force Protection Condition, existing barrier plan, and construction projects have reduced the amount of available parking spaces. However, safety must be paramount with regard to where motorists park their vehicles. Parking monitors have been advised on numerous occasions to issue citations to motorists whose vehicles endanger the safety of other motorists or pedestrians, or who are parked illegally in designated handicapped parking spaces. I encourage you to contact the parking monitor for your building if you observe vehicles parked in a manner that endangers the safety of motorists or pedestrians or are parked in handicapped parking spots. We are working to resolve the long-term irritant of inadequate parking, but the dual shortage of available land and funds complicates our best efforts.

Overpass is for safety

Q: One unsafe area on base that needs attention is on Robins Parkway, next to the aircraft maintenance hangars. Neglect to use the overpass walkway by pedestrians creates an unsafe area daily. Naturally pedestrians have the right of way; but, when there is heavy traffic, they cannot always be seen. I don't understand why some pedestrians take a chance concerning their safety. I'm sure my comment will not make a difference until somebody is seriously injured from a motorist. Please remind folks to think before they take that next step.

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: Thank you for your call. Several years ago the overpass was installed to reduce the safety hazard during shift change. Because the overpass is not convenient for employees, many choose to cross the road at their own risk. Georgia Traffic Code, Article 5, paragraph 40-6-92, states, "Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway if he or she uses the roadway instead of such tunnel or crossing." Although it boils down to a personal choice, I encourage supervisors to continually advise their people of the wisdom in using the overpass for their own safety.

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AFMC general helped introduce first female cadets to academy

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — More than 25 years ago, the Air Force Academy in Colorado opened its doors to a new era in service history when the first cadre of female cadets crossed into the blue.

There to help them maneuver through uncharted territory was then 2nd Lt. Terry Walter.

While in her earlier role, now Brig. Gen. Terry Gabreski, Air Force Materiel Command's director of logistics, she served as one of 15 air training officers, known as ATOs. These officers served as role models and surrogate upperclassmen to the new female cadets when the Academy opened its doors to them in 1976 as members of the class of 1980.

Today, Gabreski is the last remaining air training officer on active duty, and she said she believes it is important to look back on the role of women in the military during March's Women's History Month.

The academy prepared for integrating women cadets in 1976 by dusting off a plan from 1955 when the academy first opened its doors. The plan was to use commissioned officers to act as air training officers or surrogate upperclassmen for incoming cadets.

Many wanted to support

A significant number of female junior officers applied for the ATO positions to support the female cadets of the class of 1980, Gabreski said.

The new ATOs began a rigorous training program in mid-January to learn the ins and outs of academy life.

All but one of the ATOs had their hair cut short and all were stripped of traditional aspects of customs and courtesies. The only indication of their officership that remained was their lieutenant's bars.

The training program lasted nearly six months and encompassed most of the training the new cadets in the class of 1980 would see during the next four years. They began with basic cadet training where their instructors were first and second class cadets.

In a 1976 interview for Airman magazine, Gabreski said, "Once they got over the fact we were officers and girls too, they realized all they were supposed to do was train us as cadets. And they did it. They yelled at us, braced us against the walls, and made us 'know knowledge' (recite basic Air Force knowledge), just like we were basic cadets."

Teaching and helping

Looking back at her time as an ATO, she said, "Our job as ATOs was more than just surrogate upperclassmen for the female cadets. We were there to help the upper class cadets learn to train female cadets."

Gabreski recalled a cadet asking how to handle a female cadet crying. She told the cadet to handle it the same way he would have with a man.

"Tell her it's not acceptable behavior," she said.

The new ATOs learned survival, evasion, resistance and escape training as well as cadet wing orientation. The orientation involved assuming roles of upperclass and lower-class cadets, physical conditioning, various airmanship programs, field training and auditing academic courses.

Special counseling courses enabled the ATOs to help women cadets with potential personal problems, she said.

"We weren't there to be house mothers to these women," Gabreski said. "We were there to teach them how to be good cadets and become good Air Force officers."

Keeping a close eye

The ATOs were watched closely during training by academy staff, she said.

"They wanted to see if we could keep up, and give us a piece of the academy experience" Gabreski said.

Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, AFMC vice commander, worked as a physics instructor in 1976 when women first entered the academy.

He recalled working with the ATOs, especially in 1977 when he took command of the cadet parachute program.

Coolidge was responsible for redesigning the jump harness to accommodate a woman's frame, and he worked closely with the young Gabreski.

She, along with several other ATOs, participated in the parachute program to help integrate women into the program.

As a result, Gabreski was the first Air Force woman to receive her jump wings in the academy jump program after completing the required five jumps.

Coolidge said he was "impressed by the job the ATOs did."

It was a success

"Their success is evident in the low attrition rate and continued success of the women of the class of 1980," Coolidge said.

The class of 1980 began with 156 women. At the end of the first semester only 8 percent of the female cadets were out of the class, compared to 10.9 percent for males.

Gabreski remained at the academy until September 1977 when she returned to her job as an aircraft maintenance officer at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. She said her time at the academy gave her many opportunities she would not have gotten otherwise, and she is happy she helped normalize the presence of women at the academy.

Close Up

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'The art of harmony'

Martial arts class offers self-defense, discipline

By Geoff Janes
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Senior Airman Avery Lee gets his kicks every Wednesday and Saturday.

That's because Lee is one of the many people taking advantage of the aikijitsu classes being offered in the base fitness center, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

But unlike many martial arts classes that can cost a pretty penny, Lee is getting his kicks for free. All it takes to be in the class is the desire to learn and a willingness to exert a little effort, according to Master Sgt. David Magliano, the class instructor.

"There is no charge for the class," he said. "However, all students must understand our two basic rules – one, everyone works, and two, nothing is free. In other words if an individual isn't serious about training during class and on their own time, they will be disappointed in their progress."

The class is offered to anyone who can use the base fitness center, and although the class is geared more towards older children and adults, Magliano said he doesn't turn people away.

"No one joins without a personal interview," he said. "And parents and children must view an entire session before the child will be accepted."

Lee, who has been taking the class for four months and is no stranger to self-defense, said the class offers him new techniques to add to what he already knows.

"I started with free-style grappling at another base, and jujitsu was one of the base techniques for grappling," he said. "When I saw that aikijitsu was being offered here I decided to take it."

Although Lee may be combining the techniques of aikijitsu with his grappling skills to improve his competitive edge, the art is not a competitive sport, according to Magliano.

"Because aikijitsu is meant for combative self-defense, we don't participate in tournaments," he said. "There are no 'kata,' or practice forms, because the art is meant more for simplicity rather than aesthetic beauty."

And it's a good way to supplement a regular fitness routine according to James Martin, the base exercise physiologist.

"It's great for increasing muscular strength and endurance and flexibility and range of motion," he said. "That helps to reduce the chance of injury."

Martin also said that anytime a person increases their strength and endurance, the increase in activity helps to speed up the metabolism causing the body to burn more calories while working out and while resting.

The benefits are many, but that's to be expected of an art that has been around for centuries.

aikijitsu means "the art of harmony," according to Magliano, "and stems back to Japan's feudal era in the early 1500s. It is one of the varied styles originating from the combative martial form of jujitsu. The modern styles of aikido and judo are recent derivatives of jujitsu as well."

Magliano doesn't have quite as long of a history as the art he teaches, but it's an impressive one just the same.

"I studied jujitsu and karate for 10 years before going to Japan where I studied aikido for four years," he said. "I've been an instructor for eight years, but have consistently studied martial arts for more than 18 years."

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>
> Senior Airman Avery Lee
> aikijitsu student

Lee said he would encourage others to take part in the class, but said they should be prepared to work.

"I think it's different things to different people," Lee said. "A lot of people find the spiritual aspect of it, but for me it's the techniques. The instructor is excellent and the techniques are good.

"It's tough … it's not for everyone," he added. "But if you're considering taking martial arts, you owe it to yourself to give it a go."

U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes

Children practice aikijitsu moves during a class at the Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center. The free classes are offered twice a week for those interested in learning this martial art.

Take a closer look at aikijitsu at Robins

How is it different from other styles?

Because aikijitsu is meant for combative self-defense, there are no tournaments. The art is intended for simplicity rather than aesthetic beauty.

What can a student expect during a standard class?

For safety reasons, students spend a great deal of time learning how to fall and roll long before they are permitted to train with others. A typical class will start with a long period of warm-ups and stretching, followed by calisthenics, punching and kicking drills, and finally immobilization and throwing techniques. aikijitsu also incorporates ground fighting for quick escape.

What is the rank structure like?

The ranking system is very simple. Students start with a white belt and may wear it for two or more years until they have earned a brown, and finally a black belt.

What are the benefits of aikijitsu?

While the atmosphere is challenging and strict, students are never forced to participate in techniques or movements they do not feel comfortable with. In this way, an individual competes only against himself or herself. As with anything worthwhile, an individual's personal effort is the only determining factor in their success. The longer one stays, the more challenging the techniques, so fitness and mental toughness are major benefits as well.

Who can take the class?

Anyone can start the class at anytime. Because everyone starts from the beginning, physical abilities and skills are of little consequence initially. As one develops, so does his or her level of skill and ability. Children 10 years old can begin training; however, some of the movements may be difficult for children to learn. Parents must sign a waiver for children under 16, and must be present in the fitness center whenever their child attends class. The class is open to all active duty personnel, their dependents, retirees and civilian employees having fitness center privileges.

How much do the classes cost?

There is no charge for the class.

Where and when are the classes held?

Classes are held in the aerobics room on Wednesday's from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays may be extended for those desiring some extra instruction. For more information, call the base fitness center at 926-2129.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Robins Elementary School children cut out hands. The students used the hands to express that hands are for other things other than hitting.

Robins joins fight against child abuse

By Chris Zdrakas
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Robins Air Force Base's family advocates are joining the nationwide observance in April of Child Abuse Prevention Month, planning activities for children, parents and those who work with children.

Sharon L. Lowe, 78th Medical Group family advocacy program assistant, is spearheading Robins' observance, which includes programs held in conjunction with community organizations. Among the events:

- Signing of a proclamation Tuesday by Robins' Family Advocacy Officer Beth Hodgkins and community leaders. The signing will be at 9:30 a.m. on the front lawn of Houston Medical Center
- "Easter in the Park" Saturday at Tanner Park, Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Activities include Easter egg hunts for children through age 10, games, entertainment and information from local agencies. Robins AFB's outreach manager, Gina Tribble, and Lowe will team up to staff a booth featuring an Easter Bunny horseshoe game.
- Children's Health Fair on April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robins Health and Wellness Center, which is attached to the base physical fitness center. Family Advocacy will provide information on child abuse prevention and programs it offers. In addition, other base organizations will offer information related to their programs and services.

Throughout the month, family advocacy will have displays at the base medical/dental clinic, library, Robins Family Support Center and base exchange emphasizing child abuse prevention and giving information on reporting child abuse. Blue ribbons, worn to draw attention to the month, will be available at the displays. Also on display will be posters children from Robins Elementary School made. They traced their hand prints, cut them out, and added slogans relating to hands, "hands help; they don't hurt;" "hands shake;' they don't hit."

Family Advocacy will provide training throughout the month for the staffs of the base child development and youth centers about how to detect symptoms and signs of child abuse. The training also will be directed to the staff's obligation to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Family Advocacy Newsletter, which will be in the mail April 1, will feature articles related to child abuse prevention.

Lowe said Family Advocacy teamed up with community organizations to give the month a greater public visibility. The topic, she said, demands it.

"Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem through the United States, and Georgia is no exception," Lowe said. "In 2000, there were 34,079 substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, malnourished and drug-addicted children. What is even more appalling is that 45 children in Georgia and 1,396 children nationwide actually died from child abuse or neglect in 2000."

> *"Whether you are a parent or not, there are things you can do to help prevent child abuse in your community."*
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> Sharon L. Lowe
> 78th Medical Group family advocacy program assistant

"Parents Nurture, Kids Blossom" is the theme of this year's prevention campaign, and Lowe said it could be expanded to "Adults Nurture, Kids Blossom."

"It's up to all of us to ensure safe and healthy communities for children to grow up in," she said. "Whether you are a parent or not, there are things you can do to help prevent child abuse in your community."

Her suggestions:

- Learn the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect. Information is available from the Family Advocacy office, base and community libraries and the Internet
- Be a good neighbor. Get to know the children in your community and offer to assist families in your neighborhood, especially during stressful times.
- Take part in prevention efforts. Join a child abuse coalition or task force, volunteer at an agency that works toward preventing child abuse and neglect, make a donation to a child abuse prevention organization or donate food, toys or clothing to a social service agency that helps children and families.

EM events highlight Earth Day, Arbor Day

By Environmental Management

The Environmental Management Directorate is hosting the ninth annual Robins Air Force Base Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration April 22-26.

The base celebrations will include an art contest, bird watching with "Dr. Bob," historical forest tree planting ceremony, environmental awareness fair and an Earth Day on the Greens golf tournament.

Art contest: Open to Robins Elementary School students. They will draw environmental themes on grocery bags donated by the commissary. A winner will be selected from each class. Winners will receive a T-shirt. The bags will be returned to the commissary for use.

Bird watching with Dr. Bob: 8-10 a.m. on April 20 starting at the lodge on Luna Lake. Bob Sargent, natural resource manager, will conduct a bird-watching expedition. For more information, contact Shelley Musser at 926-1197, ext. 100.

Environmental awareness fair: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 23 at the Museum of Aviation Hangar 1. To reserve a space or obtain more information, call Debbie Smith at 926-1197, ext. 114, or Steve Hvizdzak at 923-6788.

Historical forest tree planting ceremony: 10 a.m. April 24 at the parade grounds near Warner Robins and Fifth streets. The ceremony will include the Arbor Day Proclamation and the Tree City USA presentation. For tree dedication and other information, call Becky Crader at 926-1197, ext. 119.

Earth Day Golf Tournament: April 25 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Check-in and lunch are at 11 a.m. There will be a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. To register, contact Debbie Smith at 926-1197, ext. 114, or Chris Anthony at 329-8870.

During the week, Earth Day committee members will present Earth-friendly information to students and teachers on Robins AFB and in Houston County.

Also, T-shirts will be available April 17-19 at the base restaurant and the commissary.

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 highlights free Aikijitsu classes being offered in the base fitness center. There will also be an interview with John Anderson, who discusses the hours of operation, products sold and how to choose the proper clubs. Lindy Kurtz, the base dietician will demonstrate how to cook a stir-fry meal, and explain the nutritional benefits of cooking colorful vegetables.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week's Inside Robins is Opportunity Showcase: "U.S. Census Bureau Importing and Exporting products."

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.

● **Perrin J. Love**, 78th Support Group Civilian Personnel Classification Office. Point of contact is Nelda Bynes, 926-3805, ext. 197.

● **Larry Allen**, 778th Civil Engineering Squadron. Points of contact are Alan E. Whitmire, 926-3533, ext. 28400, and David Fortson, 9263533, ext. 28200.

● **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.

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.

Submit planner information, honor rolls, features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also fax submissions at 926-9597 or e-mail to rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil.

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SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Customer Comments

The services division would like to remind its valued customers that their comments and suggestions are very important. Customers may fill out comment cards located in each services facility and may leave comments and suggestions online at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Every 10th customer to submit a comment online will receive a free Robby the Robin stuffed toy. Monthly drawings for $10 in division dollars to use at any services facility will be conducted from the comment cards received. Some exclusions apply.

Aero Club 926-4867

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.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Easter brunch will be served 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. 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.

Officers' Club 926-2670

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

Child Development Center 926-5805

A children's health fair is slated for April 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Smith Community Center. Information will be available on child-friendly fitness equipment, nutrition, drug abuse and crime prevention, TRICARE and dental care. Refreshments will be provided.

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April is Month of the Robins Child. Purchase a commemorative T-shirt at the Child Development Center. Cost for shirts is $6 for children and $7 for adult sizes small through XXL.

Youth Center 926-2110

The youth center will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday for children ages 2 through 10. Children are asked to bring their baskets.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Visit Information, Tickets and Travel through April 15 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.

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ITT will host a yard sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13. Tables cost $7 and may be set up at 7 a.m.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

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

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A canoe and kayak daytrip on the Ocmulgee River is slated for April 20. Cost of $25 per person includes transportation, equipment, guide and instruction. Call outdoor recreation to register.

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A fly-fishing trip to Calloway Gardens is slated for April 27. Cost of $265 per person includes equipment and tackle, instruction, guide, lunch and transportation. Register at outdoor recreation by April 17.

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.

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Expressions gift shop is continuing its inventory sales reduction sale. Purchase discounted arts and crafts supplies, including acrylic paints, at below-cost closeout prices. Call 926-0304 for details.

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.

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.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will present a workshop on money and credit management today, 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.

Job fair success

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a workshop on preparing for a job fair Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137. Learn about the basics and what to expect; how to conduct yourself and have an effective job search; preparation basics, including dress. To register for this class, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. Advance registration is required.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop Wednesday, 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 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.

Base and community tour

The center is sponsoring a base and community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members on April 10, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting at the center.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit and tour the center, skills development center, and the physical fitness center. The tour includes a "windshield" of Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant in Macon. People will pay for their own lunch.

To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group meeting will be on April 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

Frequently asked questions

My sponsor will retire soon; to what benefits will we be entitled?

You will be entitled to TRICARE, commissary, and all AAFES facilities. For more information, go to http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#FREQUENTLY%20ASKED%20QUESTIONS.

Smooth move

The next smooth move workshop is on April 11, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

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, DOD 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 essays 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.

Golf tournament

The center boosters are sponsoring an airman's relief golf tournament on May 3, 1 p.m., Pine Oaks Golf Course. The tournament is a best ball handicap format.

The cost is $35 for Pine Oaks members and $40 for non-members. Prices include two mulligans and one red bomber for men or four mulligans for lady golfers. The tournament is being held to raise money for the Airman's Relief Fund. For additional information, contact the center at 926-1256.

New location

The Loan Closet, Airmen's Attic, Relocation Assistance Program and Volunteer Resource Program have moved to Bldg. 945 at the corner of Macon and 10th streets.

Courtesy photo

Thirty-six people participated in the St. Patrick's Day 10K on March 16. Winners Matt Cunningham and Albertine Stewart were awarded $25 gift certificates to Ross Dress for Less. Here they are shown shortly after finishing the race. All participants enjoyed refreshments provided by the Warner Robins Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Pull! Two fire their way onto skeet team

By Lanorris Askew
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The Air Force international skeet team welcomed two new members to its developmental team last week after a week-long training camp and team selection match. The competition was held at Robins Air Force Base, and included training from current team members.

One of those selected to the team is one of Robins own, Senior Master Sgt. Kevin D. Inskeep of the 93rd Maintenance Squadron. The other selectee, Capt. Brian Johnson, an F-15 pilot, is from Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Tech. Sgt. Dale Brunelle, a primary skeet team member, said after four days of intense training, the participants competed in a two-day 200-target match to decide who would be picked up.

"It was a long, grueling week of training and shooting," said Brunelle. "Both Johnson and Inskeep completely and honestly earned their spots on the team, they should be proud."

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Dale Brunelle aims at a clay birdie during training before tryouts for the Air Force skeet team.

The two will serve as members of the team's developmental team, and will continue to train and work their way onto the primary team. Brunelle said the members of the primary team are officially funded for tour of duty when they compete.

There are currently only two members of the primary team, Brunelle and Capt. Kevin Schiller of Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"We are proud of these two (new) individuals," said Brunelle. "They'll now have a sense of pride in representing the Air Force twice. As military personnel and as members of this team."

Brunelle said selections for the Air Force International Skeet Team will be held annually in February or March. The Air Force team is slated to compete in the 2004 Olympic Skeet Team selection process, in which the top two shooters in the nation will make up the Olympic team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golfers needed

Air Force Reserve Command TOPCOPs Association is hosting its annual Golf Tournament on April 5, at the International City Golf Course. Format is four-person scramble with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is $40 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, range balls, prizes and refreshments. For more information, or to sign up, contact one of the following tournament organizers: Rich Cain at 327-2179; Gene Simonton at 327-0107; Wendell Peacock at 327-0109; or Glenn Scott at 327-2194.

Youth Center

926-2110

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

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A coaches' and girls' softball clinic is slated for April 12 and 13. Cost is $20 for youth center members and $30 for nonmembers. Call Ron Hayes at the youth center for more information.

Fitness Center

926-2128

Letters of intent for intramural golf are available at the fitness center. Teams must register by Thursday.

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Women's varsity volleyball tryouts will be held at the fitness center 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Call Staff Sgt. Stephanie Jones at 327-7815 for more information and practice times.

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Kim Jones, National Federation of Professional Trainers-certified personal trainer, is available to fitness center members. Cost is $40 per hour-long session. Call 335-4928 or 722-0341 for more information.

Pine Oaks Golf Course

926-4103

A glowball golf tournament is slated for April 6 with a 3 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is $30 for annual greens fee members and $35 for nonmembers. Teams should register with the golf course by Wednesday.

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A wacky scramble will be held Saturday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is $25 for annual greens 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.

Golf tournament honors cancer victim

By Chris Zdrakas
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A golf tournament, "Take a Hack at Cancer," will be held on May 17 at the Waterford Golf Course to benefit the American Cancer Society and the family of a 78th Communications Squadron employee stricken with cancer.

The cancer victim is Bill Robinson, a visual information specialist well known to customers of the 78th's Multi Media Services Center, where he has worked most of his nearly 18 years in federal civil service.

Master Sgt. Darrell Skinner teamed up with two other members of the Robins community to put the tournament together. The tournament will be a four-person scramble at the Waterford Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at noon. The cost, $40 per person, includes greens fee, carts, hamburger and hot dog buffet, prizes, snacks and drinks on the course and free range balls.

The first $1,000 from the tournament will go to the American Cancer Society in Robinson's name, and the rest to the Robinson family.

Anyone interested in playing may call Master Sgt. Skinner at 926-3233 or Gayle Pruitt at 327-2097. The golf course is on Georgia Highway 96, about two miles east of Georgia Highway 247.

INTRAMURAL GAMES

Intramural games this week

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

Over 30 games this week

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

Intramural league standings

As of March 25

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	4	0	.692	2	511	621
OUTLAWS	8	4	0	.667	2.5	515	641
653 CLSS	8	4	0	.667	2.5	552	619
78 CEG	8	4	0	.667	2.5	484	573
78 SFS	9	5	0	.643	2.5	551	603
WR-ALC	6	6	0	.500	4.5	555	536
93 ACW	4	7	0	.364	6	442	446
116 MXS	3	10	0	.231	8	612	412
93 MXS	2	9	0	.182	8	494	327
19 ARG	1	9	0	.100	8.5	540	418
78 CS	0	10	0	.000	9.5	524	439

Over 30 league standings

As of March 25

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points
78 MSS	9	2	0	.818	—	562	752
5th MOBB	9	2	0	.818	—	412	492
RNCOA	9	3	0	.750	0.5	454	590
78 CEG	6	3	0	.667	2	457	513
653 CLSS	7	5	0	.583	2.5	529	574
HQ AFRC	7	5	0	.583	2.5	551	537
78 SFS	5	5	0	.500	3.5	432	443
78 OSS	3	5	0	.375	4.5	285	172
78 LG	3	8	0	.273	6	617	527
19 ARG	2	8	0	.200	6.5	492	354
78 MDG	2	8	0	.200	6.5	447	377
78 CS	1	9	0	.100	7.5	436	343

Sports submissions

Contact 1st Lt. Bryan Reed to get sports stats and stories in the Rev-Up. Call 926-2137, fax 926-9597 or e-mail bryan.reed@robins.af.mil

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

Today – Rollerball (PG-13)
Starring Chris Kline, LL Cool J.
Jonathan is the most popular player in Rollerball. Along with his teammates, he's living the high life for giving viewers what they want. Things go wrong when Rollerball's creator, Petrovich, realizes that serious on-court accidents bring higher ratings. Soon Jonathan and his friends are playing for their lives. The teammates find themselves trapped in a new game without any rules. (violence, extreme sports action, sensuality, language, some drug references)

Saturday — Big Fat Liar (PG)
Starring Frankie Munez, Paul Giamatti
Jason is a 14-year-old who thinks on his feet. He has to prove that Hollywood producer Marty Wolf stole his class paper and is turning it into the blockbuster movie Big Fat Liar. He is ready for battle. (some language)

April 5 — John Q (R)
Starring Denzel Washington
John Q. Archibald's son Michael, falls seriously ill and needs an emergency heart transplant operation that John Q. can't afford. His health insurance won't cover the operation either. John Q. vows to do whatever it takes to keep his son alive. (violence, language and intense thematic elements)

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Labels can help education

Eating soup through April 24 can be a benefit to Robins Elementary School. The Campbell's Soup "Labels for Education" program can help the school get classroom computers, software, books and other educational tools. Eat soup and other participating Campbell products, save the labels and donate them to Robins Elementary and other local schools, day cares or churches participating in the program. Look for signs in the commissary for further information on how to donate labels. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

78th SFS stress range safety

The 78th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Ranges are located on the southeast side of the base. The ranges are off limits to unauthorized personnel. Trespassing in the range complex is illegal and poses a safety hazard due to gunfire during scheduled training. Parents must ensure that their dependents stay clear of this area and observe warning signs.

ASMC appreciates members

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet on April 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Robins Air Force Base Smith Recreation Center ballroom, for its monthly meeting. This will be the Annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon.

Tickets are $6.25 for members and $7.25 for nonmembers. Contact Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Cindy Branham at 926-6615, Capt. Dwayne LaHaye at 327-2954 or Betty Enge at 926-5485.

Commissary news

The commissary will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter.

Thrift shop in business

The thrift shop will be closed Monday through April 6 for spring break. The Robins Air Force Base Thrift Shop on Page Road, Bldg. 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.

AFA hosts awards lunch

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. Dress is uniform of the day or business attire. Lunch is $12 per person. Make a reservation by Wednesday by contacting 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.

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 Judye Blackburn, or Angelina Banks, volunteer and education administrative assistant, at 926-4242 for additional information.

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HONOR ROLLS

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

David McNeal, a sheet metal mechanic foreman in the wing repair section, was named the TI Supervisor of the Month for January. McNeal's leadership and managerial skills motivate his team to provide the F-15 Directorate with high-quality products in a timely manner. He also successfully implemented LEAN into his shop and is providing guidance for other supervisors beginning the LEAN process.

McNeal

Ricky Holland, machinist supervisor in the manufacturing section, was named Supervisor of the Month for December. Holland is a conscientious, dedicated individual who consistently displays unique managerial skills and loyalty toward the accomplishment and success of the center, directorate and organizational goals.

Holland

John L. Monroe, an instrument worker in the gyro repair section, was named the Employee of the Month for November. Monroe's experience and dedication have contributed to better quality work for our customers in a timely manner.

Monroe

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The following were recently awarded local and state Air Force Association awards.

Local award results

Specialist/Technician of the Year Award — **Senior Airman Nyaunuwi Y. Wilson**, 78th AMDS

Maintenance Manager/Supervisor of the Year Award – **Master Sgt. James A. Clay**, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Acquisition Manager/Supervisor of the Year Award — **Winfield Green**, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Space and Special Systems Management Directorate

Weapon Systems Manager of the Year Award – **Col. Frances Robinson**, WR-ALC Space and Special Systems Management Directorate

Support Manager/Supervisor of the Year Award — **Vontyne W. Dominy**, WR-ALC Logistics Management Directorate

Trades and Craft Worker Award — **Tech. Sgt. Joseph W. Davis**, 93rd MSX

Administrative Support Award — **Judy Calhoun**, WR-ALC Space and Special Systems Management Directorate

Engineer of the Year – **Capt. Ray Wier**, WR-ALC U-2 Management Directorate

Human Resources Management Career Field Person — **James F. Marshall**, WR-ALC Logistics Management Directorate

Bomber Aircraft Technician of the Year – **Senior Master Sgt. Samuel M. Soughterland**, 116th AGS.