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On the Move

Travel Management Office, Bay Area Travel relocate

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Soon, those who need the services of the Travel Management Office or Bay Area Travel will have to head in a new direction.

According to Carolyn Rozar, traffic management flight chief, the two offices will be moving from their current locations in building 301E to Bldg. 914 on 9th Street – the old Base Exchange.

“The Robins TMO which handles passengers and household goods, and the Commercial Travel Office, or Bay Area Travel, will be relocating February 6-7,” she said.

Tech Sgt. William Weathersby, NCOIC of the traffic management flight, said the TMO office employs about 33 people who work closely with Bay Area Travel.

“We work hand-in-hand with TMO” said Debbie Combs, Bay Area Travel general manager. “We are their contracted travel office and must be side-by-side.”

Weathersby said the move stems from the need for more space and privacy.

“We do a lot of counseling on moving and our current location with its cubicle layout doesn’t offer the privacy that we need,” he said.

“The new location, adjacent to the Military Personnel Flight at Bldg 905, will be more convenient and will provide a more efficient counseling environment for our customers,” said Rozar. “The parking area will provide ample space for customers as well.”

Customers who need airline tickets before Feb. 10, should have their orders turned in to the TMO by Feb. 4.

Tickets need to be picked up by noon Feb. 5.

The Travel Management Office will be open for business in its new location Feb. 10.

Protecting the troops

Air Force begins smallpox vaccines

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force chief of staff has directed the immediate implementation of the smallpox vaccination program.

In a Jan. 6 policy memorandum to major command commanders,

Gen. John P. Jumper outlined details of the commanders' force protection program against the deadly biological warfare agent.

The first Air Force people to be vaccinated will be medical people and designated forces that constitute specific mission-critical capabilities. The identified medics include Smallpox Epidemiological Response Team members at Brooks City-Base, Texas, those responsible for administering the vaccine to

other airmen, and base-level smallpox medical team members (medics who have been selected to treat anyone who contracts the disease).

According to the Air Force smallpox vaccination implementation plan, some civilian employees and contractors will also be vaccinated.

Other U.S. forces will be vaccinated depending upon circumstances.

Although vaccinations will begin immediately, the program's director

said airmen would be vaccinated in stages.

“It is expected that up to 30 percent of the people receiving the vaccine will have minor reactions that result in the loss of one or more duty days,” said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Smolen, director of nuclear and counter proliferation.

According to medical officials, the smallpox vaccine is a “live

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Fill 'er up



Senior Airman James Kieso, 116th Air Control Wing, signals other personnel to begin the fueling of a KC-135 Stratotanker Jan 20. Airmen of the 19th Air Refueling Group are also deployed to Ganci Air Base, Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The base, home to seven coalition countries, conducts airlift, air refueling and air combat missions in Afghanistan.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ashley Center



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Glynn Miller, director of consumer centered manufacturing at Whirlpool Corporation gives Lean tips to SOLE during the group's luncheon.

Whirlpool director offers logisticians tips on LEAN

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During a two-day visit to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Glynn Miller, director of consumer centered manufacturing at Whirlpool Corporation, addressed the Warner Robins Chapter of the International Society of Logistics, at its general membership luncheon meeting Jan. 22.

Miller, who is responsible for Whirlpool's North American process improvement efforts, explained the corporation's journey to and

through LEAN and a process called change management. This process, he said, has helped to move along the corporation's LEAN initiatives.

Change management, he explained, is a process to get from one's current state to desired outcomes through a transition process. He spoke about the key roles in the process and the roles leadership must take to ensure its success.

During his visit to Robins, Miller received an overview

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U-2 name change reflects mission

Director calls new name a natural course of action with increased workload

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The “U-2 Dragon Lady” has a new first name.

Formerly known as the U-2 Management Directorate, the organization formerly changed over to the Intelligence, Surveillance,

and Reconnaissance Management Directorate in a ceremony officiated by Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, Jan. 17.

Col. Joe Chang, ISR director, said the reason for the name change is two fold. “Air Force Materiel Command approved the name change to Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Management Directorate to reflect the growing ISR program sustainment responsibilities beyond U-2 aircraft and existing Distributed Common Ground System programs,” he said. “Another reason for the change is the increasing level of program sustainment responsibility.”

Chang said the Air Logistics Center assignment for initial support includes; both Global Hawk and Predator weapon systems as well as the multi-platform common data link.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, the

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Smoot assumes command

New 78th Air Base Wing commander says he's ready to work

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

Declaring himself “the luckiest person in the Air Force,” the new commander of the 78th Air Base Wing said he's “ready to go to work” as the leader of a 3,000-member organization focused on readiness, services, customer support and taking care of people.

Col. Marvin T. “Tom” Smoot, Jr., assumed command of the wing Monday in a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam was the presiding officer.

Smoot succeeds Col.

Bonnie C. Cirrincione, who retired from the Air Force Jan. 16.

Smoot came to Robins from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., where he was commander of the 99th Mission Support Group – one of the largest organizations of its kind in the Air Force. He served in the personnel management field the majority of his career in assignments that included executive support, compensation and legislative arenas. He and his wife, Tammy, have two children, Amanda and Morgan.

Wetekam told the group of Robins' military and civilian members and community guests attending Monday's ceremony that Smoot has achieved “an unblemished record” at every assignment. He said that when one excellent leader departs, another “always seems to be waiting in the wings” ready to step up to the plate.



U.S. Air Force image by Roland Leach

Col. Tom Smoot, Jr., assumed command of the 78th Air Base Wing Monday in a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

The general acknowledgment of the wing's vice commander, Col. Tad Stanley, who has been acting as wing commander. Wetekam said Stanley's leadership style and dedication “mark him as best in the Air Force.”

Smoot's sense of humor

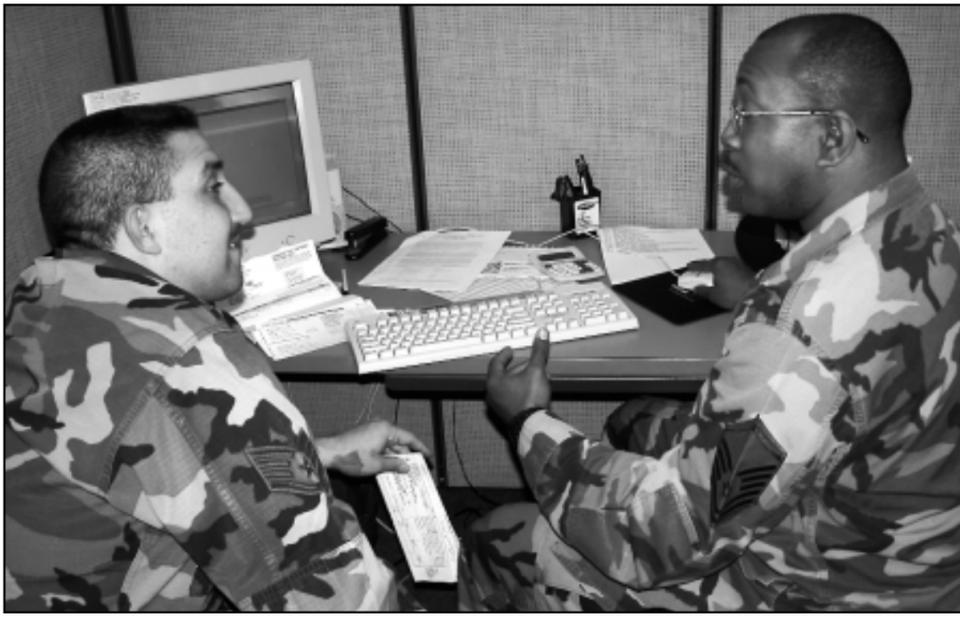
was apparent in his opening remarks.

“I'd like to thank the chaplain for the prayer because I need all the help I can get,” he said. The prayer was Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Fey's invocation for the ceremony.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
The U-2 Directorate unveiled its new sign during a ceremony officiated by Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Jan. 17



Staff Sgt. Chris Heffer, left, has his taxes prepared by Master Sgt. James Evans at the base tax office Jan. 27. The tax office is located in the base library, building 905.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

'Check please!' Base tax office opens for business

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Looking for a quick way to file your taxes without losing half of your refund in fees?

Well, for Robin's military personnel, retirees and their immediate family members the base tax center is the place to go.

The tax center, located above the library in building 905, opened its doors for the 2002 tax season Jan. 27.

According to Tech. Sgt. Angela Johnson, Noncommissioned officer in charge of the tax center, this year the center is fully staffed by about 40 volunteers, which include active duty military personnel, military retirees and civilians – many of whom have previous experience in tax filing.

To prepare for the season, the volunteers were given an intensive four-day training course by Internal Revenue employees on the tax filing process. The training included a review of IRS require-

ments and the use of software for electronic filing. After the four days of training, the volunteers were required to pass a comprehensive written test.

Johnson said the tax center will be open for clients Mondays through Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. through April 15.

Arrangements will be made to serve filers requiring extensions after April 15 to be seen on an appointment only basis. During the tax filing season, tax center clients will be able to walk in beginning at noon and sign up for same day service on a first-come, first-served basis. Tax preparers will begin seeing filers at 1 p.m.

Each client must produce a valid active duty, retired, or family member military identification card. Air Force and IRS guidance also require each client to fill out a client card, which is used to record the services provided.

A valuable service offered by the Tax Center in recent years is the electronic filing.

Johnson said new this year is E Filing for federal and all state returns. Last year only Georgia residents were able to E File.

In order to have the Tax Center assist in completing and filing a return, filers must bring all of the necessary documentation with them. Required documents include all W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts to support itemized deductions. Securing all appropriate documents prior to making an appointment will ensure one-stop service.

With the exception of very complicated tax situations, the Robins Tax Center can assist and electronically file for almost all clients. According to Capt. Michael Martin, tax assistance coordinator, tax returns that involve self-employment business income and deductions, complex rental property income, farm income and deductions, complex capital gains income, or fiduciary returns, are examples of situations in which the Tax

Center is not authorized to provide assistance.

"For tax year 2001, the tax center processed approximately 2,875 returns consisting of different filing status categories," said Johnson. "Since the service is free, the tax center saved the clients approximately \$201,990.00."

Tech Sgt. Mary Ranguette, of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command said she is very pleased with the service she received from the tax center's staff.

"This is my third year coming here and I am very pleased with the results," she said.

The center's new location, co-located with the library, is now the permanent home of the Robins Tax center.

Editor's note: For more information contact the tax center at 926-2391/2635.

Legal matters

- An airman from the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was convicted of a violation of Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for wrongful use of ecstasy, and a violation of Article 134 for failing to pay a just debt. Following the entry of his plea of guilty, the Airman was sentenced to a reduction in grade from E-4 from E-3, confinement for six months, and a bad conduct discharge.

- An airman from the 78th Security Forces Squadron, was convicted of a violation of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for failing to pay a just debt, a violation of Article 121 for wrongful appropriation of an Air Force Aid Society Loan, a violation of Article 121 for larceny of Family Separation Allowance. Following a finding of guilty on the above offenses, the Airman was sentenced to reduction from E-5 to the grade of E-1, and confinement for 60 days.

Following preparation of the record of trial, and submission of clemency matters, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will take final action in both cases.

- An airman from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was convicted of a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for willfully failing to refrain from possessing an alcoholic beverage while under the age of 21. Following a finding of guilty, the Airman was sentenced to a reduction in grade of E-3 to E-2, forfeiture of \$560.00 for one month, and confinement for ten (10) days.

Following preparation of the record of trial, and submission of clemency matters, Col. Tom Smoot, Jr., 78th Air Base Wing commander will take final action on this case.

- An airman from the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Robins Air Force Base accepted nonjudicial proceedings under Article 15 for violation of Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for driving while intoxicated (DUI). The airman was punished with forfeiture of pay, \$100 per month, for two months; the Airman also received a reduction in rank from the grade of E-3 to E-2, was restricted to the limits of the installation for 45 days, and given 45 days of extra duty.

Before you consider taking the chance of drinking and driving, or underage possession or consumption of alcohol, remember the potential consequences to your career and health. Make certain you have a designated driver available and do not possess or consume alcohol if you are under the legal age limit.

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Jump starting a car can be a blinding experience

78th Medical Group, Eye Clinic

Last year nearly 6,000 motorists suffered serious eye injuries from working around car batteries. These injuries could have been prevented had the motorists worn splash-proof safety goggles and followed instructions for proper jump-starting procedures.

According to Prevent Blindness America, all vehicle batteries contain sulfuric acid and produce hydrogen and oxygen gases. Improper procedures in jump-starting a disabled car may turn the battery into a bomb. "If the gases come into contact with a spark, flame, or lighted cigarette, the battery can explode, sending battery fragments and acid flying," notes Capt. Banafshe' Farid, Chief of Occupational Vision Services.

Every year, dead batteries cause millions of cars to fail to start. Vehicle failures seldom happen at a convenient time or spot, therefore motorists should bone up on basic car mechanics and jump-starting procedures before the car battery dies.

With the winter weather approaching, we should all be aware of how to safely jump-start our car's battery.

Prevent Blindness America and the 78th Medical Group, Optometry Clinic recommend following these suggestions regarding jump-starting and car battery safety.

- Always wear a pair of splash-proof polycarbonate goggles with the designation Z-87 on the frame. This certifies that your goggles are meant for activities such as automotive repair.

- Batteries contain hydrogen and oxygen, two flammable and explosive gasses. Never smoke or operate anything that may cause a spark when working on a battery. The gasses may ignite and cause the battery to explode.

- Check your battery for damage such as cracks, corrosive materials and loose wires as often as you have your oil changed.

- Make sure that you have a pair of jumper cables that are rust and corrosion free and have no exposed wires. (Never use electrical tape to cover exposed wires.)

- Make sure you buy a battery that is recommended in your car owner's manual.

- Never throw an automobile battery in a garbage dumpster or leave it in a parking lot, especially if it is cracked or damaged. Take it to a service station and have it disposed of properly.

- Never jump-start your battery if your car's fluids are frozen.

- When buying a new battery make sure that its terminals are sturdy and large enough to allow the clamps of a pair of jumper cables to attach easily when jump-starting.

- Always call a professional if you think there might be trouble you can't handle, or you can't remember how to jump-start a vehicle.

Prevent Blindness America offers a battery safety sticker that lists the correct steps to take when jump-starting a dead battery. To receive one, call 1-800-331-2020.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The latest Robins Air Force Base news can now be viewed in streaming video from the base web page.

Full stream ahead...

■ Maj. Gen. Wetekam discusses Lean in new streaming video on Robins web page

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs

Robins employees are only a mouse-click away from watching streaming video news and features on the Robins home page.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs now offers video news and feature stories on the Robins web page that can be viewed from any computer connected to the Internet, both on-

and off-base.

Streaming video stories are generally three- to six-minutes in length. This week's featured presentation is "WRALC: LEAN for the War Fighter," a six-minute action-packed video with Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The commander explains the similarities between the center and the auto racing industry, which employs Lean in all aspects of the business.

Go to the Robins web page at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil> from the secure side, or <http://www.robins.af.mil>, from the public side, to view the production.

The videos are best viewed with the latest version of Microsoft Windows Media Player, version 9. Ask your system administrator to perform necessary upgrades.

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday's paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

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'Mouse Pad' opens at Smith Community Center

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"The Mouse Pad" recently won out as the best name for a new computer room in the Smith Community Center.

Alan Ray, chief of the Services Division Community Support Flight, thought up the name other flight chiefs judged as the cleverest and most descriptive for the popular new service.

"I was looking for something cute and catchy; something that would entice folks to use the facility," Ray said.

The Mouse Pad is located in the first-floor office that formerly housed the community center director next to the tours and ticket office. It features five computers with access to the Internet and E-mail and a networked printer for both military and civilian members of Team Robins. Most Internet activities except the obvious, like gaming, chatting and conducting personal business for gain, are allowed.

Community Center Director Cheryl Dollard said the Mouse Pad has been



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Army specialists Chad Dudley, foreground, Forest Fulmer and Brandon Schaar from Fort Benning, Ga., take advantage of the Mouse Pad while at Robins.

well received since it opened Jan. 21, attracting about 40 people every day. Some of the users are at the center for conferences, on their lunch break or there for activities associated with the First-Term Airman's Center on the second floor.

The Mouse Pad is open Monday,

Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Money to refurbish the room and purchase equipment came from a special Year of the Family grant from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

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"This (commanding the 78th) is really a dream come true," Smoot said. "Tammy and I think there's no other place we would want to be than here at Robins Air Force Base in the heart of the great State of Georgia. We are delighted to be back in the Southeast and in the company of so many of our good friends."

Among his words of appreciation, he thanked Wetekam "for this great opportunity and for the trust and confidence it represents."

He told the men and women of the 78th that he was looking forward to getting out, meeting them and joining the team "to continue

"I promise to work hard with Team Robins to supply our families a superb standard of living and great quality of life."

Col. Tom Smoot, Jr
78th Air Base Wing commander

the superb support you provide to so many customers here at Robins."

He said as wing commander, he would strive to "stay the course" and focus on what's important at Robins – the wing's readiness to support the national defense strategy, continued support and services to customers and "taking care of our people and their families."

Smoot identified families and people as the key priority.

"No matter what mission we have in the Air Force, our people are critical in getting

the job done," he said. "I promise to work hard with Team Robins to supply our families a superb standard of living and great quality of life. With the many sacrifices we ask of our people,

we owe them no less."

"General Wetekam, sir, I've located my office, I have my patches on my BDUs (battle dress uniforms) and now I'm ready to go to work," he concluded.

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virus" vaccine that uses vaccinia virus. People cannot contract smallpox from the vaccine.

"Smallpox vaccine has some well-recognized side effects," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kelly Woodward, chief of preventive medicine at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "Many people can expect to have minor side effects, such as feeling achy, low-grade fever, headache and itching at the injection site.

"Those are minor reactions and resolve on their own."

In rare cases, Woodward said, the virus may erupt widely over the body instead of remaining confined to the vaccination site.

Public education is one of the plan's major components. Recipients must be informed about the vaccine and its contraindications before inoculation.

People getting the vaccine will receive a briefing on expected reactions, adverse events, and how to access health care for medical concerns.

"Education of commanders, individuals and families is imperative to ensure the success of this program," Jumper wrote in the memo.

As a minimum, people will receive a copy of the smallpox vaccine trifold (available under the "Educational Products" icon at the Department of Defense smallpox Web site, www.vaccines.army.mil). People may get information at mass briefings or commanders' calls. Local health care professionals can also provide smallpox information.

According to the plan, recipients will be screened before inoculation. The screening form is available under the "Forms" icon at the DOD smallpox Web site. Anyone who answers "yes" or "unsure" to a question on the form will not receive the vaccine until they have received further medical evaluation.

The Air Force is taking the extra screening precautions because the smallpox vaccine has unique contraindications, or reasons to avoid it, Woodward said.

"Contraindications in either the individual receiving the vaccine or the person's household contacts will preclude a

non-emergency vaccination," he said. "It's important that people receiving the vaccine take the time to consider the medical condition of others in their household as they go through the screening process."

Certain dermatological conditions, such as eczema and atopic dermatitis, increase the risk of complications from the smallpox vaccine. Those with a history of dermatological conditions should make sure to point them out during the screening process, Woodward said.

Other medical criteria that preclude vaccination include pregnancy, nursing mothers and HIV infection.

While the plan calls for people to be vaccinated before deploying to high-threat areas, non-vaccination does not necessarily preclude mobilization, Smolen said, since the vaccine may be successfully administered up to four days after exposure.

Smallpox vaccinations are given in a single dose, usually in the nondominant deltoid muscle (left upper arm for right-handed people, and vice versa). Revaccination is recommended every 10 years.

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of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center lean initiatives. He also received a tour of the Space and Special Systems Management directorate, the Avionics Management Directorate, F-15 Program Depot Maintenance facility, F-15 Wing Shop, C-5 Program Depot Maintenance facility and the industrial support shops.

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Directorate provided supply support to the Global Hawk weapon system.

The base designation for the directorate will remain WR-ALC/LR.

According to Chang the idea for the name change

was proposed in the Spring of 2002 as a natural course of action with the increased ISR work load and agencies the directorate was now working with.

Chang said the directorate's primary responsibilities are: U-2 aircraft, it's sensors, and datalinks; imagery, signal intelligence and other special projects.

REPRESENTATION RIGHTS

Section 7114, Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, provides certain rights to bargaining unit employees being questioned by management during an investigation. These rights are also spelled out in Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Master Labor Agreement between AFMC and AFGE, Article 16, Section c, of the Nonappropriated Funds Labor Agreement, and Article 7, Section 4, of the Command Labor Agreement between AFMC and IAFF (firefighters).

If a supervisor is questioning an employee and the employee believes discipline may result from the interview, the employee is entitled to be represented by the union if specifically requested by the employee. The following three ingredients must all be present for this right to be exercised:

- a. **The supervisor or management official must be asking questions,**
- b. **The employee must have a reasonable basis to believe discipline could result,**
- c. **And, the employee must request union representation.**

This does not entitle employees to representation when normal day-to-day matters are being discussed or questions are not asked. A counseling session to be entered on the AF Form 971, Supervisor's Employee Brief, and the delivery of a proposed disciplinary action would be two examples of instances when the right does not arise.

If you have a question concerning representation rights under the investigatory interview circumstances, please call your servicing Employee Relations Specialist or the Labor Relations Office. Employee Relations can be reached at 6-3423 or 6-0677. Labor Relations can be reached at 6-7781.

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AFMC people currently building upon the centennial legacy

By Gen. Lester L. Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command



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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - As we begin our year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of powered flight, I am amazed by the tremendous advances in technology we've made in such a seemingly short time.

Since the Wright Brothers' first flight and the development of the aircraft as a weapon system, the United States has become the most powerful country the world has known. Our technological edge has made airpower a decisive factor in every military engagement since World War II.

Providing increased capabilities to America's warfighters to maintain that edge is the heart and soul of our mission in Air Force Materiel Command, and I could not be more proud of the way the men and women of this command have achieved that mission this past year.

AFMC people are building upon the cen-

tennial legacy every day by developing, acquiring and sustaining the most advanced air and space technologies and systems to give our warfighters the capabilities they need to accomplish their missions and return home safely.

We developed and fielded a Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser, which so dramatically increased the accuracy of cluster bombs dropped by B-52 bombers that the venerable aircraft could be used for close air support for the first time in its 50-year history.

AFMC people increased the Air Force's capability by arming the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle with the Hellfire missile. This powerful weapon system provides near real-time video to decision makers to identify targets, engage the targets and accomplish battle damage assessment quickly and accurately.

Our people tested and delivered the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle to the warfighters engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom, even though the high-tech UAV is still in the Engineering, Manufacturing and Development phase of acquisition.

Men and women in our depots implemented a program called, "Lean," to cut costs, overtime and repair time throughout depot maintenance processes. In many cases, they've cut repair cycle time and put aircraft back into the hands of the operational commands sooner for use in the war on terrorism.

Their work on the KC-135 tankers is a prime example. Workers reduced that aircraft's depot repair days from 400 in the year 2000 to 225 in 2002. Putting that into perspective, what took a little more than a year to do a couple of years ago now takes about seven months - putting systems back into the warfighter's hands is what AFMC is all about.

AFMC people are completely dedicated to supporting the warfighter. We are taking a hard look at everything we do to determine how we can transform to improve that sup-

port. We're using programs such as divestiture to get rid of activities or tasks that are no longer needed, and spiral development to provide increased capabilities to warfighters when they need it most - today!

We're working to ensure we have the right people with the right experience in the right jobs through workforce shaping. We're using an approach called Enterprise Leadership to make all of our systems work with each other.

We're bringing the warfighter into the development and testing phases of our weapon systems to ensure we're providing the capabilities they need. The bottom line - AFMC is developing an expeditionary mindset, becoming more efficient and responsive - easier for the warfighter to do business with!

The men and women of AFMC have done an outstanding job this past year, and I am extremely proud and yet humbled to serve with you! As heirs to the Wright Brothers' legacy, AFMC people are continuing today to deliver Proactive Rapid Integrated Dominant Effects to America's warfighters!

Supervisors play significant role in airman career counseling

By Master Sgt. Victor Tennant
14th Flying Training Wing

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS) -- Quick -- what is your role as a supervisor in career counseling? Do you have to be a supervisor to provide career counseling? What does career counseling mean to you? How does career counseling tie into the retention problems in the Air Force faces today?

If you can answer every question above, you have mastered one of the main roles of being a supervisor and leader. If you're one of the many who question why you have to know career counseling, then you should brush up on this important duty.

As a front-line supervisor and leader you must promote a "career mindset" as one of your NCO responsibilities.

Several years ago, the Air Force did away with base career advisors and transferred those responsibilities to front-line supervisors, first sergeants and commanders. Today, due to the increased operations tempo throughout the Air Force and force reductions during the '90s, career advisors are back.

The Air Force has realized supervisors, first sergeants and commanders don't have enough time or the ability to provide definitive answers about career decisions to help guide our airmen.

Providing that type of advice requires specialized knowledge and training.

When there weren't any career advisors, many airmen had to make the critical decision of "Should I stay or should I go?" without proper guidance and necessary information. It became obvious there was an urgent need to fill this void, so the Air Force responded by creating career assistance advisor positions at each installation.

As the career assistance advisor for Columbus AFB, it's my responsibility to help supervisors, first sergeants and commanders get out the right information on the benefits of making the Air

Force a career. The ways I do this are by briefing airman leadership school classes, conducting informed decision briefings, and speaking to groups at enlisted professional development courses, first term airmen center classes and commander's calls.

This is my role, but what about yours as a supervisor and leader?

According to the most recent Air Force exit survey, three of the top five reasons members are leaving the Air Force are directly related to our supervisors and leaders. The reasons are "lack of recognition of one's efforts, lack of leadership at the unit level and lack of job satisfaction." These three cost areas cost the Air Force years of experience and thousands of dollars in training every time an airman walks out the door and into the civilian workforce. As supervisors and leaders, we must address these issues head on.

Not surprisingly, these three responses are also mentioned numerous times in civilian job satisfaction questionnaires. Apparently, the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Think about what kept you in the Air Force. Was it a mentor? Was it patriotism or personal or professional pride? Whatever the reason, it was positive or you wouldn't be here today. We are part of the most powerful Air Force in the world, an organization that stands second to none in several areas including tax-free allowances, free health care, family support programs, educational benefits, promotion opportunities and the only retirement program in America where you don't pay a penny to collect a retirement check after 20 years for the rest of your life.

Expose your airmen to these and other military benefits.

Don't leave them to find out for themselves. It's time we, as supervisors and leaders, stand up and enthusiastically talk to our young troops about all the positive reasons, both personal and professional, why we made the military a career. Your comments, thoughts and guidance on what led you to stay in the Air Force will not only affect the individual you're counseling, but could ultimately may affect your entire work center.

Career counseling should be a daily, weekly or monthly activity. As a minimum, career counseling should happen twice a year during mandatory feedback sessions.

The General NCO Responsibilities section of Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, mandates you provide an "Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet" and discuss this with the individual.

You can find this sheet at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.com under "Enlisted Benefits."

Learn everything you can about our benefits and entitlements, and share this information during counseling sessions.

Remember, you've been in the Air Force for several years and know about many of the benefits.

Many junior personnel aren't aware of some of their benefits. This is where you come in.

One of the primary responsibilities of every NCO is to consider the professional development of their subordinates.

This is why your role as a supervisor and leader is so critical in successful career counseling.

Admittedly, the Air Force isn't for everyone. I'll be the first to admit that military life includes much stress on the person and their family.

Yet, the closeness of the military family is one of those intangibles to think about when people consider their future.

We owe it to our junior personnel to help them make an informed decision based on facts and the intangibles. If they still choose to separate, thank them for doing their country a great service and wish them luck in their future. If an individual chooses to reenlist, don't take it for granted.

Take time to thank them too.

They, along with their family, have just made one of the most important decisions of their life, and, hopefully, you played a small role in this commitment by providing them with good career counseling.

Wing plays key role in transformation

By Col Tom Lynn
116 ACW/CC

It has been over three months since the ceremonial blending of the former 93rd Air Control Wing and the 116th Bomb Wing into the 116th Air Control Wing. As America's first Total Force wing and the only wing with the Joint STARS mission, it is the first time active duty and Air Guard personnel have been placed under one command structure.

We are on the leading edge of transformation, and the lessons learned from our experience will not only prove that the concept works, but will be the model for future Total Force units to follow.

What the men and women of the 116th ACW are doing today is nothing short of remarkable. In three short months, the active duty and Air Guard cultures have come togeth-

er with one common goal; increasing the overall effectiveness of the Joint STARS mission. Old paradigms are changing, barriers are being broken down, and misconceptions removed. As time goes on, my goal is to continue this evolutionary process until you can't tell the difference between Title 10 and Title 32 in the 116th ACW.

We recently deployed aircraft, cargo, and personnel to the CENTCOM Theater of operations as part of the President's continuing Global War on Terrorism.

This was again another first for the Total Force concept, as the members of the deployment were from both active duty and Air Guard backgrounds. When we deployed, we deployed as the 116th ACW, a group of professionals, ready when we were called. As more of our prior 116th

Bomb Wing personnel complete JSTARS training, they will become a larger percentage of the personnel that deploy on a regular basis.

This will be the beginning of better stability and predictability for all members of the 116th.

We are still discovering the enormous synergies that can be realized as we combine the core competencies of the Active Duty personnel and the Air National Guard component.

This will not be an overnight success story; but rather one of evolving excellence and shared visions.

Even though we are working with different personnel systems; every member of the 116th Air Control Wing is a dedicated professional and patriot - committed to mission support and organizational excellence.

Commander's Action Line



Col. Marvin Smoot Jr.
Commander 78th Air Base Wing



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

Commanders' Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible.

This gives the organization a chance

to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one

of the following addresses. If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

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



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Sam and Christine Vines adopted Abby, above, in August, 2002.



Courtesy photos

The Vines family in China. From left to right are: Jessica, Abby with brother Robbie, Hannah with father Sam, and Christine.

A

Journey

of

faith



By Chris Zdrakas

78th Air Base Wing

They are cultures apart in origin, but Hannah and Abigail Vines are naturals as sisters. Abigail Faith was born in China, and Hannah Maria in Russia. Master Sgt. Samuel Vines of the 78th Communications Squadron and his wife, Christine (born and raised in Canada), adopted both special needs children, Hannah in 2000, and Abigail in August 2002. In just months, the girls have become inseparable, sharing a family, a pastel room and an event – their adoption – that changed their destinies.

The family includes an older sister, Jessica, 15, and a brother Robbie, 16, both born naturally into the family. Hannah is nearly 5, and Abigail – whom everyone calls Abby – was 3 in October.

The Vines' adoption story has been a journey of faith rooted in a conviction that God is leading the way. Before their marriage, Sam and Christine had talked about adopting a child after having a natural family. Years later, their daughter Jessica's dream that she had a sister awakened a resolve to adopt and inspired in the couple a renewed sense of mission: "We couldn't have done it without it being what we think the lord wanted for us," Sam said. The couple adopted Hannah with the spiritual and financial help of their church family. Abby's adoption was very different. The Vines sold



Abby in China

their Hayneville home and 5-acre property on which they had built a guest house ministry to finance Abby's adoption and the entire family's trip to China. The total expenses exceeded \$25,000.

The Vines used money Christine's mother had left her to finance the guesthouse, which they dedicated to her. For four years, it served visiting preachers and people with other needs, including accommodating military families coming to or leaving Robins Air Force Base.

"It was a nice thing to do, and it had its place," she said. "But you have seasons in your life. There was a time for me to have the guesthouse ministry. But even before we had decided about getting Abby, I started having the feeling that something different – another season – was coming. Then it all

just fell into place."

Both Hannah and Abby were special needs children, considered difficult to place because of medical conditions requiring surgery. Hannah had a cleft lip and Abby, a cleft palate. Both girls have had corrective surgery. Abby has had two surgeries, the first in China when she was 6-months-old and the second in December at the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta. The hospital has a specialized team that works exclusively with cleft surgeries. She now wears a smile that makes surgery seem a long time ago. Hannah had surgery in Russia when she was 2, and had additional corrective surgery at the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital after her adoption.

The Vines found Abby through Christian World Adoption, the same South Carolina-based agency through which they adopted Hannah.

"Going through the experience with Hannah was phenomenal," Christine said. "With Hannah, the adoption was truly life-saving. Abby was under different circumstances. In China the children are fortunate to have quality resources."

Hannah lived in one room with 10 other children in a "desperately poor" orphanage. Meals were a little bread and soup with little or no meat; vegetables; fruits and no vitamins. As a special needs child, Abby lived with a foster mother in China. Other parents who traveled with the Vines family to adopt children said the orphanages were in good shape and the children well fed.

Christine said the results of good nutrition are evident. Hannah grew more than 8 inches in two years; Abby gained 5 pounds in six months and grew almost 3 inches.

As with the Russian adoption, the mountains of paperwork the Vines had to get through took about a year. The couple had been expecting to adopt two girls, learning only three to four months before traveling to China that the Chinese government would not allow them two. Abby and a second orphan had been born in the same city within two months of each other. Both were abandoned at birth.

With the proceeds from the sale of their Hayneville property, the Vines could afford to take their entire family to China to meet Abby. Christine said it was a good educational experience for everyone, particularly the older children. They had time to do some sightseeing in Beijing before flying to

Nanning, South China, where they were to pick Abby up. An interpreter had met them at the airport and accompanied them on their entire trip.

Christine said the family was anxious as they waited in their hotel room for Abby to arrive.

"We had our door open, and we heard the elevator doors open. We heard a 'squeak, squeak, squeak' coming down the hallway. (In China, children wear shoes with built-in squeakers that sound with each step.) When we heard the squeaks, we knew it must have been her," Christine said.

"She walked in, balloon in one hand, carrying a backpack and dressed in a cute little Chinese dress," Christine said. "I think she said 'hi.' A caretaker who was holding her hand introduced her to us – 'this is your mama and papa. These are your sisters Jessica and Hannah and your brother, Robbie.'"

Abby went directly to Jessica, "like a magnetic bond," and stayed close to her for three days. Jessica sang her to sleep, slept with her and carried her in her arms for three days.

At dinners around a table laden with different dishes assembled on lazy susans, Abby ate well, working through mounds of vegetables and noodles with her chopsticks.

"As long as she has noodles, Abby's happy," her mother said. The little girl eats three times more than Hannah.

With the extended family intact, the family headed home to Georgia in early August to settle into as organized an existence as is possible with two bouncy preschoolers. Christine said the girls "get along great," enjoying each other's company and spending hours at play.

Their room is filled with stuffed animals,

games and toys to spark their active imaginations. They squeal and laugh and welcome outsiders as friends. Each afternoon, Christine and the girls enjoy tea and a sweet treat.

In what seems like a chapter from a fairy tale, the Vines' story has an interesting twist that even surprised Santa Claus.

Christine took Hannah to see Santa at a Centerville mall in 2001. Despite his best efforts, Santa was unable to get Hannah to ask for a toy, although she did ask for something for the family dog and cat.

"Hannah told him that all she wanted was to have her sister home. She gave Santa a big hug and kiss, and she was happy. Santa was really surprised," Christine said.

Christine took both Hannah and Abby to see the same Santa before the Christmas rush season began last year.

"Hannah took Abby by the hand and marched right up to Santa – the same Santa she visited the year before. Abby wasn't scared one bit. She's not scared of anything."

Abby crawled up on Santa's lap and introduced herself: "I'm Abby. This is my sister."



Hannah in China



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Hannah, left, and Abby hold onto their stuffed Panda Bears in their bedroom at the Vines' family home.

TV SCHEDULE



Note the new show times on Sundays. These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.

Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.
Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – On this week's Around Robins, get information on story hour at the base library and the Air Force Aid program. Learn skills on managing credit for personal finance, on Money Matters. There will also be a feature on the woodwork-skills shop.
Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – Inside Robins features an interview with Air Force Fuels Office Director, Col. Dave King.

Sunday
 1:30 p.m. - Robins Report
 2 p.m. - Around Robins
 2:30 p.m. - Inside Robins

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



MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.
 Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.
 Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Jan. 31 – Star Trek:Nemesis (PG-13)

Starring Patrick Stewart and Jonathan Frakes
 The Roman Empire is thrown into disarray when Shinzon, an exile slave on the sister planet of Remus, murders the entire senate. Now, the mad man wants to use the crew of the enterprise in his scheme to incite a revolution.
 (sci-fi action, violence, peril and a scene of sexual content)



Feb. 1 – Drumline (PG-13)

Starring Orlando Jones and Nick Cannon
 Set against the high-energy, high stakes world of show-style marching bands, Drumline is a fish-out-of water comedy about a talented street drummer from Harlem who enrolls in a southern university expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory.
 (innuendo and language)



Feb. 7 – The Wild Thornberrys (PG)

Animated
 Eliza and Debbie are two sisters who don't always get along. But their relationship is put to the test when Debbie's life is in danger, and Eliza might have to give up her power to talk to animals.
 (some adventure peril)

Feb. 8 – Two Weeks Notice (PG)

Starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant
 George doesn't make a move without Lucy, his Chief Counsel at Wade Corp. It's not the job that's getting to her. It's George. After five years of calling the shots on everything from his clothes to his divorce settlements, Lucy is calling it quits. (some sex-related humor)

Feb. 9 – Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG)

Starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin
 The second in the Tolkien trilogy. Frodo the hobbit, braves terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring destroyed. (images of violence)

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

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

Protestant general services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant contemporary services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

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

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

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

This week in history

On Feb. 1, 1967 the minimum wage law, which provided for \$1.40 per hour, affected the salaries of 250 employees paid out of non-appropriated funds. These included support operations such as base restaurant, base exchange, NCOs' and officers' open mess, base nursery and the civilian recreation center.

The law added an estimated \$177,000 to the Robins Air Force Base payroll.



Senior leaders are saying:

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One of the main roles of Air Force front-line supervisors is to promote a career mindset with their airman.

To accomplish this supervisors must:
 Expose airmen to the many benefits of military life. Make career counseling a daily, weekly, monthly or, at a minimum, biannual activity.

Be knowledgeable about benefits and entitlements and also share the information.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Civilian Recreation Bingo will be bigger than ever Feb. 14 with larger payouts, door prizes and specials. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. at the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166

Civilian Recreation will host the 13th Annual DoD Team Bass tournament to be held March 30 - April 4 at Lake Guntersville, Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, Ala. Two-man team cost is \$160. For more information, call Civilian Recreation or Hugh Jones, tournament director at 953-9314.

Family Child Care 926-6741

In continual support of Operation: Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for Extended Duty Care (EDC) has been extended to April 1. The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts, or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent child care arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule. To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator to discuss child care needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

Information, Tickets and Travel

ITT has a large assortment of balloon and flower bouquets and other gift items for Valentine's Day. Shop early for the best selection.

Tickets are available at ITT for home games to see the Macon Trax. Upper seat tickets are \$6, lower seat cost is \$9 and glass seats are \$12. Military Night will be held Feb. 8 when the Trax play St. Pete starting at 7:30 p.m.

Officers Club 926-2670

A Valentine's dinner will be held at the club Feb. 14 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Menu choices include prime rib, salmon or grilled chicken.

Cost is free for members and \$11 for spouse or guest. A la carte menu will not be available and reservations are not required.

Outdoor Adventure 926-6527

NASCAR race fans are invited to sign up for the race to be held March 8 and 9 by March 1. Cost is \$40 per person and includes tickets for each day and transportation to and from the track.

Sign up by Feb. 11 to spend St. Patrick's Day weekend in Savannah, Ga. with Outdoor Adventure. Cost includes transportation and two-night's accommodations. Call for details.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

Save over 60 percent when using the wood shop by purchasing a 10-hour Wood Shop Project card for \$15. For more information, call Greg Harless, wood shop manager at 926-2362.

Call the Skill Development Center for details and to sign up for on-going craft classes including scrapbooking, rubber stamping, woodshop skills or auto skills.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

The Mouse Pad, the new computer room, located in the community center, hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 6 pm.

Guess how many pieces of candy are in the jar beginning Feb. 6 at the Smith Community Center to win dinner for two at a local restaurant. The person with the closest guess will be notified Feb. 13.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center (FSC) 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 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.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting a Business" workshop Feb. 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 245.

Information covered will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, acquiring finance, legal requirements, license and tax information, resources available for your use, and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to help you get started. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance program workshop is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 10-12, Smith Community Center Ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: Job Search Skills, Resume and Cover Letters, Interviewing Skills, Career Planning, Veterans Benefits, Disabled Veterans Issues and much more.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Feb. 5, 9 - 11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his/her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Leave/ Transfer Recipients

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

- **Gyennda F. Williams**, WR-ALC/MAMCAA. Point of contact is James Ray, 926-1600 ext.186.
- **Raymond Keith Sullivan**, WR-ALC / (MABADC). Point of Contact is Russell Hargrove, 957-1953.
- **Amy Leary**, WR-AFAA/AAO. Point of contact is Janet Herndon, 926-6713.
- **Rosalyn Karen Wimberly**, WR-LEACA. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172.
- **Dorothy Chaney**, WR-LESG. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172
- **Marian Holmes**, WR-LESV. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172
- **Tina Lilly**, WR-LESGF. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172
- **Magdalena Devitt**, WR-LEACD. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172
- **Janet Dowd**, WR-MANW. Point of contact is Da Nisa Wright, 926-5727

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 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 via fax to Brian Lucas at 926-9597, or e-mail at brian.lucas@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Advance registration is required.

Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Feb. 5, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

To make reservations, please call 926-1256.

Interviewing Q&A

The Transition Assistance program offers a workshop on Interviewing Q&A (Question Analysis), Feb. 6, 9 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

This interview class is designed for anyone who already knows about interviewing from attending programs like the DoL 3-day workshop or other interview skills classes, or has actually done interviews but want suggestions on how to approach or answer specific questions they were asked.

The class takes an in-depth look at specific questions often asked in interviews, including fielding illegal questions; suggested ways to answer questions; and understanding what employers may be trying to determine when asking them.

Advance registration is required.

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If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to help you get started.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Feb. 12, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

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. Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Movement Office, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

ROBINS CLUBS

National Contract Management Association

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

Officers' Christian Fellowship

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

Officers' Spouses Club

If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers' club membership, the Officers' Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Please call Beth Arch at 218-7797 to

receive your welcome packet.

Procurement Toastmasters Club

Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300.

For information on the organization, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer's Association

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kerry Goolsby, 468-9946, or Master Sgt. John Hudson, Ext. 926-4330.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant.

For information on the communication organization, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard.

For more information on the organization, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

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

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are, full-time students and therefore no longer eligible for TRICARE; or being a divorce former spouse who does not meet the requirements to maintain benefits

as an Un-Remarried Former Spouse. For more information, call 1-800-444-5445, Option #4. Someone will assist you with additional information regarding this program.

TRICARE does not cover hearing aids for retirees or their family members under any of the TRICARE programs. However, if the beneficiary who needs the hearing aid is a retired military member (remember you are also a veteran), he or she can check with the Veterans Administration (VA) to see if the VA can help.

Additionally, some military facilities support a Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAPP). Check with your nearest military treatment facility to see if it supports this program. The MTF may be able to purchase

the hearing aid for you, and you reimburse the MTF its costs. Continued Health Care Benefits Program (CHCBP) is offered for persons who are losing their eligibility for TRICARE benefits for various reasons: separating (not retiring) from the military; having dependent children reaching the age of 21 and are not full-time students, or the reach the age of 23 and were, or

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Golf manager earns praise for leadership

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

Robins' Pine Oaks golf course manager and golf pro has had a lifelong love affair with the game.

When he was nine years old and in the fifth grade, his family moved next door to what was then the Sandy Run Golf Club in Warner Robins.

"They gave me a set of clubs and said 'dinner's at six. Don't be late.' They didn't ask 'where was Johnny.' They asked 'what hole is he on,'" Anderson said.

Anderson's excellence as golf pro and course manager has earned him the Air Force Association's Quarterly Achievement Award for the last quarter of fiscal year 2002.

His boss, Services Division Chairman John Flood credited Anderson with providing "visionary leadership...whether it's generating income to reinvest back into the golf course or prioritizing creative programming to entice novice golfers."

Anderson said the best part of heading up Pine Oaks is the opportunity to work with people: "The product is golf; the business is service for the people. When I see people get the ball up in the air for the first time, it's

like a million dollars to me."

He said the appeal of the game is control.

"Golf is one of the few athletic individual sports," he said. "You are competing against yourself, and you can't blame anyone but yourself."

In football, you rely on 10 others; in basketball, you rely on four others. But in golf you have to beat the golf course, and whether someone scores better than you is out of your control."

Equally as appealing, he said, is that golf is a game for all ages. People over 90 and as young as 3 or 4 can play.

Anderson attended Valdosta State College on a golf scholarship, earning a degree in communications with emphasis on public relations.

He and his wife, Rhonda, have three children, Olivia Rosa, born Dec. 6, 2002; John, Jr., 8; and Kellie Marie, 10. Anderson's son likes golf; his daughter prefers soccer. But the best all around athletic in the family, Anderson said, is his wife.

Among his achievements at Pine Oaks, Anderson energized a planned \$1.6 million project to rebuild 18 greens complexes.

The work, which earned approval, is expected to begin Feb. 3 and end Aug. 3.



Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

John Anderson, manager of the Pine Oaks Golf Course was recently honored with the Air Force Association Quarterly Achievement Award for the last quarter of fiscal year 2002.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Center

Robins Youth Center soccer registration ends Feb.1. Fees for returning players are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Fees for new players are \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Registration takes place 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. For more information call the center.

A dance will take place 6-9 p.m. Feb. 14. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

A 4-H meeting will take place at the Youth Center 3:45 Feb. 18.

The youth center will conduct baseball, softball and T-ball registration Feb. 22-Mar. 1. Registration times are 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays. Cost for youth center members is \$45 and nonmembers \$55. Please pro-

vide a birth certificate and current sports physical.

For more information call Ron Hayes at the center.

Fitness Center

Make plans for the Cupid Fun Run 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13. Dr. Neil Schwartz will be conducting free back screenings before and after the run.

New Year's resolution appointments are available now through Mar. 31 for those resolved to shed a few extra inches.

For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Robins Lanes

A handicap Scotch doubles mixed tournament will take place 6 p.m. Feb. 8. Cost is \$20 per couple.

Bring your sweat shirt to Robins Lanes Feb.14 for Thunder Alley glow bowling. Your cost will be \$10 and your date \$5.

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ROBINS BRIEFS

Black Heritage Events

The Robins Air Force Base Black Heritage Golf Tournament will take place 12:30 p.m., today.

Cost is \$35 per person. Fee includes lunch and personalized tees. For more information, call Jeanette McElhaney at 926-0856.

A gospel concert will take place 4 p.m. Feb. 2.

A cancer-diabetic luncheon and seminar will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 13. at the Health and Wellness Center. Covered

topics will include Nutrition , blood pressure diabetes HIV/AIDS awareness and body fat analysis among others.

Guard Vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark. has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals that are separating from the active duty Air Force, or that are qualified for the Palace Chase/Palace Front Program, in the following AFSC's:2E2X1, 3C0X1, 3C251 and 2E2X1.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 731-6876 ext. 226 or call toll free at 1-800-631-0509.

Officers' Spouses Club

The Robins Officers' Spouses Club announces its annual Scholastic Achievement Awards for high school seniors and continuing education students. Applications are available at the thrift shop, family support center, education center and counselor's offices of area high schools.

For more information, call Joy Linnean at 956-1525.

Traffic Management Office Relocating

The Robins TMO (Passenger & Household Goods) and Commercial Travel Office (Bay Area Travel) will be relocating to Bldg 914, 9th Street, (the old BX) Feb. 6-7.

The new location, adjacent to the Military Personnel Flight, will be more convenient and provide a more efficient counseling environment for our customers. For all customers needing airline tickets before Feb.10, please have your orders in to TMO by Feb. 4. Your tickets need to be picked up by noon Feb. 5. The TMO will be open for business Feb.10 at the new location.

National Prayer Luncheon

A national prayer luncheon will take place 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Enlisted Club. Guest Speaker for the event will be Chaplain Nate Crawford. Cost for the luncheon is \$2.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tracey Bivins at 327-3101.

Dining Out

The 78th Communications Squadron will sponsor a Dining Out May 14 at the Enlisted Club for current and former members of the unit in the area.

For more information, call 926-7808 or 926-4567.

Family Child Care

In continual support of Operation:Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for Extended Duty Care has been extended to April 1.

The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts, or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent child care arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule.

To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator. to discuss child care needs, provider qualifications and program procedures.

For more information call the FCC office at 926-6741.

Dealing with issues: Decision Making

Alice Johnson, Choice Behavioral Health Partnership is coming to Robins Air Force Base 1-2 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Base Chapel Annex. Topics of discussion will include various communication styles and ways to increase self-awareness of personal decision-making styles.

Job fair success

The Transition Assistance program will offer a workshop on preparing for a Job Fair 9-11 a.m.in building 905, room 137.

Register Early

Register early for Family Support Center Classes. Many are subject to cancellation if advance registration is insufficient. For information, call 926-1256.

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Checking the landing gear on a F-15

“We do all the system operation checks, ground operation checks and all the final preflight checks on the F-15 to make sure its safe for the pilots to fly. After it's flown, it is taken to the paint facility. Once it is painted, we send it home to its owning organization.

To see an airplane that was completely torn apart and reassembled – or one that's been completely damaged and rebuilt – fly out of here is a real sense of accomplishment.”

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Children's Dental Health Month

Did you know?

February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

The 78th Dental Squadron will be hosting a variety of programs throughout the month. Please be on the lookout for these informative sessions so you can help your children have smiles that will last a lifetime.

The 78th DS will provide dental articles in the Rev-Up each week relative to children's dental health. Events will be advertised on base and at the 78 MDG website.

Stay tuned for exciting children's events to take place at Robins Elementary School, the Base Exchange, child development center and the Base Theater. Teens will be specifically addressed in April. For more information call Capt. Justine Tompkins at 327-8080-78 DS.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Timothy Nesley, membership drive chairman for the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association, discusses the benefits of being a member of AFA during the association's membership drive kickoff Jan. 24.

Membership drive kickoff a success

By Brian Lucas

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A decision to join the Air Force Association was a good one for Maj. Vivian Dennis.

Dennis, who attended a membership drive kickoff training session for the association's Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 Jan. 24 at the Robins Conference Center, said it's important that people know how the organization benefits the entire Air Force community.

Dennis, an element team leader for the Pediatric clinic here, said the association was also beneficial towards helping her staff members.

"Just being able to reach out to my people, to bring them information about the Air Force, because a lot of people, especially young airmen are not really committed to things they need to do, but the AFA and things they have on their agenda help kind of put it together," Dennis said.

Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander and long-time member of the association, said with nearly 200 chapters worldwide, the association supports the Air Force in total.

"I think the biggest thing to let people know is that the organization isn't just a 'do-good' organization; it really does support the Air Force in a variety of ways. It supports the families too, so if we can educate the public on that, it's a 'win-win,'" Stevenson said.

Maj. Timothy Nesley, membership drive chairman for the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the association, said most people only see the surface of what the association actually does.

"Nationally they are the advocates for the

Air Force programs – to include personnel issues, sustainment issues for equipment, and new equipment for our airplanes," he said. "They're also the ones who bridge the gap into Congress and senior leadership, so they can help fight for what we need here in the lower level of the organization."

With close to 1,800 members, Chapter 296 is the fifth largest chapter in the association. Through the recent kickoff, the chapter has a goal of adding 125 members to its ranks this year.

Art Bosshart, president of the chapter, said he was pleased with the turn out for the kickoff and the enthusiasm displayed by those who attended.

"It was great. We had a larger turn out than last year and our agenda is focused solely on how we can better serve the members in the local area and support the leadership in the command section. A lot of people aren't aware of what AFA really does at the local and national level, and I think we conveyed that today," Bosshart said.

Overall, Jack Steed, a national membership committee chairman of the association said the event was superb.

"I was really pleased. I think we got an excellent group and working together like this we will have a very successful membership drive and one that can be used as an example throughout the rest of the Air Force Association," Steed said.



Art Bosshart

ASMC scholarship nominations

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is offering two cash scholarships this year.

The program was established to recognize graduating high school seniors for academic achievement.

The students selected by the local chapter may represent the Middle Georgia chapter in the ASMC national competition.

Mail nomination (s) to:
HQ AFRC/FMXX ATTN:
Nancy Wall, 155 Richard
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31098-1638. Ms. Wall may
be contacted at (478) 327-
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