

# ROBINS RevUp



**Members of Team Robins share tips for making the most of Valentine's Day on a budget**

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## THE STARBOARD WAY



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Tisha Wright

Crewmembers from the 19th Air Refueling Group refuel a Navy F-18 Hornet during a recent inter-service training mission in Puerto Rico. The training involved the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Group, as well as NATO and allied forces. For more on the exercise, see page B-1.

## Robins troops get smallpox vaccinations

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The possible threat of the smallpox virus being used as a biological warfare agent has Robins Air Force Base educating its people on the Defense Department's plan to prevent the risk through vaccinations.

Lt. Col. Kevin Foley, deputy mission support group commander, said the Robins plan began by bringing together the team that would be involved in the immunization program.

"This is not just a medical program," he said. "This is a force protection issue, and that of course falls on squadron commanders and other commanders in the chain of command."

Foley said commanders have been educated and now the program is expanding to educate other individuals who will be receiving the vaccination.

All who are to receive the vaccination will receive briefings prior to inoculation.

The DoD program is a phased implementation process with emergency first responders receiving the vaccination first. Foley said soon after that vaccination teams will inoculate the rest of the force.

"Medical personnel and the vaccination team vaccinations have already been completed here at Robins," he said.

The next group will include military members who are at highest risk - that means those who are deploying to a part of the world where there is significant enough risk to merit preparation for prevention.

Another reason for the education program on the vaccine is the risk involved with receiving it.

There are health risks

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## Team Robins reacts to space shuttle tragedy

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Team Robins members said the tragic loss of Columbia and its crewmembers on Saturday reminded Americans to take nothing for granted.

Two Air Force officers, Col. Rick Husband, mission commander, and Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, payload commander, were among the seven crew members who died when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in the skies over north central Texas.

Lt. Col. Kirk Kloeppel, acting director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center engineering directorate, reflected that the full impact of the risks involved in aerospace exploration was not fully realized until this mark in history.

"We don't realize the 'miracles' of getting a space shuttle into space and bringing it back to Earth," he said. "Saturday's tragedy has reminded us of that."

Dr. Bill Head, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center chief of history, echoed Kloeppel's comments. "People don't fully understand the

physics of a shuttle's re-entry into the atmosphere," he said. "You have a certain angle you must take or it could mean disaster. Maybe, after the recent tragedy, people understand now."

George Falldine, director of plans and programs at Robins Air Force Base, said America has united in the face of tragedy in the past, and it will prevail again.

"The Columbia's sad end reminds me how suddenly triumph can turn to tragedy," he said. "It also reminds me how often journeys that end in peaks of victory start out in valleys of despair. The Columbia's disintegration on

Saturday plunged the nation into a valley of sadness but also pulled us together and integrated us as a people with determination that we will triumph again. Even while the fires burned in the Pentagon after 9/11, our nation was determined to rebuild. Today, there are men and women occupying offices in the Pentagon where death stalked 9/11, and tomorrow, there will be men and women occupying the frontier of space that (Saturday) claimed the lives of seven

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## AFMC to get day off Feb. 14

By Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam  
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander

By Nov. 8, 2002 letter, Gen. Lester L. Lyles, Commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, has designated Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, as an AFMC Family Day.

This day is in recognition of the tremendous sacrifices our workforce team and their families have made for the good of the AFMC mission.

The continuing contributions of our men and women, and the supporting role of their families, are crucial to AFMC's readiness and retention.

I share in Gen Lyles's belief that our family members have a positive impact on the successful accomplishment of our mission.

I thank you and your families for your allegiance to the Air Force and our great country.

Due to the large number of civilian employees working in direct support of maintenance on our major weapon systems in support of the ongoing military conflict, I have determined that the following manning postures apply for Feb. 14.

### Guidance for civilian employees

The liberal use of annual leave or other authorized



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absences from duty (such as previously earned compensatory time or leave without pay) will be authorized for Feb. 14. Consistent with skill and grade level requirements, mission essential personnel will be required to work on this day.

Those employees who are required to work will be advised as far in advance as possible. Proper leave request procedures apply in accordance with the Master Labor Agreement.

### Guidance for military members

Commanders may authorize non-chargeable leave for military members on Feb. 14, in conjunction with the President's Day weekend. The President's Day weekend (Feb. 14 -Feb 17) will be a four-day regular pass period. For military members required to per-

form duty on these days, commanders may grant compensatory time off on the first working day (or days) following the holiday weekend, mission requirements permitting.

Normal rules for regular pass and for leave periods apply. A regular pass starts and ends in the local area, and there are no mileage restrictions when a member is in a pass status.

Leave periods also start and end in the local area, with day of departure on a non-duty day being a duty day and day of return on a non-duty day being a leave day.

A member out of the local area during a regular pass period must return to the local area before commencing leave on the duty day following a four-day regular pass period.

If the member does not return to the local area before commencing leave, the entire regular pass period is chargeable to leave.

Similarly, leave commenced before the four-day pass period will continue to be charged until the member returns to the local area.

Please note that DoDD 1327.5, Leave and Liberty, and AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, implement Air Force guidance for military leave and pass programs.

## 23 in '03

### ■ C-5 Depot Team sets production targets for FY 2003

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The Lean concept is sweeping the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, and the C-5 Depot Maintenance Team is planning to use the process to help meet production targets for fiscal year 2003 and beyond.

According to C-5 personnel the enormous global transport demands of supporting the war fighter have increased the C-5 program depot maintenance production goal from 17 C-5s in FY02 to 23 C-5s in FY03. In efforts to meet those demands, they have transitioned their maintenance organization from the tail team approach to the dock cell concept. The cell concept will standardize work and make the Program Depot Maintenance process more efficient. The team kicked off their transition with a ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 4.

"This ceremony today is symbolic of what we have been doing already for many many months," said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

Capt. Chuck Payne, C-5 Maintenance Production Supervisor, said the transition plan is the result of several Lean events and studies accomplished during the past 18 months.

"The transitioning of our PDM organization to the cell concept will reduce the number of days it currently takes to perform depot maintenance on C-5 aircraft from an average of 319 days in FY02 for an A-model and 253 days for a B-model down to 260 and 220 days respectively," he said.

Payne said the process improvements also



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Left to Right, Col. James Danielson, Ronald Orr, Steve Tomblin and George Calhoun discuss new C-5 dock cell procedures Tuesday.

target improving efficiency.

"We have already realized significant benefits from already by implementing only a few Lean initiatives. C-5s have met and exceeded its earned hours goals and made money for over four months," he said. "This is the first time ever for C-5 PDM maintenance."

Col. James Danielson, Aircraft Division chief, said when you see what is taking place here it looks like it has just started and took just a little work to set it all up.

"This took months of work," he said. "The folks that work over in our Lean Depot Repair office have meticulously planned this since January of last year. This is only the first step and it won't ever stop because this is a continuous improvement process that will keep getting better and better."

Danielson said the whole idea behind this transition is to build communication with the leadership, management, and workers and figure out the best way of doing business.

"The C-5 has been here for almost five years now," said Wetekam. "It certainly has had its ups and downs, but in the last year we have seen tremendous progress. And what we are doing today is just another big step toward our eventual goal of producing 23 aircraft this year which would be the largest production run of the C-5 since the aircraft arrived."

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involved with the vaccine," said Foley. "Risks are in low percentages, but they are there nonetheless.

"Our utmost concern is the protection of our people, so we are implementing this program and educating people on how to manage that risk and minimize the potential for reactions."

Maj. Kristi Davis, medicine flight commander, said a telephone hotline has been set up in order to answer questions from those who have received the inoculation and may need further assistance.

"We know what to look for – that's why we are educating people on what things might cause complications and letting them self screen," said Coleman. "We have some concern for family members also. Even if I don't have a bad reaction, a family member may be prone to having one if contact is



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp  
Lt. Col. Beverly Woods, commander, 78th Public Health Flight, briefs airmen at Coats Hall about the smallpox program.

made with the injection area."

In this situation that person will get the vaccinated in the mobility line when deploying.

Because deployments are constantly occurring, many high-risk troops are being vaccinated as they go through the mobilization process for deployment. Foley said in those cases they will be monitored for indications as to whether the vaccine is taking appropriately and for any negative reactions.

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

Although the general population is not at high enough risk to warrant mass vaccinations, civilians in emergency essential positions who could potentially deploy along with our military workforce will be vaccinated.



Master Sgt. Jim McDonald, left and Tech Sgt. Eric Wheeldon listen to a smallpox briefing.

### Five officer specialties to receive bonus

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER (AFMCNS) – More than 6,000 officers in five critical skill career fields are now eligible for up to four years of a retention bonus at \$10,000 per year - up to \$40,000 - thanks to the Air Force's Critical Skills Retention Bonus Program.

People who may qualify are scientists, developmental engineers, acquisition program managers, civil engineers and communications and information officers with four to 13 years commissioned service who are willing to commit to serving up to four more years. Those eligible can start to receive their annual payments in the March - April time frame.

Officers who become eligible for the CSRB before Sept. 30 have until Aug. 31 to take advantage of the bonus.

This CSRB, a result of the Science and Engineering Summit held Dec. 6,

2001 at the Pentagon, is being offered to help improve retention of these five career fields, which have had the lowest retention rates in the Air Force for several years, said Lt. Col. Dean Vande Hey, deputy chief of mission support officer assignments here.

"This bonus should help make an Air Force career more financially competitive with civilian sector salaries," he said.

Most officers who qualify for the bonus will receive the standard four-year active duty service commitment that runs concurrently with any other service commitments.

The exception is officers who have completed 11, 12 or 13 years of commissioned service, said Vande Hey. Those officers would receive three-, two- and one-year active duty service commitments based on corresponding agreements at the same rate of \$10,000 a year.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center toll free at (866) 229-7074 or DSN 665-5000.

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### Robins School Board to hold special election

The Robins Air Force Base School Board will hold a special election on Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. until noon at Robins Elementary School.

The purpose of this special election is to fill the seat of a member who has resigned due to a permanent change of station move.

The term is for the remainder of the school year.

**Qualification:** Anyone interested in filling this seat on the school board must live in family housing and have an interest in serving on the school board.

*Applications are available at building 708 (across from the hospital). Completed applications are due to building 708 by 3 p.m. on Feb. 14.*

*Any questions may be directed to Rebecca Carty at 926-3671.*

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, right, talks with C-5 employees following a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the C-5 Directorate's latest move toward Lean Depot Repair.

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Wetekam said the C-5 is the Air Force's core air lifter. "It's the aircraft that lifts the bulk of heavy equipment. Of this endeavor he said, "We have to be successful. We have to meet our production targets for the C-5 if the Air Force is to continue to be successful. We are now on track to do that for the first

time in five years."

Wetekam said the C-5 is an important airframe and what is done with it here at Robins is important to both the Air Force and national defense.

The goal of 23 in 03 is well on its way to fruition. Col. Ed Connolly, C-5 production chief said they have already completed seven of the aircraft with the eighth at functional test ready to fly.

"We are right on schedule," he said.

## Military Justice

An airman from the 52d Combat Communications Squadron was convicted of a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the failure to obey a lawful order; Article 112a for the wrongful use of marijuana; Article 86 for the failure to go to his appointed place of duty; and Article 107 for the making of a false official statement. Following a finding of guilty on the above offenses, the airman was sentenced to forfeiture of \$760 of pay for six months, confinement for six months, and a bad conduct discharge.

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

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courageous people.”

Randy Ivey, flight chief for the mechanical systems division of the engineering directorate, said the Columbia tragedy had a profound effect on him.

“Having worked on two occasions to help NASA with space shuttle engineering issues, the Columbia re-entry accident impacted me both professionally and personally,” he said. “I feel a special bond with the NASA family. As an American and an engineer, I take great pride in the technological accomplishments of our country and our space program, and our space program is one of the technological marvels of this world.”

Ivey first worked with NASA in the mid 1980s when the Canadian built manipulator arm located in the shuttle cargo bay had potential technical problems. Later, NASA requested Ivey’s assistance for a review of an external corrosion problem on the shuttle fleet and recommendations for the maintenance processes for removal of the surface paint and treatment of corrosion.

Head added that referring to astronauts as “courageous” has a whole new meaning in the aftermath of such a tragic event.

“We often refer to these

people as courageous,” he said.

“When you take a look at the risks involved in space exploration, you see that they really are courageous in the truest sense of the word. It’s sad that it takes a tragedy like this to wake us up to the awesomeness of space exploration.”

This is not the first time America was shaken by tragedy with the NASA space shuttle program. In 1986, crew members of the Challenger space shuttle were lost in an explosion only minutes after take-off.

“After a while, we tend to become complacent and take things for granted,”

K l o e p p e l said. “The tragedy in 1986 was a wake up call to the dangers involved in aeronautics. After that, people became complacent again. This tragedy has gathered our attention again.”

Members of Team Robins said the tragedy that struck NASA and humankind that February morning was one to mourn,

but should not be a loss in vain.

“It’s tragic, but let’s not let it be death without a purpose,” Head said. “When the Challenger tragedy happened, it brought up questions of whether or not the space program should continue. I would hope that space exploration would continue, not only for aerospace sake, but for the sake of scientific developments that have been made through it.”

Kloepfel agreed with Head’s view of the necessity of continuing the space exploration program.

“Certainly, these explorations have added so much

to our everyday lives,” he said. “We’ve always been expanding our boundaries. To go to a risk-free world, where we don’t push the envelope in this manner, is not what Americans are all about.”

From a historical standpoint, Head said this incident was not only a tragedy for the American people, but mankind as a whole.

“It wasn’t Americans going into space,” he said. “...it was representatives of humankind going into space.”

Head said in light of the recent loss NASA and its family members have suffered, he is reminded of

the words of President

Teddy Roosevelt. “Americans may be

knocked off their horses, but they get back on and finish the race.”

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The space shuttle Discovery, lands at Robins Air Force Base perched atop a 747 in 1997. In the case of incimate weather, Robins, which has the longest runway in Georgia, is used to facilitate the shuttle on its return trip to Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canveral, Fla..

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## Children's dental month: The sooner the better

Oral healthcare should begin: "First visit by first birthday." Or simply put, your child's first visit to the Dentist should be when the first tooth appears. It's never too soon to begin a program of prevention.

Dental problems can occur very early in your child's life; therefore, proper guidance and maintenance are vital. Children with healthy teeth learn to speak clearly, chew food easily and smile with confidence.

Starting at birth, you should begin cleansing your baby's gums with a soft washcloth and then when you baby becomes an infant you can use a soft tooth brush and water. A soft toothbrush will remove plaque bacteria that can lead to decay. Any soft-bristled toothbrush with a small head, preferably one designed specifically for infants, should be used at least once a day at bedtime. Unless otherwise advised by your dentist, don't begin using fluoridated toothpaste until the second or third birthday.

The child must be able to spit before a fluoridated toothpaste can be used. At 2 -3 years of age, parents should supervise the child's brushing and make sure the child uses no more than a pea-sized amount on the brush. Children should spit out and not swallow excess toothpaste after brushing.

## MAN provides Christmas cheer

The Commodities and Industrial Products Division employees had the Christmas spirit in 2002. Six hundred Salvation Army Angels were received in MAN, and 600 were provided with Christmas. Sharon Sullivan, Manufacturing Branch secretary, and Janet Dowd, Management Assistant in the Resources Management Branch, were instrumental in overseeing this project and making Christmas a happy one for many children. Ten trucks were needed to deliver more than 3,000 gifts to the Salvation Army Distribution Center in the Houston Mall. The Salvation Army had to call extra help just to sort all the gifts received.

In addition to the Salvation Army Angels, two needy single-parent families were able to provide Christmas for their children thanks to the generosity of MAN employees. A single mother from Macon was able to give her son a bike, skate board, helmet, knee and elbow pads, remote control truck, basketball, walkie talkie, cars and trucks, football, clothes, a hat and pair of gloves were waiting for him Christmas morning. A Warner Robins parent was also able to give her two children an exciting Christmas as well. They received a Nintendo Game Cube with an extra controller and two games to go with it

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# How to have a cheap date... without looking like a cheapskate

## ■ *Members of Team Robins offer tips for Valentine's Day thoughtfulness*

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When you don't have a lot of money, romance and good times may seem out of the question. Don't lose heart! With a little creativity and a lot of thoughtfulness, you can win your Valentine's heart with a virtually priceless date your loved one won't soon forget.

Despite popular belief among some men and women in the single scene, many singles and past participants in the dating game can attest the fact that money is not always the root of a great date.

Master Sgt. Mark A. Van Osdol, aircraft structural maintenance worker, said the importance of compatibility with a person on a date far outweighs the value of money.

"Society is so hung up on money that many people think they need money to have a great date," he said. "Granted, I can think of a lot of great dates that cost a lot of money, but I also know that money isn't a pre-requisite for having fun. Just being together is more important. Talk is free."

Erica Glynn, branch secretary for the vehicle management directorate, said if two people truly enjoy each other's company, money would most likely not

be a major factor in the date's success.

"A lot of people think that a large amount of money will ensure a good time, but this is not true," she said. "You can go to the fanciest restaurant, have the best wine, etc., but if the person you are with is a jerk, at the end of the night, he or she is still going to be a jerk."

Senior Airman Rachel Artiles, separation retirement clerk for the military personnel flight, agreed with Glynn, and said the true success of a date cannot be found in tangible things.

"If you base all of your happiness on the value of money, you're more likely to be disappointed because feeling good comes from within," she said. "To me, if someone is that wrapped up in money, it is not someone I would like to be with anyway. Money is just money. If I run out, I can go make more. ...If I have food, clothes, and a warm place to live, that is really all I need. All the rest is gravy."

When cash is barely flowing, you don't have to forego that date with the object of your affection. Artiles said there are many alternatives to the traditional dates that can sometimes drain your financial resources.

"I would usually try to find something out of the ordinary for us to do," she said. "Instead of going to the movies (\$14), go to the park and feed the

ducks (free). Instead of going to the club (\$60), make a club like environment at home (turn the lights down low, turn on music, and have inexpensive punch (\$20))."

Nancy Garrison, married for 23 years, offered a few ideas, such as a bicycle ride accompanied by a delicious picnic, a day of site seeing followed by a trip to your area ice cream shop, or a candle light dinner at home, that may work magic whether you're a novice or a veteran in the dating world.

Senior Airman Vincent Lewis, information management specialist for the 78th Civil Engineering Squadron, said dating on a low budget isn't always easy, but it can be done.

"If you have no money, and you want to date, you need to find someone who knows and understands your situation," he said. "Find someone who wants to date you for who you are, not what you can offer materially."

The American dollar may not stretch very far, but the value of creativity can mean financial survival in the pursuit of your Valentine's heart.

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*When Funds are low, these cheap date and gift ideas could be just what you need*



Staff Sgt. Brent W Baty  
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"For the low-expense romantic, I recommend a few things.

Buy one brownie mix (\$1), bag of M&Ms (\$1), one pair of scissors or sharp tipped knife and two notebook size pieces of paper (one for a personalized card. The second one you'll use to make the heart as a guide to cut out heart-shaped brownies).

"Go to the store and look around for cool ideas to include in your homemade card.

"After giving your brownies adequate time for cooking, place the heart you made over the top of the brownies and cut out your heart-shaped brownies.

"Once you have at least two cut out, place three M&Ms on each one. When you serve the brownies, tell the person that the M&Ms stand for the love you hold for the person, the happiness the person brings you, and the joy that it is to be in that person's presence. Present your card as a final Valentine's token."

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**Erica T. Glynn, Vehicle Management Secretary**

"One year, I put an ad in the Daily Sun for my boyfriend, telling him how much he meant to me. It was very inexpensive and thoughtful."



**Tech Sgt. Mark A. Van Osdol, Aircraft Structural Maintenance**

"After the kids are put to bed (if you have kids), run a nice, deep hot bubble bath. Light a couple of candles and place them around the bath. Get some high-grade cheese (the imported stuff is best) and some good quality crackers. Buy a nice bottle of wine.

"Now, all you need are wine glasses, a corkscrew, and cheese grater. You could even bring in a portable CD player, if you have one, to play some romantic music."

**Col. Mike Mickelson, director, HQ Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs**

"This is an idea for the gentlemen who are short on cash and do not usually express affection toward their sweethearts.

"Besides a box of chocolates or a candle light dinner, they should turn off the television, put down the newspaper, and have a conversation with their loved ones. Listening is a huge part of that communication.

"If children are a factor, have a friend or neighbor



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Gifts such as these can be purchased for a nominal fee at the ITT office in the Smith Community Center.

watch them. I bet there are several ladies who would love for their husbands/boyfriends to converse with them."

**B.J. Sweigart, management assistant for the maintenance directorate.**

"Here's an alternative to the traditional roses and candy idea.

"Give a bouquet of silk roses instead of paying a high price for real ones.

"Enjoy a relaxing evening together watching an oldie, but goodie romantic movie while eating chocolate covered strawberries and drink-

ing your favorite wine."

**Senior Airman Travis Heath, desk sergeant for the 78th Security Forces**

"If you don't have a lot of money, make some ham and cheese finger sandwiches and red Kool-aid.

"Take some wine glasses, a blanket, some candles, and soft music for a picnic and long walk along Lake Luna."



**Nancy D. Garrison WRALC/LECR-1**

"For the woman in your life, make your roses count. Take chocolate kisses (still inside wrapper), buy red and silver craft foil paper. Use green floral picks to use as the rose stems to attach to the bottom of the wrapped candy with candy tips facing upward. Tie an inexpensive red ribbon around the bottom. There you have your roses and candy all in one!"



**Kathy L. Dean, 78th Medical Group**

"One time, I sent a young, step-daughter a card with some glitter inside of it. I told her that the glitter was my kisses. She loved it.

"I have a friend who lives in the country. She and her husband had been married for a while and he wasn't expecting anything for Valentine's Day.

"She sent the kids to Grandma's house, caged the dogs, and put a long chain across the driveway so no one could visit.

"She asked her husband to come outside, where he found her reclining on pillows and a blanket in the yard with refreshments, a sky full of stars, and a full moon.

"They had a romantic evening together that he still recalls years later."

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## AFMC commander lauds new portal capability as essential

By Gen. Lester Lyles  
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) -- I recently told you my commander's intent for transformation within Air Force Materiel Command, listing four expectations to improve our support to the warfighter.

Among those are our goals to become more effective and efficient and to make our command easier to do business with. The experts in our information technology directorate and the Materiel Systems Group have teamed efforts to do just that by integrating us into the Air Force Portal.

Last year we embarked on an AFMC Portal initiative designed to streamline business processes and achieve significant savings by consolidating or eliminating web servers. We have since joined forces with the Air Force chief information officer at the Pentagon to integrate what we have accomplished to date with the Air Force Portal. It's a win for AFMC and a win for our Air Force!

Our three original portal objectives remain intact: 1) to establish standard web views with consistent look and feel and distinctive AFMC branding, 2) to implement a powerful content



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management capability, ensuring our web content remains current and relevant, and 3) to provide a common platform for delivering future web applications and capabilities. We will achieve these objectives in three phases. During phase one, AFMC headquarters and other selected units here will participate in the Air Force Portal pilot program along with Air Combat Command headquarters and selected units at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Participating units other than AFMC headquarters will include the Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Research Laboratory and the Air Force Security Assistance Center.

The purpose of the pilot program is to register a large number of users and start getting feedback on Air Force Portal capabilities while assessing the impacts of servicing a large user community.

The current version of the Air Force Portal will provide a single window for you to access a wide range of information across different web

sites. This information includes: military and civilian pay and benefits information, space-available travel sites and reservation information, TRICARE sites and other medical and health information, and access to self-service applications like LeaveWeb, Thrift Savings Account Access, myPay and more.

The portal pulls together information for Air Force people into a single site. Target date for achieving phase one was Feb. 3.

During phase two, we position ourselves to achieve real business value from the portal by capitalizing on work already accomplished within AFMC. We will stand up a production content management system here and help do the same at Gunter Annex, Ala.

In parallel, we will help the Air Force CIO implement the AFMC workspace model. This model will consist of four web views: job, workspace, knowledge and reference.

The workspace views will eventually provide AFMC people with personalized content and applications directly related to managing their Air Force careers and accomplishing their day-to-day work.

The goal for achieving phase two is March 25, but we're working hard to do it sooner. When that is complete, we will begin moving existing web content to the portal, and we will

create links to the various applications our users need to do their jobs.

Finally, during phase three, we'll continue migrating web content and start fully integrating web capabilities into the common platform and workspace model built during phase two. This final phase is a long-term effort and may actually include a number of individual steps.

I am committed to the Air Force Portal because it drives business value through web server elimination. It also sets the stage for transforming AFMC business processes.

Unlike web sites, where some information may be irrelevant, the Air Force Portal will offer registered users each a site that knows them. The Portal offers self-service, allowing our people to take care of business without waiting in lines, on the phone or struggling with red tape. It makes getting services and finding information on line easier, and offers meaningful, relevant content.

The Air Force Portal cuts through the clutter of online information, offering consistent, user-friendly navigation through a wealth of knowledge. This will help us do our jobs better and improve our quality of life.

I need everyone across AFMC to get behind this important command and Air Force initiative. The Air Force Portal is personal, powerful and essential!

## Organizational health at Robins should be everyone's focus

Maj. Beth Zeiger, Ph.D.  
Director, Organizational Health Center

As Team Robins starts a new year together, I'd like to call your attention to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center mission statement: "Warner Robins ALC provides combat-ready weapon systems, equipment, services, and support personnel for the world's best Air Force.

Our people deliver best value sustainment and contingency response for U.S. and allied warfighters through world-class cradle-to-grave management, maintenance, and combat support." Notice at the heart of this statement is, "Our people deliver."

If people are the key, how do we as a team take care of people so people can do the mission? How do we position Robins AFB to be the employer of choice in middle Georgia? Are you happy working here? Do you want to continue working here? What changes do you think need to be made to make this a better place to work? How do you get along with your supervisor? Your coworkers? How responsive is management to your needs? How responsive are your employees to mission demands? How well does your team work together? Do you get the job done? Are you taking care of yourself and your family? How healthy are you? Overall, are you happy?

We spend a good chunk of our time working. Seems to make sense we'd want our work hours to be satisfying. Since arriving here at Robins, I've heard the gamut - from the very happy to the very unhappy, and all points in between. I've heard about the strain between labor and management. I've heard sometimes we have trouble getting our production up and that some areas are improving and others doing well.

I've heard about disrespectful treatment of others, management to employee and vice versa. I've heard working at Robins is a good opportunity here in middle Georgia. I've heard commitment to the mission.

When there are work problems, whom do you blame? Management for being poor leaders, employees for being poor workers, government for not supplying enough resources? If you look for them, you'll find any number of things about which people complain. Often it seems the problems are beyond our scope of influence and those who can make changes aren't listening. Sometimes the best we can do is look at our contribution and ourselves. What am I doing to make my workplace more effective and healthy? Do I address problems directly or just complain to my friends? Challenge yourself to act appropriately and respectfully, regardless of how others act or treat you - act in a way you'd be proud to tell your family and friends; treat others the way you'd like to be treated.

If you are in a management and/or leader-

ship position and your team is unhappy, look at different ways you can make changes. It's an awesome responsibility to be a leader. Build trust with your staff by being fair. When you say you will do something, follow through. Give regular feedback. Let your staff know your specific expectations for conduct and behavior. If someone is not doing well, let them know how they can improve. Refer them for help if personal issues are getting in their way. Don't let inappropriate actions go unaddressed. Use the expertise of the people doing the work. Tap into their creative resources and pooled knowledge. You're not in it alone!

Also consider, what kind of follower are you? In any organization, good followership is just as important as good leadership. Take personal responsibility for the quality of your performance.

Take pride in your work. Support leadership and yet speak up respectfully when something could be changed. Ask to be involved in problem solving and goal setting. Seek out feedback if you aren't receiving it. Address issues at the lowest level possible to give your unit a chance to change.

Even the lowest-ranking member of the team can be a leader and impact change. Remember the big picture of our mission here.

Everything boils down to people. Ever wish you had someone to go to when your team isn't working well? Maybe you know your team has the potential and you have the resources, but people issues seem to slow down efficiency. Just when everything seems to be going well, grievances and complaints crop up and you find yourself spending more time trying to manage individual issues and less time focusing on the mission.

Perhaps you've been put into a leadership position and feel over your head.

The Organizational Health Center (OHC) is a new consultation service on base. As the Air Logistics Center and 78th Air Base Wing's internal consultants, OHC is designed to assist with any number of organizational concerns. The goal is to assist leaders in applying the principles of the social and behavioral sciences to create a healthier, more productive work environment where all employees are valued and treated with dignity and respect. Anyone may call with questions or concerns about their organization. The Organizational Health Center works to help you make your work center a place you want to work. We can help you meet your goal of developing a productive, respectful and healthy workplace.

We can assist with anything from how to run more effective meetings to decreasing conflict in the workplace to planning for organizational change. Our intent is to help improve the working climate at Robins. Team Robins enjoys a vast array of resources.

OHC works actively with the Integrated Delivery System, the committee of helping agencies on base, to ensure all civilians know they have access to these important resources. Often civilian employees are not aware that many of the services available to military members are also open to them, such as personal financial management, diabetes management and stress management.

While OHC helps management create a

less stressful working environment, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides short-term, solution-focused counseling to help civilian employees address their personal concerns and cope more effectively with job and life stress.

People are key to our success and survival. Value and respect others, act in trustworthy and respectful ways. To consult or just get more information, call 7-7680.



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



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

### Commanders' Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.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.

### Need more CLEP testing times

Q. I have a problem with the procedures the education office uses for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing. Presently, CLEP testing is offered only on Mondays and Wednesdays. I called them on Jan. 6 to make an appointment to take a test and was told that nothing was available until February and to call back on Jan.15 to make the appointment. I feel that waiting a month to take a test is unacceptable. There are some of us on the short list for deployment who want to take a test prior to deploying.

I don't know if the problem is lack of classroom space, lack of test proctors or something else. Regardless, if there is such a demand for CLEP testing, steps should be taken to increase the availability of these tests. Can something be done to improve this service?

Colonel Smoot responds: Thanks for your concern and the opportunity to tell you of the following steps taken to reduce the waiting time for CLEP testing:

- The number of CLEP testing slots has been increased 33 percent from 15 to 20 per testing session.
- An additional CLEP testing session

will be added starting in February.

- An additional person has been assigned as a proctor. Additional proctors are required any time there are more than 15 people taking tests.

- A second person has been assigned to support test scheduling and administrative support.

- A late appointment option is available to personnel needing to schedule an appointment as late as 7:30 a.m. on the day of testing, provided a slot is available. One contributing factor to waiting time during January was the unavoidable loss of testing slots due to holidays on January 1st and 20th. Another contributing factor to waiting time is the number of people who schedule a test and then do not show up.

The no-show rate for CLEP and DANTES testing varies from 15 percent to 53 percent. Proactive steps are being taken to reduce the no-show rates as part of our improved service.

Hopefully, our making more testing slots available and reducing no-shows will help everyone advance their education better while performing their duties and unit missions.



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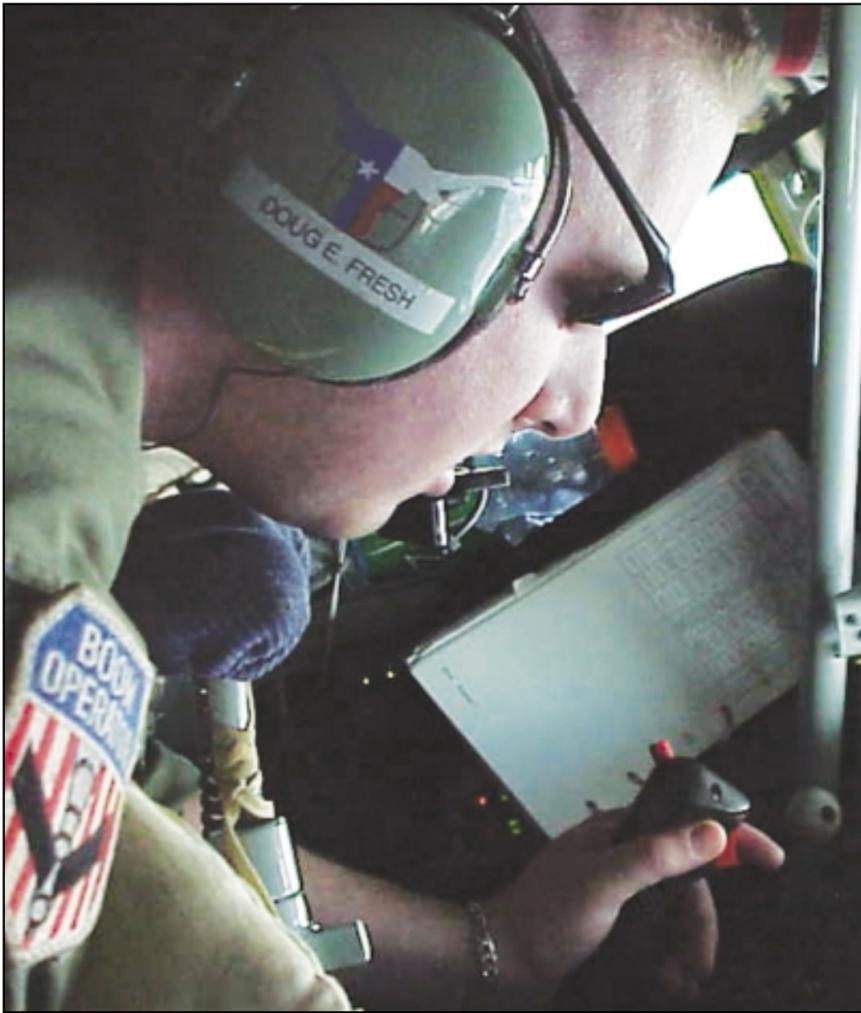
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Senior Airman Doug Boren, a boom operator with the 19th ARG, refuels one of 55 Navy aircraft during the Composite Training Unit Exercise conducted by the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility located on Naval Station Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico.

## Training the 'Starboard' Way

■ 19th ARG joins Navy, NATO and allied forces for training exercise in Puerto Rico

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Tisha Wright

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs Office

When the Prowler pilot squawked "joining on your starboard wing," KC-135 pilot Derek Salmi figured out quickly what "starboard" meant when he saw the jet appear on the right wing of his flying gas station over Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

It wasn't much of a stretch to figure out "port" meant left in Navy lingo.

That was just one of many lessons learned by members of the 19th Air Refueling Group during the U.S. Navy-led Composite Training Unit Exercise conducted by the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico. The exercise began Jan. 13, and is expected to continue until mid-February.

Training on the island's Vieques Naval Training Range is reserved for the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet, headquartered at Norfolk, Va. The exercise, held specifically for the training of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group, not only involved the U.S. Navy and Air Force, but NATO and Allied Forces - about 9,000 participants, according to Lt. Cmdr. Kim Dixon, Public Affairs Officer for U.S. Navy Forces Southern Command.

"To be able to have Air Force tankers down here in over 120,000 square miles of training area adds a lot to the battle group equation," said Navy Capt. John Warnecke, installation commander of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads.

"To fly long missions required during war you need the tanker," he said. "Inter-service exchange dur-

ing the pre-deployment training cycle pays dividends."

Exercise participants responded to a different war scenario each day, according to aircrew members from the 19th ARG.

"The Navy would respond (to the scenario) with different strike packages (a compilation of assets best suited to address the situation), and we would refuel the aircraft in those strike packages," said Lt. Col. Bryan Riba, instructor pilot and acting co-pilot on a participating KC-135. "We saw every type of Navy receiver."

Navy aircraft receiving fuel from the Air Force Stratotanker included F-14 Tomcats, F/A-18 Hornets, EA6-B Prowlers and others.

"In this exercise we are validating the interoperability of Air Force tankers to support Carrier Battle Groups," said Riba.

The Navy air refueling method, unlike the Air Force, uses what's known as the "probe and drogue," according to Senior Airman Doug Boren, Boom Operator from the 19th ARG who participated in the exercise.

Typically, when an Air Force aircraft receives fuel from a tanker, it's the boom operator's responsibility to fly the boom to the receiving aircraft and provide a seal for a successful fuel transfer. When a Navy aircraft receives fuel from an Air Force tanker, the boom operator releases a drogue (it looks like a hose with a basket at the end) and it's the Navy pilots' responsibility to link a refueling probe into the basket.

"You get to know how they (Navy) operate during the training so when a receiver comes up behind you in Operation Enduring Freedom, you know exactly what they need you to do," said Boren. "Using the drogue with the Navy is a completely different procedure and the training allows us to practice before it counts."

Air Force tanker assets commonly refuel Navy aircraft during military operations.

"The Navy was parked off the coast during the kick-off of Operation Enduring Freedom," said Capt. Derek Salmi, aircraft commander on the KC-135 and exercise participant. "They were the first to fly missions over Afghanistan and we were their support."

"The impact of joint training exercises is familiarization," said Riba. "When we train together prepares us to fight as a team wherever we may go."

"It's rewarding to overcome inter-service differences to come together and achieve a common goal," said Salmi.

Warnecke flew the S-3B Viking, a Navy anti-surface and refueling aircraft, before Air Force tankers began refueling Navy aircraft based on carriers.

"Before Navy fighters would fly 200 miles off the carrier before they would have to turn back," he said, "Now we fly significantly further with much less fuel and much more armament."

"You can't do that without the interoperability of the Navy and Air Force."

### Training at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

- ◆ Naval Station Roosevelt Roads located on the eastern side of Puerto Rico and the Vieques Naval Training Range located on the nearby island of Vieques were constructed under the direction of President Franklin Roosevelt
- ◆ NS Roosevelt Roads is the largest naval station in the world measured by land mass
- ◆ More than 300 U.S. NATO and allied ships use the facility annually
- ◆ NS Roosevelt Roads has been a training facility for the Atlantic Fleet for more than 50 years
- ◆ The services were prohibited from conducting live-fire exercises on Vieques by presidential directive in 1999, in response to the accidental death of a government employed security guard during a bombing run. Since then, the Navy and Marine Corps have employed only inert ordnance during their exercises at the facility.
- ◆ Former Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England, directed that all training maneuvers cease and the Vieques Naval Training Range shut down by May 1 of this year. Alternative training sites have been identified.
- ◆ The Composite Training Unit Exercise is the last scheduled training exercise on the island and included the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group, U.S. Air Force, NATO and Allied Forces' assets.
- ◆ The Vieques Naval Training Range and surrounding land maintained by NS Roosevelt Roads will be transferred to the U.S. Department of the Interior in May.



At the closing of the day's events, Capt. Derek Salmi, aircraft commander with the 19th ARG, pilots a KC-135 back to NS Roosevelt Roads

### USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group (CVN 73)

The USS Theodore Roosevelt is comprised of one aircraft carrier. The carrier holds destroyer squadron staff, ships' company, carrier group staff, and airwing staff

The carrier holds between 80-90 aircraft, 8 or 9 aircraft squadrons that include: F-14 Tomcats, F/A-18 Hornets, S-3B Vikings, EA-6B Prowlers, E-2C Hawkeyes, C-2A Greyhound transports and SH-60 Seahawk helicopters.

Carrier Battle Group supporting ships include: Guided missile destroyers, destroyers, guided missile frigates (anti-submarine ships), attack submarines and a fast combat support ship.



An F-18 Hornet is refueled using what is known as "the probe and drogue" method just before sunset.



The EA-6B Prowler is just one of the Navy aircraft refueled by the 19th Air Refueling Group during the exercise in Puerto Rico.

## 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 the art of Aiki Jitsu. Lindy Kurtz has the nutrition tip of the week. View a feature on the Spaulding Nature Center, a favorite of children and adults alike. In this weeks Money Matters learn about a new computer program for personal finance.  
**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – Inside Robins features an interview with Al Fatkin, deputy director for the C-5 Program Office.

**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>.

### 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)

### Feb. 14 – Antwone Fisher (PG-13)

Starring Derek Luke and Denzel Washington  
 Antwone is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to learn to control the anger impulses that cause him to fight with shipmates. His therapy inspires him to seek out the family that abandoned him as a child. (violence, language and mature thematic involving abuse)



### Feb. 15 – Catch Me If You Can (PG-13)

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks  
 Frank lived a life of crime using his abilities, forgery and escape. Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Shaye, respected his abilities so much that he eventually worked out the deal that got him out of prison after just five years. (some sexual content and brief language)

### Feb. 16 – Pinocchio (G)

Starring Robert Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi  
 Pinocchio the wooden puppet has come to life and wants to become a real boy. Despite guidance from the Blue Fairy and the love of his father Gepetto, his curious spirit leads him into wild adventure after another.

## 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

### Feb. 11, 1964:

The Robins Air Force Base Education Office began a class in high school English grammar for local personnel.



### On Feb. 7, 1972:

The Robins Air Force Base branch facility of the First National Bank and Trust Company (later Trust Company Bank and then Sun Trust Bank) in Macon opened a branch at the Base Community Center adjacent to the Base Exchange and Post Office.

## Senior leaders are saying:

We grieve for our friends and co-workers, but we also join the rest of the world in celebrating seven lives well lived and the promise to continue to support the space program's noble mission of discovery.

Among the astronauts lost in the catastrophic failure of the Space Shuttle Columbia Feb. 1 were two Air Force officers: Col. Rick Douglas Husband, 45, mission commander, from Amarillo, Texas, survived by his wife Evelyn and children Laura and Matthew.

Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, 43, payload commander, from Spokane Wa., survived by his wife Sandra and children Sydney and Kaycee.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Civilian Recreation

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

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

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

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

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

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 Thursday.

## LT. COLONEL PROMOTIONS

The following officers assigned to Robins Air Force Base were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel:

### Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Geoffrey S. Ellazar Jr., WR-ALC/LR  
 Blaine E. Escoe, WR-ALC/PK  
**116th Air Control Wing**  
 Dale R. Addington, 330th CTS  
 David Anderson, 330th CTS  
 Alexander R. Barthe, 16th ACCS  
 Michael D. Davis, 116th OSS  
 Frederick Defranza, 12th ACCS  
 John M. Hansen, 128th ACCS  
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Louis E. McNamara Jr., 330th CTS  
 Barbara M. Omstead, 330th CTS  
 Alison L. Overbay, 116th OSS  
 Ronald G. Ryder, 16th ACCS  
**5th Combat Communications Group**  
 Jeffrey K. Hollifield, 51st CBS  
 Scott E. Moser, CBCSS  
 Paul E. Reimers, 54th CBCS  
**Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command**  
 Jacqueline R. Jackson  
**Other Organizations**  
 David S. Breed, Det. 1 314 OG  
 Robert W. Reiman, Det. 7 ACC TSS

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance program workshop is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 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.

### Smooth move workshop

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 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.

### Decision-making workshop

Ms. Alice Johnson, Choice Behavioral Health Partnership, is coming to Robins AFB to discuss personal-

ity style in decision making and interaction with others, Wednesday, 1 - 2 p.m., in the Base Chapel Annex.

Topics of discussion include: Various communication styles and ways to increase self-awareness of personal decision-making styles.

### Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days.

Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the assignment.

This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest free loan if the family member cannot absorb the repairs.

### Relocation assistance program

The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) at the Family Support Center has base brochures on many Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard bases. They also have base videos on many AF installations around the world available for checkout. Please call 926-3453, to order a SITES booklet. Base videos & brochures may be checked out for 48 hours. For additional information contact the Relocation Assistance program at 926-3453.

## Leave/Transfer Recipients

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

- **Gyendra 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.
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- **Marian Holmes**, WR-LESV. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison, 926-7697 ext. 172
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*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](mailto:brian.lucas@robins.af.mil).*

# CPR training offered during heart month

If you have a story idea, contact the Robins Rev-Up staff at 926-2137.

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Get Hands on and help save a life. Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation. CPR is the theme for American Heart Month February 2003. All you need are your hands and a few hours of training to learn how to help save someone's life. Performing effective CPR immediately after a victim suffers sudden cardiac arrest can double their chance of survival.

In less time than it takes to wash and dry four loads of clothes, you can learn CPR. Take time this February - American Heart Month - to learn these skills, so you'll be prepared if cardiac arrest strikes a family member or neighbor. In most cases, when sudden cardiac arrest occurs, the victim's heart quivers in an uncontrolled rhythm, causing the person to collapse, become unresponsive to gentle shaking and stop breathing normally.

Death typically follows within minutes.

For some, sudden cardiac arrest is preceded by symptoms of heart attack, including chest discomfort and shortness of breath. For others, it strikes without warning, making time to treatment critical to survival. Sudden cardiac arrest victims can survive, but only if the people around them act immediately.

A common misconception is that potential rescuers will witness a sudden cardiac arrest in public and that the victim will be a stranger," said Robert Bonow, M.D., president of the American Heart Association. "The truth is that about 80 percent of sudden cardiac arrest happen at home, so if you administer CPR, it will likely be for a love one."

During sudden cardiac arrest, calling 9-1-1 is essential, but not enough. You must take two more steps immediately. First, CPR must be given while waiting for

emergency medical services (EMS) to arrive. CPR can help keep blood flowing to the brain and heart. Second, defibrillation must take place. Defibrillation can stop the abnormal, erratic heart rhythm, allowing the heart to resume its normal rhythm. Automatic External Defibrillators provide an electric shock, which is the most effective way to defibrillate. While some public buildings have AEDs, most EMS personnel and some police cars also carry them.

There's a catch to surviving cardiac arrest-CPR and defibrillation have to happen immediately. This means that if someone goes into sudden cardiac arrest in the middle of Sunday dinner, dial 9-1-1 to activate the EMS system and begin CPR.

*For more information about classes near you, call 1-877-AHA-4CRP or visit [Americanheart.org](http://Americanheart.org).*

## IG inspections checklist

By Inspector General  
Exercise Office

There is lots of discussion, confusion and rumors about major command inspections.

Let's clear up any confusion you may have about the various kinds of inspections Robins is subject to receive:

**MSEP** - Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program.

This is the performance based annual inspection from HQ AFMC/IG that covers four areas. They are 1) maintenance management, 2) technical data, 3) tools/test equipment, and 4) qualification and training. Checklists can be found on the WR-ALC/IG web page; select "UCI Checklist Directory" this direction is linked to the HQ AFMC/IG web page that lists "MSEP Checklists". Robins AFB is scheduled for MSEP May 1 - 12, 2003.

**UCI** - Unit Compliance Inspection. This is a HQ AFMC Inspection that evaluates our performance of mission critical tasking. Compliance is assessed by directly inspecting processes and documentation. You can find UCI checklists on our WR-ALC/IG web page that links to the HQ AFMC/IG web page. If your functional area does not have a checklist, contact your counterparts at HQ AFMC - perhaps it is on their web page. At this time, Robins is not scheduled for a UCI, but could be conducted with approximately 120 days notice. Our last UCI was conducted April 30 - May 9, 2000.

**USI** - Unit Self-Inspection. This is a locally generated internal assessment of unit/directorate health and should prepare us for the HQ AFMC/IG Unit Compliance Inspection. Self-inspection programs should be tailored toward each unit's/directorate's structure and mission, and contain mechanisms that ensure adequate coverage of the organization's mission, resources, training and people programs.

Mechanisms may consist of periodically administered checklists, quality control reviews, internal audits, functional inspections, management information systems, numerical summaries, analysis programs, etc. It should be based on the checklists furnished by HQ AFMC/IG, but some functions have requirements well beyond these. Robins conducted a USI May 3-16, 2001. HQ AFMC/IG will be requiring a USI be conducted a minimum of every two years, but strongly suggest annually. Many units/directorates have a self-inspection in place and should be ready for both a USI and HQ AFMC/IG UCI.

**ORI** - Operational Readiness Inspection. These are conducted by HQ AFMC/IG to evaluate our

ability to mobilize, deploy and employ personnel and resources in support of contingency operations. As we all saw on September 11 2001, the contingency operations can be at our front door - not on the other side of the globe. Robins is not on the 2003 schedule for an ORI, but can be vulnerable within the next two years.

Team Robins exercises are conducted to prepare our Robins populace for all contingencies, to include Force Protection changes, natural disasters, major accidents, depot surge activities, and weapons of mass destruction. These are events that are critical to everyone on Robins Air Force Base, our local community and ultimately the entire country.

The WR-ALC/IG office is making every effort to ensure that Team Robins is truly ready to answer the call. We want no more surprises.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Sue Sapp

## Happy Birthday to the USO

Col. Marvin Smoot Jr., 78th Air Base Wing commander and Becky Anderson, coordinator for the United Service Organizations Office, cut a cake Feb. 4 to observe the USO's 62 years of service to the men, women and families of America's military.

## New system will update travel, pay information automatically

Beginning March 1,  
new system will reduce  
pay issues resulting  
from account changes

### Deputy Comptroller Office

Electronic Funds Transfer allows civilians and military members to provide payroll/bank account information for the electronic deposit of payroll and for travel reimbursements to the individual's personal bank account(s).

The military pay system provides an automatic interface that updates our travel system for payroll account updates (not an available option for civilians and therefore must be done as a separate manual entry into IATS).

When a member updates their military pay account, they don't always remember to provide the same information for travel reimbursements, so utilization of this interface will keep the two systems updated.

Effective March 1, the FM Customer Service Office will begin utilizing this system interface to update military members' bank accounts for travel pay.

After the first interface, all EFT information in the travel pay system will match that of the military pay system.

However, the Customer Service Office will accept written requests from those members wishing to maintain a separate deposit account for their payroll and for their travel reimbursements.

These individual's accounts will be "flagged" in the travel pay system to prevent system updates each week by the interface.

Any member wishing to setup a separate account for travel payments must provide the Customer Service Office with a signed letter, with the appropriate bank account information.

Persons with any questions concerning the EFT pay system, should contact Pay Services Chief, Bill Savage at 926-4462.