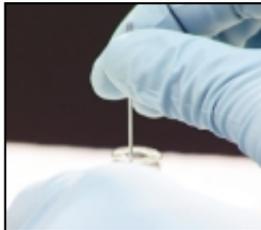




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## VOICES

**What are your  
Valentine's  
Day plans?**

**Jessica Pepper, BX  
sales associ-  
ate**



"I will probably be spending hours on the phone with my boyfriend who moved to New Jersey three months ago."

**Theresa Laster,  
Management Analyst**

"We're going to take the family for a short trip up to High Falls or even further into North Georgia, have a picnic, relax and take in the sights. I'm the luckiest woman in Georgia - to have such a great husband of 23 years."



**Rico Villafane,  
Maintenance  
mechanic**



"I've ordered a dozen roses to be delivered to her work and I plan to take her out to dinner."

**Robert Brazziel  
Metal  
structure  
mechanic**



"I'll probably take my wife out for dinner and get her a present, maybe some roses or a ring."

**Theola Long, Child  
Care Center**

"I will be buying flowers for my husband and daughter to show them how much I love them. I will also be giving cards to all of the children at the child care center. That's what love is all about."

**John H. Glover Metal  
structure  
mechanic**



"I will probably get my wife a Valentine card and take her out to eat. We've been married 31 years and have three grown children."

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

# Guarding the base

■ **Army National Guard unit to help with security at Robins AFB**

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Security at Robins Air Force Base will begin a new chapter soon, thanks to members of the Georgia Army National Guard.

Tuesday, more than 100 Guardsmen from the 1177th Transportation Company in LaGrange, Ga., reported to the base to augment base security forces for the next year - and possibly longer.

Senior Master Sgt. Stanford Hendricks, 78th Security Forces Squadron superintendent for training and resources, said the mobilization will mark a first for the base.

"This will be the first time that we've had Army personnel actually protect Robins Air Force Base and that will be a milestone for the base," he said.

The mobilization is a part of an agreement between the Air Force and Army for soldiers to augment security at Air Force bases in the United States and overseas for up to two years.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Lt. Col. Mark Papen, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, briefs soldiers from the Army National Guard's 1177th Transportation Company Tuesday. The soldiers, from LaGrange, Ga., will be augmenting the 78th SFS during their stay.

Hendricks said he looks forward to his role in helping establish the teamwork and continuity between the two services. Hendricks will be the primary person responsible for assisting the soldiers with billeting and transportation.

Lt. Col. Mark Papen, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, said the National Guard unit will serve as a great help in improving the protection of the base.

With the aid of the increased protection, security shifts will likely shorten from 12 hours to eight which will relieve some of the stress cur-

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# Keeping it clean

■ **Robins' award-winning pollution prevention team embraces Lean process**

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As the winners of four Department of Defense pollution prevention awards since 1994, the Environmental Management pollution prevention team was recently named the 2002 Air Force Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Award winner for team excellence.

This award, which is presented to installations with outstanding pollution-prevention

programs, emphasized the team's use of Lean principals to continue its high level of environmental awareness.

According to Mary Kicklighter, deputy director of Environmental Management, the use of new processes to reduce chemical usage and waste played a major role in the team's 2002 victory. One of the processes that helped to put the team over the top in the Air Force competition is the FlashJet depainting system.

"The FlashJet depainting system generates high intensity energy from a xenon flash lamp which heats up the paint on aircraft parts, said Kicklighter. "The energy turns the

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Veronica Griffin, right, hands out a Parent University brochure to Tech Sgt. Darryl Gates at the Base Exchange Tuesday

# Parents can learn from the pros at Parent University

By Chris Zdrakas  
78th Air Base Wing

The 78th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Program has teamed up with Robins Elementary School and a host of volunteer professionals to sponsor a "Parent University" workshop that should give mothers and fathers a jump start in dealing with the stresses of parenthood.

"The common denominator in stress is feeling uncomfortable about things you do not know much about--kids do not come with an instruction manual," Family Advocacy Outreach Manager Veronica Griffin said. "Parent University will empower parents by providing not only information, but also tools that are needed in coping with everyday life events."

With 10 different experts lined up to participate, Griffin is out recruiting parents to sign up for the workshop.

"I'm a talking billboard at this point," she said. She has been handing out leaflets in high-traffic areas of Robins AFB to promote Parent University.

Family Advocacy has made it easy for parents to attend. The program is free including childcare for children ages 3 to 10. The workshop is designed for anyone who has children.

The date is Feb. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Robins Elementary School. Any Robins AFB civilian or military parent may attend.

The program is divided into three sessions, which includes refreshments at lunchtime. Recognizing that different parents have different needs, Parent U sponsors have given participants an opportunity to select one topic from each hour and a half session.

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# Rolling up their sleeves

■ **When the going gets tough Robins civilians deploy to support Operation Enduring Freedom**

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They roll up their sleeves for anthrax and smallpox vaccinations, don their desert camouflages and head to tent city.

They leave behind families and friends for uncertain futures to help maintain their country's freedom.

No, they aren't the men and women of the United States military. They're the men and women of the Air Force Engineering and Technical Services, or AFETS - civilians who deploy.

According to Steve Haynes, AFETS lead for the 5th Combat Communications Squadron, his organization represents a very small percentage of Emergency Essential Government Civil



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Amett Farley adjusts the settings on a transmission unit that provides linkup to satellites for voice and data communications.

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# Hibbitts takes top chamber award for 2002

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Paul Hibbitts recently received the 2002 A.C. "Dick" Walden III Chamber Person of the Year Award.

Hibbitts, the former chief of the education and training flight for 12 years, said he is leaving behind a position that has greatly enriched his career.

Hibbitts has been named director of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base – a position that will allow him to serve Team Robins and the area community in a different capacity.

"My former position touches every directorate, program, and office at Robins," he said. "I've spent a number of years in various positions where I've served Robins, and now, I'm looking forward to serving at the Museum of Aviation, one of our community's greatest assets."

The 55-year-old Air Force Reserve retiree said although he was able to accomplish a lot of goals in his former position, he trusts that the remaining staff will pick up the road to success where his career pathway takes a turn.

"Transitioning from a civilian workforce to a private sector company providing education and training was another piece of the building process in my career," he said. "I'm looking forward to heading the Museum of Aviation with great anticipation."

In 1969, he and his wife of 33 years, Carlene, settled in Warner Robins. The couple reared their two sons, Paul E. Hibbitts

Jr., 31, and Jeff, 26; in the middle Georgia community they still call home today.

Hibbitts began working for Robins Air Force Base in October of 1980. He was the deputy base mobility officer for three years, which he said gave him valuable experience working with both military and civilian members of the workforce.

For the next five years, Hibbitts served as the base plans officer, giving him additional experience working with various tenant units at Robins and further insight into the Air Force Materiel Command's chain of command. He served as the base executive officer for five years, before becoming the chief of the education and training flight.

The dedicated husband and father has not only been an active team player for Robins Air Force Base, but he has also played a key role in the Warner Robins community through his dynamic leadership in the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

"Receiving the A.C. "Dick" Walden III Chamber Person of the Year Award was one of the greatest honors that has happened in my career," he said. "It was a surprise and honor to be recognized by community and staff with an award named after a great man who made the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce the success it is today."

Hibbitts has personally known Walden since he became head of the Chamber of Commerce in 1984.

The two served as directors at Upson Energies from 1999 to 2002, as well as sharing involvement with the Flint Energies Board, of which Hibbitts has been a direc-

tor for five years.

"He is a very accomplished leader in the community," he said.

"He has been an admired mentor in my life for years, and I am so honored to receive an award bearing his name."

Along with his recent Chamber of Commerce award, Hibbitts has received the Civilian Meritorious Service Award, Exemplary Civilian Service Award, and the Federal Manager Association's Outstanding Federal Manager's Award in 1995 and 1998.

Col. Tad Stanley, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, said Hibbitts has been an outstanding asset to the education and training flight, and has done a superb job of overseeing the training and education of Robins' employees.

"I'm very impressed with his accomplishments, not only from what has been said about him, but from what I know he has done for Robins and the community through his work at the Chamber of Commerce," he said.

"We were glad to have him as part of our staff and hate to let him go. I know he will continue being a key player in the success of Robins' mission and the community."

Lt. Col. Karon Uzzell-Baggett, commander of the 78th Mission Support Squadron,



U.S. Air Force Photo by Sue Sapp

Paul Hibbitts, director of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base stands in the Rotunda of the Eagle Building at the Museum of Aviation. His first day at work is Monday.

described the long-time Robins' team member as a man of the utmost integrity and character. "Paul was one of the most valuable persons on my team and a valuable member of the community," she said.

"He's not only left his fingerprints on Robins, but also on the community as a whole. His Chamber of Commerce recognition is well-deserved." Dudley Bluhm, deputy director of the Museum of Aviation, said he and the Museum staff are proud to welcome a long-standing friend aboard.

"We're excited that Paul is joining us," he said. "We have a lot of big projects ahead, and we believe he will lead us successfully. We're anticipating a great year."

## Air Force skeet team to hold training camp in April

The Air Force international skeet team will hold a training camp and team selection match April 7-12 on Robins Air Force Base.

After four days of training participants must fax an Air Force Form 303 to Staff Sgt. Guillermo Salazar, Air Force Shooting program manager at DSN 487-4739 or (210) 652-4739.

Base fitness centers have the forms, or they can be downloaded from [www.afpubs.hq.af.mil/formfiles/af/af030300/af0300.frl](http://www.afpubs.hq.af.mil/formfiles/af/af030300/af0300.frl).

The six-day camp is a permissive temporary deployment for perspective team members, who must pay all travel and lodging costs themselves.

Billeting is available at Robins' Pine Oaks Lodging by calling DSN 468-2100 or (478) 926-6685.

For more information, call or e-mail Capt. Kevin Schiller at DSN 779-0564; [kevin.schiller@scott.af.mil](mailto:kevin.schiller@scott.af.mil). Or contact Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Inskeep at 497-5217.

## Air Force Aid Society seeks needed financial donations

By Janice Barnes  
Family Support Center

Much has happened in our military, our nation, our communities and our families since Sept. 11, 2001. The Air Force Aid Society has been similarly affected.

Several things have come together to change how AFAS help looks these days. Military benefit changes, such as family member Servicemembers Group Life Insurance, have done away with the automatic grants. World events, like the steep stock market drop, caused invested funds to lose value. The activation of Guard and Reserve troops has increased the number of airmen and families needing emergency assistance. The current operations tempo has created an environment in which families may need help when they would've otherwise been able to manage it on their own. Because of

those things, and in an effort to maintain a high capability to assist airmen and their families, the Air Force Aid Society has been re-evaluating the community grant programs they offer. With fewer dollars coming in, programs have had to be redesigned to still provide help, but at a lesser cost.

This is to preserve the integrity of the core mission of the Air Force Aid Society, to be "There when you need us" in the face of emergencies.

A way to help AFAS help airmen and our community is by contributing to the Air Force Assistance Fund Drive. Making sure there is plenty of money in the bank to help those who require emergency assistance and to fund community programs is our community responsibility to one another. In 2002, AFAS provided more than \$300,000 in emergency assistance to the Robins Air Force Base community. That's a huge return on our

donations, which average \$40,000 a year.

We can do more to help ourselves and our fellow airmen. Again, contribute to the AFAF Drive. At Robins, the drive will be from March 3 - April 4.

Those wishing to donate can arrange for a monthly allotment from your check. For those who want to make a one-time donation, miss the drive or are a retiree or government civilian wanting to contribute, the Air Force Aid Society Officer at the family support center can accept donations in check and money order form.

All donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the Air Force Aid Society, contact Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid Society Officer, Family Support Center, 926-1256.

For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund Drive, contact 1st Lt. Brian George at 6-5820x287 or 2Lt David Nolan at 6-5889.

# Crawford: Prayer will lead us through

■ *Command chaplain says Americans should turn to prayer*

By Chris Zdrakas  
78th Air Base Wing

With the specter of war looming largely over America, the nation needs to turn to "the supreme commander-in-chief – God" for the transforming prayer that will make this nation the country God intended it to be.

That was the central message the Air Force Materiel Command chaplain delivered to more than 300 people attending the National Prayer Luncheon Tuesday. Amid choruses of "amens," an animated Chaplain (Col.) Nathaniel Crawford, Jr., said that if America turns to prayer, "prayer will take us through."

"I don't know about you, but when I look at our contemporary situation, any fool should be able to conclude that we need prayer," he said. "I'm grateful that our senior political leaders as well as our military leaders all see the need and relevance of divine guidance to lead our nation."

"There is no better time than now when we need sincere men and women of God praying for the needs of our great country," Crawford said. "We need prayer to enable us to present a sense of spiritual consciousness and spiritual power that will empower us."

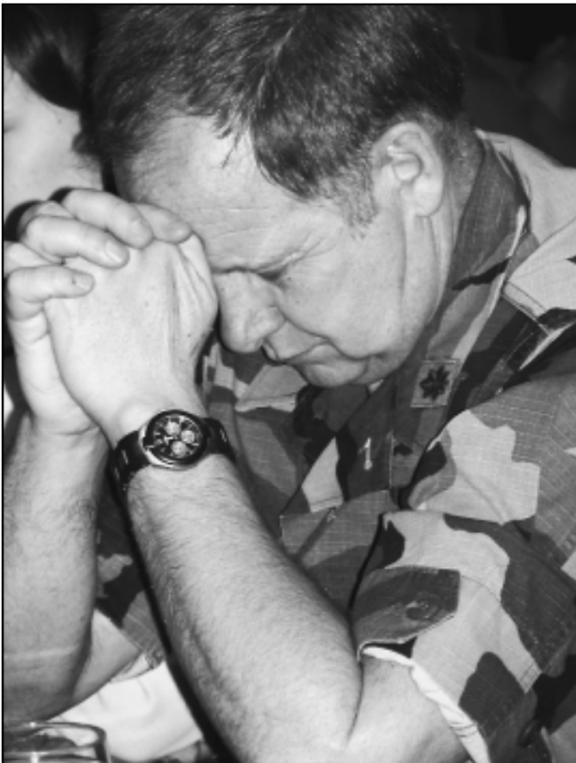
He said America's people, in partnership with God, can together "bring his transforming power into contact with the crippling and killing problems of our world."

He defined prayer as "thinking and acting anywhere and anytime we are conscious of God's presence and power," and "making ourselves available to God," not a "quick call for help, a few words we say before we gulp down our food or a brief 'good night' we say just before we disappear under the sheets."

Many people, he said, have both a desire and a resistance to pray, and the tension between the two comes from the duality of human nature: "We know that God requires more of us than we are willing sometimes to give. God requires our undivided attention all the time. God doesn't want us to be part-time lovers. He desires us to have no other god before him. We know it, and it's scary when we think about the responsibilities we have."

He quoted from popular Christian writer Henri Nouwen, who said that as long as people "reduce prayer to occasional piety," people will continue to "run away from the mystery of God's transforming power and love."

Crawford said true prayer would increase respect for all people, help make America a place of inclusion, not exclu-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Ken Hanson joins with more than 300 people in prayer at the National Prayer Luncheon Tuesday.

sion. Inclusiveness was clear in the number of faiths represented in the program, which was sponsored by the Robins Chapel. Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and the Islamic faiths gave the readings.

In welcoming remarks, Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam said he found it fitting that the Enlisted Club had a full house for the luncheon at this time of crisis when we "could and should" pray every day.

Maj. Timothy F. Oldenburg read from the Koran, and Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein of Macon read a psalm in both Hebrew and English. Several members of the Robins chapel staff also participated. Music was by the Air Force Reserve Command Band and Dwayne and April Boswell, who are part of the Protestant congregation's contemporary service.

#### Correction

In the February 7, edition of the Rev-Up, we mis-identified an airplane in a cutline on page B-1 as an EA-6B Prowler. The aircraft is actually an S-3 Viking.

## Prayer for the Nation

*Almighty Father, we give you thanks for the opportunity to celebrate this National Prayer luncheon. We are grateful for your presence and guidance in our lives. May we always be thankful for the many good things that you have given us as a nation. We especially ask your blessings and guidance upon our nation as we approach a war with Iraq. May the country be united behind our Armed Forces, as we work towards putting an end to international terrorism. Bless us in our efforts and may we be successful! Grant your protection to all our deployed military, especially those in harm's way. Give comfort to their families, who await their safe return. We ask you Lord God to bless our President, all government officials and our military leaders. Guide them with your wisdom and fill them with vision to see the common good and to pursue it. We pray for the people of our country, give them a sense of unity and driving desire for justice and peace for all peoples. We pray for all us at Robins Air Force Base, may we support the Armed Forces of country and the nation to the very best of our abilities. In your name we pray. Amen.*

*(Editor's Note: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fay delivered this prayer during the National Prayer Luncheon*

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rently on security forces, he said.

While at Robins, the Guardsmen will perform law enforcement duties to include security and manning entry procedures at the main gate.

Capt. Michelle Stringer, operations officer for base security forces, said the program was designed to help relieve the strain security forces were experiencing throughout the Air Force.

During a welcoming ceremony for the unit Feb. 11, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, said the soldiers are an important part of the daily functions of the base community.

"As of last night when you walked onto this base, you are part of Team Robins. I don't care what uniform you wear. If you work on Robins Air Force Base, you matter to me and you matter to the other senior people who are in this room and around this base," Wetekam said.

Capt. George Arp, commander of the 1177th said his troops are ready to perform the mission of protecting the base.

"This is a great opportunity to show that the Army and Air Force can work together in a seamless transition. We are all one team. We are part of the defense force for the entire United States, and we are proud to be here

together," Arp said.

Bringing the Guardsmen to Robins is something Stringer and Hendricks said will do a lot of good for the entire Warner Robins community.

"They will bring another look at the civilian citizen soldier; they will bring that to Robins from an Army standpoint," Hendricks said.

Stringer said the mobilization will give the Guardsmen and Robins Air Force personnel an opportunity to work and learn in more of a joint setting.

"Not only will they see the differences, but they'll learn we're not really that different. Although someone's wearing blue stripes and other guy is wearing black stripes, we're both going for that common goal and that is to defend this base and ultimately defend our nation," Stringer said.

In addition to relieving current Air Force reservists, Stringer said she is excited about the possibility of other benefits of having the Guardsmen help protect the base.

"Because these people are not full-time Army, I would like for us to be able to capitalize on some of their expertise. We're just excited to get them here and we're going to embrace them like we would any airman because they are a part of the team," she said.

*Editor's note: Lanorris Askew contributed to this article.*

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Servants who go into harms way with the military.

“AFETS is a force multiplier, providing continuity and expertise to the war fighter,” he said. “We must prepare for deployment like our Active Duty, Reserve and Air National Guard counterparts.

As civilians, they are non-combatants and don't carry weapons, but they are all deployable and have a Unit Type Code.

There are currently seven AFETS with the 5th CCG three of which have already deployed.

“Amett Farley, a deployable systems specialist who retired from the 5th CCG, will be the next AFETS member to deploy with the 5th CCG. Though this is first time deploying as a civilian he said this will be his fourth deployment with the group.

“My familiarization with the process is pretty good,” he said.

“My job is to help initialize communication equipment, in other words setting up an entire communications

network. Once that is done, which can range between 2 and three months depending on how big the mission is, the 5th AFETS move on.

“Our job is not for sustainment. Our job is to engineer their site, get it up and running and then get out and go somewhere else.”

While the 5th's AFETS take care of the communications in the field, their 116th Air Control Wing counterparts take care of the aircraft. According to Warren VanAmringe, 116th AFETS lead, two communications and navigation technicians, two aircraft technicians and three radar technicians staff his unit.

“When the wing mobilizes if our skills are needed then we accompany them,” he said. VanAmringe, has 33 years of radar experience much of that obtained through a career in the Air Force.

With the current world situation the road these men and women travel is a dangerous one, but according to VanAmringe his personnel are ready and willing to go.

“Most of them are ex-military and have been on deployments before,” he

said.

As an example of the danger these men and women face Haynes said a member of the 5th Combat Group AFETS arrived at the Kuwait location approximately 15 minutes before the recent ambush and killing of an American contractor.

Because of this danger they receive all of the mobility training that military members receive. They receive law, armed conflict, chemical warfare, chemical defense and survival training.

“We have a lot of talent here – everybody pitches in and makes things happen,” Haynes said.

There are AFETS assigned to almost every major weapon system in the Air Force.

“We are involved through out the life span of weapon systems,” he said. “Our people resolve problems and provide hands-on training from power generation, to ground, air and space borne weapons platforms. AFETS are on the ground floor of many new weapons.”

More than 400 are managed from the Program Management Squadron, Combat Air Forces division

at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

They now have a cadre of communication personnel continuously deployed in the theater of operations.

Those personnel are integral to the daily operational mission and can quickly respond to equipment enhancements or outages in the theater.

“Our personnel are called upon to transform ‘what if’ concepts into reality,” said Haynes. “We provide solutions for many integration issues of legacy systems to the state of the art Commercial Off the Shelf Equipment.”

He went on to say that Headquarters Air Combat Command tasked AFETS to develop and implement Continuation Training for Air Force communication units on the Theater Deployable Communication equipment.

“We provide three weeks of intense instruction and practical exercises to initial or sustaining communication missions. The 5th is family to us and for several people in this office, we have an extensive background with the 5th CCG,” He said.

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Deadline for registration is Feb. 20, and parents may register online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/78MEDGP/behav/famadv.htm>. They may also fax their registration form to 327-8426 or come by Family Advocacy in Bldg. 700 on 7th Street.

Among the speakers will be author and clinical psychologist Dan Johnston on "The Practice of Resiliency" and John Waite, whose "Fit Kids" presentation focuses on healthy lifestyle choices.

Johnson said the simple definition of resiliency is "the ability to bounce back from adversity," and its foundation is built on three key elements--choosing a good attitude, knowing how

to react to and to manage stress and doing something intentionally to enjoy life

"It's not really the situations in themselves that create the problem," he said. "It's the situation plus what you tell yourself about it." In his workshops, he provides a model that demonstrates making healthy choices to

reduce tension.

"Parents have to be models for children to learn resiliency," he said. "In the times we are facing, especially the looming war, it will be important for parents to be able to do that.

The goal of my workshop will be to teach parents what they can do for themselves so

that they can be models for their children.

Among his demonstrations are relaxation exercises, which he compares to the "undo" feature on the computer because the exercises put

the body back to a normal physiological state

"In stressful times," he said, "it's important each day to take care of yourself. Do something you enjoy." That can mean going to a movie, taking the dog for a walk or talking to a friend. Busy, stressed people tend to put those kinds of activities on the back burner,

saying, "they don't feel like it. Make yourself do it, and you will feel better," he said.

Waite collaborated with other professionals--educational and medical--to develop a "Fit Kids" curriculum, a response to a growing trend of oversized kids he observed in the school population. Offered at the Houston Wellness Center, "Fit Kids" involves aerobic flexibility, followed by cardiovascular and strength training.

Tricia Fordham of Warner Robins, a member of the Wellness Center and facilitator for the children's program, will bring children enrolled in "Fit Kids" to do a demonstration at one or more Parent University sessions, depending on the enrollment.

For the last two summers, the Wellness Center has been sponsoring the popular "Fit Kids" way of life for two age groups, 6 to 9 and 10 to 13. Because of parental interest, the center added hour-long winter sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Waite said the need for a fitness program for children relates to their changing lifestyles, a combination of shifting fitness emphasis in schools and technology that inhibits activity by tying kids to their video games and computers.

### What to know:

**What:** Seminars for school-age children

**Where:** Robins Elementary School

**When:** Feb. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Free (childcare for children 3 to 10)

**Sponsors:** Family Advocacy and Robins Elementary

**Register:** Online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/78MEDGP/behav/famadv.htm>, fax registration form to 327-8526 or come by Family Advocacy, Bldg. 700

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paint into ash, while carbon dioxide pellets clean the surface and keep it cool."

Richard Slife, Environmental Safety & Compliance Branch chief, said this process reduces the waste stream to almost nothing compared to traditional chemical or plastic media paint stripping operations.

The process also has a projected annual savings of \$900,000 and an annual reduction of 22,500 gallons of methylene chloride and 2,200 gallons of methyl ethyl ketone.

Another of the new process was the implementation of a point of use, or POU station, which occurred after a Lean event on hazardous material distribution. EM partnered with the F-15 Wing Shop to implement the station.

"The POU is a continuous improvement process adopted to bring hazardous materials closer to the mainte-

nance shops and within reach of the workers, decreasing downtime and increasing production," said Kicklighter. "The approach is also used in other shops on base."

Steve Coyle, Environmental Management director, said he has seen an evolution of Pollution Prevention P2 from recycling to more emphasis on process improvement.

"Compliance through P2 (CTP2) is our program for reducing the compliance footprint on the base while cost-effectively meeting future regulations," he said. "While integrating this with Lean Depot Repair, the environmental burden can be eliminated from the production processes.

These processes are award winning examples of what the Robins Team is doing."

Robins will now go on to represent the Air Force in the Department of Defense competition.

The DoD winner will be announced in early April. The team will be recognized in a ceremony in Washington on May 7.

### Other speakers and topics:

- **Judy Lilley**, "Dealing with *Rebellious Behavior*"
- **Ruth O'Dell**, "Developing *Capable Children*"
- **Carol Ann Bauer and Gary Hammontree**, "Stress Management"
- **Cap. Jeffrey McLean**, "Marriage *Enrichment*"
- **Porter Wood**, "Understanding the *Youth Environment*"
- **Sally Papciak and Lori Bentley**, "Raising a *Child with Disabilities*"
- **Visunda Giddy**, "Children with *Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*"
- **Faye Miller**, "Handling the *Teenage Years*"

## Too many leaders write off airmen

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathy M. Mast  
WRALC/CCC

If you're a supervisor and you take the time to read this article I'd like you to take this short leadership quiz. What would you do with an airman who is lagging behind on their Career Development Course, who shows up late for work, or perhaps who has a little problem respecting authority? How about the airman who doesn't keep their dorm room clean, the NCO who neglected to cut their grass in base housing or the the military member doesn't wear their uniform correctly?

Answer:  
(a) Document, by giving a letter of Admonishment, letter of counseling, or a letter of reprimand depending on how much trouble the troop has been in up to this point

(b) Chew his or her butt  
(c) Discuss the behavior, reasons for the behavior and determine the appropriate leadership technique and or remedial training to influence the troop to change their behavior or conduct

(d) A combination of any of the above  
If you answered (a) you've fallen in to the trap that many supervisors fall into. There was a period of time in the Air Force that some leaders did not hold their troops accountable for sub-standard behavior or performance. As a result General Fogleman, a previous Chief of Staff, made a video explaining our core values and stressed the importance of accountability and documentation as one method of accountability.

As a command chief I get to review all of the discharge packages for those who are being separated from the service for failure to comply with standards or inadequate performance. This type of separation is normally labeled "pattern of misconduct" and usually results in a less than honorable discharge. One of the disturbing trends that I've noticed in reviewing these packages is some supervisors are using documentation as their only leadership tool. They have neglected many of the other methods that have proven effective in getting people to do the right thing. I honestly believe we are sometimes too quick to document a member out of the Air Force instead of taking the time that is necessary to develop and train them to be good airman.

For those of you who have been in the Air Force for awhile you can probably remember some of these leadership techniques. What was done with the Airman /NCO with un-shined boots?



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The supervisor or a first sergeant handed them a shoe- shine kit and they were told to shine their boots and report to the supervisor's office. Of course the time it took them to get within standards was added to their duty day. The airman who showed up in a wrinkled uniform was not able to wear that uniform throughout the day.

They were "chewed out" told to go back home- press their uniform and get back to work. They would have to make up the time lost by either working late or by working the following weekend. What about the airman with the dirty dorm room? They were told, "I'll be back in two hours to inspect and it better be clean?" And oh by the way instead of inspecting the room monthly it was inspected weekly until the airman proved they understood the importance of meeting standards.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray recently visited our installation and he shared a story about a supervisor he had at his first duty station. At that time Airman Murray worked on the flight line. It was well known in his duty section if you showed up late for work- whether you were 5 minutes or 3 hours late you would have to work the following weekend. Everyone knew it and when you worked the supervisor was right there working with you- providing a little one-on-one mentorship. Imagine if you were the airman who had deviated from standards or had shown up late for work. If you had the choice of having remedial training on your days off or you could sign a letter of counseling or reprimand- which would you choose? Hmmm...tough choice! Which method might have a better chance of influencing you to comply with standards?

I've heard General Jumper speak on several occasions and he has articulated that many of us have lost the "art" of "chewing butt." Chewing butt, staying late, coming in on your day off to supervise a troop, helping them build better study habits, determining what their weaknesses are and developing them into stronger airman all takes time and energy. Your time- your energy. Isn't that what leadership is all about? You're not going to be able to save everyone but saving even one is well worth the effort.

Not too long ago I was visiting one of our units on base. A master sergeant was taking me around and introducing me to all of his troops. While I was visiting, a young AIC came up to the master sergeant and showed him her end of course score for her

CDC's. She was excited as she just found out that she had passed the test. As we moved on I asked him what her story was-she wasn't simply happy that she passed the test, she seemed ecstatic. He explained that when he first got to the unit the airman had failed her first end of course test. When squadron leadership sat down to determine how the failure occurred they discovered several things they were unaware of. The airman was not very confident, she barely made it through high school, she was set back in tech school and barely passed and of course she struggled through her volumes of her CDC's. They sent her to get a reading test and she barely had a 9th grade reading level.

At that point the squadron was looking at separating her as they felt she would probably continue to struggle and at that point even the AIC felt it might be best to separate.

The master sergeant asked if he could work with her and they agreed to assign her to his shift. He took the time to help her develop better study techniques, he developed practice tests for her to take and her fellow airman on post helped quiz her on the material in the CDC's while they were working.

When the master sergeant felt that she was confident and prepared he scheduled her for the test. Well- you know the rest of the story. She passed and not just barely--she scored an 84! Her co-workers were proud because they had a hand in her success and the master sergeant through good leadership developed and retained a confident trained airman in our Air Force.

I guarantee you it would have been much easier and would have taken far less time for him or for any of you who are dealing with deviations of performance or behavior if you just documented the failed performance and the consequences of continued behavior.

All you have to do is turn on your computer- pull up a generic LOC or LOR, change the name, social security number, and type of offense and hit the print button.

All that is left is to call them in, add a witness and within a few minutes you're done. Or are you? Were you able to influence or change their behavior or did you just take the easy way out?

There are many NCO's and SNCO's who credit previous supervisors for their success.

The time their supervisor spent talking, "butt chewing", training, staying late, and working along side of them made the difference.

You too can make a difference.

## Letter to the editor from a concerned military father

My son went off to war yesterday. I traveled down to Ft. Stewart, Ga., from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to see him off, and thought I was prepared for the eventuality. After all, I've been in the Air Force for 25 years.

I've watched as others have marched off to various hotspots throughout the world. I'm a veteran of the Gulf War, for heaven's sake! I've deployed on numerous occasions; my spouse has deployed just as much as I have. This should have been easy.

I knew when Jason, my son, went into the Army, the possibility of his being placed in harm's way was great. As military members, it's what we do: we place ourselves in harm's way so others won't have to.

We defend the liberties most Americans take for granted. We support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and obey the orders of the President and those appointed over us.

It isn't an easy life, but is sure beats the alternative of having what we hold dear stripped away from us, our freedom. Nothing is more precious.

That is, I didn't think so until yesterday.

I now know that sitting right up there next to our desire for freedom is the love for our children, and it doesn't matter how old our children become, they are still precious and ours to hold. My son is 21 years of age; he's married and has a beautiful little girl, with another on the way. And yet, he packed up his bags, signed for his weapon, and boarded an aircraft for the

hop across the pond to play in the sandbox -- to defend our sovereignty as a nation. Imagine that.

We haven't always seen eye to eye, he and I, and we've argued more than what should be considered legal. However, I cannot be more proud of him than I am at this moment, nor more heartbroken over the fact that he had to go.

I told him before he fell in for formation that I loved him and was proud of him. And I mean it with all my heart. Now, I think back to the times when I should have told him the same things, but didn't. Real men don't show emotion, and whoever coined the phrase "Big boys don't cry" was an idiot for this lump in my throat and the pain in my heart is almost overwhelming.

I've had several people walk by my office today and stop. I know they're curious and want to know why I have tears streaming down my face. The state trooper that pulled up behind me on the interstate yesterday as I was pulled over in the breakdown lane was curious, as well. I'm sure he's seen it all and wasn't shocked at the sight of a grown man in military uniform sitting in a vehicle on the side of the road crying. I thought of saying something funny or telling him I have allergies, but somehow the truth came out, and he listened politely then left to attend to other business. He wished me a good day and I wish I could have agreed with him.

But I couldn't; I had just watched my son go off to war. The baton has been passed on from my generation to his. He now has the opportunity be a part of shaping world events, as his

mother and I have done in the past. I have a right to be proud of him, I have a right to cry for him, and I have a right to expect him to return to make those daily phone calls as he's heading toward or home from work, to borrow my tools, to talk cars, to go fishing, even to argue.

I don't expect our elected officials to understand my sorrow or the sense of loss I feel; however, I do expect them to be good stewards with the resources, i.e., our sons and daughters, they have at their disposal. I expect them to consider alternatives, to listen to their advisors, and to be prudent with the power they possess.

I expect them to consult God often, asking his guidance in this matter; He may not tell them what they want to hear, but it will be the truth. And they can't go wrong with God in their camp. I also expect them to back down and forget all the rhetoric being tossed about if what's best for the nation proves to be a peaceful solution.

The true measure of a super power is its ability to listen, process information, evaluate that information, and act accordingly, even when it isn't what you want to do. Peace may not seem like the better part of valor, but it sure beats creating burial plots to bury our sons and daughters in a fight that might have been resolved without sacrificing them. May God help our leaders at this critical time.

Sincerely,  
A Service Member and Father

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



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

### Commanders' Action Line

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam  
Commander,  
Warner Robins  
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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 at https://www.mil.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.

### Steam room and sauna repairs finished soon

First let me say, that the accommodations at the gym are first class, and the personnel are extremely helpful and knowledgeable. The problem I have is with the steam room and the sauna. In the last couple of months the steam room has not worked properly or not worked at all and has been down for the last three weeks.

Since the gym has opened, the sauna has had only one of the heaters working. I would have thought since this is all new equipment that it would still be under warranty. Again let me say I think the facility is great and I enjoy going, but

it could be even better if these rooms were in good working order. Thank you for assistance.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for your kind words on the facility and staff. We are proud of their recent recognition as one of only three Air Force facilities to receive the 5-Star Program award, and we will continue to lean forward responding to customer desires.

Regarding the steam room, I appreciate your concern and assure you that everything possible is being done by our Services Division and Base Civil Engineers to keep the base fitness center in good repair. Base CE has done a nice job responding to requests to fix the problem; however, we've

been unable to isolate a specific solution.

We now believe that too many people having access to the controls caused the recent problems with the steam room, and we feel a timer will do a better job of regulating steam cycles to solve this problem. This timer programmed Jan. 30, will be controlled by CE to ensure it is at full capacity during all operating hours of the fitness center.

The timer and controls are locked to prevent unauthorized adjustments. So far, it is working well. In an effort to keep our facility the best in the Air Force, we have grouted and repaired tile in the ladies steam room. At the same time, we'll shut down the men's room for cooling and drying and will start grouting it. Both should be finished soon.



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## True blue miracle

### Airmen's son defies odds, represents area March of Dimes

By Chris Zdrakas  
78th Air Base Wing

Four months ago doctors gave Kahlil Coppin a 15 percent chance of survival. Born three months early, he beat the odds and emerged as a healthy 11-pounder and a March of Dimes ambassador.

Kahlil is son of Senior Airman Latrice Williams, a Program Manager in the 78th Communications Squadron, and Airman Ricardo Coppin, a C-5 crew chief for the 19th Air Refueling Group.

Parents and baby are the Warner Robins Ambassador Family for the 2003 March of Dimes

WalkAmerica Campaign that will culminate with the annual walk April 12.

The walk raises money to fund research and innovative programs that save premature babies like Kahlil and babies born with health defects and other serious problems.

The baby's mother said the March of Dimes came to Kahlil's aid, funding a costly respiratory treatment to help his lungs mature.

Williams went into labor late in August while asleep, awakening to the terrifying realization that her baby was on its way. A doctor's first response was "I'm sorry. I don't think your baby is going to live."

Williams stayed in the Medical Center of Central Georgia for three weeks before delivering Kahlil. She said she had tried to hang on longer to allow the steroids she was taking to mature the baby's lungs. Her hemoglobin was at five, a dangerously low level considering that a normal count is 11 to 14.

"They were the most horrible three weeks of my life," she said. "I had to get blood transfusions along with every other drug you could think of."

"I had him Sept. 15, and it was all kind of crazy," she said. "I was in labor only 19 minutes. He didn't come out head or feet first. First came his arm, then a leg. He was sideways."

Kahlil was on a ventilator for a month and had pneumonia, jaundice, low blood pressure and severe premature lung disease.

"We were scared. It was a first baby for both of us. I'm looking at him like 'help me.' He's (the father) looking at me like 'I wish I could do something.' The thing that got to us most was that many people take a healthy child for granted. They think it's a given."

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Senior Airman Latrice J. Williams

"You watch stuff on TV, and you think 'that won't happen to me. I'm doing everything I'm supposed to.' When it happens, it catches you off guard," she said.

Williams said much of the credit for Kahlil's survival belongs to the "excellent care" doctors and nurses of the Medical Center of Central Georgia's gave him.

She said she also received a great deal of support from the 78th Communications Squadron, including the commander, Col. Carl Unholz; her first sergeant, Master Sgt. John Roth; her superintendent, Master Sgt. Michael Davis; and other squadron members.

"They visited, brought food and magazines to keep me busy and called constantly," she said, both during her hospitalization and after.

Kahlil is putting on weight rapidly, so much so that he is in the 95th percentile in weight among premature babies his age. His mother said his favorite things are eating, television and watching his mother play "Monopoly" on the computer. He's teething, which also makes spoon chewing attractive.

Williams said as the March of Dimes ambassador baby, Kahlil will have his picture on posters and will be the special guest at a party after the April 12 walk. Meanwhile, his mother has been telling their story at speaking engagements in Middle Georgia.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Latrice J. Williams holds her son Kahlil Coppin. Williams, Airman Ricardo Coppin and Kahlil are the Warner Robins Ambassador Family for the 2003 March of Dimes WalkAmerica Campaign.



Courtesy photo

Kahlil, who weighed 2 pounds, 5 ounces in this picture, was on a ventilator for a month, had pneumonia, jaundice, low blood pressure and severe premature lung disease.

## Georgia's diversity initiatives capture award

### 116th Guardsman wins top diversity individual award

Georgia's pioneering efforts in creating a highly diversified and motivated workplace won national recognition at the National Guard Bureau. Chief of the Air National Guard, Lieutenant General Daniel James III presented Major General David B. Poythress the first Excellence in Diversity Award at formal ceremonies in Washington.

Receiving the Individual Excellence in Diversity Award for his personal initiatives and accomplishments in the field of diversity was Chief Master Sgt. Percy L. Freeman, Human Resources Advisor for the 116th Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base.

"These national awards culminate a long journey which we began in 1997 to consciously transform the Georgia National Guard into an organization that values,

**"Diversity does not happen by accident, but through a conscious application of initiatives that brings about awareness, acceptance and action throughout the organization."**

Dr. Samuel Betances  
National Guard Bureau advisor

respects and appreciates its people," said Col. Jimmy Davis, Director of Human Resources for the Georgia Department of Defense.

Davis chairs the 30-member Human Resources Team organized to guide the diversity process, and to advise the Adjutant General on all issues of diversity and human relations and to provide recommendations for continuing improvements.

"Georgia is the only state that has established a joint team of this kind and should be applauded for its unique accomplishments and care for its people", said Jack Broderick, former director of the NGB-EO

At the heart of Georgia's diversity program is the state's Diversity Strategic Plan, a benchmark document that presents a system-

atic, carefully analyzed and documented course of action that has been emulated by states throughout the nation, according to Guard Bureau evaluators.

Dr. Samuel Betances, a national expert in diversity and an advisor to the National Guard Bureau praises Georgia's pioneering efforts in promoting diversity throughout the workplace. "Diversity does not happen by accident," said Betances, "but through a conscious application of initiatives that brings about awareness, acceptance and action throughout the organization."

"Chief Master Sgt. Percy Freeman has charted our course for diversity in the unit," said Col Tom Lynn, Commander of the 116th Air Control Wing who accepted the

Individual Excellence in Diversity Award for Freeman. An original member of the GA DoD Human Relations Team, Freeman acknowledged himself through a variety of innovative diversity initiatives including diversity training, mentoring training, development of the First Sergeant's Council, and the creation of an "I Guard America" program that acknowledges junior members' military and community involvement and accomplishments.

"The year 2002 was designated as the Year of Diversity in the National Guard, but this effort has gone much farther than just an emphasis for this year," said Lieutenant General Roger C. Shultz, commander of the Army National Guard. "Georgia has charted an highly enviable program of diversity that embraces the very best of our military men and women," continued General Shultz.



Chief Master Sgt. Percy Freeman

## TV SCHEDULE



### 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 LEAN for the warfighter. View a feature on the Air Force Aid Society and the opening of the Mouse Pad computer center.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – Inside Robins features an interview with Col. Ed Mims, chief of the U.S. Census Bureau of the Foreign Trade Division.

### 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>.

### Friday – 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)



### Saturday – 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)



### Sunday – 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.

### Feb. 21 – Just Married (PG-13)

Starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy

Two young newlyweds find that their perfect honeymoon in Venice is turning out to be the worst one imaginable. Can the marriage, which many of their friends and family said was a bad idea survive the celebration? (sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference)

### Feb. 22 – National Security (PG-13)

Starring: Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn

Paul tells a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From his bachelor party to the wedding, soon his lies are spiraling out of control. It's amazing how much can change because of one little thing - A guy thing. (language, crude humor, some sexual content and drug references)

## 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. 12, 1935:**

The Airship USS Macon crashed at sea claiming two lives. On that same date in 1962, the Base Automotive Division was founded at Robins Air Force Base.



**Feb. 16, 1961:**

Robins Air Force Base became the site of East Coast operations for air rescue service. On that same day, The Third Air Force Reserve Region transferred from Robins to Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, Ga.

## Americans are saying:

- 75 percent say if the United States does not take military action against Iraq, Iraq would eventually use weapons of mass destruction against a neighboring country; 14 percent disagree; 11% don't know. (Newsweek, 6-7 Feb)

- Of those who heard or read something about Sec Powell's UN speech on Iraq, 50 percent said before the speech they favored an invasion, 22 percent opposed, 28 percent weren't sure. After the speech 57 percent favored an invasion, 15 percent opposed and 28 percent weren't sure. (CNN/USA Today/Gallup, 5 Feb 03)

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Civilian Recreation bingo will be bigger than ever today 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. A two-man team cost is \$160. For more information, call Civilian Recreation or Hugh Jones, tournament director at 953-9314.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

The dinner special at the Press Box this weekend will be two-for-one rib-eye steaks for \$15.95. Two-for-one Prime Rib is also available every weekend for \$16.95.

The enlisted club will open at 5 p.m. for the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday.

Membership night has been rescheduled to Feb. 27 to accommodate a special function. Members are invited for a free buffet dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. Members guest cost is \$5 and nonmembers are \$10.

Members are invited to see WWE No Way Out! on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Nonmember cost is \$5.

### Equipment Rental 926-4001

Rent any camper and save 10 percent during February. Call or visit the new center, Bldg. 917, for reservations.

### 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 childcare 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 childcare needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

Tickets are available at ITT for Macon Trax home games. Upper seat tickets are \$6, lower seat cost is \$9 and glass seats are \$12.

Tickets for the NASCAR race March 8 and 9 at Atlanta Speedway are available for \$40 at ITT.

ITT will hold its Third Annual Travel Fair March 5 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center Ballroom, Bldg. 767. Travel consultants from various vacation destinations will be on hand to answer questions and help with your vacation and travel plans.

### Officers Club 926-2670

A Valentine's dinner will be held at the club today 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 \$55 per person and includes tickets for each day and transportation to and from the track.

### Pizza Depot 926-0188

Celebrate Valentine's Day with lunch at Pizza Depot. Buy two subs and two teas for \$7.50.

### 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 scrap booking, rubber stamping, woodshop skills and 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.

A free craft bazaar will be held at the Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767, March 1 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vendor tables are \$7 each.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center (FSC) sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins 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.**

### Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of President's Day.

Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Resume & cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop Feb. 20, 9 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 905.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

### Back to school

A "Back To School" College Basics workshop will be conducted on Feb. 20, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

Many people leaving active duty choose to start, return

to, or continue their education after military service. If you've never attended college prior to or during active duty, this class is especially designed for you. Information covered includes the application process; factors to consider when selecting a school, GI bill information, researching scholarships and much more.

To make reservations for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Feb. 26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bldg. 700, Room 180.

Class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy Educational Development Intervention Specialist (EDIS), who covers topics such as baby's brain development and how to stimulate that growth; Personal Financial Program Manager on financial matters concerning a newborn as well as an overall briefing on all the program opportunities the Air Force Aid Society offers. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle, is a stuffed bear with the AFAS logo, a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

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

To register call the Family Support Center at 926-1256

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Health and Wellness Center Walk Program

Want to feel energized, lose weight, lower blood pressure, and improve mood? The Health and Wellness Center staff has the answer! Join our six week walking program and Pace off the Pounds with us!

Our goal is to aid participants in taking at least 10,000 steps a day...that is the equivalent of walking about five miles.

At this time, members of our staff will assess resting heart rate, blood pressure, body weight and body fat.

The Health and Wellness Center staff will also monitor participants as they run or walk a mile.

After completing a preparticipation health history questionnaire and filling out an informed consent, participants may begin the program! Group walking times will be 6 - 7 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and/or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The program begins Feb. 19.

For more information, please contact Mandy at the Base Health and Wellness Center at 327-8481 or via email at [james.martin3@robins.af.mil](mailto:james.martin3@robins.af.mil).

### Black History Month Fun Run

A Black History Month Fun Run will take place 11:30 p.m. in partnership with the Black Heritage Committee. For more information, call 926-5492.

### Cheerleading registration

Register For Cheerleading with the YMCA in Houston County Feb. 1-31 for our next Cheerleading Session.

Cost of session: \$90 (3 months)

Call 922-2566 or Register online at [www.leaguelineup.com/hocoym-cacheer](http://www.leaguelineup.com/hocoym-cacheer)

Ages 5-15

Houston County YMCA is a non-profit organization working to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

## HONOR ROLLS



**Jones**

The F-15 System Program Office Supervisor of the Quarter for July - September 2002 is **Janis Jones**. Jones is the Avionics Branch Chief in the Supply Chain Management Division. Jones is responsible for overseeing the supply chain for F-15 Avionics components. Her branch consists of program managers, material managers, and equipment specialists.

Jones and her branch were recently tasked with developing a support equipment plan to brief HQ ACC regarding aging F-15 Support Equipment. The successful briefing outlined current testers used to test Line Replaceable Units and Shop Replaceable Units and addressed out year tester upgrades to follow. This briefing won the support of Headquarters Air Combat Command and demonstrated her team's willingness to be proactive in supporting the F-15 fleet.

Jones administers her duties with professionalism and dedication. Her fairness in dealing with subordinates and co-workers has won her their respect and admiration. Her attitude toward the Air Force mission is always positive and responsive. Jones works very hard to ensure the customer's requirements are

met in a timely manner. Her co-workers, peers, and the customers she supports recognize her "can-do" attitude.



**Canady**

The F-15 System Program Office Employee of the Quarter for July-September 2002 is **Kathy Canady**. Canady is a Contract Specialist in the

### Travel pay set to change for military members

#### Comptrollers 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.

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 use of this interface will keep the two systems updated.

Beginning March 1, the Customer Service Office will begin the utilization of the system interface to update members' bank accounts. 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.

Any member wishing to set up a separate account for travel payments will be responsible for ensuring their bank account information is kept up to date in the travel system.

Please direct any questions to the Comptroller Customer Service Office at 926-3777.

Mods/Spares/Services Branch in the Contracting Division. During the fourth quarter of FY02, Canady awarded more than 40 contracts valued at \$84 million. She singularly managed the majority of the acquisitions for spares procured with MSD buy dollars.

Canady is a driving force behind the directorate's effort to put in place long-term contractual instruments that allow expeditious ordering of critical parts to support the F-15 mission. She provides superior training to several contract specialists by devel-

oping training guides and giving critical hands on training.

Canady demonstrates her dedication of duty and commitment to mission support and is a true example of the best of the Air Force.

The F-15 System Program Office Administrative Employee of the Quarter for July-September 2002 is **Paula Patrick**. Patrick is the Office Administrative Support for the Airframe Branch in the Supply Chain Management Division.

She also provides administrative support



**Patrick**

for a second branch within the division as well as providing back up administrative support for the division office.

Patrick is the division time-keeper and she provides administrative support for several conferences sponsored by the System Program Office including the Hydraulic, Flight Controls, and Landing Gear User Conference.

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# Children's Dental Health Month

## Getting your child to brush and floss at an early age

By Dr. Tom Holm-Andersen  
78th Dental Squadron

The challenge remains with many parents to get their children to brush properly. And yet still for some, it's a matter of getting their child to brush at all. Though this article may not present the cure-all for the above dilemma, it will hopefully offer some helpful advice.

The first thing to realize is that you, the parent, are it. You are the actual "glue" to connecting your child to his or her toothbrush.

Although the dentist and his or her staff can help in your child's understanding of both the "how to's" in brushing and the consequences if ignored, you, the parent become the child's true example, evaluator, and enforcer.

That is to say, you must set the example for the child by showing him or her that you brush (and floss!) everyday yourself.

Similarly, being familiar with the advice given to you by your dentist regarding proper techniques in brushing (did you know that there are different techniques of brushing based on the age of your child?) you also become the home-teacher and evaluator.

By proper evaluation and correction when needed, your child's next dental exam might prove to be cavity-free.

To close the loop, you, the parent also become the at-home enforcer or compliance manager. That your child brushed his or her teeth the morning and night of the previous day doesn't necessarily mean they'll do it the same way, if at all, the next day.

You have to be there with them to make sure they are brushing twice daily (keep in mind however, brushing within the first 15-20 minutes of a sugary snack is also advised).

Next, one must keep in mind that probably the easiest way to get your child into the habit of brushing his or her teeth is to make it fun.

Start by letting them choose their own toothbrush and toothpaste. There are a variety of toothbrushes these days all featuring a variety of designs, colors, cartoons, and types: from those that rotate, to those that vibrate, to the standard hand-held types with the ever-increasing thick handles.

So long as they are soft-bristled brushes and the child likes them, a hurdle is jumped. As for the toothpastes, there are several brands of no or low-fluoride toothpastes that have a child's "sweet-tooth" in mind given the incredible variety of bizarre flavors available.

Though not meant to be swallowed, they are formulated specifically for children who may tend to accidentally swallow some of the toothpaste when they first start brushing.

Combining the above with rewards (never threats, especially those which involve the dentist!) such as simple praise or a bedtime story so long as teeth are brushed properly, will hopefully lead to cavity-free teeth and a life-long habit of maintaining a healthy

mouth.

Certainly brushing alone will not always prevent your child from getting cavities in the future, but it is surely the primary tool to preventing decay.

Flossing is the secondary tool which comes into play as soon as the child has at least two teeth which contact one another. The reasoning here is that each tooth essentially has five surfaces or areas to clean: the lip side, the tongue side, the chewing side, and the two sides of the tooth that should eventually contact the adjacent or neighboring teeth.

The toothbrush is perfectly fine to use on all five surfaces of teeth as they are growing into an infant's mouth. But once the teeth contact one another, only floss will properly clean those two contacting surfaces.

Therefore, as a parent, flossing your child's teeth (at least by second or third grade) becomes yet another hurdle over which you must jump.

The good news is however, by age six the average child should be able to brush on his or her own, and by age nine, the same should apply to flossing.

That then leaves you with more time to enjoy and or involve yourself with all the other happy issues surrounding six and nine year olds.

Good luck.

## Don't forget these activities

**What:** 2003 National Children's Dental Health Month Event

**When:** Saturday from 1-2 p.m. (Matinee of "The Wild Thornberries" movie to follow at 2 p.m.)

**Where:** Base Theater

**How:** Bring your old toothbrush to the children's matinee show and we'll exchange it for a new one!! We'll also have models of a healthy mouth and "Mr. Gross Mouth," stickers, "fun activity" sheets, and sample handouts! In addition, we're arranging a popcorn and drink deal with the movie. Come check out this fun event!

**What:** 2003 National Children's Dental Health Month Event

**When:** Today from 7:30 -11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Child Development Center

**How:** Smiley the Clown and Alex the Alligator will come to entertain the children and teach them about oral hygiene. A video will also be shown!

**What:** 2003 National Children's Dental Health Month Event

**When:** Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Robins Elementary School

**How:** Alex the Alligator and his dental team will host a quiz game show and table clinics for the students. Topics include proper oral hygiene, fluoride, sealants, x-rays, fillings, nutrition, and mouthguards. Students will receive toothbrushes, floss, stickers, and prizes.

*All activities sponsored by the 78th DS*

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## Heartfelt greetings

Brittany Fiveash, a kindergarten student at Robins Elementary School, signs a support for troops banner at the request of Craig Sewell, former area Army Air Force Exchange Service Regional manager. Sewell, who is now an AAFES manager overseas made a special request for the banner to display for troops in his current location.

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