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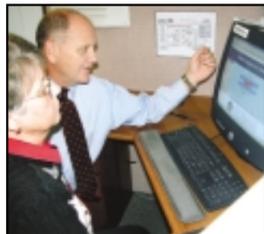
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Need a lift?

■ Known as the "Big Truck," new tool will provide safe preventive maintenance of all bridge cranes

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Maintenance personnel are moving up in the world thanks to the recent acquisition of a new high tech piece of equipment. The recent purchase, known affectionately as "The Big Truck," is an Elliot High Reach, Dual Crane/Man lift. Boasting a 2,000-pound lift capability and the ability to reach heights of 125 feet, the truck will be primarily used for preventive and corrective maintenance.



At left, Jim Culpepper, Maintenance Administration Directorate director, takes a ride in the new Elliot High Reach Dual Crane/Man lift thanks to the assistance of Maintenance Mechanic Rico Villafane (in hard hat). The lift is capable of reaching heights up to 125 feet.

"The truck will allow us to provide safe preventive maintenance of all bridge cranes in a timely manner," said Keith Thompson, mechanical engineer. "It will also allow the safe maintenance of fall protection sys-



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tems and permanent manlifts in all of the hangers." The truck supports dual controls so that in case of emergency, allow an operator on the ground to bring the basket safely back down. The truck also contains a

dual power source for the hydraulics so that a mechanical failure will not leave the basket stranded in the air. The manlift basket is smaller so that it can be maneuvered

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Taking care of business

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When the winner of the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women's Club annual Woman of Achievement award was announced Jan. 16, Debbie Jackson was ready to go over and congratulate her until she realized they had called her name.

"I was very surprised," said Jackson. "They had narrowed the field down to six applicants - one whose name was also Deborah, and none of us had any idea who the winner would be until that night. So it was very much a surprise."

According to Cathy Schoonover, local BPW president, the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women's Club sponsors an annual Woman of Achievement award for working women in the area.



Jackson

"This prestigious award honors a working woman who is outstanding in her career field or whose services on behalf of working women in research, education, or community services make her worthy of special recognition," she said.

Criteria reviewed for the award include education, employment experience, honors and awards, responses to written questions regarding various topics, and personal letters of recommendation.

Schoonover said three people separately judge and score nomination packages submitted by the nominee's sponsor.

Those scores are then tabulated by a fourth individual and kept secret until the award is announced.

Jackson was nominated

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Overdue, but on time

■ Saunders calls ceremony closure to a Korean War past

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Col. William Saunders, inspector general of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said his father would've gone to his grave without his Purple Heart, but thanks to a Charleston, S.C., Veteran Center social worker and the Citadel, he didn't have to.

His father, William "Bill" Saunders, earned that Purple Heart when "a blast from a booby trap shattered his M-1 rifle and broke his right foot. Upon recovery from his injury, Saunders



Photo by Russ Pace

William Saunders, second from left, sits with family and friends during a ceremony at the Citadel, where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

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Community reaches out with helping hand

■ From household needs to car care, community action groups narrow focus to help military families

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Local community action groups like the 21st Century Partnership and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs committee are lending a helping hand to the families of deployed military members by aiding with some basic needs.

"It's taken for granted that when somebody deploys, the family is going to be okay, but there are lives that change dramatically," said Eddie Wiggins, chairman for the 21st Century Partnership.

These dramatic changes have led the two community groups to look for ways to ease the transition from a two-person household to a one-person household. Wiggins said there are many opportunities to help. "From a Middle Georgia commu-

nity standpoint I can't think of a single thing that has ever been asked that a genuine effort didn't go into responding to."

From household needs to help with car care, the community is reaching out to help. Wiggins said the surrounding cities and counties have been unbelievably responsive to needs and making dedicated efforts.

In the past, the 21st Century Partnership and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs committee have focused on various aspects of military support. Currently, they have narrowed that focus to families of deployed members.

"There is a great need for us to reach out to our chambers of commerce to business folks at large to help educate them to the needs of our military and their families and try to connect in a better partnership with the base," said Mike Dyer, incoming Middle Georgia Military Affairs committee chair. "We want to focus our areas in a more structured way to ensure that our activities meet the greatest needs of our military personnel and their dependents. That includes those that are



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Eddie Wiggins, left, and Mike Dyer discuss ways community action groups can help military families.

deployed and those that are still here."

First Sergeants will have advance knowledge of the programs and be able to direct those in need of services.

"We see this as another bullet in our arsenal that says when you are in

the military, particularly in Middle Georgia, there are a whole lot of good things that can happen to you," said Wiggins.

Dyer said there are a lot of good ideas that have been bought forth.

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Robins, Mercer celebrate 20-year partnership

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Twenty years ago a partnership was born that led to a successful relationship between the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Mercer University. That partnership, which marked the beginning of the Mercer School of Engineering, was celebrated Feb. 13, in a social commending the vision of those who went forth and charted new waters.

It was 1983 and then commander Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren saw his well of qualified engineering hopefuls drying up. Local labor resources could not keep pace with the demand for engineers and a solid, effective, well rounded engineering program was one of the resources needed to assure the ALC would continue to be viable for years to come. Knowing there had to be a way to fix this problem, Nugteren went to Mercer and requested that they help out by starting an engineering school.

"Gen. Nugteren was a hard man to ignore and he still is," said Kirby Godsey, Mercer

University president. "I wish I could say we were jumping up and down to do this, but Gen. Nugteren was determined to see this need addressed."

Godsey said Nugteren was focused on the need for the base and the region, so they (Mercer) could not walk away from the opportunity and responsibility.

"This partnership has not only been important for Mercer and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, but it has been important to the entire region and continues to be important for the future of all involved," said Godsey.

Nugteren thanked Mercer for its help.

"A person stood up and said if you want an engineering school Mercer will give you an engineering school," said Nugteren. "That person was Kirby Godsey."

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, thanked Nugteren and Godsey for their perseverance and vision which ultimately has produced 1,000 engineers, 300 of whom currently work in Middle Georgia. Wetekam added that in the past three years Robins has hired 400 engineers. He also pointed out that last year Mercer provided more engineers for Robins than any other single source.

Born for this base, the school is a major advantage to the region.

"It's a big plus to have an engineering school of this caliber in your back yard," said Nugteren.

Nugteren said there were several reasons



Kirby Godsey, president, Mercer University, left, celebrates with Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Cornelius Nugteren during a social commemorating a 20-year partnership between Robins Air Force Base and the university.

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Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, second from right visits with attendees at the social to celebrate the base's partnership with Mercer Feb. 13.

for celebrating.

"One reason to celebrate is the success of the working relationship and the partnership that Mercer has with Robins Air Force Base," he said. "Second is the success of the school of engineering, and third is the contribution the graduates have made to Middle Georgia."

The social also honored engineering graduates of the Mercer school who chose to call Middle Georgia home after graduation.

The Mercer Engineering Research Center

to which Nugteren is now a senior adviser, opened in Warner Robins in 1987, two years after the school of engineering opened.

Dave Barwick, who heads the research center, says his organization gives Mercer students, graduates and faculty a local opportunity to practice the engineering craft.

"We've become a very important partner with the base," he said. Since 1987, the center has received \$150 million in contract research work, with the largest portion coming from Robins."



Camellia Gardens Memorial Service slated for May 22

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins Plus will take place May 22 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil, picturesque garden across from the officers' club.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to departed military members and civilians who were assigned or worked at Robins AFB, is a 27-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society, and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. Throughout the year, the garden teems with blossoms, birds, squirrels

and other wildlife, and provides a place of remembrance for families and friends of the departed.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of more than 1,000 members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing's Administrative and Compliance Office. Chris Zdrakas, project officer, is accepting submissions for people to be memorialized this year. Honorees can be civilian or military members.

To honor someone, the following information should be sent to Zdrakas at 78 ABW/XPRA, by April 4:

- Complete name and, if military, rank of the person to be honored. If military, designate active-duty or retired and branch of service
- Birth and death dates
- Reproducible photo--preferably black and white, and at least 2x3
- Family-related information, such as name, address, and phone number of next of kin
- Name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization nominating the honoree.
- Military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins

There is no fee for the memorialization. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted.

Editor's note: Anyone wanting information about the ceremony, may call Chris Zdrakas at 926-5623.

The Big Picture

Inventory specialist tells how her job keeps Robins flying high

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Debbie Bowden, inventory specialist for the Logistics Management Directorate, said the mission of Team Robins wouldn't be a success without the unique roles of each of its members.

The 48-year-old Fort Valley native said all parts of the Robins mission are important, as one's success depends upon that of the others.

"Each role at Robins is very important," she said. "What we do at the base is very complex. It takes several parts to make up the whole. They're all inter-related."

Bowden, who came to Robins in July of 1987 through the professional and administrative career program, serves as monitor for three areas: readiness spares packages, readiness-based leveling, and special program requirements, which all fall within the supply management activity group's financial section.

As an RSP monitor, Bowden supports the system program directorate's readiness spares packages managers, who build kits containing spare parts, which are used to support wartime activities. According to Bowden, these kits are designed to support the first 30 days of a war. Different kits support different weapon systems, such as C-5 planes.

Bowden said as a special program requirements monitor, she advises monitors in different product directorates on the policies and procedures that govern special program requirements.

Working as a monitor for readiness-based leveling, Bowden helps people in the



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Debbie Bowden, right, is an inventory specialist for the Logistics Management Directorate.

product directorates accurately meet their requirements by determining the stocking levels of spare parts in the warehouse.

Readiness-based leveling is designed to determine the optimum allocation of stock levels of spare parts among Air Force bases and depots to minimize base backorders. She serves as a liaison when there are disconnects between the requirements system and the readiness-based level.

If it weren't for the support of these roles Bowden fulfills, Robins' support to war fighters wouldn't be a success.

"All of these things I do make sure that the item managers and program managers have accurate and valid requirements for spare parts," she said. "If a plane doesn't have the spare parts it needs, it can't fly its missions."

Before becoming a part of Team Robins, Bowden worked as an elementary school teacher in Henry County for four years and Peach County for seven years, teaching second through fourth graders.

The former school teacher said changing careers never crossed her mind, but the move to Robins has been a positive step.

"I never imagined I'd end up working for an air force base and get the chance to travel and meet so many

A Look at how people's jobs collectively meet Robins' daily mission

Every day, nearly 26,000 people perform a variety of jobs at Robins Air Force Base.

Like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, no one job is complete by itself. But together, they create a picture of the Robins Air Force Base war-fighting and support missions.

This recurring piece is designed to help readers gain an understanding of how jobs fit together in the big picture.

people," she said. "It's a challenging, but interesting job. There's always lots to do and never the same thing each day."

While Bowden is not on the front lines of battle, defending our country, she said she feels good about supporting the war-fighting mission through her work at Robins.

"Working at the base, even in a capacity such as this, gives me the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile for our country."

Children's Dental Health Month

Using sealants can prevent cavities

By Dr. Pat Poland
78th Dental Squadron

Most people have heard of dental sealants or simply "sealants," but what are they and why are they needed?

Sealants are another item in the dentist's bag of tools to help prevent dental caries (tooth decay). Sealants are a tooth-colored filling material that is placed within the deep grooves on the chewing surfaces of back teeth. They act as a barrier in preventing the start of tooth decay.

During a routine dental exam, your dentist will look for active or obvious decay; however, the key in the fight against oral diseases (such as tooth decay) is prevention! Teeth with deep grooves are highly susceptible to tooth decay, as these grooves are often difficult to keep clean. These grooves also provide a perfect hiding place for the bacteria responsible for causing cavities.

Sealants are a composite resin similar to very hard plastic. In the case of dental sealants, they are tooth-colored and provide an excellent barrier when placed in the grooves of back teeth. They eliminate the deep grooves and therefore, the hiding place for bacteria. They also provide an easily cleanable tooth surface.

The application of sealants is relatively quick and easy, and rarely requires any sort of anesthetic. The teeth are first cleaned and isolated, an etchant gel is placed on the teeth to roughen the surface, the gel is rinsed, and the tooth is then dried. Next, the liquid sealant is painted on the teeth, flows into the grooves and is hardened by a special filtered light. All that is left to do is to polish them up!

The old saying of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" applies to dentistry as well! Sealants are an important part of dentistry's preventive arsenal. Your family dentist would much rather perform a treatment designed to prevent decay than see patients undergo the pain and discomfort involved in a large cavity. Take your kids to their civilian family dentist today. Sealants are worth it.

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“Supporting people who are being sent overseas for any amount of time and helping the families that stay behind hits every-one in the heart,” he said. “We

**Wiggins**

want to do anything and everything that helps those left behind and to make the people overseas fighting the mission feel secure.”

He said ideas ranging from free babysitting services to free car washes and everything in between have been mentioned.

“Our challenge is to focus on the things that will have the greatest value to the most people,” said Dyer.

According to Dyer, families were contacted to help identify those types of needs.

The two needs that stood out the most were babysitting and entertainment.

“Parents need a break every once in a while,” said Dyer. “Once a month they should go out to movies, bowling, or something that allows them to go and get away from things and just have some fun. Those were brought to our attention and we’ll focus on those right now.”

An additional service that is being looked at is setting up a phone line with Warner Robins and other chambers of commerce. This line would serve if an emergency situation arises and can't be handled in the normal course of what the base is set up to support.

“In these cases they can call us and we can make sure those needs are met,” said Dyer.

“We will partner with the base to not duplicate services, but to augment.”

“Where base services stop we pick up because we know that things happen that cause people to fall in the cracks and we want to make sure no one falls in the cracks.”

“When they (our military)

are deployed defending me, I want them to know that I am going to be here taking care of your needs,” said Wiggins. “I’m really excited about where we are heading.” “We want to let them know that we care about them,” said Dyer. The Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee is a joint organization of representatives of Robins Air Force Base and local leaders of the nine surrounding communities including Macon, Warner Robins, Perry, Fort Valley, Byron, Dublin, Hawkinsville, Milledgeville, Eastman/Dodge County and Cochran.

Their mission is to increase community understanding of the Air Force’s mission, to support military members needs and to make every day in Middle Georgia Air Force appreciation day. The mission of the 21st Century Partnership is to be the one community focal point for the community to proactively support Robins Air Force Base.

What to know:

The various programs discussed in this article will be made available at the end of March through the Family Support Center.

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by her then supervisor, Lt. Col. Leslie Wilford.

At the time of her nomination she worked as chief of the sustainment integration section for Joint Stars.

“I was responsible for making sure that all of the heavy maintenance on the aircraft was performed by the contractors,” she said.

Being a female in what she calls an atypical role, along with her dedication to the job and to Robins, were key factors in her victory.

As an employee at Robins for 22 years, Jackson has been involved with mentoring employees, volunteer work and social activities.

Jackson currently is a logistics management specialist, where she serves as the Center’s Acquisition Policy & Acquisition Reform point of contact.

As winner of the award, Jackson received a plaque, a one-year membership to the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women’s Club, and a chance to compete at the state level.

Born and raised in Warner Robins, Jackson calls herself a product of the community, and was proud to be able to represent her home town.

She went on to say that the people who have won the award before her have left her with some big shoes to fill.

“These are some very impressive ladies with some very impressive backgrounds and I am in good company,” she said. “I was very honored with the recognition and with the caliber of ladies who were selected



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Debbie Jackson, a logistics management specialist here, has been named the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women’s Club annual Woman of Achievement.

ahead of me from within the state and the local community.

“With it being a community award, and with someone from the base winning, it solidifies the government/city partnership that we love with the city of Warner Robins.”

Editor’s note: Jackson will go on to represent the organization as their Woman of Achievement at the Georgia Federation State Conference in Jekyll Island on May 2-4.

Motorcycle training program undergoes changes at Robins

By Bill Morrow

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office

The motorcycle training program at Robins has undergone a dramatic change.

The classroom portion of the program has been dropped, and all training now takes place on the range. With the adoption of the new Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course - Suite (ERC-S), the sessions will be reduced to five hours. This is a learners-based training method.

Gone are the “instructors,” replaced by “coaches” to assist in teaching the student. This is a major change in direction by the MSF and looks to be more user friendly for both the coaches and students. There will be a short Robins Air Force

Base module at the end of the MSF material, covering a variety of motorcycle topics.

By adopting this new program, the amount of time saved in training will be between 450 and 500 man-hours annually based on the number of students trained last year.

At present, training will take place in the afternoon, so personnel can be in their work place the first half of the day. Later, when the temperature creeps up the thermometer personnel will be trained in the morning and then released back to work.

Another change is the adoption of the MSF Basic Rider Course. This program will enable the motorcycle program to take a novice, first time motorcyclist, and teach them to ride with confidence.

One aspect of what makes this program so unique is a change from using loaner motorcycles, to letting the student use their own motorcycle.

At present this course is expected to be available four times this year. The training will be composed of a classroom session on a weeknight, and all the range work on the following weekend.

This is an exciting opportunity to provide a learning environment to a group of new motorcyclists. The first projected class for the beginner motorcyclist is April 25-27.

Editor’s note: For further details on these training opportunities, contact Bill Morrow, WR-ALC/Safety Office, 926-6271. To sign up for a course you must go to Security Forces Pass and ID.

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Air Force, AFMC tackle S&E retention

By Tech Sgt. Carl Norman
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) - Two years of fighting for ever-decreasing budget dollars recently paid off for Air Force Materiel Command as Air Force officials approved retention bonuses for civilian scientists and engineers and their military counterparts.

The bonuses come after AFMC experts put all their cards on the table regarding what's been called a critical scientist and engineer shortage to Air Force leaders during summits at the Pentagon, the latest being held Dec. 6, 2001.

Bob Ditommaso, program manager in AFMC's engineering directorate working S&E issues, said Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, proved a great advocate for pushing the command's situation through to Air Force leaders.

"He strongly indicated we need an advocate for the workforce and had to do something right now to correct the situation," Ditommaso said. "If AFMC did not push these issues through to the Pentagon, they could very well have died on the vine."

As a result of the summit and other communications, civilian electrical, electronic, aeronautical and mechanical engineers working at AFMC's three air logistics centers will see a 10 percent increase in basic salary starting in July. ALC engineers in civilian grades GS 5 - 12 in the targeted group will receive the bonus courtesy of a group retention allowance.

The three ALCs are Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Although all civilian engineers in the defined categories are slated to received the group retention allowance, Donna Williams, AFMC human resources specialist, said any employee in the targeted group that is currently fulfilling a recruitment or relocation bonus service agreement may not receive it.

On the other side of the house, AFMC's military scientists, developmental engineers, acquisition program managers, civil engineers and communications and information officers qualify for a \$10,000 per year retention bonus under the Air Force's Critical Skills Retention Bonus Program. The bonus is paid for a maximum of four years or \$40,000.

Ditommaso said the CSRB goes to military officers across the Air Force with four to 13 years commissioned service who are willing to commit to serving up to four more years in the military.

Both the civilian and military bonuses come as the Air Force is short an estimated 2,700 scientists and engineers, or about 20 percent of its 13,300 authorizations. Polly Sweet, AFMC's personnel management and workforce shaping chief, said in the next five to seven years the command, which employs the lion's share of Air Force scientists and engineers, will need to recruit 3,300 civilian engineers to allow it to keep

"We rely on a strong Air Force scientist and engineer workforce to provide overwhelming technological dominance on the battlefield. Our ongoing efforts to counter world terrorism vividly show the importance of advanced technologies in successful air and space operations. Our ability to conceive, produce, deploy and sustain these capabilities is directly linked to our S&E workforce."

Air Force Secretary James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper
in a memo to the Air Force scientist and engineer workforce

America's warfighters on the cutting edge of technology.

"Our hope is these bonuses will encourage engineers to stay with AFMC rather than resign to go to private industry or retire," Sweet said.

"We rely on a strong Air Force scientist and engineer workforce to provide overwhelming technological dominance on the battlefield," said Air Force Secretary James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper in a memo to the Air Force scientist and engineer workforce. "Our ongoing efforts to counter world terrorism vividly show the importance of advanced technologies in successful air and space operations. Our ability to conceive, produce, deploy and sustain these capabilities is directly linked to our S&E workforce."

The joint memo described actions Air Force officials elected to take to remedy the shortage following the Dec. 6, 2001 summit. Retention bonuses along with identifying a S&E functional manager and tasking him to stand up a career field management staff to lead career development and sustainment activities for the entire workforce topped the summit agenda.

"To fill the manning shortage, we directed support of the funded workforce accession and retention initiatives and we will continue to seek funding for several others," Roche and Jumper said in their memo. "In addition, we directed our staffs to pursue legislative authority to initiate several other new programs

designed to recruit, reward and retain S&Es."

If the current S&E shortage continues, Sweet said more events like what recently happened at Hill Air Force Base could become reality.

"A significant number of civilian engineers in the F-16 Avionics and Radar Support Office there resigned all at once to go to work for a private contractor," she said. "That put a big dent in our ability to do our mission. As a result we had to contract some of that office's work out

which cost us more money in the long run."

The civilian group retention bonus is slated to be in employees' first paycheck in July. The program will be re-evaluated every year to determine its effectiveness.

Military members eligible for the critical skills retention bonus can start receiving 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.

For more information on these retention bonuses, call your military personnel flight or civilian personnel office.

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Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program comes to Robins

■ Program aids in the professional development of future and current officers

by **2nd Lt. John E. Fage**
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A group of Robins field and company grade officers have organized a local chapter of the Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program.

The chapter will serve as a men-

toring and professional development vehicle for present and future Air Force officers.

It will also support the recruitment and retention of officers, and assist officer candidates and new officers with their transition to active duty. AFCOMAP is a national private,

What to know:

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non-profit organization that was originally organized in 1989 for the mentoring and professional development of minority Air Force

of all minority Air Force officers, and in 1994 the charter was changed to include all Air Force officers and cadets, regardless of race.

AFCOMAP aids in the professional development of future and current officers by stressing the ability to cope with difficulties faced by young officers and to develop competencies at the personal, interpersonal, and organizational levels.

Participants benefit by being paired with an officer of a higher rank than their own, which enables

them to learn from personal experiences and insights they haven't yet experienced.

Decision-making, leadership skills, competency and job satisfaction are also improved by studying the mentor's leadership and managerial skills. Through this process, young officers can more easily avoid mistakes while building a solid base of success early in their careers.

The Robins chapter meets at 11:30 in the morning on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Officers Club.

Robins Rev-Up named best in AFMC

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs

The Robins Rev-Up is the best newspaper in Air Force Materiel Command, so said a panel of judges in the 2002 Air Force Materiel Command Media Contest held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, recently. Two Rev-Up staff members also earned journalism honors in the contest.

"We're all very proud of the Rev-Up, but not the least bit surprised by this recognition," said Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, center commander. "My congratulations go out to the entire staff for a job well done. They're a dedicated group who work hard to tell the Air Force story creatively and keep Team Robins informed."

Lt. Col. Deb Bertrand, director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs said the award was the result of a team effort.

"I know how hard everyone works to write the best stories and put out the best newspaper they can," Bertrand said. "It's a real team effort and the satisfaction is in knowing readers appreciate it. The award is icing on the cake."

Geoff Janes, Rev-Up editor, was runner-up in the command's journalist of the year competition and Holly Logan, staff writer, earned second place in the feature writing category.

"Both Geoff Janes and Holly Logan won individual and group awards with only a few months' experience on the staff," Bertrand said. "That speaks volumes for their talent and we're so pleased to have them anchoring the team."

The Rev-Up was named the best newspaper in Category A, metro format newspapers. The Hilltop Times, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, took second.

The Rev-Up will compete against the best metro format newspapers in the Air Force Media Contest. Results of that competition will be announced in March.

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Col. Larry Eriksen, right, deputy director of Maintenance, takes a ride on the directorate's new manlift Feb. 10 during a trial run at Bldg. 125. The lift is capable of reaching heights of 125 feet.

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safely into confined areas.

In addition to its preventative maintenance duties and safety factors, the truck will also reduce man-hours by lowering the number of people required to do a job.

"Operations performed in the mobile tail enclosure once required the use of MA aircraft division or MAB personnel to operate the lifts in conjunction with MA industrial services division or MAD personnel to perform the maintenance operations," said Thompson. "With this truck the operations are reduced from four personnel to a minimum of two operators."

The prevention of scheduling delays is another plus, which will in turn save money.

"Increased efficiency is realized in the scheduling," said Rico Villafane, maintenance mechanic. "Today, it is not uncommon for MA to compete internally among the shops and MAB for equipment. Because the new truck is multi-functional, scheduling maintenance taskings will continue to improve efficiency and production as we eliminate the need to wait for a piece of equipment or prioritize current maintenance taskings in the MA organization."

Lastly, the truck will decrease the need for some equipment rentals.

"This is a very specialized piece of equipment so at times there is not a similar piece of equipment for rent at any price," said Thompson. "We have rented smaller manlifts for approximately \$4,000 per week, so the cost savings is significant."

All journeyman-level mechanics and approximately 100 shop technicians from MAD will be trained by April 1, 2003 for the safe operation of the truck.

Jim Culpepper, director of maintenance, along with his deputy director Col. Larry Eriksen took the truck for a ride Feb. 10.

"We have a piece of equipment that is comparable to the standards used in industry," he said. "The Big Truck investment will allow us to continue to improve maintenance processes, contribute to the decreased costs of maintenance, ultimately passing on the savings to the customer, will keep us technically up to date with the industry standards, and significantly enhance our continuous improvement of safety processes."

He said it will allow MAD to perform maintenance functions in all the hangars expeditiously, minimizing the downtime affect on production and aircraft maintenance.

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Keith Thompson
mechanical engineer

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Readiness to deploy a duty for all

By Col. David A. Cotton
Commander, 5th Combat Communications Group

As 9th Air Force's first responding unit for combat communications, I have the privilege of leading more than 700 airmen.

You've no doubt read in the local newspapers, and seen on TV, that elements of the 5th MOB recently received orders to deploy to the Central Command theater of operations.

We were able to move more than 400,000 pounds of equipment and a large amount of people in a relatively short period. A major factor in our ability to "get out of town" was the readiness of our personnel.

There are two critical elements that comprise personal readiness: 1) being trained and certified for your job, and 2) your family's readiness to deal with your absence.

If these two are not in harmony before the call to deploy is received, then the team is let down and the mission suffers.

Until 9/11, my experience with the Air Force personnel I knew was that more were focused on their Air Expeditionary Force rotations, rather than on being truly expeditionary and ready for any contingency.

But the events of that tragic day in September, as well as those in the headlines today, demand from us an increased state of readiness.

For those of us assigned to a deployable position, the requirements of "being prepared" are fairly well defined. Usually there is a crew duty position standard for which we must be certified.

Additionally, units usually have an extensive list of readiness requirements for all deploying personnel, regardless of specialty. Our duty as professional airmen is to maintain our readiness, whether it be staying current with our ancillary training, equipment specific certification, weapons qualification, CWDE training, receiving needed immunizations and even having our mobility bags packed.

These tasks are important; putting them off now can hamper the team from getting the job done.

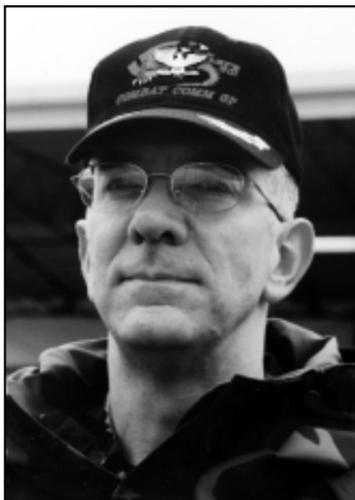
For the family, being prepared is unique because each family is different. However, there are common arrangements that we must all make, such as powers of attorney, wills, agreements with our spouse on finances, and possible solutions for family crises that might occur.

Doesn't it always seem like the car breaks down or the house needs a repair just as a member of our family deploys?

If you have children, or someone who counts on your support in your home, one of the most important arrangements you can make is a dependent care plan – even if you are not required to have an official plan on file.

Many couples who are not military-married-to-military do not think through what might be required if the spouse who stays at home to provide the support, while the military member deploys, is unable to perform their family duties due to illness or some unforeseen and unfortunate situation.

Military couples are required to have a dependent care plan, but a military/non-military couple is not. For your own peace of mind, I recommend you develop a dependent care



Col. David Cotton

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Commander, 5th Combat Communications Group

plan even if it is not required.

The time to develop your plan is not when you are in the middle of a crisis. Good, solid planning not only provides for those who cannot on their own, but allows you peace of mind so you can focus on your mission.

As professionals, we have the responsibility to ensure our families and friends are aware of our obligations as airmen and that there is always the potential for our deployment.

This understanding of our duty is one area where "just in time" awareness is insufficient; you must have the tough conversations now, before receiving orders to deploy.

Those who care about you also need to understand that deployments may last longer than expected; this is especially true in today's environment. It is better to have that understanding before the deployment begins.

Our personal readiness is important. It is not limited to our daily duties in our work center, but also includes our relationships with our family and friends. Ensuring we are prepared on these two fronts will allow us to focus on our mission and make the valuable contribution the Air Force and nation expect when we are called.

And, as we say in the 5th MOB, "LET'S GO!"

Partnership principles help AFMC deliver support to war fighter

By Gen. Lester L. Lyles
Commander Air Force Materiel Command
and
Bobby Harnage,
President, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) – Every successful organization has key ingredients – strong leadership, dedicated workers, a clear roadmap of where it wants to go and focused goals.

But there is another ingredient that strengthens an organization – strong partnerships.

Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO have forged a strong, dynamic partnership built on an important



Gen. Lester L. Lyles

vision – labor and management working together to create and sustain an environment that takes care of our people so they can take care of the mission.

And our partnership is helping us make a difference as we provide support to our American war fighters and our allies.

But there was a time when our union and AFMC management did not have a strong partnership.

We often engaged in heated debate about how best to serve the command workforce. But today, our relationship is built on five partnership principles:

We value and respect all workers.
We focus on our common interests and shared problems.
We share information freely.
We treat each other as equals.
And we work to sustain the partnership process.

We follow these principles with respect and appreciation for each other's roles and responsibilities. It's not a perfect partnership; few partnerships are.

But we are committed to maintaining a climate in which management and the union work together.

Whether it's on the shop floor or around the conference room table, we must work together as partners. Following these principles is the right thing to do.

We have come a long way since we formed our command partnership council three years ago.

Our councils, both at the headquarters and our centers, are making great strides as we operationalize partnership principles at all levels throughout AFMC.

We are working as a team and there is no better example of our success than the Alternative Dispute Resolution program we're rolling out right now.

It's a way to resolve disputes – not as adversaries – but as partners. It's quicker and less expensive than the traditional complaint process, so it puts less strain on our ability to



Harnage

accomplish the mission.

We call on everyone in Air Force Materiel Command, military and civilian, union and non-bargaining, to work as a team and embrace our partnership principles.

It will make a difference in your quality of life and in AFMC's success meeting our national security objectives. Together we can make it happen.

The five partnership principles:

- We value and respect all workers
- We focus on our common interests and shared problems
- We share information freely
- We treat each other as equals
- And we work to sustain the partnership process

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

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

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



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.

Motorcycle parking area near gate 38

Sirs, motorcycle parking has been eliminated outside gate 38, by Bldg. 146 on the flight line area. However, there are many motorcycle riders who work in this area. We would all like to see a designated motorcycle area outside gate 38; otherwise, motorcycle riders will be forced to use car parking spaces, which isn't good for anyone.

Col. Smoot Replies: Thank you for your suggestion for improving the parking by returning a designated motorcycle

parking area near gate 38. First, I would like to address why the old motorcycle parking area was removed. A vapor extraction system is being installed where the old motorcycle parking area existed. We regret that this area was lost, but such was necessary to install this system, which is a high priority to further enhance our ALC mission. Fortunately, though, your suggestion encouraged us to visit the site to see if any adjustments could be made to create another designated motorcycle parking area. Observations of traffic movement and discussions with the gate guards disclosed additional attention was needed to improve traffic control, besides parking, and reduce the risks to safety. (By the way, let me take this space to thank our gate guards for answering the call to security duty and for doing a great job in security

and toward safety at gate 38.) The base civil engineer will soon improve the traffic signage, pavement markings, and parking situation. We'll take advantage of the confined area to locate designated motorcycle parking where cars cannot park and safety can be enhanced. Once this work is completed, I would appreciate motorcycle riders taking advantage of the designated areas for such vehicles, and ask everyone to obey the traffic signage and pavement markings. This team effort by the Robins community will greatly improve the safety around gate 38 and allow the various missions around the area to advance without interruptions. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact 2nd Lt. Ben Gensic at 926-5820, ext. 605.



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The C-130 production branch has been tasked by Air Force Special Operations Command to accelerate four C-130s and get them back to the war fighter. The four aircraft include one AC-130H Gunship and three Combat Talons. The first accelerated aircraft arrived at Robins on Sept. 24, 2002.

■ **With one aircraft complete and three closing, C-130 team is on its way to reaching accelerated goals**

BY LANORRIS ASKEW
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In December, 2002, when the C-130 production branch was tasked by Air Force Special Operations Command to accelerate four C-130s and get them back to the war fighter, they dug in their heels and went to work.

Don Jarzynka, C-130 production branch chief, said the four aircraft include one AC-130H gunship and three Combat Talons. The first of the four, a Combat Talon II, has already been completed and the remaining planes are all well ahead of schedule.

The two remaining Combat Talons are at functional test, with the gunship 15 days ahead of schedule.

This feat was no easy task. According to Jarzynka, the C-130 personnel worked and are continuing to work long, hard hours to get the job done.

"We gave them a really aggressive accelerated schedule," he said. "Overtime rose from eight percent to 25 percent over a six-week period when the accelerated process began."

He said the goal was to accelerate the four requested aircraft while keeping the other aircraft on schedule.

"That has been our biggest challenge," he said, "But, so far we have been very successful."

Jarzynka gives praise to the production team for a job well done.

"The workforce has really been motivated in doing their part to support the worldwide situation," he said. "This is the most dedicated workforce I've ever worked with. They have not only been highly productive, but have not complained at all."

He said some have worked 12-hour shifts, seven days a week to get the accelerated aircraft out and are still highly productive until the plane is out of their cell. "It's a total team effort," said Jarzynka.

According to Denise Bryant, C-130 Production Support Section chief, the first accelerated aircraft arrived at Robins on Sept. 24, 2002.

"The work began the next day," she said.

Under normal circumstances the aircraft would have gone through regular program depot maintenance and been here until March 18, 2003, but under the accelerated schedule, it was due out by Feb. 19.

Surprising even themselves, the C-130 team beat this date by seven days, completing the aircraft on Feb 12. The aircraft



Maj. Sam Huggins, C-130 pilot, pins the main landing gear door.

"This is not just an aircraft produced, but a big tool in the defense of our nation that is required now – to allow the President to take care of business."

Col. James Danielson
Aircraft Division Chief

left Robins Feb. 17.

"This was a superb team effort and I am proud of them all," said Col. James Danielson, aircraft division chief. "This is not just an aircraft produced, but a big tool in the defense of our nation that is required now – to allow the President to take care of business."

"The Special Operations Forces are rapidly deploying to some very difficult locations, and need virtually every aircraft available and mission capable now.

"Your superb efforts will help enable the SOF war fighters to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism and accomplish their very demanding mission," Donald Michels, Special



Jeff Brueck, aircraft worker, rotates a propeller during pre-flight checks.

Operations Forces System Program Office director told members of the C-130 Production Branch.

Jarzynka said the Lean process has helped tremendously in the acceleration of the aircraft.

"I think as we continue to go through that Lean journey we are going to see time on station, or flow days, go down and we are going to produce a higher quality product to the customer," he said.

TV SCHEDULE



Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – Stories highlighting the people, events and activities from around the Robins community.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – Inside Robins is a 30-minute show highlighting Robins Air Force Base's mission.

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 – 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)

Saturday – 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)

This Week in history

Feb. 28, 1975 – The 1300th and 1301st C-130 aircraft departed the Lockheed-Georgia Company in Marietta, Ga., for destinations in the United States and Canada. The C-130 Hercules has been a prime management responsibility for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center since late 1956.

Feb. 21, 1964 – The eloquent African American and former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was apparently assassinated by internal rivals and former colleagues from the Nation of Islam.

A one-time protege of Black Muslim founder Elijah Muhammad, he had broken with the movement in 1964 after a pilgrimage to Mecca, when he called for a working unit among all peoples, black as well as white."

Feb. 23, 1945 – After five months of bitter land, air and naval fighting, allied forces retook Manila – the capital of the Philippines.

Feb. 24, 1945 – Allied forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur liberated Manila from the Japanese.

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's message

The 17th Annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference last week recognized 13 Air Force military and civilian people for excellence in science and technology.

Among the award winners were:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Gen Lester L. Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander

- **Outstanding Technical Contribution in Government:** Lt. Col. Thomas T. Shields Jr, chief of information systems, Air Force Space Battlelab, Schriever Air Force Base

- **Most Promising Engineer in Government:** Rodgerick L. Newhouse, Global Hawk intelligence/sensors project engineer, Edwards Air Force Base.

Nine others were named 2003 Modern-Day Technology leaders.

The awards are presented on behalf of the Council of Engineering Deans of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Lockheed Martin Corp, DaimlerChrysler Corp and U.S. Black Engineer & Technology magazine.

More than 4,000 students from 64 colleges and universities visited the AF Total Force displays and booths at the conference.

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

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.

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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Get hands on and help save a life

By Dairlyn Brown, RN, BSN
Health and Wellness Center

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.

How it happens

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

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 (AED) 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. It has to happen that quickly.

Could you respond properly to such an emergency?

With training, yes.

In only four hours, you can easily learn CPR through one of the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR and Heartsaver AED courses.

Training helps build the confidence necessary to give CPR effectively. Heartsaver classes help develop confidence in performing CPR and using an AED through hands on practice.

If you have already been trained, take the time to renew your skills every two years. For more information about classes near you, call 1-877-AHA-4CRP or visit Americanheart.org.

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.

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

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

Fitness Center 926-2128

Black History Month Fun Run

A Black History Month Fun Run will be held Feb. 28 at 11:30 p.m. in partnership with the Black Heritage Committee.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

Sole Survivor Bowling

Be the sole survivor and win. Bowl a three game 9-pin no tap set for \$6 per week for

six weeks. At the end of each of each week the lowest score will be voted out. After six weeks, the last survivor takes all the winnings. A new round begins every six weeks.

Youth Center 926-2110

Softball registration

Spring Softball registration will begin tomorrow. Sign up will be held at the Youth Center Monday - Friday 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost for youth center members is \$45 and nonmembers are \$55. Please provide a

birth certificate and current sports physical.

2003 Intramural

Basketball Standings

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78thCS 3-1
19th ARG #1 3-1
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78th LRS 2-2
19th ARG #2 2-2
J STARS #2 2-2
53rd CBCS 2-3
116th MXS 1-2

653rd CLSS 1-2
116th CSS 0-3
116th AGS 0-5
78th MDG 0-5

Over 30 League

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Cheerleading registration

Register For cheerleading with the YMCA in Houston County Feb. 1-28 for our next Cheerleading Session.

Cost of session: \$90 (3 months) Call 922-2566 or Register online at www.leaguelineup.com/hoc oymcacheer

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Health and Wellness Center Walk Program

Want to feel energized, lose weight, lower blood pressure, and improve mood? The HAWC staff has the answer.

Join our six week walking program and pace off the pounds with us.

Why walking?

Research shows that regular aerobic exercise has been found to lower the risk of heart attack, stroke, diabetes, and reduce the risk of disease and death. Brisk walking is a great way to incorporate regular aerobic exercise into the day.

Most people want to exercise but simply need the encouragement and motivation offered by exercising in a group environment. "Pace off Pounds" (POPS) is ideal for those people.

On average, most people take about two to three thousand steps a day.

Our goal is to aid participants in taking at least 10,000 steps a day...that is the equivalent of walking about 5 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/walk a mile.

This information will be used to determine baseline aerobic fitness levels. Upon completion of the six-week program those assessments will be repeated to determine progress.

Sound easy? It is.

After completing a pre-participation health history questionnaire and filling out an informed consent, participants may begin the program.

Group walking times will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 6-7 a.m. and/or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The program began Feb. 19.

Editor's note: For more information, please contact Mandy at the Base Health and Wellness Center at 327-8481.

Intramural Basketball

Schedule

Feb. 24

6 p.m. - 653rd CLSS vs 116th MXS

7 p.m. - 78th SFS #2 vs 19th ARG #2

8 p.m. - 78th MSS vs 19th ARG #1

9 p.m. - 78th MDG vs JSTARS #2

Feb. 26

6 p.m. - 78th CS vs JSTARS #1

7 p.m. - 53rd CBCS vs 116th CSS

8 p.m. - 116th AGS vs 5th MOBB #1

9 p.m. - 78th CE vs 116th MXS

Over Thirty League

Feb. 25

7 p.m. - 78th SFS vs 78th CE

8 p.m. - HQ/AFRC vs

116th MXS

Feb. 27

7 p.m. - 78th MSS vs 78th MDG

8 p.m. - 5th CBCSS vs 19th ARG

Teams for Intramural

Volleyball

1. 116th MSX
2. 78th MDG
3. 78th MSG
4. 78th SFS
5. 78th CEG
6. 653rd CLSS
7. 116th CSS
8. 78th SFS #2

Feb. 25

6 p.m. - 78th SFS vs 78th MSG

7 p.m. - 653rd CLSS vs 78th SFS #2

Feb. 26

6 p.m. - 78th CEG vs 78th MDG

7 p.m. - 116th MSX vs

116th CSS

March 4

6 p.m. - 78th SFS #2 vs 78th SFS

7 p.m. - 116th CSS vs 78th CEG

March 5

6 p.m. - 653rd CLSS vs 116th MSX

7 p.m. - 78th MDG vs 78th MSG

March 11

6 p.m. - 116th MSX vs 78th CEG

7 p.m. - 78th SFS vs 653rd CLSS

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FSC puts Team Robins in touch with surrounding community

■ Web link on Robins homepage is a one-stop shop for family interests and activities

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Jim Brewer, information referral specialist for the Family Support Center, said the family interests and activities link serves as a one-stop shop of base and community happenings.

The Web Site, established in November of 2001, can be found at www.robins.af.mil. Select the Family Support Center page, the sixth item to the left. The family interest and activities web site is located in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

Christine Parker, FSC director, said the site provides a centralized location where people can find out about what's going on at Robins and in their surrounding community by providing a consolidated listing of family activities and events information.

Robins helping agencies such as the Health and Wellness Center, the 78th Wing Base Chapel, Child Development Center, among others helped coordinate the contents of the site.

Brewer, who maintains the web site, said the FSC contacts unit commanders to get a heads-up on activities and events in which members of Team Robins can get involved.

"As long as it meets the base criteria, we can include it on the Web Site," he said. "The community can view

the site as well, but for the most part, it's geared toward Team Robins."

Parker said the web site is one way the FSC is helping people at Robins get in touch with community needs more easily.

"I think it will help broaden people's choices of things to do and how to get involved without getting bogged down with a long and drawn-out web search," she said.

Among the activities included are the Cherry Blossom Festival, the base chapel's Christmas tree lighting, and others in and around Robins.

The FSC web site also includes links to area non-profit organizations and agencies, such as the Methodist Home for Children and Youth, that offer ways for members of Team Robins to make a difference in their community.

"This web site is a great resource which will help people become more

What to Know:

There is a need for more foster parents in Middle Georgia.

For more information on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Methodist Home for Children and Youth at 478-464-3001.

For comments or questions regarding the family interest and activities web site, contact Jim Brewer at 926-1256.

aware of the different resources that are available to them and how they, in turn, can give back to the community," Greg

Topping, resource developer for the Methodist Home for Children and Youth, said. "One way people can give back to their community is to open their hearts and homes to children in need."

Topping said his organization's mission is to find foster and adoptive families in Middle Georgia to provide loving, safe, and nurturing homes for underprivileged children, and the FSC web site provides an avenue for that outreach.

Parker said the FSC welcomes suggestions for additional information they could offer on the web site.

"E-mail us your ideas," she said. "The e-mail is checked daily, with an average response time of 48 hours."

The web link is one way Robins Air Force base is helping its members stay in touch with community needs.

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William Saunders stands in front of the Regimental Color Guard of the Citadel during a ceremony to award him the Purple Heart for service during the Korean War.

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returned to fight in the Korean War.

Although he earned one of the military's greatest honors on that snow-covered battlefield, he didn't receive his honor in-hand until 51 years later.

"Even though I didn't receive it when I earned it, the timing was perfect," the Korean War veteran said. "If I had received it back then, my family wouldn't have been there to witness it."

The 68-year-old Johns Island resident said he may never have received his Purple Heart, if not for Wanda Burden, a social worker at the North Charleston Veteran's Center, who cared enough to lend an ear to a veteran who was held an emotional prisoner of a painful Korean War past.

Saunders, a sergeant in the K Company, 23rd infantry regiment, 2nd infantry division, during his service, said he held a lot of bitterness from his Korean War experience, but Burden helped him to open up and move beyond the memories that haunted him over the years.

"I went to the center that day to get my discharge papers and ended up applying for my Purple Heart," Saunders said. "Ms. Burden listened to me with a genuine interest in how I felt. I'm very grateful for what she did for me that day."

Although Saunders' son, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Inspector General, said an honor of such high caliber is deserving of an extraordinary ceremonial presentation, the man he calls his hero said its delivery was characteristic of the racially segregated era during which he earned this noble distinction.

"I was just happy to have received it," he said. "When I got it, I looked at it and thought, 'well, I finally got it.' Receiving it in the mail, made me feel like things were back then, like I was a second-class citizen. But at least they sent it to me."

As an African-American soldier in the integrated U.S. Army, the elder Saunders said he fought for freedom for Koreans when he himself was not truly free.

"In Columbia, S.C. (Fort Jackson), I was buying a bus ticket to come home to Johns Island after the war," he said. "As I was waiting in line at the Greyhound Bus Station, a policeman pulled me out of the line and said '...you know you don't belong here boy,' and directed me to the back of the bus station to buy my ticket. Not even one of my fellow soldiers stood up for me that day."

Despite the influence his father's past had on his outlook, Saunders' son had a different view of the fashion in which his father received recognition for his sacrifice in the war.

"It was unacceptable," he said. "A medal of this caliber should be presented – and not



Saunders receives his Purple Heart during a ceremony at the Citadel Feb. 7. Saunders earned the Purple Heart when a blast from a booby trap shattered his M-1 rifle and broke his right foot.

by the mail man."

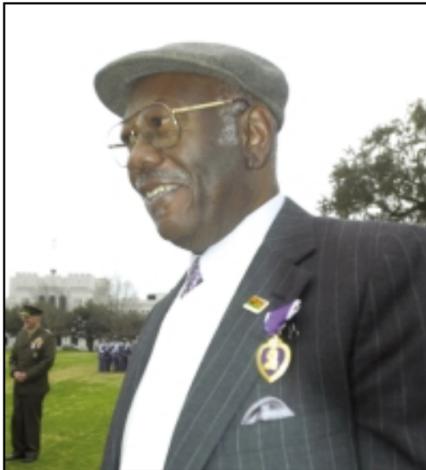
Retired U.S. Army Col. Ben Lagare, director of community affairs for the Citadel in Charleston S.C., and long-time friend of the elder Saunders, agreed with the U.S. Air Force colonel and affirmed his view with a ceremony hosted by the Citadel on an overcast day, Feb. 7.

"Bill Saunders is a very deserving individual and a community leader in the Charleston community," he said. "The Citadel was happy to provide a parade and ceremony in his honor."

Col. Saunders said witnessing the Citadel's ceremony recognizing his father's sacrifice in service to his country brought tears to his eyes.

"I'm very proud to have a father who is a living Purple Heart recipient," he said. "My family would like to say a very big thank you to Ms. Burden and the cadets and staff of the Citadel for making this ceremony a reality. As I sat at the ceremony and listened to the Star-Spangled Banner, I thought, 'Wow, there are thousands of Purple Heart recipients and my father is one of them.'"

Editor's Note: Some of the background information for this article was obtained from an article published in "The Charleston Post and Courier."



Saunders proudly wears his Purple Heart following the ceremony at the Citadel. Saunders was injured 51 years ago.

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