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**To the men and women of AFMC:**

Our Commander-in-Chief has launched the massive, superior capability of the American military machine, and we now are showing the world our resolve.



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As our forces and those of our coalition partners pour into Iraq and establish a foothold for freedom, we in Air Force Materiel Command are a major force in the battle.

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You all have done an impressive job getting our nation ready, and I could not be more proud of you. We will be even busier in the days ahead, and your continued efforts are vital. I know you are up to the task!

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

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**Backing 'em up**

**As U.S. takes the fight to Iraq, Robins keeps up with operations, security at home**

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As U.S. forces launched long-awaited strikes against Saddam Hussein Wednesday night, Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander said the Air Force is prepared to tackle whatever challenges the conflict may present.

"I can speak in terms of at least my 30 years in the Air Force, and I will tell you that there is not a time in my 30-year career that I've seen a better trained force, or I've seen a more motivated or better qualified force than we have today... When we say that we're truly the world's best Air Force - the best air force that has ever been - we back that up. So I think Americans all over the country can have a high level of confidence that their U.S. Air Force is ready, people are motivated, they're well trained and they'll get the job done."

**Business as usual**

And as that job is being done on the other side of the world, Wetekam said security will remain tight and business should continue as usual at Robins.

"We've been at a heightened state of alert, and we've been engaged in the war on terrorism really since 9/11," he said. "And while there may be a few differences in that we vary our levels of security slightly, the truth is that we've been at a high readiness posture for a year and a half. So we'll continue to do the things we do each and

every day for our Air Force."

According to Capt. Michelle Stringer, 78th Security Forces Squadron Operations Officer, some of those differences could include traffic control.

"Personnel can expect moderate delays and modified traffic patterns when entering the base," she said "We expect the current staggered shifts will help alleviate delays at the gates, but the reality is that we need to be ready for delays if contingencies arise."

Wetekam agreed.

"(There will be) no real fundamental changes to what we've seen here for several months now," he said. "We've done everything we can to try and get the traffic flow as quick and as smooth as we can through the base. We have a number of activated Reservists and also Army National Guardsmen who've joined us in the last few weeks to kind of beef up our gate posts."

"And so, given that, we'll continue with what we have," he said. "We'll continue with great cooperation from the Houston County Sheriff's office to keep traffic flowing up (Ga. Highway) 247 and on the cross streets. So, there may be a slight increased back-up, but I wouldn't anticipate any substantial changes to what we've seen over the last several months."

Wetekam said with the current conflict comes responsibility to remain watchful.

"The first thing (our people) can do is certainly be alert," he said. "As I said, the security situation is tense, and the 23,000 people on the

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



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Top, Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam speaks to members of the media Thursday morning following attacks on Iraq Wednesday night. Above, Donald Williams, a sheet metal mechanic, works on a C-130 oil cooler duct. Williams is among the many thousands of workers at Robins whose work has a direct impact on the conflict in the Middle East. Wetekam praised their work and reminded them of its importance.

**How to cope with emotions triggered by the conflict**

■ Agencies offer programs and counseling for military families and civilian employees

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With U.S. military action ongoing in Iraq, many may be faced with unfamiliar emotions - but there are base and local agencies to help people cope.

According to Maj. Beth Zeiger, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Organizational Health Center director, preparation is the key.

"It is natural to feel a range of emotions in times of conflict, such as anger, anxiety, sadness or fear," she said. "The best way to cope is to be as prepared as possible. It's a

very good idea to have a good support system - we're all in this together. In addition, exercising and eating healthy are both good ways to combat the increased stress people are likely to experience."

When it comes to military support systems, Zeiger said units are a good place to start.

"For those associated with a unit, first sergeants are a good source of support and referral if some kind of help is needed," she said. "The spouses' clubs are another way to connect with others. If these feelings begin to interfere with a person's ability to function well, however, or significantly impact their overall well-being, they may want to consider counseling."

Zeiger said when counseling is needed

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**Museum of Aviation honors former commander**

■ Library and archives named after retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren

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While retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren said he would rather remain behind the scenes of the Museum of Aviation's success, others felt differently about his contributions.

The Executive Committee of the Museum of Aviation's Board of Directors made the decision to honor Nugteren by naming its library and archives section, located on the third floor of the Eagle Building, after the former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

"It was only fitting to name the section that houses aviation history after the man who helped author ours," Paul E. Hibbitts, director of the Museum of Aviation, said. "He has been instrumental in the Museum's start, and even after his retirement, he has helped ensure its continued growth."

Pat Bartness, president and chief operating officer for the Museum of Aviation Foundation, said



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Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, shown above, stands in front of a plaque bearing his name at the Museum of Aviation. The library and archives were named after Nugteren March 13.

"(Retired Maj. Gen.) Nugteren is really and truly the father of the Museum of Aviation," he said. "He had the guts to make this happen, even when others said he couldn't. It's only fitting that the archives, which are the heart and soul of any aviation museum, were dedicated in his honor."

The official unveiling of the new name took place during a ceremony March 13, at the Museum of Aviation's Eagle Building.

Nugteren's recent honor will ensure his name is nestled among several others gracing the historical presence of the Museum of Aviation.

Among them are retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott Jr., World War II Fighter Ace and author of "God is My Co-Pilot," Georgia Senator Sam Nunn and State Representative Sonny Watson.

Nugteren, who now serves as a

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despite the doubts of others, Nugteren followed his intuition and made the Museum what it is today.

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there are two agencies on base that offer assistance. For military members, the Life Skills Support Center offers the service, and for Defense Department civilian employees and their families, the Employee Assistance Program provides the service. She added that the Family Support Center and base chapel also offer avenues for dealing with the hardships associated with deployments.

According to Christine Parker, director of the Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center, the center can help in a number of ways.

"We offer a variety of activities, events and services to help the families and members survive separations," she said. "That includes things like the deployed families' dinners - where we prepare dinner for the families, offer activities for the kids, offer education for the adults, and in my mind the most critical piece is to offer them a chance to meet other people and form a support system. Support systems make people less likely to isolate themselves."

The center also offers morale calls. Parker said a morale call is when families are able to use their home phone to patch into the base phone lines to call the deployed service member.



Parker

Parker said the center offers classes to help people deal with deployments, but because some feel uncomfortable in a group setting, there are alternatives.

"People tend to want to talk about emotions in smaller settings," she said. "So one of the opportunities for a smaller setting might be to call Cindy Graver or Tech. Sgt. Caroline Newell (family, life, work consultants) to schedule times. Additionally, a lot of units have key spouses who can

### What to Know:

There are a number of resources, both on and off base, to help people deal with the stress associated with deployments, and the current state of world affairs. The following are but a few.

#### On Base

Family Support Center: 926-1256 Web site:<http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/>  
Life Skills Support Center: 327-8398  
Employee Assistance Program: 327-7683, 327-7682  
Health and Wellness Center 327-8480  
Base Chapel 926-2821  
Legal 926-3961

#### Off Base

There are a number of ways people can get information about available services in the surrounding community. There are a number of Web sites concerning counseling, and the phone book is always a good start. The crisis hotline number is 1-800-338-6745.

help. If a group of neighbors wants us to talk to them, we can. We're very flexible."

Parker explained that there are emotional cycles involved with deployments - preparing for deployment, coping with absence and welcoming reunions. The center offers classes and information on all of the cycles. She also said families can pick up the information in printed form and it is available on the center's Web site.

The Family Support Center also partners with a host of agencies on base and off.

"We partner with the chapel in providing monthly single-parent networking meetings and conducting the Heart Link orientations - which is like Spouse 101," she said. "We also partner with the American Red Cross in providing a lot of direct support to families. They funded the last deployed families' dinner. We also partner with Life Skills Support Center to educate people on the emotional cycles and resources available to help them deal with family separations."

Parker said there are a lot of resources available, and a lot of opportunities for families to stay connected and strong.

"All of these things are always available," she said. "But during this time, we are doubling our efforts to get the word out. Most people don't seek something unless they need it."

Parker said the Family Support Center staff is always available via the Web site and e-mail. The center has a two-day or less turnaround goal on e-mails. That email address is [family@robins.af.mil](mailto:family@robins.af.mil).

"If someone feels like they are having a crisis whether it's emotional, physical or financial, and it can't wait

until next business day, contact the command post," Parker said. "The command post can help people get in touch with the right agency. If it's emotional, and it's after hours, call the crisis hotline."

"It doesn't have to be through the military or the FSC," she added. "I'd rather someone call on a Friday night than wait until Monday. That's why we have such a good relationship with the community - we're part of the community. By virtue of living here, they are eager to help us."

Zeiger agreed. "Resources available on base are mirrored in the community, for the most part," she said. "There are mental health services Phoenix Center for Behavioral Health Services, 322-4058, HODAC inc., 953-5675 and churches from which to seek support."



Zeiger

# Unauthorized vehicles to be towed to protect handicapped spots

## 78th Security Forces Squadron

How many times have you driven through a parking lot trying to find an open spot and just when you think you found one, you notice it's marked as a handicapped spot?

What's the big deal, you're just going into the building to drop off some papers. So you take a chance, you park and go in. Not a big deal, right? Wrong!

Per the Base Parking Plan, RAFBI 31-205, handicapped parking is reserved those persons with state issued handicapped parking permits for their vehicles.

Such parking spaces are either marked with the nationally recognized, handicapped parking emblem or with base approved pavement markings or signage for a specific handicapped person.

May everyone recognize such reserved parking is a "big deal" for those who have the legitimate need for the space, and thus not take it illegally.

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base - that's 23,000 sets of eyes and ears for anything that can be amiss - they all need to be alert from a security standpoint.

"Secondly," he added, "(our people need) to continue to do the things that they do each and every day for our country - which is produce the finest aircraft and components that we can for our Air Force to enable our fighting forces in the Middle East to carry out their mission."

Stringer said it's important for the Robins community to adjust to the security environment.

"We are a military and civilian team with a proven track record for flexibility and adaptability," she said. "I have confidence that the Robins Air Force Base population will join with our forces overseas and become a homeland team that will make the Air Force proud. Just one last word - be vigilant. Report any unusual or suspicious activity immediately. Our telephone number is 926-2118."

## Control of information

In addition to being vigilant when out and about the base, the 78th Communications Squadron is advising caution and an "official business only" policy on communications networks.

All transfer of e-mail, voice mail and telephone traffic by the base populace could be limited to mission-essential communications in the event of military actions, according to Lt. Col. Carl Unholz, 78th Communications Squadron commander.

"A natural surge in the amount of communications, both military and civilian, can potentially tie up the telephone and data networks needed for execution of military operations," he said. "Unnecessary voice and data conversations taking place on the home front could mean that important messages to, from or between our deployed forces are delayed or even blocked because of network saturation."

"In addition, we need to focus our attention on protecting our information systems and associated networking resources," he added. "In the event of significant malicious hacker or virus attacks, it may become necessary to isolate Robins Air Force Base from outside sources until the threat can be mitigated."

Unholz said another consideration is to limit unnecessary communications for operational security.

"One of the (beliefs) of modern warfare is the control of information," he said. As operations increase, so will the covert processes associated with gathering information on what our military is doing. We must remember that all of

our telephone and Local Area Network communications are subject to monitoring by unauthorized sources. The disclosure of sensitive information to unauthorized sources could threaten military operations."

## The opportunity to do something

According to Wetekam, the Robins workforce and community are aware of what the country is up against.

"I don't know that there's really anything I need to say to the workforce that they haven't already asked themselves and answered for themselves," he said. "Any thoughtful American understands that our country is going through a period of great challenge, and it's such that we all need to do what we can in that fight. The good thing, in my opinion, for the people who live and work at Robins Air Force Base is they have the opportunity to do something directly."

"They are key members of the United States Air Force," he added. "The Air Force is deeply involved in what's going on in the Middle East. And so as members of the Air Force, they have the opportunity each and every day to produce the products that keep those aircraft and weapons systems operating that can bring us victory in Iraq."

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part-time senior advisor for Mercer University's Engineering Research Center, said when he thinks back to how the Museum of Aviation began as a small tin building on a cement foundation, he's amazed at how it's grown into the fourth largest aviation museum in the nation.

"The Museum is far beyond my expectations I had in the 80's," he said. "Its progress has been phenomenal, and none of it could've been done without the support of the Middle Georgia community."

The former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, who served the Robins Air Force Base community from September 1982 to April 1988, said it's amazing how something that started so small has had such a great impact on Middle Georgia over the years.

"I'm both overwhelmed and honored," he said. "The Museum of Aviation is something that I've been very close to for a long time. It means a lot to me. The first thing that came to mind as I was being honored is how many people have been involved in the Museum's beginning, and where it's going in the future."

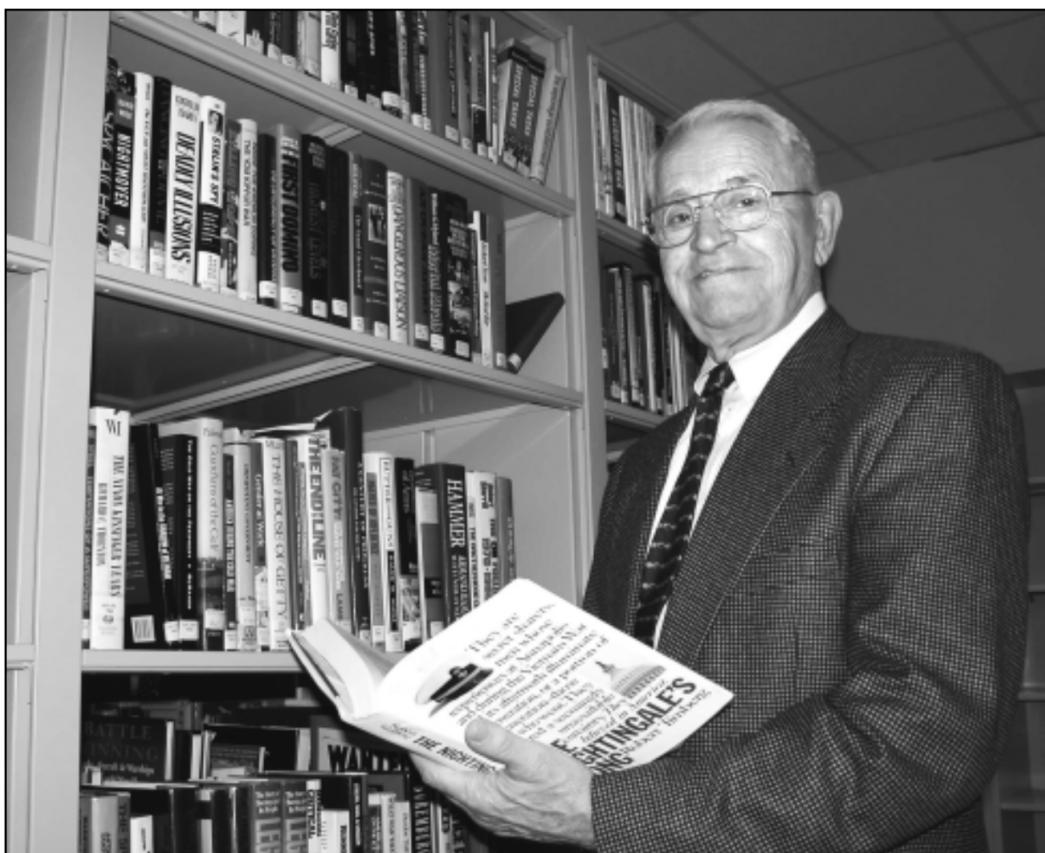
The Museum of Aviation's most recent

honoree said the Museum has made great strides over the years to become the beacon of aviation history it is today - but he looks forward to what the future holds.

"I'd like to see the \$30 million campaign completed," he said, "which includes plans for a separate building to house the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.

I think the Museum of Aviation staff has a good vision for the future, and this campaign can take it to its next highest level."

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, a man whose name is synonymous with the birth of the Museum of Aviation, is now a man whose name is etched in its history.



Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, stands in the Museum of Aviation library that now bears his name. Nugteren was the commander from 1982 to 1988.

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# Military justice in action

An Airman from the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., was recently convicted by a general court-martial of three violations of Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for wrongful use of methamphetamine, and a violation of Article 134 for wrongfully impeding a criminal investigation.

Following his entry of a mixed plea, a Robins jury comprised of both officers and enlisted members, found the accused guilty of all offenses. He was sentenced to a reduction in grade to E-1, confinement for 15 months, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct discharge.

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

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# Excelling in the drive for success

## ■Award winners say success is a team effort

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While the five airmen who won 2002 base awards are proud of their accomplishments, they said their drive for success was not journeyed alone.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey K. Repass earned the title of Robins Air Force Base Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for 2002. Tech. Sgt. Todd R. Krulcik took home the honor of base Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. Company Grade Officer of the Year went to Capt. Waynetta R. Gentry. Master Sgt. John K. Roth was named the base First Sergeant of the Year. Senior Airman Joseph Y. Bogdan took the honor of base Airman of the Year.

The airmen were recognized for their accomplishments at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Robins Air Force Base Annual Awards Banquet held March 13 at the Museum of Aviation.

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, center commander from 1982 to 1988, said base awards winners are to be commended.

"It would be hard for any of us not to cheer on a team, organization or person who achieves excellence, because achievement is what we are really all about," he said. "It's what this nation is all about."

By looking at the list of their past honors, these airmen are well acquainted with the recipe for success in their career fields.

The winners first won their

respective titles at their unit levels. They went on to compete against representatives from other units to earn top base honors.

Some may see such achievements as virtually unattainable, but Repass, chief of facilities maintenance for the Civil Engineering Directorate, said hard work reaps deserved rewards.

"Let it come naturally," he said. "Set a good work example and take care of your people every day. Recognition will find you."

Repass, a member of the civil engineering team for the past eight months, is no stranger to recognition for a job well done.

"I want to be the best at what I do," he said. "If I'm taking care of my people, they will take care of me. If you do your job well, it sets a good example for other airmen to follow. Supervisors and commanders take notice of a job well done and recognition will come."

The 40-year-old master sergeant said he couldn't have reached this point in his military career without the support of his family and work team.

"I'm truly honored that my supervisors, commanders and chiefs have this much faith in me and have provided me with the tools to earn such recognition," he said. "I don't believe in merely meeting the status quo. I believe in always improving. I consider this a stepping stone in my career."

Senior Master Sgt. Terry P. Humphrey, Repass' immediate supervisor, said he views Repass as an asset to his team.

"I'm not sure I've ever met an NCO or SNCO who is as 'on the ball' as Master Sgt. Repass," he said. "He is totally focused on taking care of

the customers and his people. In my eyes, he is the model for a professional noncommissioned officer, and I'm proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him."

Krulcik, unit education and training manager for the Education and Training Flight, said his faith in Jesus Christ and the support of his family and co-workers led to his distinction.

"I'm very honored to be selected for this award, especially since they are so many hard working individuals who are just as deserving of it," he said. "It's not just about me. I'm very thankful for my supervisors, peers and others in my organization that have worked so hard. This award is about what they do as well."

Thirty-one-year-old Krulcik said he aspires to be a master sergeant in the near future, and sees his recent accomplishment as a step toward promotion.

"In this job, you have to be the best you can be," he said.

"In the nature of our business, if we don't do our jobs as Air Force members well, people could lose their lives. My first commander, Col. Wayne Scott, at Kirkland Air Force Base was firm, but patient in driving me to do my best. He was a great mentor."

Gentry, Flight commander and evaluator pilot for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said she is appreciative to her squadron and the 19th Air Refueling Group for laying the foundation for her success.

"I didn't do anything special to earn this award," she said. "I simply did my job, and that won't change."

Gentry credits her parents with instilling her strong work ethic and vision.

Roth, first sergeant for the 78th Communications

Squadron, said with such sharp competition in his field, he was surprised and honored to be selected as the 2002 Robins Air Force Base First Sergeant of the Year.

"Any recognition I've received couldn't come without others' support," he said. "One of the most influential groups of people in my work life has been the First Sergeant Council. There's an enormous amount of knowledge they can offer that I can learn from. I can always count on them for advice."

Although he considers his recent award a testament to his hard work, Roth said he doesn't want it to become an award earned in vain.

"Awards like this have an obvious benefit of adding to promotion potential," he said. "But if there's anything meaningful behind the award, you should continue fulfilling the high standards that you did to earn the recognition. I plan to continue doing my job to the best of my ability."

Bogdan, electronic power production technician for the 53rd Combat Communication Squadron, said being named Robins Air Force Base Airman of the Year has given him an even brighter outlook on the Air Force.

"My long-term goal is to become an officer," he said. "Earning this award will help me when I go to Officer Training School in the future."

No matter one's rank, Roth said work hard, dreams are always within one's reach.

"Hard work always pays off," he said. "You should always continue to work hard set goals. Never give up on achieving your dreams."

## Robins Air Force Base Senior Master Sergeant selectees

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**Bernard D. Sims**

**Dennis T. Smith**

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**Harvey Howard**

116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Kenneth D. Hudson**

**Joseph C. Riley**

116th Operations Support Squadron

**Micheal T. Ford**

**Billy J. Windley**

116th Computer Systems Squadron

**Bradley D. Gibson**

16th Airborne Command Control Squadron

**Theodore T. Litz**

19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Ryan Mosley**

**Anthony S. Wallace**

99th Air Refueling Squadron

**David M. Watkins**

367th Recruiting Group

**Ernest D. Chapman, Jr.**

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**John C. Glenn**

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**James M. Rogers**



# Showing pride for men and women in service

■ The Officers' Spouses' Club sells service flags to help boost patriotism

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Angela Nesley, membership committee co-chairperson for the Officers' Spouses' Club and chairperson of the Service Flag Fundraiser

Committee, said service flags, originated during World War II, are making a come back.

The Officers' Spouses' Club is selling the 8.5 by 16.5-inch flags at the Thrift Shop, the Museum of Aviation, and other base locations throughout March to help boost morale and patriotism of military members and their families.

"During the Gulf War, family members wore yellow ribbons to show that they had military members in their family who were serving in the war," said Lisa Fair, president of the Officers' Spouses' Club. "Buying and displaying the service flag is a way family members can now show support to their service members, and they don't have to be gone to war in order to do so."

The red-bordered flag can hold up to five stars, each star represent-

ing a family member serving in the Armed Forces. Blue stars represent family members who currently serve in one of the Armed Forces branches. A gold star stitched over the blue star indicates that a military family member has died or has been lost in military conflict. The blue star symbolizes hope and pride, and the gold star is representative of the sacrifice for liberty and freedom.

## What to Know:

The Officers' Spouses' Club is selling the 8.5 by 16.5-inch service flags at the Thrift Shop, the Museum of Aviation, and other base locations throughout March. Pre-assembled service flag kits cost \$20, and pre-made service flags are \$30. To order a service flag, contact Angela Nesley at 929-9908, Kathy Nigolian at 328 - 9798, or Lisa Fair at 329 - 9660.

Service flags are to be hung facing outward from the inside front window of a home or organization supporting a service member. Its gold tassel should hang the flag vertically. The flags, once known as "Sons in Service Flags" and the "Blue Star Flag," can be bought in kit form or pre-assembled. Kits cost \$20, and pre-made service flags are \$30. Flags are to be shown the same respect as that of the American Flag. When displaying the service flag next to the American Flag, it is to be treated in the same manner as a state flag, said Nesley.

Nesley said the service flags, manufactured in Goldsboro, N.C., are not only a great way to support troops, but they're also a way people can help support OSC philanthropic activities.

"The funds we generate from



Angela Nesley displays a service flag. Nesley said the service flags, manufactured in Goldsboro, N.C., are not only a great way to support troops, but they're also a way people can help support OSC philanthropic activities. The Officers' Spouses' Club is selling the 8.5 by 16.5-inch flags at various base locations throughout March to help boost morale and patriotism of military members and their families.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

selling the service flags will go into our welfare fund to support scholarships and other ways we help people at Robins and in the surrounding community," she said.

Fair said the club has already sold more than 50 service flags, and they hope people will continue to support deployed troops and military members serving stateside

through buying and displaying the flags.

"These flags represent freedom and what our troops do for our country," she said. "When we put these flags up, it says that we have someone in our immediate family who is putting his or her life on the line for our country."

Michelle Mras, OSC publicity

chairperson, mirrored Fair's comments, and said this is one part of World War II history that is carried into the present and future.

"This is a great way to let our troops know we support them," she said. "The flags are symbols of support for those who fought in the past and those are currently fighting for freedom."

# Business as usual has a new meaning

■ MAI Lean event allows for better production, better communications and better traffic flow

By Jessica L. Wilson  
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MAI has been taking the Lean challenge for some time now, but in November the Radar Module Test Stations for F-15 Indicators and Controls really put it to the test.

Team co-leads Jimmy Beeland, Branch Chief, and Victor Slaw, Supervisor, "Leaned" two test stations in building 640 and identified standard work. Others who participated in the event included team members Jeff Wilder, Ken Sato, John Pagura, Jim Bon, Margie Rodriguez, Master Sgt. Joe Romanelli, Lee Wright and Billy Shirley.

After charting the value stream, calculating the manual task time (both value and non-value added) and identifying backorders (28 units with productivity equaling 37 units per 1,000 hours), the action plan was left to the experts with their years of knowledge and experience.

They set out to better label and identify bench stock locations; move from a three shift to two shift operation; redesign the RMTS cell layout; color code the cables; order a bar code scanner; eliminate duplicate database entry; training; and get a service contract for the VECTOR volt meter.

The true value of Lean didn't come to fruition until the weeks following when the projects and "do-its" were done. During follow-up in February, amazing results had been achieved.

Two test stations (APG 63 & 70) had been transformed and co-located to face each other. Engineer, Jim Bon, redesigned the cell layout to display one large cell with four workbenches in the middle and a test unit on each end. The two test stations at Robins are the only two test stations in the world. Slaw and Jeff Wilder, technician, were worried about moving the units for fear they would not come back up and impact production.

The physical move took 15 minutes thanks to Neil Coffee and the "A" team from plant services. When the test stations were brought

back up, long standing problems such as noise had been resolved. Technicians were able to run their cards with no impact to production because of the commitment made to work on the President's Day holiday. The next morning, it was business as usual.

But business as usual now has a new meaning. The new layout actually allows them to exceed their workload demand; permits improved communications between the test technicians and the circuit card repair technicians; and reduced walking distance for the various tasks, for example the distance between the testing and repair technicians was reduced from 30 feet to eight feet.

"It's more convenient for the ITA (interconnecting test assembly), plus we can cross-train and consult with one another now," said Matt Emerson, technician.

Slaw added that productivity has been improved.

"There is now more capacity available for surge items because we're able to produce to (meet customer demands) with just two shifts - something we could not have done before without extensive overtime," he said. "Plus, our new layout increases safety and allows us to close off the area to run classified tests, something else we couldn't do until now. I had doubts but we definitely have more team effort now."

With this success, Slaw's team is ready to take on new challenges. One idea they intend to piggyback is the Memory module test system's new diagnostic probing technique. Using a static video camera, the pins of the circuit card are magnified and displayed on a flat screen TV.

Taking up to six hours to complete one card often causes chronic fatigue, lower back pain and blurred vision. This alleviates that.

There is an anticipated 10 to 15 percent reduction in test and repair time once the permanent equipment is installed. Slaw plans to use this same prototype for one of his other applications as well.

Healthier, and rested employees always gain benefits when it comes improving efficiency. And of all the lessons learned, the most important is that lean events are not new ideas, but lean forces you to solve the problem - and mission accomplished for this team.

Robins Air Force Base  
Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel results



## Colonel selectees

AFELM USJFCOM

**Richard M. Chavez**

Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command

**Steven J. Moes**

16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron  
**Willie G. Nunn**

19th Air Refueling Group

**Joseph T. Rohret**



## Lieutenant Colonel (MSC) selectees

78th Medical Group

**Rebecca C. Seese**

367th Recruiting Group

**Kenneth R. Wilson**

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## C-141 depot work draws to a close

**Col. Kenneth Emery**  
C-141 System Program Office director

Since the first C-141 was delivered to the U.S. Air Force in 1964, the "Starlifter" has served the nation in a host of airlift roles. With a total of 284 aircraft delivered, it was the prime airlift mover of cargo and personnel for the Air Force and the Department of Defense for almost 40 years.

The accomplishments of the C-141 are breathtaking – the hundreds of millions of miles flown, the millions of tons of cargo and personnel moved over 39 years of service are impressive.

The few C-141s still in service will soldier on until the last one retires in 2006. Even now, it carries valuable cargo where it's needed in the Middle East and elsewhere. Alongside its replacements, the new C-17 "Globemaster III" and the C-5 "Galaxy," this trio of strategic airlifters performs the unglamorous but critical task of hauling people and equipment to far away places and into harm's way. It is likely they will be the airlifters that will bring them home again.

Today, there are only eight C-141 aircraft left at Robins undergoing Programmed Depot Maintenance. By the end of the year there will be none, thus, closing an impressive and distinctive chapter in the history of base and the Center.

There is often talk about partnerships between industry and the government. What is often overlooked is the partnership between the Air Force and the wonderful workers here at Robins Air Force Base.

As the C-17 aircraft numbers continue to grow, the C-141 fleet continues to shrink. The recent conversion of the 172nd Airlift Wing Air National Guard in Jackson, Miss., leaves only five units still flying the venerable "Starlifter."

This fall the 452nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, at March Air Reserve Base,

Calif., will begin conversion to KC-135 aerial tankers, and another 16 C-141s will head to retirement.

The 459th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., will convert to KC-135s and retire their eight C-141s. By the end of 2003, there will be less than 50 C-141s still in service, and 2006 will see the final "Starlifter" retire.

Please take an extra moment in these coming months, when we see the final C-141s complete their Programmed Depot Maintenance overhauls and return to their last duty station, to reflect on not only the magnificent contribution of the C-141; but the depot work force that so faithfully and skillfully maintained this great airplane throughout its service to the nation.

To keep a trusted and faithful servant like the C-141 in service for these 40 years, it takes Herculean efforts to maintain and improve the fleet over its entire service life. To do that and maintain a fleet in the field to do the daily airlift tasks, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has been in the forefront of making sure the "Starlifter" is in top-notch condition throughout its career.

Warner Robins ALC has been the provider of choice for depot-level work on the C-141 since 1972. Not unlike the C-17, the C-141 started its visits to the depot for modifications and upgrades.

Cycling through Warner Robins every three years, in 1977 the cycle was extended to four years with the fleet average age of 12 years for the 284 C-141s.

In the late 1970s, studies revealed that a more efficient and less-costly method of doing overhaul work could be achieved by programming depot overhaul work on a regular basis and ensuring all aircraft received depot attention. This system developed into what we call today Programmed Depot Maintenance.

The system provides a much smoother workflow and a predictable schedule for

the aircraft to be out of service for the warfighters. As a result, Robins averaged between 60 and 70 C-141s each year for depot work, and there were usually 20 to 30 C-141s on the ground at one time undergoing overhaul.

The PDM concept applies to most Air Force aircraft and is the standard approach to the important task of keeping all Air Force aircraft in the best possible condition.

This PDM workload required the Center to develop and sustain a significant capability to do depot work on the C-141.

Extensive support equipment, maintenance stands, tooling and facilities were needed and developed at Robins to support the most important strategic airlift aircraft in the Air Force.

The most important contribution by Warner Robins was, and is, a hugely talented work force.

This impressively core-skilled worker capability developed in the 1970 and 80s, would prove invaluable in the 1990s when depot workers were called on to step up to two of the most important challenges to the C-141 fleet.

In the late 1980s, engineering studies indicated a need to replace the center wing box – a main structural member of the wing. Warner Robins ALC competed for this significant workload with other private contractors, winning the prize workload in December 1992.

Warner Robins ALC/LJP won the workload and its 1.4 million man-hours of work worth a \$222 million for repair of 118 aircraft. It was the biggest Air Force workload competed between both private and public bidders at the time.

The intense demands of Desert Storm took a huge toll on the structural soundness of the aircraft. Stretched to the limits, cracks developed in the weep hole area of the wings.

This required the emergency repair of

almost every aircraft in the fleet, and the demand on the C-141. Production capability to surge and support more than 90 aircraft in work here at Robins at one time from 1993 to 1994 until the fleet airworthiness was restored. The magnificent effort by those C-141 maintenance professionals earned the Center a personal letter of appreciation from the then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John M. Shalikashvili.

This year marks the end of the C-141 PDM program. C-141C serial number 65-0248 was the last depot input and arrived Dec. 2, 2002.

It is scheduled to depart on Oct. 7, 2003, culminating 31 years of depot-level work at Robins on the C-141. Many Robins workers, both past and present, worked on the venerable "Starlifter."

In those 31 years, more than 1,800 PDMs were accomplished on the C-141 fleet amounting to more than 30 million man-hours of work, employing literally thousands of Middle Georgia workers for many years. In addition to the PDM workload, the estimated unscheduled work touched hundreds of aircraft and added hundreds of thousands of additional man-hours to the work force's impressive record.

For more than 30 years, Robins has provided the essential depot maintenance support to sustain the C-141 for any task called upon by the Air Force.

In exchange, the C-141 depot work has provided thousands of jobs for the people of Middle Georgia, putting food on the table, roofs over families' heads and making wholesome communities possible in which all of folks may live and prosper.

So over the next few months as you see fewer and fewer C-141s in the air over Robins, take pause to think of its distinctive service to the nation and the Robins workers who faithfully made that distinctive record possible.

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](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

### Keep theater bathrooms open after the movie

I'm a military spouse who lives in Warner Robins and I go to the base quite frequently. First, I want to say thanks for providing movies on base. Downtown prices are very expensive. My question is about the restroom policy at the base theater. What is the policy on using the restroom after the movie is over and the credits are running? On several occasions, other patrons and I have been steered away from the restrooms by the theater staff after the movie was over and told to exit using the side doors. I've noticed this happening frequently over the last few months. I live about 25 minutes from the base and usually don't use the restroom during the movie. After drinking a large soda, I would have appreciated the chance to use the facilities before I drive home. When I go to the movies downtown, the lobby and bathrooms are accessible to anyone who need to use them. I am sure I speak for all customers who have been rudely escorted out the side exits. As much as I like the base theater, who has the right to refuse anyone from using the bathroom?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We apologize for any grief this has caused. To ensure this will not happen in the future, two actions have been taken: 1) the theater management staff has been directed not to close the bathrooms early; and 2) training has been administered to all theater associates to keep the bathrooms open until all customers have exited the building. Again, our theater staff apologizes for any inconvenience or rudeness caused to our faithful patrons of the Robins Theater. May

your future visits to the theater be more enjoyable with the adjustments in business practice and attitude.

### Lunch prices creep up at Base Restaurant

I had lunch today at the Base Restaurant and was extremely surprised to find the price for the "Blue Plate" special had gone up to \$3.95. This is only a 20 cent increase; however, on the short-order side the monthly special has gone from \$3.95 to \$4.50. Why weren't these price increases made public beforehand? I understand from time-to-time price increases are necessary to offset the cost of doing business, but I feel customers should be given advance notice.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. You are correct -- effective March 1 we did increase the cost of the "blue plate" special from \$3.75 to \$3.95 to offset vendor price increases. We don't recall ever offering a \$3.95 monthly special that was increased to \$4.50 on the short order side. However, every month we will pick an item and discount it for an entire month and then select another item the following month. We recently did this with the "monster burger" that went from \$3.95 back to \$4.25. Regarding price increases in general, we hold off as long as we can, and then do so reluctantly. As our costs increase, we need to adjust menu prices accordingly to ensure we meet established profit margins, so we can continue to offset civilian welfare programs and reinvest in base restaurant facility and equipment enhancements. We will do our best to advertise specials and any price increases in the Services Edge magazine and the facility. Don't forget, club members

still receive 10 percent discounts at all Services food outlets by just showing their club cards. Thanks for the call.

### Can you pave the road to the RV lot?

There is a continual problem with the road to the RV/boat storage lot. First, let me say thanks for providing a secure storage area. It helps clear out the confined area we have in base housing. My concern is with the condition of the road that leads to the storage lot. I was told a work order had been submitted to CE, but that was few months ago, and I am concerned if it will be addressed. The dirt road has large pot holes and the recent weather makes it look like a track for a mud race. Can CE pave the road or at least, layer it with gravel?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Base Civil Engineers have been working the dirt roads on the south end of the base this winter in an effort to keep them passable and divert rainwater to the ditches. An unusual rainy season has damaged the roads as well as caused delays in repairing them. The wet condition of the road to the RV lot makes it impossible to complete the work until the rains stop long enough for the road to dry. As weather permits we will continue working the road to improve the condition to make it safe. There are no plans to pave the road at this time or add gravel, which causes problems. We will continue to scrape and compact the road and preserve the ditches. We have estimated a cost of approximately \$85,000 for paving. With funding for base support substantially below standard this fiscal year, the project will have to compete with other base priorities for any relief dollars. We'll have it ready for execution if funds do become available. Thank you for your concern and help in making Robins a better place to work and live.



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## YMCA art contest winner

Sixth-grader Karen Nicholson, daughter of Air Force Lt. Col. Philip and Dori Nicholson of Moody Air Force Base, Ga., won first place in the Armed Services YMCA Art Contest 2003. She will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, Nicholson's artwork will be used on a poster promoting Military Family Month in November.

# Toddler developmental screening set for Tuesday

By **Susan V. Goode**  
**78th Medical Group**  
**Educational and Developmental Intervention Services**

The 78th Medical Group's Educational and Developmental Intervention Services Program is offering parents a chance to test how well their toddlers are developing and in the process, learn some fun ways to help babies learn.

The program, set for Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon, will give parents a picture of how their children are developing in five different areas. Parents don't have to be concerned about their child's development to participate.

The program serves active-duty families with children up to age 3 who live on Robins Air Force Base. EDIS is affiliated with the medical group's Family Advocacy and has offices in the Robins Medical Clinic.

EDIS' purpose is to help children with

developmental delays begin life with every opportunity for success. The staff identifies children, birth to 3 years old who have special needs or who have a risk for developmental delays. Services are based on the educational needs of the child and the family.

The EDIS staff evaluates children individually to determine his or her strengths and delays. Then the staff works with the family to recommend services that would best help that child develop to the highest potential. The staff then coordinates or provides services the child may require.

Among the services available are: speech and language therapy; special instruction with an early childhood special educator; playgroup therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy and other specialized therapy, as the child requires.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 327-8431 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Appointments are recommended, but not mandatory.

## 78th Air Base Wing promotion ceremony

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony March 29, at 3:30 p.m. in the Smith Community Center Auditorium. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. John Holderbaugh at 926-0792.

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# Close Up



## High state of readiness

Robins gets real in weapons of mass destruction demonstration

**By Chris Zdrakas**

78th Air Base Wing

Two human-like forms lay face down on the pavement between aircraft hangars that line the Robins flight line perimeter. Teams of emergency responders - hooded, masked and wearing green protective suits - entered the area, rolled the forms onto plastic stretchers and carried them to a decontamination area.

It was a glimpse of what the future could hold - rescue and recovery from chemical attack.

The players were from the 78th Medical Group and the 78th Civil Engineer Group, which teamed up to demonstrate devices and procedures Robins would employ in the event of chemical, biological or radiological attack. City of Warner Robins and Houston County emergency personnel attended the demonstration.

Kevin Bartoe, Robins Fire Department hazardous materials coordinator, said the exercise familiarized new senior leadership with capabilities Robins has to respond to weapons of mass destruction - WMD - attack.

Robins is one of 10 Air Force bases and one of three from the Air Force in the Department of Defense chosen for a Defense Department pilot program testing equipment and devices needed to detect, identify and isolate WMD. Six other installations

representing other military services are also in the program. Robins' position as a pilot

base opened the door to funding to purchase nearly \$1.2 million in high-tech WMD-related equipment and training.

"We are in good or better shape with response equipment and

training as almost any place in the country," Bartoe said.

Maj. Paul Pirkle of the 78th Medical Group, installation nuclear, biological, chemical medical defense officer, said the demonstration is "indicative of the different world we live in."

"We don't think in terms of peacetime and wartime anymore," he said. "We think in terms of deployed and homeland. We are implementing a lot of the skills and tools for homeland security that we have been using for a long time in a deployed environment. We need to sharpen the sword because, not only is this an important capability, it also can be an effective deterrent."

He said the off-base emergency personnel partnership is crucial.

"It's going to become critically important that we solidify our relationships with our host community, not only to be a good neighbor like we have in the past, but because it now contributes to force protection. Most of us live off-base, and an attack on the community could impede mission accomplishment."

See this story on streaming video at: <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/pa/stream> or from the public side: <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>

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2 Dan Worthington demonstrates an infrared speedrometer used to determine suspicious substances for Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing Commander.



3 Staff Sgt. Greg Stephens helps demonstrate a bomb retrieval robot.



4 2nd Lt. Eve Drzyzga demonstrates a nuclear biological chemical detection device.



5 A member of the Base Fire Department sprays a decontamination foam on a potential victim.

1 Members of the Base Fire Department decontaminate a potential victim.

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■ Air Force and NASCAR team up for recruiting

■ 116th Air Control Wing, Robins people deploy

■ Area schools develop emergency plan to support military families

■ Robins and Mercer University celebrate engineering partnership

■ Community organization developing plan to help families of deployed military members

■ The Macon Trax Hockey team hosts "Military Night" at Macon Coliseum



## MOVIE SCHEDULE

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

7:30 p.m. – Shanghai Knights – Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson

Chon Wang and Roy O'Bannon head to London, England, after Chon's estranged father is murdered by a Chinese rebel. Chon's sister, Lin, also arrives and uncovers a plot to murder the royal family.



Rated PG-13 (action violence and sexual content) 107 minutes

Saturday

7:30 p.m. – The Recruit – Al Pacino, Colin Farrell

Set at the "secret" CIA training facility called Farm at Camp Peary in Virginia, a young agent trainee suspects his instructor of being a double agent for the Chinese government.

Rated PG-13 (violence, sexuality and language) 105 minutes

March 28

7:30 p.m. – How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days – Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson

A regular ladies man (McConaughey) bets his friends that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unluckily for him, however, the girl (Hudson) that he picks just happens to try to get rid of him almost immediately.

Rated PG-13 (some sex-related material) 120 minutes

March 29

7:30 p.m. – Dark Blue – Kurt Russell, Ving Rhames

Set in the LAPD in April 1992, it takes place just days before the acquittal of four white officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King and the subsequent LA riots. In this racially charged climate, the LAPD's elite Special Investigations Squad is assigned a high-profile quadruple homicide. As they work the case, veteran detective Eldon Perry (Russell) tutors rookie Bobby Keough in the grim realities of police intimidation and corruption. Meanwhile, Assistant Chief Holland (Rhames), the only man in the department willing to stand up to the SIS, threatens to end Perry's brand of single-handed "justice" on the LA streets. While navigating through tumultuous neighborhoods of South Central LA, Perry and Keough must track down killers and face their own demons.

Rated R (violence, language and brief sexuality) 116 minutes

## 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.



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

There are a number of activities offered by the 78th Services Division. Skeet and trap shooting are among them.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Aero Club 926-4867

An Aero Club Open House is set for April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flight instructors will be available to answer questions and discovery flights will be offered to those eligible to join the Aero Club. Free food, free simulator time and a chance to win free flights in Aero Club will also be available.

### Child Development Center 926-3080

Kite Day will be held today at both CDC East and West at 3 p.m. All parents with children enrolled in the CDC program are invited to attend.

The Children's Health Fair will be held April 4 at the Smith Community Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Booths with information on kid friendly fitness equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, crime prevention, dental care, Tricare and other children's health issues will be available.

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

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.

### Equipment Rental 926-4001

Equipment Rental is holding a half-price sale through Saturday on all rental items. Items include campers, boats, tents, camping, sports and yard equipment, barbecue pits, turkey fryers and more. Call ahead or visit the center in its new location in Bldg. 914.

### Expressions 926-0304

Expressions, located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, is holding a spring-cleaning sale throughout March. Many items will be at cost during the event, which ends March 28. Expressions is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Monthly yard sales will begin April 5 at the Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost of tables are \$7 each and should be paid for prior to April 5. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Bldg. 767.

### Pizza Depot 926-0188

Order a large Mama's Choice pizza 8 - 8:30 p.m. for \$8 during March.

### Youth Center 926-2110

The Youth Center will be accepting registration for Summer Day Camp through Wednesday. Forms are available online at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil) and at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1021. Camp is available for children, ages 5 - 12 years. Five-year-old children must have completed kindergarten. The drawing will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center.

The Youth Center is now accepting applications for volunteer micro t-ball and t-ball coaches. No experience is required as training is provided. Apply in person at the Youth Center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110. Micro t-ball registration for 3 and 4 year olds will be held April 12, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., at the Youth Center.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center 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. For additional information, please call 926-1256.**

### Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor and Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center Employment Resource Program and Transition Assistance Program are sponsoring a Job Fair today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Galleria Mall, 2922 Watson Blvd., Centerville.

### Bundles for Babies & Infant Care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bldg. 827, (old base gym) HAWC class

room. The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. To register call the Family Support Center at 926-1256.

### Federal resume writing class

The Center's Transition Assistance Program will conduct a Federal Resume Writing class on Thursday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137. The class is aimed at helping military personnel prepare to meet requirements when applying for federal employment. Advanced registration is required.

### Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, April 2, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at

the Enlisted Club. The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base. To make reservations, please call 926-1256.

### Resume and cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop April 3, 9 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 905.

### Computer resource center

The Family Support Computer Resource Center is open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. All computers have laser printers. A fax machine is available for short notice resumes Please schedule time in advance by calling 6-1256, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

### Register early

Please register early for FSC classes. Many are subject to cancellation if advance registration is insufficient.

## DEPLOYED SPOUSES' CORNER

### Morale Call Program

In this program, families of deployed and remote tour members can call from Robins to the deployed/remote location free of charge. This service is offered through the base operator and eligible members are allowed one call per week for 15 minutes each call.

### Car Care Because We Care

Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, the program provides a one-time preventive maintenance and safety inspection for one family vehicle if the military member is TDY 30 days or longer or on a remote assignment. Eligible members must get a voucher from the Family Support Center to set up an appointment with the base Service Station.

### Video Phone

Do you have a spouse that is TDY/on a remote assignment and would like to see them before they get back? You can, without leaving Robins Air Force Base. We have video-telephone capability to many installations around the world. Please call us to make an appointment.

### Video cameras

Family Readiness has three video cameras that may be borrowed for up to 48 hours to tape a special event or private message to send to the military member. Some restrictions apply.

### Pillowcases

Either the military member or the family member may bring a few pictures of his or her family to the FSC either on a floppy disc, CD, or hard copy. The FSC will create and produce the pillowcase absolutely free! (If you prefer a t-shirt, please bring in your own and that can be arranged.)

### E-mail for spouses

If you do not have e-mail capability from home and your spouse is on a TDY or remote assignment, don't fret. Just give us a call and we'll make an appointment to set up a free e-mail account for you in our computer resource library.

### Letter writing kits

If you are separated from a family member due to deployment, feel free to come by and get one of our letter writing kits that include stationary, post cards, greet-

ing cards, stamps, and parent/child note exchanges.

### Calling cards

Free \$20 calling cards, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, are offered to all personnel going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer. These must be issued to the military member.

### Unit Spouse Volunteer Program

The Unit Spouse Volunteer Program is an outreach effort of the Family Support Center that uses trained volunteer spouses in each unit to serve as unit liaisons in an effort to address concerns of the families of deployed members. Most units have one or more Unit Spouse Volunteers and they coordinate programs such as monthly newsletters, holiday activities, care package preparation and much more! To find out who your Unit Spouse Volunteer is, check with your unit commander or first sergeant.

### Give Parents a Break

Under the program the AFAS will pay the cost of using the base Child Development Center for children under 6 and the Youth Activities Center for children over 6. It is open the first Friday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for families referred to the program.

Active duty Air Force families eligible for Give Parents a Break program would include those where a parent is feeling stress due to:

- the military member being deployed or TDY
- having a child with special needs
- an emergency situation, such as illness of a family member
- the family recently moving to the base
- unique circumstances or hardships.

To be eligible for the program, families must be referred to the Child Development Center or Youth Center by one of the following base recommended officials:

- Family Support Center staff
- Squadron commander/first sergeant
- Chaplain
- Doctor or other medical professional
- Family Advocacy personnel
- Child Development Center personnel.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Steady drizzle didn't stop the St. Patrick's Day 5K Run sponsored by the Fitness Center March 17. Mitchell Sinyard placed first with Phillip Burnette coming in second.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Register for spring tennis at civilian recreation, Bldg. 767, for \$10 per person. Single or doubles will be offered. League play begins April 14.

### Fitness Center 926-2128

The football field located inside the base running track across from the fitness center will be closed for approximately six weeks beginning May 11 for reseeding. Questions may be addressed to Kenneth Porter at 926-2128.

Personnel interested in trying out for the United States Racquetball Association's National Single Championship should turn in Air Force Form 303 by 2 p.m., March 31. The championship games will be held May 21 through 26 in Houston. For more information or to turn in forms, please call Kenneth Porter at 926-2128 or stop by Bldg. 826.

### Golf Course 926-4103

A Farewell Golf Greens scramble will be held tomorrow with a shotgun start 9 a.m. at

Pine Oaks Golf Course. Annual Green Fee players cost is \$25 and guests are \$35.

A Spring Break Junior Golf Academy will be held at 9 a.m. on April 2 for ages 7 to 9 and April 3 for ages 10 to 12. Cost is \$30 and includes instruction, lunch and snacks.

### Robins Lanes 926-2112

Practice for upcoming tournaments during Robins Lanes lunchtime special. Bowl three games for \$3, Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in March.

Plan your next fundraiser or office party at Robins Lanes. Groups can bowl three games, including shoes for \$4.50 each. Call the bowling center for details.

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.

### Skeet Range 926-4733

A Scrap Fun Shoot will be held March 29 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per 25 targets.

Submit sports information to Geoff Janes in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. Submit stories and stats in person or by e-mail at [geoff.janes@robins.af.mil](mailto:geoff.janes@robins.af.mil). For more information, call 926-2137.

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## Stars and Stripes delivers messages from home

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops deployed to the Persian Gulf region and other overseas locations will soon receive personal messages from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters via the pages of Stars and Stripes.

“Messages of Support,” a daily section that debuted March 17, will give family and friends of deployed service members a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free of charge.

“In the past few weeks, we’ve received a significant number of e-mail messages from spouses, parents, friends and others trying to get in contact with their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf region. Running messages from folks on the home front seemed like a natural extension of our mission,” said Stars and Stripes Publisher Thomas Kelsch.

“Messages of Support” can be e-mailed to Stars and Stripes at [messages@estripes.com](mailto:messages@estripes.com) and are limited to 50 words or less.

Messages will be printed on a first-come, first-run basis. Stars and Stripes reserve the right to screen and edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

## Robins Air Force Base School Board meets Monday

The Robins Air Force Base School Board will meet at 4:30 p.m., Monday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The public is invited to attend.

## Base Chapel Lenten lunch schedule

The base chapel Lenten lunch schedule for Tuesday and for April 1, 8 and 15: Protestant Devotion, noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Annex; Catholic Mass, noon-12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; lunch, 12:30-1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of spiritual and physical nourishment during this season of Lent.

For more information, please contact Athena Romo at 926-2821.

## Christian to lead Software Division

Thomas F. Christian has been selected for promotion to GS-15 and reassignment as chief of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Maintenance Directorate Software Division, command officials announced. Christian is currently the deputy chief of the software division.

# 'Scout's honor'

## ■ Robins employee snags top scout award

By Lanorris Askew  
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A Scout's word is his bond. And when Robert Ashcroft, a Logistics Management directorate requirements computations specialist, made a promise more than 20 years ago, he was determined to keep it.

That promise was to never leave Scouting in his past. Decades later, not only is he living up to his promise, he's reaping the benefits.

Feb. 20 he was awarded the coveted Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service in the field of Scouting.

"I was really shocked," he said. "I kind of thought maybe I would get it one day, but never this soon."

The Silver Beaver is awarded to Scout leaders who have dedicated time and effort to help the Boy Scouts of America in various ways. To receive the award, the leader must be nominated by someone in his Council.

Ashcroft said he is proud and a bit overwhelmed.

"I'm really a behind the scenes sort of guy, and this really surprised me," he said.

In front of family and friends, including his mother and father who drove in from Arizona, Ashcroft was praised for his work and presented the Silver Beaver medallion along with a plaque commemorating the day.

Receiving the award ahead of the scheduled awards banquet set for later this month surprised him even more.

Because he is an Army Reserve captain and company commander for the 988th Quartermasters, out of Dublin, Ga., currently on alert for possible deployment, Ashcroft was honored with his own private ceremony.

"It was great to be able to have my father



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ashcroft won the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service in the field of Scouting. The award honors Scout leaders who have dedicated time and effort to help the Boy Scouts of America

there," he said.

Ashcroft's father and grandfather, who were both Scoutmasters, have also received the award making him a third generation Silver Beaver recipient. He said to have his father present the award was like putting icing on the cake.

When asked what he loved most about being involved with the Scouts, he said watching them excel.

"It's really great to see them grow up and take their place in society," he said.

Ashcroft is the father of three sons who are carrying on the family heritage. Fourteen-year-old Gary is an Eagle Scout, 13-year-old Kyle is a Life Scout and 10-year-old Cody is a Cub Scout.

The Silver Beaver award was introduced in 1931 as a means of recognizing Scouters who provide distinguished service to youth on the local level. The award is made by the National Council, upon the recommendation of the Local Council. Initially the Silver Beaver award was only presented to men. The requirement was changed in 1974 to allow it to be presented to outstanding male or female Scouters.



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Ashcroft, pictured with his father Ross on the right, is a third generation Silver Beaver recipient.

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# HONOR ROLL

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## LG Trainer of the Quarter Awards

WR-ALC employees received "LG Trainer of the Quarter" awards for FY03 1st Quarter.

**Rita Hampton**, Inventory Manager in the LU Directorate, was involved in training five inventory manager trainees during the quarter.

**William (Bob) Cook**, Inventory Manager in the LE Directorate, was responsible for training several Inventory Management Specialists during this time.

**James H Singleton**, Equipment Specialist in the LU Directorate, was involved in training an Equipment Specialist trainee in his area during the quarter.

**Jim Dewitt**, Equipment Specialist in the LK Directorate, had a major impact on the trainee in his area this quarter.

**Arthur Hicks**, Logistics Management Specialist for the LF Directorate, played a major role in the training of a new Palace Acquire intern this quarter.

**Brian Denman**, Production Management Specialist for the LN Directorate, was involved in the training of several PMS trainees in his area.

**Carey W. Carter**, Production Management Specialist for the LY Directorate, was instrumental in training two trainees transitioning from Depot Maintenance Activity Group to Contract Depot Maintenance direct cite funding concept.

## FY02 3rd Quarter Patriot Winners

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category 1 (GS-03 to GS-07 Administrative/Technical) for FY02 3rd Quarter was **Joyce Harrell**, LKC.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category II (GS-09 - GS-13 Specialist/Professional) for FY02 3rd Quarter was **Timothy Floyd**, LKG.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category III (Patriot Team) for FY02 3rd Quarter was the LKC - CORE TEAM of **Maryanne Watkins** and **Bill Dean**.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category IV (Patriot Contractor) for FY02 3rd Quarter was **Fredrick A. (Skip) Hemsworth**, LKG.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category V (Patriot Trainer - Equipment Specialist) for FY02 3rd Quarter was **Rick Tamiso**, LKGT.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category V (Patriot Trainer - Inventory Management Specialist) for FY02 3rd Quarter was **Charlene Whitley**, LKNC

## FY02 4th Quarter Patriot Winners

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category 1 (GS-03 to GS-07 Administrative/Technical) for FY02 4th Quarter is **Dorothy McNair**, LKN.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category II (GS-09 - GS-13 Specialist/ Professional) for FY02 4th Quarter was **Catherine Belflower**, LKF.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category III (Patriot Team) for FY02 4th Quarter was the **FAST TEAM**, LKF.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category IV (Patriot Contractor) for FY02 4th Quarter was **William A. Cook**, LKN.

## FY03 1ST Quarter Patriot Winners

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category 1 (GS-03 to GS-07 Administrative/Technical) for FY03 1st Quarter was **Laura Hill**.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category II (GS-09 - GS-13 Specialist/Professional) for FY03 1st Quarter was **Jeneane Daniels**.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category III (Patriot Team) for FY03 1st Quarter is the LKG Small Arms IPT Team. Core team members: **June Sims, Joe Gatins, Frank Barnes, Esther Edwards, Michael Nichols, Michael Bra ndt, Gloria Brown, Tanya Green, Zora Cusimano, Ronald Ryan and Marie Jenkins**.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category IV (Patriot Contractor) for FY03 1st Quarter was **James H. Tucker**.

The winner of the LK Patriot of the Quarter Category V (Patriot Trainer) for FY03 1st Quarter was **Carl Stover**, LKG.