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TROOPS



Sandra Burnett
Flight kitchen supply clerk

"I proudly support you. I have been praying for you all, and will be happy to see you back. Thanks for all the work that you have done for us, and may God be with you all."

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Shipping them out

■ Logistics Readiness Squadron processes thousands of troops

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Robins mobility operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom accomplished in five months what they normally do in two years.

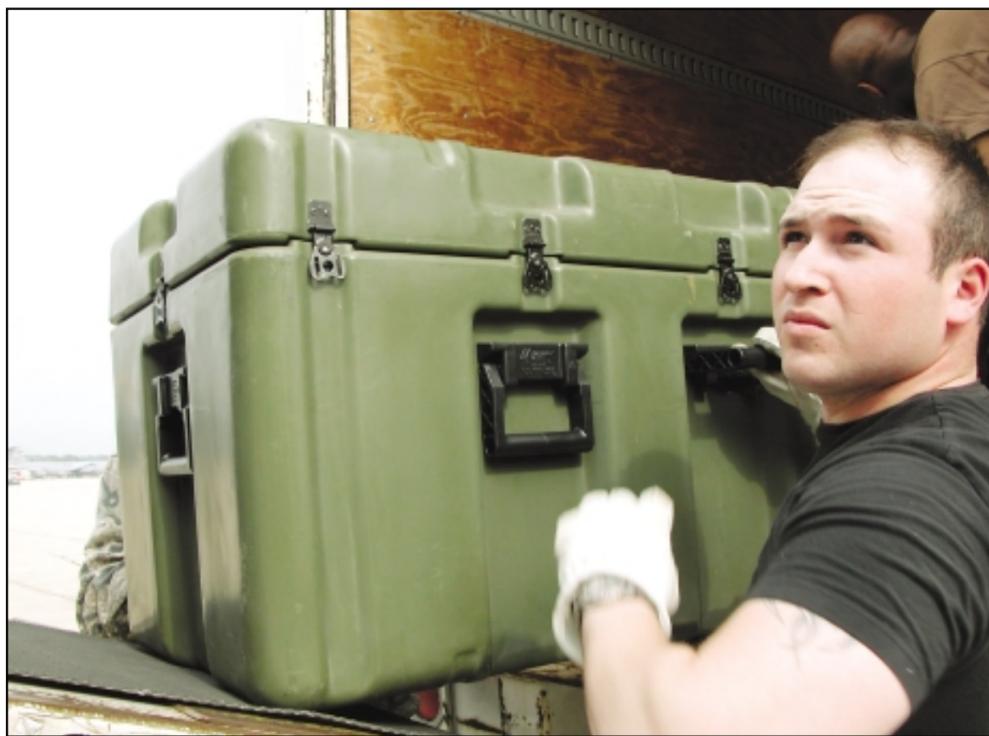
Since November, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron has processed more than 10,000 troops and more than 5 million pounds of cargo in support of operations in the Middle East.

The steady stream of deploying troops keeps the staff on their toes.

Capt. Jerame Cohen, installation deployment offi-



Cohen



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Airmen 1st Class Julian Urioste hoists cargo onto a conveyor belt. A member of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, he is one of many who ensure deploying troops have everything they need.

cer, said LRS is responsible for training and deploying the 78th Air Base Wing, the 5th Combat Communications Group, the 116th Air Control Wing and the 19th Air Refueling Group.

As troops prepare to support operations in the Middle East, LRS personnel walk them through and ensure they have everything they need.

"We have had troops come through not only from our hosted units but from Army and Marine units as well," he said. "The amount of people who have come through the base in the last few months has been double what the squadron sees in a normal year."

"We have been jumping through hoops to make sure that everything goes smoothly," he said.

When a unit receives an order to deploy, its first stop is to pick up bags in the MOBAGS section of the LRS. Next, the troops are processed through the personnel deployment function, or PDF.

"In the PDF, they have access to chaplains, lawyers and the medical units to take care of any business they need to take care of before they deploy," Cohen said.

The last step is manifesting the passengers. That

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Avionics hits milestone, surges 25,000th part

By Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs

The Avionics Management Directorate recently filled its 25,000th surge requirement since Sept. 11, 2001.

According to Bill Cromer, Avionics Management Directorate deputy director, this was achieved through a total team effort involving close cooperation between both the source of supply and source of repair functions.

"Since the tragedies of September 11, Robins Air

Force Base has been in surge mode," said Cromer. "Surge means we are supplying over and above the usual amount of parts to our customers in the field in support of the global war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Surge units, are parts coded for repair in support of Joint Chiefs of Staff directed missions. Each surge unit produced fills a need in direct support of the nation's armed forces as they're engaged in combat operations.

The 25,000th item delivered by LY was an arma-

What to know:

The Source of Supply Integrated Product Team members from the Avionics Support Division, Avionics Management Directorate, are: Lynn Ruzic (inventory manager), Dan Reynolds (equipment specialist), Bob Whitley (logistics management specialist), Lavern Keels (IPT branch chief), Elizabeth Jones (inventory management supervisor), and Max Rosel (engineer).

The WR-ALC/MAI repair team consists of: Lucious Ambler and Dejeshon Brice (line technicians), Dot Goff (shop scheduler), Steve Mathews (shop planner), Buddy Tharpe (line forman) and Mike Doubleday (MAIBR chief).

ment interface unit. This bomber. It was shipped on March 25 to a deployed B-52H bomber.

Bob Whitley, Avionics Support Division logistics manager, said the armament interface unit is a critical component of the B-52's primary mission as a long-range, heavy bomber.

"This unit interfaces between the fire control computer and the armament subsystems, which include radar, altimeter, the environmental control unit, the power distribution unit, tail warning subsystems, electronic warfare equipment and armament systems," he explained.

Whitley said the Avionics and Instruments Division of

the Maintenance Directorate is key in repairing the armament interface units for the ASQ-176 offensive avionics system.

According to Cromer, surging 25,000 was a team effort.

"This milestone couldn't have been achieved without the combined efforts of the supply and repair personnel, contractors and the Robins Air Force Base community at large," he said. "The Avionics Management Directorate thanks all who were directly or indirectly involved in this achievement."

Sewage line spill closes Duck Lake

By Faye Williams
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Base officials have closed Duck Lake here as a precaution following discovery of a major sewage spill.

Testing is being conducted to determine sewage levels from the spill, which seeped into the lake over about two weeks.

An estimated 35,000 gallons of raw sewage drained into the lake, which is located near Robins Parkway and Cherry Street. Signs are being posted around the lake warning residents of the problem.

On April 10, a contractor encountered extra water while conducting horizontal drilling and notified the civil engineer utility shop of the possibility that an underground utility line

may have been punctured. A shop crew surveyed the site and, because water in the hole was clear with no odor and no discoloration, in addition to the fact that a week-long rain event was in progress, reasoned the seepage into the hole was ground water. Since the area had received about three inches of rain, the crew decided to let the opening dry out.

When the hole didn't dry after the rains subsided, the contractor contacted the utility shop again on Wednesday. The shop crew had the water in the hole analyzed. The test showed the presence of raw sewage. The civil engineer crew then contained the spill and repaired the sewer pipe late Wednesday. Officials from the 78th Public Health

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C-130 branch gets a special thanks

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Turning out four aircraft well ahead of schedule, two of which were immediate players in the war against Iraq, has earned the C-130 production branch some time in the spotlight.

Col. Charles Williams, Air Force Special Operations Forces Logistics Group commander, made a special trip to Robins Air Force Base April 21, to thank the team for delivering four accelerated C-130s back to the war fighter well ahead of schedule.

Don Jarzynka, C-130 production branch chief, said they were tasked by AFSOC in late December 2002 to accelerate the four aircraft, including one AC-130H Gunship and three MC-130H Combat Talons, through the programmed depot maintenance process.

"We not only produced the four aircraft ahead of the normal PDM schedule by 166 days, but ahead of the accelerated schedule by 31 days," he said.

According to Jarzynka the feat was no easy task. The C-130 personnel worked long, hard hours to get the job done.

"We gave them a really aggressive accelerated schedule," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Chris Carrington and Eddie Wright, sheet metal mechanics, install rivets into a C-130 panel. They are part of a team that helped accelerate the production of four C-130s.

"Overtime rose from eight percent to 25 percent over a six-week period when the accelerated process began on Jan. 2."

The last aircraft was completed April 15, and delivered April 17.

"These guys did an awesome job," said Lt. Col. Mike Neeley, C-130 military branch chief. "The neat thing was that it had a direct impact on the war fighter. It's not like they did this, and the war fighter never saw the benefit."

He said some aircraft left Robins and within two days were in Iraq.

One of the main goals was to accelerate the four requested aircraft, while keeping the other aircraft on schedule.

Neeley said during the acceleration process the regular PDM schedule didn't suffer. In fact, he said the process went better.

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means putting their names and weight (including gear) into a computer that produces the aircrafts' final passenger and cargo lists.

From the manifest site, the troops sit and wait until the plane arrives and they are loaded up along with their cargo.

Hope Johnson, manifestor, said her job is to help compile the list of passengers so every person is accounted for in case of an emergency.

"The job can get a bit hectic sometimes, but I enjoy what I do," she said. "My son is in the Air Force and will be deploying soon. I like letting the troops know that there are people who support them."

Elaine Brown, a transportation specialist who guides troops through the

mobilization process, said the goodbyes get tough sometimes.

"I have children older than some of these guys," she said. "Some of them are ready to go and do their job, while some are bewildered and some are scared."

She said it's all part of the job, and emotions run high. She recalled one young man giving her a hug and asking her to pray for him while he was away.

"This may not be a member of your family, but they are a part of someone's family," she said.

Cohen said preparation is key.

"We depend a lot on the planning sent down from Headquarters," he said. "We get plans at least 24 hours in advance to coordinate with the deploying units."

Alexis Douglas, warehouse inspector, maintains the bags for deployment, and conducts an inventory of them when they are returned.

It's a very satisfying job,"

What to know:

The mission of the 78th LRS is to deploy and provide direction and control of deployments for 38 Air Force Material Command units and Robins assigned units, which consist of more than 8,000 personnel and 5,000 short tons of equipment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Renelda Perdue, manifestor, records the weight of a deploying service member with his gear. Nearly 10,000 troops have processed through the mobility line at Robins during the past several months.

he said. "Knowing that someone's life may depend on what we do—I feel like I have to give it my all."

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Flight recommended closing the lake as a health measure.

They will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation to assess any potential health risks.

Specialists from the 78th Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight and Environmental Management Directorate collected initial samples for analysis to determine the extent of contamination in the lake and any potential public health hazards.

The test results are pending.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division was notified of the spill Thursday.

Additional sampling is being conducted to determine the water quality in the lake.

Results of the tests will be used by base officials in managing the availability of the Duck Lake area to the public.

REACHing out to local children

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Students involved in the Raising Education Achievement for Children Mentoring Program will meet their mentors for a day of sun and fun at the annual REACH appreciation picnic Wednesday.

The event, which will take place at Robins Air Force Base's Luna Lake from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., is the finale of the year-long bond forged between students and their mentors.

Laura Davis, REACH program coordinator, said the day will include a variety of activities including horse demonstrations by the Robins Riding Club, competitions between mentor and student teams and a moonwalk. After lunch the group will be entertained by clowns, face painting and more games.

"This event is a way for those in the program to celebrate another great year," said Davis.

Tech. Sgt. Pat Burke, contracting officer, said a crowd of more than 400 is expected.

"There will also be tons of volunteers, as well as an appearance by base leader-

ship," he said. "We are going to have a fun-filled day with the kids. The kids should have plenty to do."

Eagerly anticipated by both mentors

and students, the yearly picnic is a break from the norm. Throughout the year, the mentors work one-on-one with students for an hour each week.

With the efforts going on in the Middle East, the mentors worked doubly hard doing their day jobs and still making sure to have time for the children, according to Davis.

"This is a chance to really show the mentors that we really appreciate what they do," she said.

Each year the program has expanded to more elementary schools.

Davis said a recruitment drive last year doubled the number of mentors in the program, in turn, doubling the number of children able to participate.



Laura Davis is the REACH program coordinator.

Robins senior leaders on the move

Several senior military leaders at Robins will be on the move this summer.

Col. Tad A. Stanley, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, retires July 1. He will be replaced by Col. Bruce L. Curry, currently commander of the 4th Air Support Operations Group, Heidelberg, Germany.

Colonel-select Dennis Pearman, chief of the 78th Medical Staff, is being reassigned to Maxwell AFB, Ga. He is being replaced by Col. Andrew Tice Jr., currently

Surgical Services Flight commander at Maxwell AFB, Ga.

Col. David M. King, chief of the Joint Petroleum Office at Fort Belvoir, Va., (a Robins-assigned operating location), is being reassigned to the Pentagon as the Air Force Logistics chief of Materiel Management and Policy.

Col. Gary S. Grabulis, chief of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Logistics Supply Division at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, takes King's job.

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"The acceleration was a huge success, and the regular PDM process is back on track," he said.

Neeley said Williams' visit was to show the impact made by getting the aircraft

back to the war fighter.

Others who helped make the process a success were the 339th Flight Test Squadron, the Maintenance Directorate's Avionics and Instruments Division, the Commodities and Industrial Products Division and the C-130 engineering structure branch.

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Robins top cop wins Officer of Year award

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Tech. Sgt. Stan Bell, 78th Security Forces flight trainer and patrol officer was awarded the Public Safety Officer of the Year award by the Warner Robins Chapter of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks during a commander's call April 22.

Bell, who is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, said he was called to service after the events of September 11, 2001 and has gladly served ever since.

"I was completely shocked when I was told I had won," he said. "It's a deep honor and I appreciate it very much."

Glenn Tolbert, Elks lodge secretary, said

the award is given each year to a member of the local community who has shown outstanding service in his or her career field.

Nominations come from a pool of law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical technician agency personnel who have been chosen by their peers as standouts in their profession. Nomination packages are compiled by the Elks and submitted to an internal board, which chooses the winner.

"When choosing a winner, we consider a number of things," said Tolbert. "We look at work ethic, public service after hours, community involvement and total dedication to their job and local community."

He said the Elks are proud of the job the

78th Security Forces has done.

"We're proud of the airmen, but most importantly we're proud of the public servants that these people are."

Bell said he doesn't think he does a whole lot on his own. He gives a lot of the credit to his coworkers.

"They get me through," he said. "I'm nothing without them. I couldn't be here without them."

Lt. Col. Mark Papen, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, said Bell was the right pick.

"He is a great example of the motto, 'One team, one fight,'" he said.

Lodge President, Mike Bullard presented the award.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Stan Bell, right, accepts the Public Safety Officer of the Year award from Mike Bullard, Elks lodge president.

LEAN team increases production

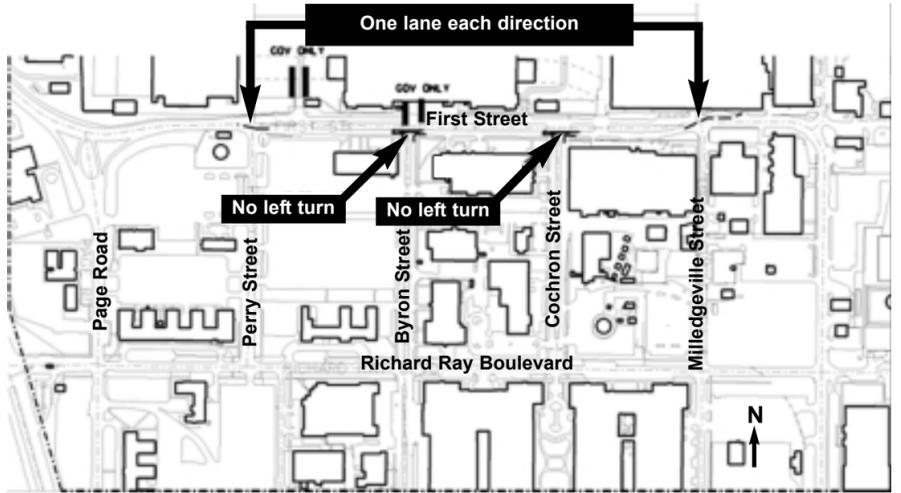


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The Receiver Transmitter Modulator Event Team in the Maintenance Avionics and Instruments Division made changes to their process that have resulted in decreased back orders and increased production. In six months, back orders were decreased by 50 percent and monthly production has increased 100 percent, exceeding all the targets and goals set by the team. Team members, left to right, are Wade Bearden, Jason Davis, Buddy Tharpe and Linda Teal.

Portion of First Street to close

The westbound lanes will be closed May 12-June 23



Map illustration by Angela Trunzo

Due to construction, a partial closure of First Street is necessary. The two westbound lanes on First Street, from Perry Street to Milledgeville Street will be closed from May 12 through June 23. All traffic will be redirected to the two eastbound lanes, one lane each direction. The speed limit on First Street will be reduced to 20 miles per hour during the road closure. Left turns at Byron and Cochran Streets will not be allowed. The distinguished visitor, VIP gate (31) and the Material Control area at building 125 will remain open for Government vehicles and commercial delivery vehicles only. Slow moving vehicles should avoid First Street during peak traffic periods. All pedestrian traffic should avoid construction areas and use designated sidewalks and crosswalks.

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New Dragon Lady still seeks, finds today's prey

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFM/CNS) — Upgraded with more than \$1.7 billion in new avionics, engines and sensors at regular intervals throughout its 48-year lifetime, the U-2 "Dragon Lady" today still reigns supreme among manned intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance systems.

She is still a feared bird of prey thanks to a three-way partnership among Aeronautical Systems Center's Reconnaissance System Program Office experts here and those from Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and Lockheed's Skunk-Works at Palmdale, Calif.

Even with newer, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles like Global Hawk and Predator — welcomed by increasing numbers of warfighters, and now joining the U-2 in ISR missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom — the Dragon Lady remains unique among Defense Department manned systems, according to Col. Joe Chang, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate director at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. The directorate manages sustainment of the various sensors and systems onboard the aircraft -- today's U-2 is significantly different from the one first flown in August 1955, he said.

"The airframe is definitely not the same one flown by Francis Gary Powers over Russia in the 1960s," Chang said. "It's 40 percent larger, has modern avionics, improved data-links, better fiber-optic electronics, and new General Electric F-118-101 engine with all-glass cockpit slated for installation on the entire fleet."

Today's U-2 also has improved Electro-Optical, Infrared and Synthetic Aperture Radar sensors, Chang explained. "The mission remains the same — we're just using more

robust, sophisticated technology," he said. "We still do the same ISR things we used to — we just do them a lot better."

Traditionally the U-2 has been known for its ability to capture clear film images of potential enemy areas of interest, which are brought back after mission flights, processed, developed, analyzed and interpreted by intelligence specialists, the colonel said.

"That capability still exists, but has been augmented by the additional, upgraded sensors — plus the U-2's ability to download data in real time via satellite to multiple ground stations located around the world, which transmit exploited data directly to war-fighters," he said.

"The last 10 years have really been the critical time in the life of the U-2," said Maj. Michael Glaccum, U-2 program manager at Air Combat Command headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va. His office is responsible for monitoring system assets and funding improvements.

"The U-2 R model of the late 1960s allowed pilots more room for sensor payloads, plus gave them the ability to fly higher and longer," Glaccum said. "In the mid-1990s, the U-2S came along with a new, digitally-controlled engine to optimize fuel burn, resulting in better aircraft reliability and endurance.

"When Operation Desert Storm kicked off, the U-2 still was primarily a Cold War platform doing some tactical work," Glaccum said. "But then it gained exposure as a tactical, integrated platform that worked closely with aircraft engaged in ground operations, as well as providing significant amounts of battlefield imagery to the Army and others on the ground."

Through the 1990s the Air Force continued to upgrade the U-2's sensors, elevating its Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar System, which permits all weather day and night operations, to a higher level, Glaccum said. Experts outfitted its Senior Year Electro-Optical Reconnaissance System with multi-spectral and infrared capabilities and added more classified Radio Frequency capabilities.

While the U-2 office at Warner Robins ALC focuses on sustaining the current fleet of 29 aircraft and five trainer aircraft with an estimated

annual budget of \$650 million, ASC's U-2 program office provides research and development to improve the system in the future, according to Lt. Col. Bruce Giesige, development systems officer.

"We're now developing the Dual Data Link System, which will allow the U-2 to 'feed' two ground sites simultaneously with wideband data feeds or in two of three modes: air-to-air, air-to-ground, or air-to-satellite," Giesige said. "It will probably be a year or two before we field this capability, but we think the future of the U-2 program depends on this new ability to beam critical information straight to another platform to dramatically shorten the warfighter's kill chain."

Another significant improvement to the U-2 is network-centric collaborative targeting, he said.

"Soon we hope to partner with NCCT — a network of ISR sensors and feeds that will come to a single, integrated source that will manage those pieces of information centrally — as opposed to being spread out among individual aerospace and ground-based systems," Glaccum said.

"Ultimately, we want to be included with a feed to the MC2A platform, re-designated the E-10," the major continued. "Imagine a battlefield area, with ground units, lower-flying fighters, strike-type airplanes, and ISR platforms like Joint Stars, AWACS, Rivet Joint and P-3s ringing the battlefield in various places. Then above it all, you have the U-2, able to feed air-to-air platforms and ground stations simultaneously for maximum interoperability."

Developing direct threat warning for other, nearby aircraft is another U-2 program goal, according to Glaccum.

"We're working to enable our ground stations to broadcast threat warnings to airplanes in theater that may be within the U-2's high-altitude line of sight, but not within LOS of another command and control platform or ground station," he said. "Such a system will take the form of a box installed on the U-2 that permits it to make a direct threat warning input from its ground station and broadcast it to nearby aircraft — significantly improving their survivability during the fog of war."

According to Bob Becker, U-2 acquisition program man-

ager at ASC, program office experts will soon be fielding an advanced defensive system, the AN/ALQ-221.

"This new system is designed to greatly improve the U-2's ability to detect and defeat a wider variety of threats, plus show that information on the new glass cockpit display, so the pilot has constant situational awareness," Becker said.

Another new capability soon for the U-2: Link-16, Glaccum said.

"This will enable threat information to be beamed directly to the cockpit, in more of a machine-to-machine format," he said.

The new glass cockpit — produced under the Reconnaissance Avionics Maintainability Program to deal with "vanishing vendor" supply issues — is a "complete replacement" of the 1960s-vintage cockpit instruments with three, multi-function, full-color displays, the major said. "These displays put all flight information — plus current status of the engine, avionics, sensors and moving map — right in front of the pilot, which makes it a lot easier to avoid information overload."

The first RAMP aircraft was delivered to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. — where the U-2 is based — in April 2002, the major said.

"We've delivered five RAMP aircraft to date, with one rolling off the Lockheed Skunk-Works production line every two to three months," he said. "By about 2008 we'll have the entire U-2 fleet converted to the glass cockpit."

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Countdown to MSEP continues at Robins

■ Material, production asset control important for Maintenance Directorate's success

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Proper control of material and production assets is key for the Maintenance Directorate's success in the 2003 Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection, and Connie Coffee said they're ready for the test.

Coffee, MSEP focal point and head of the material team, said proper management of these areas is essential for the depot to successfully meet MSEP regulations and policies set forth by Air Force Materiel Command instruction.

AFMC instruction prescribes the basic policy for obtaining and controlling materials, and specifies procedures for the System Support Centers or Weapon System Support Centers, which are responsible for managing, maintaining, and controlling the bench and shop stocks, parts, and other material utilized by depot production mechanics.

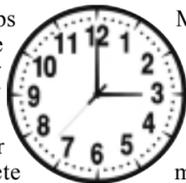
Following proper proce-

dures and maintaining material control can minimize potential problems and lower the cost of resources.

"We cannot afford to have

any major write-ups in this area because it can put us under the scrutiny of audit agencies which can limit our ability to complete future workload" Coffee said.

Although most of the responsibility rests in the hands of the SSG and WSSG, individual mechanics are accountable as well.



6 days to MSEP

Mechanics should order only what is necessary to perform the task at hand, and return any excess parts or materials to their proper location, properly disposing of those items that are used or unserviceable.

Shops are not authorized to have unofficial or mini-bench stock locations that are

not managed on a bench stock detail by the SSC or WSSC. Only mechanics working at a stationary workstation are authorized to have a two to three day supply of materials. Mechanics working from a tool kit are not authorized to maintain bench stock in the toolkits. However, individual supervisors are responsible for making certain stock levels do not get out of control.

Abiding by these basic requirements and maintaining control of material and production assets, will limit material costs, control the potential for foreign-object damage, and ensure inventory stock levels are accurately maintained.

Editor's Note: Jackie Rozier from the Maintenance Directorate contributed to this article.

Deployed Spouses meeting Tuesday

A deployed spouses' meeting with Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will be held April 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom.

The Center commander will speak to the attendees for a few minutes about new information and updates, then allow time for questions and answers. Information tables will be set up with subject matter experts from the following activities:

■ Financial Management (Military Pay, Benefits and Entitlements; Travel Vouchers)

■ Legal Issues (Powers of Attorney, Wills, Leases, miscellaneous)

■ Housing (on-base, contract and rental)

■ Family Support

■ Services (Child & Youth issues, miscellaneous)

■ Medical (TRICARE, appointments, special needs)

■ Military Personnel Flight (ID cards)

■ Chaplain

A corner of the Ballroom will be divided off for school-age children's activities with FSC staff.

For more information, contact the Family Support Center at 926-1256.

It would be most helpful for planning purposes if you would call the Family Support Center to tell us you will be attending.

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Two from Hill AFB recover from SARS

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News from around the Air Force



HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFMCNS) — Two retired Air Force officers here, who recently returned from a trip to Asia, had severe acute respiratory syndrome and have recovered according to test results Centers for Disease Control and Prevention experts confirmed April 21.

One patient works as a contractor on base and the other works off base. One patient was seen at the Hill Air Force Base clinic, and the other was seen off base, according to Col. (Dr.) Charles Williams, 75th Medical Group commander.

“One patient came to us March 24 with recovering upper respiratory symptoms. We got in touch with Davis County Public Health Department, and tests were sent to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention,” said Maj. (Dr.) Melinda Screws, treating physician. “Despite the CDC’s low suspicion

due to the absence of fever, we monitored the patient for SARS. The tests for SARS are new and, unfortunately, results take a while.”

The second patient was directly handled through the Davis County Public Health Department without incidence, she said.

Both patients are now fully recovered, in good health and have returned to work, Williams said. No one living with the patients has been infected, and no new cases of SARS have been reported from their contacts. Any new cases would probably come from abroad rather than stem from Hill, said Screws.

“There is no risk of spread at Hill or the surrounding community,” said Williams, who praised the Hill clinic and laboratory staff for their vigilance since the outset of SARS worldwide.

The two cases at Hill are the only reported cases of SARS within Air Force Materiel Command, according to Lt. Col. Bill Valko, AFMC Surgeon General clinical services chief at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He assures everyone that plans are in place to handle them if they develop.

“All our clinical staff across the command are highly aware and attuned to SARS symptoms and have a plan in effect to help people who have been or think they’ve been exposed to the disease,” he said.

SARS is a new disease that has recently been reported in Asia, North America and Europe. According to CDC officials, about 190 cases of SARS had been reported in the United States as of April 13.

Valko offered a few suggestions on how to minimize the chances of contracting the disease. He said people should limit their travel to SARS high-risk areas and if they think they’ve been in contact with someone who may have the disease,

call a health care provider immediately.

He also said limiting your exposure to sick people and “the old standby of washing your hands is always a good measure to take to avoid lots of things.”

“Anyone returning to Hill from high-risk SARS endemic areas, like some Asian countries for example, and having upper respiratory symptoms, will be screened as part of our routine approach to preventing SARS from spreading in Utah,” Williams said.

SARS symptoms include a fever greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, headaches, an overall feeling of discomfort and body aches, Williams said. Some people also experience mild respiratory symptoms, overall closely mimicking other respiratory infections including the flu.

Screws said anyone with SARS symptoms should consult their primary care physician and report any travel to SARS-related areas or contact with anyone who has displayed symptoms of the disease.

Those who have had direct, close contact with an infected person, or healthcare workers who did not use infection control procedures while treating SARS, are at the greatest risk, said Screws.

CDC officials said there is no indication of “community spread” in the United States at this time. But, President George W. Bush signed an executive order April 4, revising the list of quarantinable communicable diseases to include SARS.

The patient evaluated here was not quarantined or retained because the acute infectious phase of the illness was suffered overseas and the patient presented to us during the recovery phase, said Screws.

“When the patient came to us there was no more signs of fever, and the patient was feeling better,” Screws said. “But, as a precaution and due to our suspicions, we used universal precautions like gloves, masks and temporary isolation.”

For more information on SARS visit the CDC’s Web site at www.cdc.gov or contact your primary care physician.

Some from 653rd return from OIF



Master Sgt. Darrell Brown gets an enthusiastic welcome from wife Beverly. Several members of the 653rd CLSS returned to Robins April 19. The group was deployed Feb. 8 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

U.S. Air Force photos by
Sue Sapp



Clockwise from upper left:

2nd Lt. Will Fowler said he was thrilled to see grass after months in the desert.

Tech. Sgt. Brad Wingert gets a hug from fellow 653rd member Staff Sgt. Connie Frick.

Staff Sgt. Connie Frick gets a kiss from husband Scott.

B-52 Litening II pod used in combat

By Air Force Print News

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — For the first time in combat history, a B-52 Stratofortress used a Litening II targeting pod to strike targets at an airfield in northern Iraq on April 11, according to officials at the U.S. Central Command’s combined air operations center.

Using the Litening II system, a crew of reservists from the 93rd Bomb Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and active-duty airmen from the 23rd BS at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., flew the bomber from a forward-deployed location and dropped one laser-guided GBU-12 Paveway II munition on a radar complex and another on a command complex at the airfield, officials said.

The Litening II pod provides real-time images, greatly increasing an aircrew’s flexibility to identify targets in a continually-changing battlefield environment.

The pod then allows the B-52 radar-navigator to designate the targets and direct laser-guided weapons without having to rely on another aircraft or person on the ground to “paint” the target with a separate laser designator.

Team Robins supports the war fighter:

The Litening II targeting pod is managed by the Precision Attack System Program Office in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. The SPO provides worldwide acquisition and management for Air Force laser targeting systems including LANTIRN, LITENING II and Sniper.

Through the development office at Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, new targeting pods are procured and delivered to active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command as well as the United States Marine Corps and foreign allies. In response to the Enduring Freedom and later Iraqi Freedom several quick reaction capability initiatives were undertaken including the installation of Litening II pods on the B-52 giving it the ability to autonomously deliver laser guided bombs for the first time without the need for other aircraft or ground personnel to designate the target.

30 years of service



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Center Commander Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam surprises Steve Davis, Center executive director since 1994, with his 30-year service pin and certificate during a battle staff meeting April 24. Davis has spent 29 years at Robins and one year at the Air Force Materiel Command.



To see this story in streaming video, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>

Delivering on our commitments

By Patricia R. Martin,
Deputy Director Electronic Warfare
Management Directorate

The ultimate responsibility of every individual who works at Robins Air Force Base is "to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power." The words in quotations may not be part of your daily lexicon. Perhaps you've only heard them here and there. Hopefully, none of you are reading them for the first time.



Martin

The particular wording of the mission of the United States Air Force has changed many times since we became our own department in 1947.

Most recently, the word "space" or a derivation thereof has begun to appear. This change, just like the others before, is necessary in order for our Air Force to capitalize on new technological capabilities and maintain its dominant force.

However, one key element of the Air Force mission has never changed — defending the United States. No matter how many times the concept of operations changes to achieve that end, the heart of the statement remains the same.

So it is with everything else in the Air Force, from the aircraft we develop and support to the processes we implement to guide a multi-faceted work force within a very complex business, change is necessary for survival.

Therefore, change and adaptation to it, mustn't be simple buzzwords, but rather a consistent commitment to improvement that is made by all.

If you searched for the 100 most prosperous companies in 1953 and then compared that list to a similar one for 2003, you'd find that only a handful of the originals have survived a mere 50 years.

However, the ones that did endure managed to do so through one core principle: reinvention — the ability to recognize the

need for change and the willingness to adapt to it. Companies within the private sector are motivated by the bottom line — financial profit.

Many contend the absence of such financial reward is what hinders needed change within the Department of Defense. Such critics view reward within the government coming only through expansion of responsibilities, number of employees managed, or the amount of dollars under one's control.

This results in the increasing growth of government in terms of size, cost and bureaucratic policies that constrain innovation and flexibility within the federal sector. These critics also say the lack of competition in government drives inefficiency and waste. I say they're dead wrong!

The Department of Defense's bottom line is our Nation's freedom and all the ideals and principles for which that freedom stands. Everyday, the motivation we have and the goal toward which we strive is the protection of human life — the survivability of the unselfish men and women who put their lives on the line so that we may enjoy that freedom.

There is no greater motivator. The naysayers who suggest the DoD has no competitors know little about war. No one reinvents like our enemies. They are continuously trying to gain the competitive edge through acquiring new capabilities or employing new tactics. Such is especially true within my own directorate of Electronic Warfare. EW is a game of cat and mouse. Every time the enemy improves its capability, we must be there with a superior counter improvement.

However, once we use the technique in wartime and "show our hand to the enemy" it's only a matter of time before they develop a technique to counter it. It's all about who can get there first with the improved

Vince Lombardi said that a single player never made a move on Sunday afternoon without fully understanding the impact of that move on the other 10 players. We should conduct our business the same way.

response; therefore, inefficiency and waste cannot be tolerated. The same is true for every organization on base. We owe our very best to the warfighter.

I'm very proud of what I see happening across this Center. The management focus on transforming the way we do business to reduce costs of operations and speed delivery to the customer is a TOP priority. You are responding with enthusiasm and great energy.

The creation of our home office directorates was a necessary step. They have developed long needed training courses and helped put discipline back into our processes.

Now we must continue applying Lean tools to ensure those processes are as efficient as possible. Our production and product teams have made

significant progress toward that end and are committed to the objective of continuous improvement.

We are also trying to build viable partnerships with industry — partnerships that will be beneficial to both the government and the private sector. It only makes sense that we use each other's strengths to achieve our mutual objectives.

We are finally beginning to recognize the need to manage from an enterprise perspective. Exportation of common solutions across multiple platforms makes sense for many reasons — an important one being least-cost. PGMs were initially established for this very purpose but the processes and acquisition structure didn't take advantage of their abilities.

Now, the Air Force is seeking our help and we must stand up and be heard. However, along with having a voice comes the willingness to be accountable. And if we get the chance, we must deliver on our commitments!

Many years ago I read about the manage-

ment philosophy of one of the greatest coaches in football, Vince Lombardi of the Green Bay Packers. I learned of his approach while reading the biography of Lee Iacocca, which was written after he brought Chrysler from the brink of bankruptcy to a multi-million dollar corporation. Mr. Iacocca attributes his success at Chrysler to a strict adherence to Coach Lombardi's principles. I figured if it worked for them, I should give it a try as well. I'd like to share it with you. He said there are three key ingredients to any successful team.

One is talent. You must have a skilled and talented workforce to be successful. While we have large numbers of trainees within our workforce, we have put the resources and processes in place to allow them to become proficient and skilled at their jobs. Our journeyman employees are professionals and highly talented.

The second important factor in a successful team is discipline. Managers must set expectations, put processes and procedures in place to be followed, and hold themselves and their people accountable.

The third, priceless ingredient is caring and concern for each other. Vince Lombardi said that a single player never made a move on Sunday afternoon without fully understanding the impact of that move on the other 10 players.

We should conduct our business the same way. The interfaces between our internal IPTs, our directorate to home office teams, our management to production teams, our Robins AFB to WR-ALC teams, and our Center to community teams are significant.

Most of what we do impacts others. I challenge each of you to actively demonstrate concern for each other. We can be an all time winning team and more successful than any multi-million dollar corporation.

We have the skill, we have the discipline, and I think we genuinely care for one another. And as a result, all our efforts will be revisited upon us tenfold, because at the end of the day our bottom line is the preservation of freedom.

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 J. 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.

Robins needs more recycling education

I work at one of the tenant organizations on the base and our recycling program here is minimal. In addition, there is still general unawareness among colleagues about recycling. I am constantly removing aluminum cans and white paper out of trash cans.

I wonder if this observation is limited to the building where I work, or whether it is base-wide. When I think of the hundreds of aluminum cans in that trash just for one event, I wonder if we are doing absolutely everything that we can do here at Robins to promote a "green" environment.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your interest in recycling. Actually, we do have a very strong recycling program in full compliance, and beyond, with the instructions you identified, i.e., AFI 32-7042 and 32-7080. In fact, the program has far surpassed the DoD/AF goal of diverting 40 percent of solid waste generated from landfill disposal by 2005. We have, for several years, consistently diverted more than 50 percent by reusing, recycling, and composting. Our Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP), as required by 32-7042, provides procedures for base organizations on how to properly dispose of waste — with a strong emphasis on source reduction and reuse as the first steps. A recycling working group, chaired by the Solid Waste Program Manager, Environmental Management Directorate, has representatives from base organizations including tenants. All host-tenant agreements have language that requires hosted units to participate in the recycling program. The Robins Pollution Prevention and Recycling Programs have been rec-

ognized as the best in DoD six times in the last eight years — the only DoD installation to have won more than once in these categories.

With that said, we recognize the mobile community at military installations and that training/awareness is a never-ending challenge at a large complex like Robins. The base sponsors several awareness events each year such as Earth Day, America Recycles Day, and publicizes through the Rev-Up. Environmental Management is always looking for informative recycling articles and would welcome a new perspective. Just forward your proposed article to the Solid Waste Program Manager for consideration. We are always looking for participants on the working group who are interested in promoting recycling in their organizations. For a copy of the ISWMP, to provide an article for publication, or to volunteer for the base recycling working group please contact the Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager at 926-1197 ext. 137.

Can people in uniform wear yellow ribbons?

I understand there are rules and regulations pertaining to the proper dress and appearance required of men and women in uniform, but I don't see any harm in allowing people in uniform to wear a yellow ribbon to show support for our troops. After doing some research, I discovered the installation commander can make an exception to this rule which would allow military personnel to wear yellow ribbons for a limited amount of time. I know many of our service men and

women who have friends, loved ones and co-workers deployed overseas fighting for the just cause.

Col. Smoot replies: You are correct about the exception to policy regarding the prohibition of military personnel wearing decorative ribbons on their uniform. Although the installation commander may submit a request to the major command level for a ribbon to be worn on the uniform for a specific period of time, such a request is not pending at this time. We believe proudly wearing the same uniform of our deployed service members is an excellent expression of support. The community response to our deployed troops and their families has been truly heartwarming.

Our active duty military members have numerous ways to show support for these efforts and participate in the yellow ribbon campaign, besides actually wearing ribbons when not in uniform. One of these ways is to display yellow ribbons at their residence. Sandy Chadwick has collaborated with the Family Support Center to create beautiful yellow ribbon bouquets, which are available free of charge at the Family Support Center in Building 794. Call 926-1256. One ribbon per family is requested to ensure adequate supplies.

Another way active duty members can help the community support effort is by making donations to the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee partnership with local chambers of commerce. Cash or check (payable to MGMAC Morale and Welfare) donations can be dropped off at the Warner Robins or Macon Chambers of Commerce, the Museum of Aviation Gift Shop, and select Robins Federal Credit Union locations. Thank you for your strong support of our troops and their families left behind.



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Everybody loves PAULA

By Chris Zdrakas

78th Air Base Wing



Flight kitchen manager is on a mission to make people smile

Paula McCollum prepares flight lunches, but that's not her mission. Her mission is love. "I believe in Jesus, and I don't think I was put down here to just to serve lunches," she said. "He put me here to try to make a difference. If I can make one person smile and go out the door looking happier than when they came in, I have done what my father wanted me to do."

She was referring to her heavenly Father, and the ministry she believes he gave her — to love. She loves generously, and her reward is in seeing people happy.

"People always tell me I have an unrealistic view of things, but I feel like you can love anybody," she said. "Kindness can't hurt me, and I'm so kind, how can you hurt me anyway? I'm going to love you regardless, and I'm going to care no matter what. It gives me so much peace."

Her flight meals are always special, carrying her personal stamp — her photo and name — and a smiley face seal. They also are dated for freshness. Before holidays, McCollum tucks in special goodies. Last week, the lunches contained plastic eggs filled with jellybeans and a chocolate wrapped in foil Easter paper. The contents — even what goes between the bread on the sandwiches and the roll itself — are all sealed in plastic bags.

McCollum demonstrated the care she takes in placing food so that it will be colorful and appealing to the eye. A customer satisfaction card also goes in, and in the last seven years and among thousands of customer comments, only one was negative.

One of the staff members had an Eastertide suggestion — yellow Jello-O, which adds a special touch. McCollum packs items like the Jello-O and fruits in lidded plastic containers, then wraps them in plastic for extra protection.

"We never serve a soggy sandwich; that's our goal," said Gary Knickerbocker, 78th Air Base Wing's Services Division's food service officer. Knickerbocker is in charge of the food quality standards in the flight kitchen and the Wynn Dining hall.

McCollum's special stamp was a gift from a Joint STARS colonel. She also received a letter from the then-commander of the 78th Air Base Wing.

A big hug and a smile

From her stainless steel work area, kitchen staffer Emily Walker said McCollum is fun to work with. Walker said sometimes she gets in on the hugs, too.

The flight crews who come to the window to pick up the lunches most likely will be treated to one of McCollum's big hugs.



Senior Airman Steve Timlin, 19th ARG, gets a hug from McCollum while at the kitchen.

"I believe in Jesus, and I don't think I was put down here to just to serve lunches. He put me here to try to make a difference..."

Paula McCollum
Flight kitchen worker

McCollum said one of them came in one day while she was busy, but waited patiently for his hug.

"These are the ones that count," she said, pointing to three military members at the serving window last week. She went out to greet and hug them.

Senior Airman Steve Timlin said he has been picking up flight meals at Robins for three years, and always gets a smile and a hug.

"It makes the day go by a little bit better," he said. Timlin described the flight meals as "great... This is how we live. We couldn't do anything without these things."

Next in line, 2nd Lt. Broc Starrett said he couldn't describe the feeling he gets when he eats the lunches.

"It's something I look forward to every flight. It makes me feel good and helps me to keep going," he said. "We wouldn't do what we do without the support of this glorious staff."

Airman 1st Class Vincent Maiuri echoed their sentiments — "It's great; keeps us going in the plane and makes us smile. Definitely."

McCollum's gleaming workplace, which once earned 12 consecutive "excellent" ratings and continues to be described as "great," is part of a two-section facility officially known as the extended flight line facility. The other half is like a fast-food restaurant, only decorated more like home and also serving deli choices and a salad bar. Located in the northwest corner of the base, the facility primarily serves the 116th Air Control Wing and the 19th Air Refueling Group.

Before the buildup in the Middle East, McCollum's kitchen turned out about 1,500 flight meals a month; now the number is up to an average 3,500. Conversely, the eat-in operation on the other side is serving an average 150 breakfasts and 350 to 450 lunches daily, down because of deployments.

'Like one of your kids...'

The flight kitchen also has workload surges, such as preparing for 560 Boy Scouts in a 24-hour period last year and 800 lunches for a flight crew last May. The crew was so impressed, they presented the kitchen a plaque, which hangs proudly on the wall along with the



Paula McCollum shows off photographs she has collected from her customers of their children and families. The flight crews who come to the window to pick up their lunches most likely will be treated to one of McCollum's big hugs.



Emily Walker prepares ingredients that will be added to the flight meals.

patches of many organizations it has served.

When members of the Services Division deploy, McCollum shows up at the departure point at 4 a.m., three hours before her work day officially begins, to send everyone off with a hug.

"I do it because I love them," she said. "It's kind of sad... you feel like one of your kids is leaving."

The flight kitchen serves at their window and also at departures,

where McCollum said she often hears "I want a box lunch."

"I tell them 'open your box up.' You shouldn't be ashamed to show them. I'm proud of my box lunches because they are healthy, and they make somebody happy."

Flight crews like the 19th members at the kitchen last week can pre-order, and the kitchen is prepared with healthy choices and items for diabetics and others on special diets. As could be expected last week, both sides of

the extended operation sported bright Easter decorations — bunnies, eggs, purple crepe paper starbursts and baskets filled with eggs and candy.

The kitchen is a contract operation under the supervision of the 78th Air Base Wing's Services Division. Knickerbocker said the firm's owner, Michael Lee, who is blind, stands at the serving line five or six times a week and listens to customers.

Excellent ratings

Connie Treco manages the eat-in portion of the facility, where the breakfast and lunch choices number more than 30, not including side orders, beverages and daily specials. A bright, cheerful place decorated with care and comfort in mind, the dining facility and Wynn Dining Hall had a special attraction added last year — 57-inch color TVs with split screens.

Like the flight kitchen on the other side, Treco has excellent comments from customers:

- "A great attitude by your staff. Cashier always smiling and pleasant."
- "Super employee; very helpful."
- "I came on the 15th. There was a big crowd, and I was very impressed how fast the hot food line server took care of the customers."
- "Fantastic food and excellent staff!!!"

U.S. Air Force photos by

Sue Sapp



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'Give Parents a Break'

■ Three of Robins' offices team up to give parents a time-out

By Holly J. Logan
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Staff Sgt. Yorshia Houseal said 'Give Parents a Break' has given her free childcare with peace of mind when she needs a time-out from the realities of parenthood.

Houseal, who works in the 78th Mission Support Squadron customer service office, said the program, offered by the Air Force Aid Society, Child Development Center, and the Youth Center at Robins, is a hassle-free way for parents to get a mini-break at no cost.

"It's a good program, especially for single parents like me," she said. "It gives me a little time to socialize with other adults, and I don't have to worry about who my kids are with because I know these are trained people watching them."

The divorced mother of two said the program's benefits are twofold.

"The program not only helps me, but my kids enjoy themselves



DEPLOYED SPOUSES' RESOURCES



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Amanda Yeager, of the 116th MOS, and her nine-month-old daughter, Allyson, can take advantage of the 'Give Parents a Break' program, which is offered by the Air Force Aid Society, Child Development Center and the Youth Center at Robins.

What to know:

'Give Parents A Break' is offered Air Force wide to active duty military members. For more information on the program, contact Janice Barnes at 926-1256, Pam Martinez at 926-5805, or Debra Bargie at 926-2110.

too," she said. "It gives my 10-year-old daughter, Adrian, gets to spend more time with her friends, and my 5-year-old, Darren, gets to play longer."

The four-hour break for active duty military parents is offered the first Friday of each month from 6:30 to 10 p.m., and Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid Society officer, said the program has helped many fac-

ing stressful times due to a deployment, temporary duty, remote, or other family issue.

"This program helps families stay balanced," she said. "All they need is a referral from their commander or first sergeant, and the Air Force Aid Society foots the bill for childcare."

The Child Development Center offers care for children six weeks through five years old. Children kindergarten age through 12 receive childcare through the Youth Center.

Pam Martinez, Child Development Center-East director, said the center offers snacks and age-appropriate activities for children, but necessities such as bottles for small children are the parent's responsibility.

"The people who care for the children are the same people who

Houston Medical Center:

Deployed spouses Q & A

Q:What programs do the Women's Center offer to expectant mothers whose spouses are deployed military members?

A:We're currently working on a program called First Steps that should be underway by the first of May. This program is geared toward patients whose spouses are deployed by the military. We also offer a variety of classes that address such issues as childbirth, sibling adjustments, breast-feeding, and infant CPR; all of which aid in having a smooth delivery.

Q:How long can I expect to be in the birthing room?

A:We are currently averaging 120-160 births per month. Our labor patients stay in the birthing rooms until one-hour post delivery, and then are transferred to the post-partum unit. We strive to

offer our patients one on one nursing care throughout the birthing process.

Q:When may I have my epidural?

A:Our excellent staff of doctors is able to provide our patients with epidurals as needed in a timely manner. Pain medications are utilized as needed throughout the labor process.

Q:How long can my baby stay with me in the room?

A:Babies can stay in the room, as long as mother and/or baby are not experiencing any complications; however, the baby will need to be assessed in the nursery at 9 a.m and 12 a.m.

— From the Houston Medical Center's Women's Center

work here during the day," she said. "They're trained in first aid, CPR, and have their Child Development Associate, which certifies they are capable of caring for children."

Martinez said parents of children with special needs, such as a food allergy, must come in ahead of time to discuss their child's needs, and all parents must register their child two weeks prior to the first Friday of the month.

Parents need to bring the child's current shot records, Air Force Form 1181 (for emergency information), AF Form 1182 (received at front desk), and an AF Form 1930 (covers attendance policy)

when registering their children, Martinez said.

For children attending the Youth Center, parents must submit only AF Form 1181 and AF Form 1930, according to Youth Center staff member, Pearly Woods.

"We offer things a typical babysitter may not be able to offer," she said. "We have computers, billiards, movies, and pets like a rabbit, hamsters, and other animals for the kids to play with."

'Give Parents A Break' is offered Air Force wide to active duty military members through the Air Force Aid Society, in an effort to help meet the needs of Air Force families in distress.

STREAMING VIDEO

FULL STREAM AHEAD*

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- The 653rd CLSS "damage docs" demonstrate their skills at repairing aircraft
- Georgia's First Lady visits Robins Elementary during Child Abuse Awareness Month
- 7th annual Community Service Awards honors Robins units

*Videos are best viewed with the latest version of Windows Media Player (version 9).

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Today
7:30 p.m. — Tears of the Sun - Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci

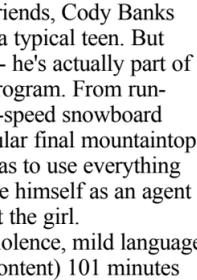
A team of Navy SEALs is sent into the jungle in the heart of Nigeria on a search-and-rescue mission for a doctor. Can a handful of U.S. soldiers get to their rendezvous point before the several hundred African soldiers on their tail get to them first?

Rated R (strong war violence, some brutality and language) 118 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. — Agent Cody Banks - Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff

To his family and friends, Cody Banks (Frankie Muniz) is a typical teen. But Cody's got a secret - he's actually part of a secret teen CIA program. From runaway cars and high-speed snowboard chases to a spectacular final mountaintop showdown, Cody has to use everything he's learned to prove himself as an agent and maybe even get the girl.

Rated PG (action violence, mild language and some sensual content) 101 minutes



ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

Friday — 8 p.m.

Sunday — 1:30 p.m.

Monday — Noon

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call (478) 926-1256.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Job fair success

The Transition Assistance Program offers a workshop on preparing for a Job Fair, May 1, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a

briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan May 2, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors May 6, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

Applied suicide skills training

A workshop on Applied Suicide Skills Training will be conducted on May 7-8, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Base Chapel annex.

Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, May 7, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

Salary negotiation class

A Salary Negotiation class will be conducted on May 8, 9 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop is May 12-14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Smith Community Center Ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is May 14, 8:30 - noon, in Bldg. 905, Room 240. This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration, and stress.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Robins Air Force Base personnel may be receiving a PRISM VI survey through the mail soon. If you are mailed this survey, please complete it and mail it back promptly. Data from these surveys are used to improve Services facilities and programs for Air Force families and DoD civilians. If you have questions, please call Linda Hinkle, marketing director, at 926-6662.

Base Restaurant 926-3031

Customer Appreciation Days are being held until June 30. Every time customers purchase meals for \$4.50 or more at the main restaurant, they will get their Customer Appreciation card stamped. After six stamps, they can drop it in the entry box located in the foyer of the Base Restaurant. A drawing for a digital camera will be held June 30. For more details, call 926-3031.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Quickshot! Bingo will begin at all the Base Restaurant and snack bars

Monday. Cost is \$1 per sheet. You must be 16 years of age or older to play. For a complete set of rules and details, contact Lynne Brackett at Civilian Recreation.

Family Swimming 926-4001

The indoor fitness center pool is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. for family swimming. The pool is closed the first and third Sunday of each month. Fitness center eligibility requirements must be met. Children 16 years and younger require parental supervision at the pool. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 926-4001.

Japanese Grill 922-0136

Starting Saturday, the Japanese Grill will be closed on Saturdays.

Outdoor Recreation Center 926-4001

The Vehicle Sales Lot has been moved to a new location adjacent to Bldg. 641 on Oak Street. Registration

for selling a vehicle on the lot is conducted at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 914. The cost is \$10 for 15 days or \$20 per month.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

•Join the community center Saturday to perform minor maintenance; paint and landscape at a local non-profit organization in recognition of Give the World a Hand day. Volunteers can call Cheryl Dollard at the center for more information or to sign up.

•All loopers, choppers, blockers, advanced, intermediate and beginner table tennis enthusiasts are invited to play table tennis every Thursday from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Smith Community Center ballroom. Play format will be open table challenge and matches will be best of 3 (11 point) games. For more information, call William Cashwell at 926-2221 or send email to: william.cashwell@robins.af.mil or Cheryl Dollard, community center director at 926-2105.

Former employee offers readers a thrill ride

By Lanorris Askew
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Book review

Guy Jones Jr., is a retired major with 22 years service to the Air Force and a contractor at Robins Air Force Base. He is also now an author on the subject he knows best from his past and current careers: JSTARS.

The following is a review of his first book, "Comfortably Numb."

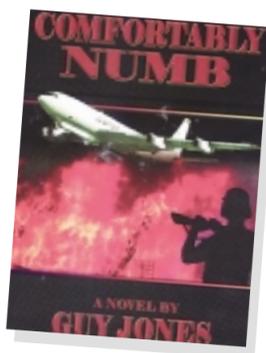
The fictional story is a thrill ride that takes the reader around gut wrenching and at times tear-jerking twists and turns. Described by the author as an action drama with love, lies, deceit and hope, this book delivers.

Don't be deterred by the seemingly slow start because it builds the foundation on which this engaging piece of fiction towers.

A suspense drama, the story takes the reader through the college days of a young duo who end up half way around the world participating in a mission that could end their lives.

As members of the JSTARS unit stationed at Robins Air Force Base, they are sent on a mission during a war between North and South Korea that lands them in a hot zone of brutal torture and death. Love blossoms as bodies fall all around them. You can expect the unexpected.

The characters bring the reader convincingly into their lives and exploits, it's easy to love some of them and hate others. Some chapters I couldn't read fast enough while others I lazily sailed through. Jones does an excellent job



keeping the reader interested without being over the top. If you want a good story set right in your very own backyard written by one of your neighbors, consider "Comfortably Numb"-- you won't regret it.

Editor's Note: Jones, a 1991 graduate of the United States Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., was an instructor controller most of his career. His last assignment was with the 93rd Air Control Wing at Robins, where he served as a senior director for the JSTARS unit. His book is available at local bookstores.

Scouts collect food for less fortunate

By Christopher Faust
Unit Commissioner
Big Indian Creek District
Central Georgia Council

A group of 15 boys from Cub Scout Pack 220 and Boy Scout Troop 220 of Robins Air Force Base recently gathered outside 1082A Hawkinsville to collect food for the less fortunate.

This address is affectionately known by the scouts as the 'Scout Hut.'

It was here the boys turned it into command central for this community service project.

Breaking up into teams of four to five boys, the scouts and cubs canvased Robins' neighborhoods to ask residents for their help.

The Boy Scouts paired with the Cub Scouts to help show them the way. After a section was completed the group reported back to the Scout Hut with the donated food where it was counted and organized.

In a little more than three

hours, 892 cans of food were collected, attributed to the generosity of base residents as well as to the boys' hard work.

After the long morning of collecting food, the scouts were treated to pizza and juice by the Cub Scout committee.

Janet Mize, the event coordinator, then loaded the food into her van, and she delivered it to the Scared Heart's Christian Service Center.

Ermal Sirmans, director of the CSC, sent a personal "thank you" to all the scouts, parents and those who donated to support the food drive.



Submitted photo by Colleen Clark

Front row, left to right, are Chad Thomas, and Joseph Clark. Middle row, left to right are Andrew Trahan, Jeffery Clark, Euris Mamuel, Sean Winburn, Tyler Mize, Alex Besemer and Joshua Pangborn. Back row, left to right are Christopher Faust, John Bishop, Billy Tingerthal, John Pangborn, Janet Mize, Michael Prescott, Melanie Trahan, Chris Faust Jr., Jared Fry, Tim Bishop, Karen Besemer and Kim Winburn.



Submitted photo by Colleen Clark

Tyler Mize, left, and Jeffrey Clark accept canned food for the less fortunate from Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam.

Some may get club dues refund

By Lt. Col. Edward M. Sienkiewicz Jr.
19th Air Refueling Group/IGI

Robins team members who are TDY 30 days or more to a location without an officer's or enlisted club are entitled to coupon(s) worth the value of their membership dues for the TDY period.

When you return, take a copy of your travel voucher and TDY orders to your respective club's administration section.

You can also put a temporary stop on your club dues before you depart TDY.

For more information, contact the officer's club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 923-5581.

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 (Jumuaah) 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.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

• **Patricia Diane Jackson**, WR-ALC/MAMBD. Point of contact is Jayneil Horne, 926-5403.

• **Daniel J. Hodges**, MABA. Point of contact is Sheri Tilley, 926-1662.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

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Check out the Robins Rev-Up online at:
<http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/index.htm>

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center 926-2128

•Fitness Month will be held throughout May with events beginning May 1 with a 5K(ard) Draw fun run; a Fitness Fundamentals Seminar May 2 and a Spin-A-Thon class May 3 for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the fitness center. Sports Day will be held May 30 with activities throughout the day for all base personnel. For complete details and schedules of events contact the Fitness Center at 926-2128; the HAWC at 327-8480 or go online at www.robins.af.mil/services.

•Water aerobics classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:20 p.m. Rates are \$5 per individual class or \$30 per person for a four-week session. Register at the Equipment Rental Center, Bldg. 986.

Golf Course 926-4103

•During April golfers will save money if they pay their annual green fees in advance. Yearly rates are as follows: E1 - E4, \$225; E5 - O3, \$348; O4 - up and DoD civilians, \$432.

•Morning and evening Link Up 2 Golf classes will be held throughout April and May for \$99 per person. The Link Up 2 Golf curriculum, designed and sponsored by PGA of America, is the most comprehensive lesson series ever created. For more information and class hours, call 926-4103. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

•Celebrate National Turn Off Your TV Week through Saturday at Robins Lanes. The entire family can play for \$5 per person that includes three games of bowling and shoes during open play. Participants can enter a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to purchase books.

•Every Wednesday in April, immediate family members of deployed troops can bowl for \$1 a game during open play.

•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.

Start your engines



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Chief Master Sgt. Greg Harris, Air Force Reserve Command, looks at the Air Force-sponsored #21 Winston Cup Car last week at the Museum of Aviation. The special paint scheme honors the Centennial of Flight.

SCORE BOARD

I.M. basketball standings as of April 3	JSTARS #1 10/3	78th LRS 4/4
	JSTARS #2 9/3	5th MOBB 4/5
	78th MSS 9/4	19th ARG #1 3/7
Team (won/lost)	78th CS 8/4	116th AGS 3/8
78th SFS #1 11/0	78th SFS #2 7/6	116th CSS 3/10
78th CE 10/2	116th MXS 5/6	53rd CBCS 3/11

Braves offer ticket deal for military members and their families

ATLANTA — To honor the military members who serve our country, the Braves are offering a ticket discount for all United States military and their families.

For every Braves home game, Sunday through Thursday, during the 2003 regular season, the upper box tickets are two for the

price of one (two seats for \$12) by showing any active military ID, reservist's ID, national guard member's ID or military dependant's ID at the Turner Field ticket windows on the day of the game based on availability.

Special ceremonies honoring military personnel are planned for games on Memorial Day, May 26 vs.

Cincinnati Reds, Independence Day, July 4 vs. Texas Rangers, and Sept. 11 vs. Philadelphia Phillies.

Braves single game tickets are available by calling 1-800-326-4000, at any Ticketmaster box office, at the Turner Field box office, or online at atlantabraves.com.

— From staff reports

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Submit sports information to Angela Trunzo 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 angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

Prayer vigil draws Team Robins

By Lanorris Askew
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Songs, prayers and scripture filled the Base Chapel April 18 as dozens of members from Team Robins gathered to pray and remember the fallen, the deployed and the families left behind.

Calling it a fitting day for the vigil, Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott drew a parallel between Good Friday's Biblical meaning and the current world situation.

He compared the pain and sadness following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the joy and exaltation of his resurrection with the sadness felt for the sacrifice many have made and the joy they feel from the triumph of the troops.

"Today we celebrate the triumph of the troops who have performed magnificently," he said. "But, the job is not done until they all come home."

The Center vice commander asked audience members to remember those still missing in action.

While prayers went out to deployed troops and their families, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Gombos, with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, his wife Jennifer and son Kevin said thanks for still being together.

"I felt so lucky to have



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Scott Dunham, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hopcus and Tech. Sgt. Todd Krulcik enter the chapel with the flag for a flag folding ceremony, which was part of a prayer vigil held Good Friday to remember the fallen, the deployed and the families left behind.



Capt. Todd Avery, with the 116th ACW, prays during the Good Friday prayer vigil.

my husband sitting next to me," she said. "Today we are praying for the families, wives and children of the deployed and the MIAs."

She said she knows that if her husband were to be called, he would go and serve his country proudly.

Senior Airman Rachel Abernathy, 78th Mission Support Squadron separa-

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Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott

tions clerk, said she believes the service gave hope to families at Robins.

"The service renews strength to the entire base populace," she said. "This was an opportunity to let people who may not have God in their lives know that he really does care that they are alone or that their husbands are deployed."

The vigil also included posting of the colors, a flag folding ceremony, words of encouragement and a moment of silence.



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gombos, with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, wife Jennifer and son Kevin sing 'America the Beautiful.' The family is thankful for still being together.

Outdoor events celebrate nature at Robins AFB

A Fishing Rodeo and Family Day, and a Historic Tree Dedication Ceremony are two ways for Robins to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day.

The fishing rodeo is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Luna Lake on Robins Air Force Base. Festivities will include food, exhibits, fishing, face painting, crafts, balloons and more. Bring your fishing pole, bait and base fishing license. A license is required for fishers 16 years of age and older, and may be obtained at the Nature Center at Lake Luna with proof of a valid state fishing license. Base access is required.

For more information, contact Debbie Barry-Smith at 926-1197, ext. 176.

To celebrate Arbor Day, a Historic Tree Dedication Ceremony is set for Tuesday at 9 a.m., at the Historic Forest, at the north end of the Parade Ground on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

For more information, contact Becky Crader at 926-1197, ext. 113.

— From staff reports

HONOR ROLL

The following are the WR-ALC and 78th Air Base Wing first quarter award winners:
WR-ALC
Airman: **Senior Airman James H. Gordon, Jr.**, 653rd CLSS
NCO: **Sgt. Gregory K. McClarin**, WR-ALC/LY
SNCO: **Master Sgt. Shawn M. O'Gorman**, 653rd CLSS

CGO: **Capt. Stacy J. Craig**, WR-ALC/LA
78th Air Base Wing
Airman: **Senior Airman Joshua Norman**, 78th CS
NCO: **Staff Sgt. Jennipher M. Brown**, 78th CS
SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Nathaniel J. Baker**, 78th CS
CGO: **2nd Lt. Keith E. Quick**, 78th SFS

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All in a day's work



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- 2nd Lt. Jon Leatherwood
- Navigator 99th Air Refueling Squadron

"I basically oversee the mission planning and make sure we get off on time. I coordinate with the receiver (who we're refueling) and I also look at the big picture. While the pilots are busy flying, I can oversee what's going on with our plane and the receiver. I always wanted to be a part of a flight crew with the Air Force. I love the military life and serving the country. I just like being here."

Robins employees lauded for quick turnaround of deployed F-15

By Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Dale C. Waters, 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, presents "Commanders Outstanding Achievement" coins to WR-ALC employees William Hargrove and Kenneth Cook.

The presentation was in appreciation for Hargrove and Cook's logistical support in the quick turnaround of two deployed F-15 aircraft from Kadena Air Base, Japan, that suffered wing damage during Operation Southern Watch.

The first on record for the 363rd Middle Eastern Location, and possible the first of any deployed location, the two F-15s received wing replacements by a Middle Eastern contractor presently under contract with the USG



Kenneth Cook

to perform Program Depot Maintenance on the Host Country's aircraft.

In accepting the Commanders Coins, Hargrove and Cook were quick to point out their efforts were only the spear point of many individuals and organizations back at Robins.

"Without the support of the individuals back home at Robins within the F-15 SPO and Supply Organizations, this effort could not have been a success. The superb planning and logistical support



William Hargrove

provided by those individuals resulted in record turn-around times for the wing changes, and in doing so, allowed the war fighter to get those jets back in the fight. As a bonus, the effort was completed at a 97 percent cost savings versus that of conventional methods. With the High Operational Tempo necessary by our world situation today, we are proud as members of WR-ALC to have been afforded the opportunity to share in the 363rd AEW motto: "One Team, One Fight!"

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