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## Family Advocacy invites parents to 'brown bag it'

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Family Advocacy's outreach and prevention program manager Veronica Griffin has another learning opportunity in the bag for parents, this one is designed to help them better understand their families.



The Family Advocacy Program is offering parents a chance to talk informally over brown bag lunches with family issues experts.

"Nothing could be simpler," said Griffin, who conceived the idea with the FAP team. "Parents bring their lunch to the medical clinic and sit down with subject area experts to exchange information."

The first of the 50-minute lunches will be May 12 at noon. In succeeding months, the lunches will be the first Thursday of the month in building 700A in the "red chair" conference room.

Registration isn't necessary, but would be helpful, Griffin said. For information, call her at 327-8427.

## Robins phone books available for pick up

The 2003 Robins official phone directory is available for pick up Tuesday and Wednesday.

The 78th Communications Squadron will distribute the books from 8 to 11 a.m. at the East wing of Building 301, next to the mail distribution center.

For more information, contact Audrey Knox at 926-3994.

— From staff reports

## Tattoo ceremony set for May 20

Robins Air Force Base will host the annual Tattoo ceremony May 20 at the Museum Amphitheatre.

The hour-long ceremony begins at 8:15 p.m. and will honor those in uniform who gave the last full measure of devotion. Air Force Materiel Command Commander Gen. Lester Lyles is scheduled to be a special guest.

The Band of the Air Force Reserve and the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus will perform.

The ceremony is open to all DoD civilians, military members, retired military and civilian members and their families.

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# Avionics surges ahead

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While red, white and blue flags wave in the sun, orange flags are unfurled inside the Maintenance Directorate's

avionics and instruments division denoting a very special activity — surge.

According to Greg Stanley, avionics and instruments division chief, 1,500 avionics workers have been

in surge mode since Sept. 19, 2001.

These employees have worked 10- to 12-hour days six and at times seven days a week in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom and most recently Operation Iraqi Freedom.

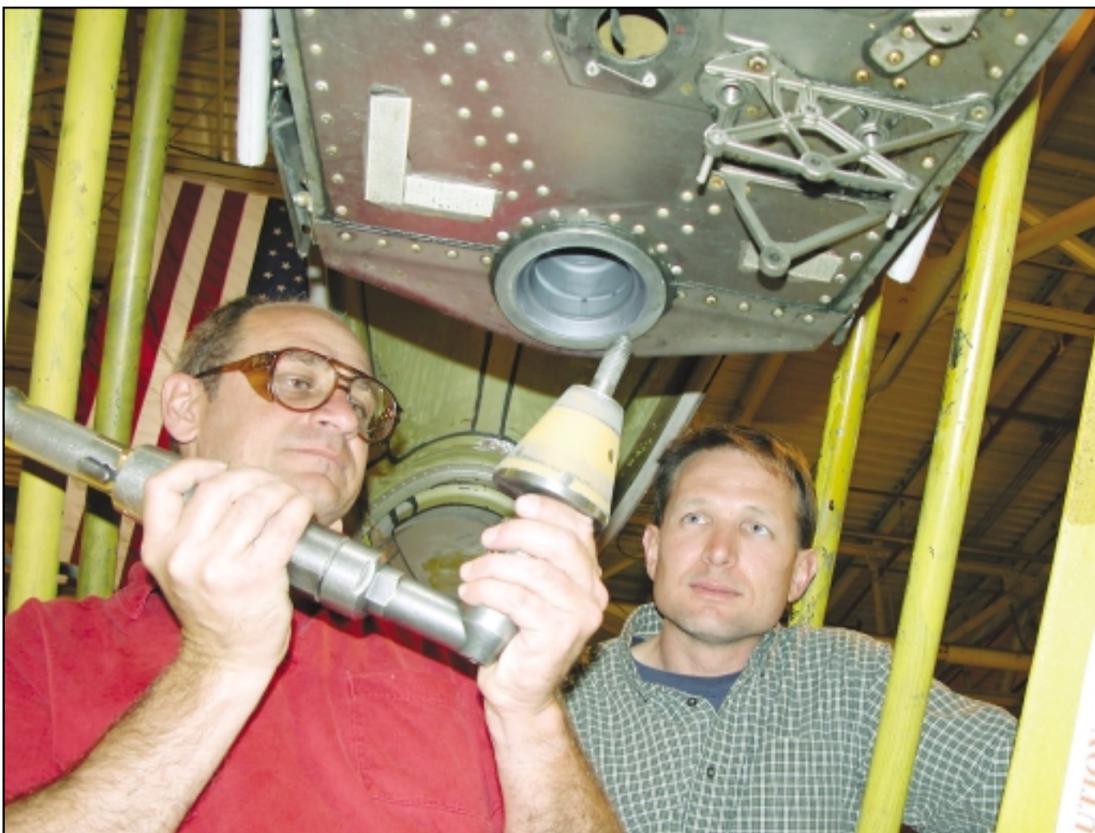
"Job one is support to the war fighter," he said. "A lot of our people are veterans or

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Bob Phillips works on a color weather radar unit. His division has been in surge mode since Sept. 19, 2001.

## Saving time and money



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Walter Tanner and Jeff Cravey demonstrate the corrosion removing tool for the C-5 conebolt. The two's money-saving invention earned them the 2002 Air Force Exceptional Innovators of the Year award and the 2002 Air Force Excellence in Productivity Award.

# Machinists' IDEA saves Air Force \$3.7 million

## Tanner, Cravey win awards for tool to correct C-5 pylon corrosion problem

By Holly J. Logan

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When Walt Tanner and Jeff Cravey designed a tool to correct corrosion build-up on the C-5 aircraft conebolt hole, they had no idea their creativity would earn Air Force level awards.

Tanner, a machinist in the Maintenance Directorate's Technical and Industrial Support Division, and Jeff Cravey, now in plant services in the Maintenance

Directorate, were named the 2002 Air Force Exceptional Innovators of the Year, and also earned the 2002 Air Force Excellence in Productivity Award for their problem-solving efforts that saved the Air Force \$3.7 million.

"I was only doing my job," said Tanner. "We had a corrosion problem that would have made this part of these planes unusable, costing us thousands of dollars. Now, we can get the planes repaired and to the customer in a timely manner."

Awards were presented to the two Team Robins members April 10 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Tanner said the tool, consisting of a piece of metal wrapped with adhesive back sandpaper and a low speed

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## C-17 modification marks partnership

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In a Thursday ceremony celebrating the first C-17 to go through the Global Reach Improvement Program here, Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, received the symbolic hand off of Form 981, returning the aircraft, known as P-13, to Air Mobility Command.

Coolidge then handed off the aircraft to Capt. John Holani, aircrew captain, to return the plane to its home station. A minor mechanical issue delayed take off following the ceremony. The flight was rescheduled for

later in the day.

The transfer signaled a significant step forward for the public-private partnership between the Boeing Company and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

"We have chartered a course together to build a partnership that will ensure long time sustainability and viability for not only our organic, but our private capability as well to support the C-17," Coolidge said.

The Center already performs scheduled Analytical Condition Inspections on C-17s, and GRIP is an annual modification and retrofit plan of block modernization change.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, Vice Commander Air Force Materiel Command, was present for the ceremonial hand-off of P-13, the first C-17 aircraft to go through the Global Reach Improvement Program here. The C-17 modification highlights the partnership between Boeing Company and the Center.

The increased GRIP workload was brought to Robins and Middle Georgia as a result of the Globemaster sustainment partnership between the U.S. Air Force, the Center, and Boeing.

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# 'Ready for the MSEP'

## IG says inspection an important one

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Col. William Saunders said everyone has worked hard to prepare for the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection, and now it's time for Robins to put its best foot forward as the team begins its work on Monday.

"This is one of the most important things we do, aside from war," he said. "It's time to take one last glance, and make sure you are ready to give this inspection your absolute best."

Saunders, inspector general for the Warner Robins Air Logistics

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tammie Bocook stands with her husband of more than 16 years, Master Sgt. Ray Bocook. She was recently named the 2003 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year.

# Air Force Spouse of Year: Bocook

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When her phone rang on an otherwise routine afternoon last week, Tammie Bocook was a little surprised at what she heard: "Please hold for General Wetekam."

In seconds, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, was congratulating the wife of 78th Mission Support Squadron's Master Sgt. Ray Bocook on being named winner of the 2003 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year.

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have family members who are on active duty serving in various places, so it gives us a special incentive to be able to do what we do."

Because many know first hand what it means to provide support to the war fighter, they are 100 percent willing to go that extra mile.

"This is probably one of the few areas that doesn't have to draft for overtime," said Stanley. "We have plenty of volunteers."

Bruce Capehart, support equipment communications and navigation branch chief, said the workforce has done an outstanding job.

"They never lose sight of what they are doing or who they are doing it for," he said. "They do a superb job of expediting the work and supporting the war fighter."

According to Mike Pool, of the production operations center, as of April 25, the division had produced 22,264 surge items during the past 84 weeks.

"Right now we are producing 300 units a day or one each minute and a half and 18 percent of that is surge," said Poole.

A total of 22,892 surge requirements have been given all of which ship directly to the war fighter when produced.

Poole said the function of the production operations center is to manage surge for the division. They

keep track of surge items in a database and on spreadsheets, as well as keeping all statistics and generating battle staff charts.

Surging at twice the rate of Operation Desert Shield Desert Storm, if necessary the division is prepared to go into operations 24 hours a day.

Stanley said in order to show the workforce what a dramatic effect they have on the mission of the war fighter; Special Operations Forces personnel provide briefings of actual field events.

"They bring in war footage to give an understanding of what avionics means," he said.

"It's a thanks for what you do from a real war fighter and it gives them both a sense of urgency and a

sense of belonging."

Mike Martin, electronics worker and Vietnam veteran, said he knows what it is like to need the support that he now gives to the war fighter.

"The people in here work hard and they realize they are supporting the war fighter and the president and his decisions and are happy to do that," he said.

Martin, who retired from Bell South after 35 years said his work on the B-52 strategic radar system is his retirement job and he loves it.

"I am happy to do whatever I can to support the war fighter," he said.

Don Mihelarakis, precision attack radar and gyro branch chief, said many of the workers mirror Martin's thoughts.

"Our people are a part of the Air

Force team," he said. "What we do is a total team effort."

When it's all said and done Stanley said he and his personnel know they have it easy compared to those in the field.

"Our job is the easy one because we go home every night and have hot meals when we want them," he said. "When we put things into perspective even though we may be working 10 or 12 hours 6 or 7 days a week that's nothing compared to what the troops are going through."

Gus Spurlin, planning team and local manufacturing team chief, is pleased with what he sees everyday.

"I am proud of what we do and am amazed at the job the people who are using the tools do," he said.

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Center, said his staff, which is charged with the coordination, orchestration, and facilitation of the MSEP inspection team's entire visit, feels confident that Robins is up for the challenge.

"It's our job to make sure all the puzzle pieces fall into place," he said. "We want to make sure we are portraying the message that we are ready every day. This is a gauge to measure how well we support the war fighter, and we're going to show them we're ready to pass the test."

The MSEP core team arrived at Robins Thursday and the other 16 inspectors will arrive tomorrow. Saunders said it's time for people to make sure they know their jobs well, and are familiar with those around them.

"People need to make sure they know their checklists," he said. "Keep your

leadership informed of things, especially any problems. We want everyone to do their best for this inspection, and have no last-minute surprises."

Robins has earned the highest MSEP inspection rating for the past three consecutive years, and Saunders said he wants to ensure they continue setting the example for others to emulate.

"This is the first time Robins has been first in line for MSEP inspection," he said. "We want to prove that first or last, we are still the best."

The 2003 MSEP inspection will be the first since the Maintenance Directorate's reorganization that took place last year.

From making sure logistics such as billeting arrangements, meeting and greeting the MSEP team at the Atlanta airport, and other details are mapped out, the IG team has been engaged from beginning to end with the MSEP inspection process.

After a five-month preparation for the MSEP inspection, Saunders said the time has come to show the inspection team from Air Force Materiel Command that Robins knows how to take care of business.



Saunders

# The MSEP game plan

## ■ Rules to follow for best results

By Holly J. Logan and the Maintenance Directorate  
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It's taken months to prepare, and Monday, the Maintenance Directorate has its chance to show it's the best during the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection.

Along with making certain previous year's findings are corrected and developing action plans for problem areas, the Maintenance Directorate advises employees follow the rules of engagement specified below.

Inspectors will arrive as a team at their specified locations. Points of contact should be available to meet them. With inspectors having more than one checklist, find out which checklist the inspector wishes to first address and have a point of contact escort him or her through the inspection's completion. POCs should keep in contact, for smooth transition between inspection points.

Do not schedule briefings for inspectors. Information needed for inspections should be included within

the smart books. Team leads should be well-versed on smart book content, and any material not included should be printed and provided to inspectors through the team leads.

Remember, the IG is on a tight schedule. If scheduled to meet with an inspector, be there when requested.

Only the POC should accompany the inspectors, to provide directions and answer any questions.

First-line supervisors should introduce themselves to the inspectors, and then fade into the background, but remain in the area for the out-brief.

When a mechanical evaluation is performed, only the mechanic, POC, and the inspector should be present.

POC escorts should make note of any findings the IG notices or mentions. Keep questions to a minimum.

Don't press for specific source document references. They're subject matter experts in their areas of inspection, and will provide references in their written findings.

Don't challenge or argue the finding. A supplemental instruction can mandate a stricter requirement than the source document, but cannot lessen the requirement. If a condition is identified, and the local instruction covers it, bring the supplement to the inspector's attention.

When discrepancies and concerns are noted, notify Rebecca Davis at rebecca.davis@robins.af.mil or Jacqueline Rozier at Jacqueline.rosier@robins.af.mil, who will notify the other divisions. If a discrepancy is found, all shops should immediately look for and correct the reported problems in their area.

If a discrepancy can be fixed on the spot, take care of it. This will show a proactive response. One or two minor discrepancies will not make a large difference, but repeated write-ups shows systemic problems and will draw unwanted attention.

Offer assistance to inspectors as they pass through.

Always follow policy, procedures, rules, and guidelines. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment when required. Pick up any foreign objects and clean up work areas before leaving for lunch or ending a shift. Secure any tools when leaving a site.

If an IG inspector is in violation of any safety procedures during the inspection, remind him of the requirements.

Be honest. If you don't know the answer to an inspector's question, say so. Ensure him that you will find the answer and report back to him.

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drill, uniformly removes excessive corrosion on the aircraft components, and saves parts that would normally be returned to the warehouse as non-serviceable items.

Cravey said the idea not only saved the Air Force money, but it saved the workers valuable time.

"It helped us get the pylons out quicker," he said. "Before this, it was going to take months to get them fixed. Now, it only takes a few days."

Cravey said it was an honor that he and Tanner's idea directly impacted the work processes at Robins.

Tanner and Cravey submitted their award-winning corrosion removal solution to IDEA, a Department of Defense program that turns suggestions into improved work productivity.

## IDEA program proves lucrative for the Air Force and employee

Suggestions for workplace improvements could mean lucrative gains for Department of Defense employees and the Air Force, through the Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness program.

According to Carol Norris, IDEA office assistant at Robins, 153 submissions on improvement of work processes and policies have been made to the program since the beginning of the year.

Fiscal year 2002 reflected that 128 of the 360 IDEA submissions were approved, resulting in award payments totaling

\$55,000, and \$4.3 million in tangible savings.

IDEA is a program managed by Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, that benefits the Air Force by encouraging creative thinking and innovative ideas that foster process improvements, economy and productivity.

With awards up to \$200 for suggestions of improvement to work areas outside one's responsibility, and no more than \$10,000 for tangible savings within one's work area, the pro-

gram provides monetary benefits that are twofold.

Ideas for the program must successfully pass the test of IDEA program evaluators, who test the feasibility and cost effectiveness of the suggestions.

Submissions may be made from government computers by accessing the IDEA program link on the Robins Air Force Base homepage at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

For more information on the IDEA program, contact Carol Norris at 926-2536.

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# 5th CCG airmen respond quickly to traffic accident

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Two 5th Combat Communications Group airmen displayed both quick thinking and heroism during an April 16 accident on base.

Master Sgt. Scott Bickford and Airman 1st Class William Cook, were taking a break from their jobs just outside of building 951, located in a fenced-in lot. Cook, a 53rd Combat Communications Squadron satellite, wideband and telemetry systems craftsman, was sitting on a picnic table adjacent to the building and Bickford, 53rd NCO in charge of the network systems flight, was standing, looking out at Robins Parkway.

## The accident

As they were talking, Bickford said he looked over at the road and "saw a red van going out the Russell Parkway gate get T-boned by another van and start flying through the air." He said his jaw dropped, and then both he and Cook ran to the scene.

"We just took off running," Bickford said. "Cook was ahead of me and ran to the personnel gate, which was locked. In one motion, he dialed in the combination and the lock opened. I was amazed at how fast he got it open."

Hurrying to the scene, although they both admitted to being a bit in shock, they went right to work.

"The first thing I did was run to the van, which was on its side, and look inside," Cook said. "When I kneeled down to look, I realized I was kneeling in gas."

## The rescue

Cook looked in the back window and saw a woman who was dazed. He asked her if she needed help and she said yes. He then broke the remaining glass out of the woman's back window, reached inside and helped pull her out.

The two then evacuated everyone away from the accident scene and directed traffic to help the flow of vehicles, which was heavy because the accident happened around 2 p.m. Bickford said Cook realizing there was leaking gas was critical.

"I heard Cook shout 'gas' and I cleared everyone out," he said. "Cook was getting her out of the vehicle, but still managed to grab the woman's purse and wallet."

## The praise

Mike Oliveras, a station chief with the Robins fire department, said the pair's actions were exemplary.

"They recognized the accident scene was unsafe, removed the victim from a potential deadly, flammable, hazardous environment created by the fuel leak, and rendered first aid a safe distance away from the immediate hazard, and offered additional protection to the accident victim, and themselves, as responsible first responders," said Oliveras, who was the incident commander during the crash. "It was quite



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump  
Airman 1st Class William Cook, left, and Master Sgt. Scott Bickford's quick thinking earned praise from a Warner Robins Fire Department station chief.

impressive for laypersons not generally accustomed to rescue work."

Oliveras added their quick-thinking actions helped prevent a disaster.

"Had a fire broke, the driver could have been trapped by the flames, suffered toxic smoke inhalation, been severely burned, or worse," he said. "There was also potential for a catastrophic ignition and fire was present. Leaking fuel is always looking for an ignition source with air."

The pair said their responses were second nature.

"I just sat there for half a second, then my adrenaline started pumping and I just reacted," said Bickford. "You see someone hurt, you respond." His fellow responder agreed.

"I just went on autopilot," said Cook. "I saw the van in mid-air and got to the scene before people in the cars on Robins Parkway even got out. But I think it's something anyone would do if they saw the same thing."

# Low levels of bacteria found in Duck Lake

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## What to know:

Low levels of bacteria were found in initial water quality tests following the closure of Duck Lake on April 24 due to a sewage spill.

As a precautionary measure, base officials are asking that anyone who came into contact with the lake water between April 10-24 to contact the Robins Public Health Office for individual assessment at 327-7613. Medical professionals would like to collect pertinent information, answer any questions and provide any appropriate medical advice.

"While the water sample results do not indicate a high potential for disease transmission, the outside possibility does exist that persons who had direct hand to mouth contact with the lake water may experience gastrointestinal illness," said Col. Karl Lee, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander.

Duck Lake will remain closed temporarily. Base officials ask that anyone who came into contact with the lake water between April 10-24 to call 327-7613.

"However, we do believe the health risk to our community is low."

Testing showed that while bacteria levels were elevated, they were within Georgia Environmental Protection Division standards. Tests indicated on Friday that there were 1,006 colonies per hundred milliliters while Sunday's testing showed 608 colonies per hundred milliliters.

Nevertheless, base officials have decided to keep the lake closed temporarily as an extra precautionary measure while they continue to monitor the water quality.

Additional sampling of the lake will continue until Duck Lake reopens.

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# First 'Lean Eagle' completes production cycle

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When an F-15 Eagle left its nest at Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England for a flight to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Oct. 2002, it began a journey that would make F-15 production branch history.

The F-15 Eagle, known as the 'Golden Jet' by F-15 workers, was the first to arrive at the Center for fiscal year 2003 and more importantly the first to go through the newly Leaned F-15 program depot maintenance process.

"This is a story about teamwork," said Col. George Ireland, F-15 production branch chief. "Across the board the team stepped up to the plate and successfully brought about this Lean conversion."

Steve Peavy, F-15 Lean change agent, said upon arrival the aircraft division personnel accepted the aircraft and set it in motion for its trip through Lean.

"The first steps included the aircraft being de-fueled, the removal of the engines and seats and a trip to the de-paint facility where it was stripped by a robotic process," said Peavy. "After those steps, the jet was then given a thorough inspection."

The new Lean process means the jet now flows through eight individual cells.

According to Peavy the first three cells are designed for sheet metal and fuel tank repairs. At cell four the flight controls are put back on and at cell five the wings, which were taken to the wing shop, meet the frame again.

Ireland said tact time is approximately 2.5 days per cell, but the wing shop gets 45 days to refurbish the wings. After the wings are

## What to know:

The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Maj. Fritz Heck, 339th Flight Test Squadron, climbs out of the 'Golden Jet' after giving it a test flight.

on, the avionics go back in, systems are checked, fuel is put back in to check for leaks, panels are put on, the cockpit is put back together and then it is set for functional test.

"The jet is like new when it leaves here," said Ireland.

"We have two goals in this process," he said. "To have every jet leave on time and to maintain quality on them all."

"The entire process from start to finish took 104 flow days," said Peavy. "Last year the average flow was 109 days."

That means Lean, a program aimed at streamlining maintenance repair, is a success.

"We have converted some nonbelievers into believers," said Ireland.

From the planning stages the division knew what it would take to write its own Lean success story.

"We knew we had to have spare parts on board, have the cells set up and people in the cells trained to do the work," said Ireland. "We learned that the process does work when it is set up and run properly."

Ireland said though the first jet was a success, since its departure the cells have been reviewed twice to make sure the standard work is still being done and everything fits into place like it should.

"It's a continuing process," he said. "We continue to look at what we are doing and how we are doing business to make sure we have the most efficient way to do the business. "That's what Lean is all about."

Like with any change there were skeptics at the beginning of the journey.

"We had people who were leery about changing the way they did business," said Ireland.

"Those people who were skeptics last year are now believers in the new system today."

He said the people on the floor, who make the process work, don't want to go back to the old way of doing business.



Ireland



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Paul Leonardi, avionics mechanic, installs operational check aircraft systems. The newly Leaned F-15 program depot maintenance process takes 104 flow days; last year it took about 109 days.

"It's a highly efficient operation and has helped us to save resources that we need to get these jets out on time," he said.

The idea behind Lean is streamlining maintenance repair and finding more efficient methods to improve capability for handling workload.

Ireland said Lean has enabled his branch to do just that.

"We are able to compartmentalize the work we are doing on the jets," he said. "No longer do we have to compete for the scarce

resources we need, the aerospace ground equipment we need or spare parts."

All new processes teach

lessons and as the Lean process continues, the F-15 production branch is making those lessons count.

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F-15 production branch, the 339th Flight Test Squadron, the Avionics and instruments division, the commodities and industrial products division wing shop, the Weapons Systems Support Center and the radome shop.

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## Spring cleaning

Jimmy Hatcher and James Brooks, LFC, F-15 Program Control Division, clean up around Building 300. They were taking part in Robins Air Force Base Spring Cleanup Day April 30.



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# Outpouring to spouses

■ Middle Georgia communities gladly donating in support of spouses of deployed members

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Spouses of deployed military members have voiced their needs, and the Middle Georgia community has responded with a tremendous outpouring of support, said Christine Parker.

Parker, Family Support Center director, said gift certificates for meals, entertainment tickets and passes, as well as postage stamps will be available at the FSC when doors open at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"We'll give out the items until we run out," she said.

"Military spouses don't need to prove their spouses are deployed. They only need to show their family military identification card. We're working this on an honor system."

Among the items donated were meal certificates for McDonald's, Fuddrucker's, and other similar priced eating establishments, movie passes good at Warner Robins and Macon theaters, skating passes, and other event tickets and passes.

Spouses will be offered two five-dollar stamps, totaling \$10 dollars of free postage per month for each military spouse, said Parker.

"Our goal is to give these items so that the immediate family can benefit from these donated items," she said. "It's not our intention to provide these items for the extended family. With so

many spouses, I don't expect things to last for long."

Parker said the awesome amount of support from the community is still continuing.

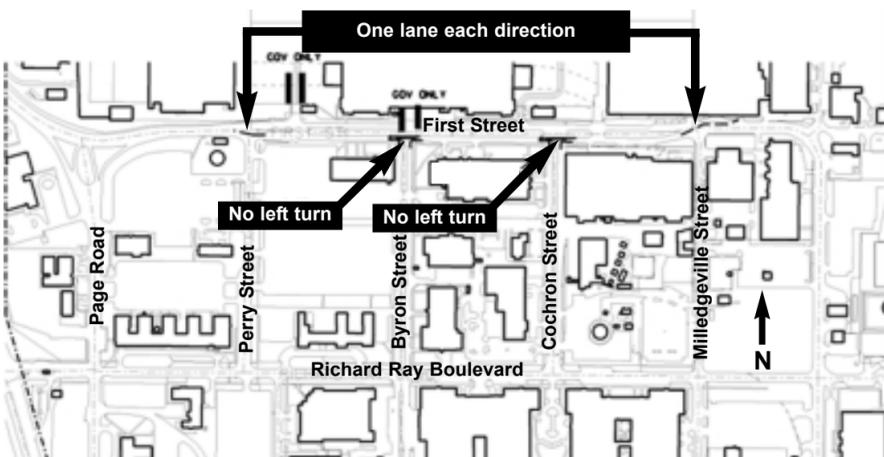
"I'm overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our community," she said. "But living here 13 years, I shouldn't be surprised. My hat is off to every resident and business in Middle Georgia."

Lt. Col. Stacy Boudreaux, commander of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, said he is proud to see the community supporting troops and their families in this way.

"I know our military spouses have done a great job of voicing their needs, and the community has given them a great amount of support," he said. "The community has done a tremendous service, not only to our spouses, but to our troops as well."

## 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. In addition, First Street from Gate 1 (Green Street gate) to the intersection of First Street and Perry Street is scheduled to close from 6:30 p.m. May 9 through May 12. The road will be open for normal use May 13. If you have any questions, contact Tech. Sgt. Stocker at 926-5820 ext. 607 or Lt. Roberts 926-5820 ext. 238.

## JSTARS warriors come home



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Tom McKenzie

Lt. Col. Brian Searcy of the 116th Air Control Wing braces for a big hug from daughters Brooke, 11, and Madison, 5, after his arrival at Robins following deployment "somewhere in Southwest Asia."



U.S. Air Force photos by Debbie Berry-Smith

## Fishing rodeo

To celebrate Earth Day, Robins families participated in the Fishing Rodeo and Family Day at Luna Lake April 26. Morning fishing rodeo winners were Brittany Singhas, 1st place; Maggie Duran, 2nd place; and Roman Lahaye, 3rd place. Afternoon fishing rodeo winners were Justin Marcotte, 1st place; Natalie King, 2nd place; and Daniel Beecher, 3rd place. The event also included face painting, crafts and balloons for the kids.

Above, families enjoy a day of fishing at Luna Lake.

Left, Roman Lahaye shows off a fish. Lahaye won 3rd place in the morning fishing rodeo.



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"I never dreamed that I would win," she said. "I was proud to be nominated, but I didn't think I would win. The Lord blesses me, I guess."

The winner of the Robins AFB and Air Force Materiel Command Connie Yates Spouse of the Year, Bocook has immersed herself in Air Force life, a partner to her husband and a helping hand to many.

"I have served because I care about people," she said. "I always started out to make an impact on at least one person before we left any assignment."

Instead, she has made an impact on hundreds.

"I think for us, the Air Force is part of our family. If I did not take part, I would be missing out. When I'm working side by side with my husband, I understand exactly what's going on, and when he has to work nights or go TDY, I understand," she said.

Her husband has observed that involved spouses "spell the difference between success and failure."

"You can hit higher levels and reach greater goals if your spouse is willing to be part of the Air Force team," he said. "I notice where spouses are really behind the member and where spouses are involved, the member excels."

"Tammie has been involved in the Air Force since our marriage more than 16 years ago," he said. "She likes to be active. She will give you the shirt off her back, helping anyone who needs it. She is a very giving person."

He said that each stripe he earns — he just earned another — means more responsibility and more work.

"Tammie always says 'OK, I'll help you.' Numerous times when I'm working late, she brings me dinner at work. For her, no job is too small, and no job is too big."

She manages to keep a heavy schedule of service while raising a family and working

## 'Love story' with a happy ending

By Chris Zdrakas  
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During his frequent visits to a 24-hour canteen at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Ray Bocook befriended a worker he knew only as "Judy."

After about three months, Bocook noticed Judy's name badge, "Judy Jenkins."

"Hey, I know a girl named Jenkins — Tammie Jenkins," he said.

"Hey, that's my daughter," Jenkins replied.

It was 1 a.m., and Jenkins called home to awaken her sleeping daughter. Bocook took the phone, and a courtship between Tammie and Ray that had been interrupted nine months earlier when he joined the Air Force was rekindled. They were married on Valentine's Day 16 years ago.

Their reunion was a series of circumstances some might attribute to chance.

Bocook met Tammie in Kentucky, where he and his father visited Ray's grandfather monthly. Tammie lived in neighboring Flatwoods and was best friends with Ray's cousin,

Krista. Sometimes Tammie would stay with Krista at Ray's grandmother's in Ashland. Tammie said she had noticed Ray and his dad "in passing" during their visits.

"It's a small town and everyone knows everyone," she said.

But Ray and Tammie didn't really take serious note of each other until they met at a roller-skating rink in Ashland.

"I really liked her, and we really liked each other," Ray said. "I'd see her when I came in town, and I wrote her letters."

Tammie said Ray had decided who his future wife would be shortly after they began seeing each other.

"He said 'one day we will be married.' I thought 'this guy's crazy.'"

They lost touch after Ray enlisted in the Air Force. He went through

basic training and two technical schools before being assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"We thought we would

never see each other again," Tammie said.

The Jenkins' had moved to Ohio just outside Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

"Who would have thought the same girl would wind up in the

same town I was stationed in?" Ray asked.

Sixteen years later, they enjoy a life as good friends and partners.

"Being friends and communicating is the secret to a happy marriage," she said.

Master Sgt. Ray Bocook of the 78th Mission Support Squadron and Tammie — the Air Force Spouse of the Year — are parents of three children and active in their community, their church and their Air Force.



Tammie and Ray Bocook, Feb. 14, 1987

part-time. Bocook teaches pre-school three hours three mornings a week at Central Baptist Church in Warner Robins. The

Bocooks have three children — Courtney, 16; Steven, 14; and Micah, 6. Her husband is flight chief — like the

"My wife decided to travel from base to base around the world, make the Air Force people her people and serve the Lord with all her heart," Bocook said. "Her veins flow with blue blood, and she informs her employers that the Air Force comes first."

## Take the 'green' pledge, even in times of conflict

By Steve Coyle  
Director of Environmental Management

I'm asking you to take the "green pledge!" No, not going to Wal-Mart to pick up the latest furniture polish. Not working on your golf game, either. It's similar to when we ask base employees as part of Earth Day to recycle more during the coming year.



Coyle

■ Here's how I pledge to help make every day America Recycles Day...

■ I'll buy more recycled-content products.

■ I'll increase my recycling efforts in school, at home and at work.

■ I'll encourage my family to become more involved in recycling in our community.

So let's change the last line to show you'll pledge something slightly different - to change to a "green" mentality so that you consider the environment in daily decisions:

■ Here's how I pledge to help make everyday a Green Day...

I'll encourage my family to become more involved in "green" activities.

As you go through life, how much do you take from the Earth? And the more taken, and the less given back, then the closer we come to "wearing out" our environment and its natural resources. And ruin the very quality of life that you work hard to attain and to pass on to the next generation.

It's not that complicated - think about how your daily actions impact the earth. Humans can't just live in a vacuum; natural resources are not endless. Think about how we still have energy shortages regardless of how natural resources are utilized. Remember when nuclear power was seen as the energy panacea, endless and clean? Many of you (admit it if you're my age) watched newsreels that showed some unknown power source lift-

ing vehicles into the sky as citizens happily flew into work. Didn't happen, did it?

Can you relate "greening" to the workplace? Relate it to your role in the Air Force? Relate it to what you do in life? It's beginning to feel like déjà vu, considering every time I write this column the United States has been engaged in conflict. And, once again, I feel compelled to write about the connection between the war, you and your job, as well as the environment, because of the serious implications for our future. Let me try to connect the dots in the context of the current war.

Wars, regardless of their intent, are not particularly good for the environment. However, environmental protection is increasingly considered during world conflicts, affecting how the United States approaches war fighting. If you look at conflicts in recent decades, directed strikes and smart weapons have made a big difference in the hit rate and reduced collateral damage. More than 7,400 tons of precision-guided weapons were dropped in Desert Storm. Electro-optical glide bombs were used to destroy well manifolds to stop oil from flowing into the Persian Gulf after Saddam's forces opened the valves. Further, laser-guided bombs destroyed weapons that Saddam could have unleashed against people and the environment. Conversely, using lessons learned in Yugoslavia in 1999, we became even more careful in avoiding targets that might cause severe environmental damage.

AFMC played a major role in developing and deploying these sophisticated weapons. In comparison to the Gulf War and Afghanistan's Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom is an even more deliberate attempt to reduce collateral damage using a new generation of smart weapons. An

**What do I want you to take from this? If the United States goes to this much trouble to protect another country's resources during a war, shouldn't we care at least that much about protecting Robins Air Force Base and surrounding communities?**

advanced laser-guided Legacy smart bomb uses global positioning, added by Air Force Materiel Command, so clouds do not interfere with "seeing" the target. These munitions, combined recently with stealth technology, put fewer aircraft at risk and saved lives - both aircrews and innocent civilians - as well as the "innocent" environment. (Just think of blanket bombing in past wars that led to a scorched Earth.) On the ground, troops have gone to great lengths to keep civilians safe, even to the extent that they are put in harms way by a regime that uses human

shields and suicide bombers. Even so, our troops suffered the least casualties since the Revolutionary War - "more mobile, more lethal, more protected than ever," says an Army expert in USA Today.

Once again we are trying to avoid ruining the country under siege. Why? It makes no sense to free a country, then let it flounder without resources. Infrastructure, such as oil wells, needs to be intact so that their economy doesn't grind to a halt. Therefore, we protect oil wells from sabotage, and the dense smoke that comes with it. Ironically, the regime that supposedly cares so much about its own people has not only blown up oil wells but has ignited oil filled trenches in order to blot out targets. (These fires produce inhalable smoke particles that are linked to lung damage.) As the conflict subsides, the U. N. Environmental Program is already planning cleanup operations. Ironically again, most of the cleanup will be for damage previously done by the regime rather than during the war!

The thinking behind the Marshal Plan of WWII was to make a country prosperous, and (ideally) a prosperous country would not make war. Part of rebuilding Iraq is to make them self-governing as

soon as possible. Having a strong ecosystem and clean environmental is a vital ingredient. Iraqi people faced a brutal regime willing to pollute the very environment needed for survival. In addition, they face an environment that is not nearly as blessed as ours in the first place. While watching TV coverage of the war, I came across a special on the relationship of environment and turmoil. Iraq, along with other countries like Somalia and South Africa facing environmental plights, typically have political unrest that results in civil wars and human cruelty. The exact cause and effect is not known but it's a vicious, hard to break cycle. Be thankful for our bountiful natural resources, beautiful environment, and the freedom to enjoy them. With that comes the responsibility to protect our workplace, homes, community, nation, and, yes, our world.

What do I want you to take from this? If the United States goes to this much trouble to protect another country's resources during a war, shouldn't we care at least that much about protecting Robins Air Force Base and surrounding communities?

At work - make sure you know what regulations apply to your job, and even ask if you can do more to ensure a healthy and safe workplace. Environmental protection is integral to the Center's mission. It's no different than a culture of safety and quality. At home - the next time you make a purchase, is it a "green" one? In your community - ask what is being done to protect our environment for future generations. For the nation - what can the Center do so the next generation of weapons is cleaner to maintain and dispose? For the world - what can the Air Force do so that future conflicts are even cleaner?

■ Here's how I pledge to make every day Earth Day:

■ I'll work to keep my workplace, home, community and our world safe and clean for today and for future generations

(By the way, I hope that next year the world situation and my topic will be different!)

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

### Can these magazines be sent to the troops?

I was in the mail room in Bldg. 301 about two weeks ago and there was a mail crate out front full of unopened Reader's Digests with a sign over it that said "take one." When I opened the plastic packaging, there was a preprinted note from the purchaser saying they sent it to our troops overseas in thanks for their dedication. I just wondered why the mail room was passing these out. The USO is still sending packages to the troops, why couldn't these have been part of that distribution?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for the opportunity to spread the word about the free copies of Reader's Digest being made available by the base Mail Center. Increased security requirements prevent mailing of unsolicited mail or mail not addressed to a particular individual. This requirement was implemented shortly after 9/11 to insure that Anthrax or other dangerous materials are not mailed to military members serving in overseas areas, and to reduce the strain on critical airlift resources currently supporting theater operations. Reader's Digest is making these magazines available to all military installations and not just to Robins Air Force Base. When we originally started receiving the magazines, they were forwarded to the base library. However, the library has informed us that they do not require all of the copies we receive, so we have been making them available to the base populace. Our military and civilian workers at Robins play a large part in insuring the

defense and freedom of our nation and are certainly deserving of this benefit. In addition, we contacted the USO who indicated they are not sending packages to deployed personnel. Thanks again for your inquiry.

### Will replacement be found for used car lot?

I noticed the used car lot is closed. The used car lot is a very popular and useful site for people looking to sell or buy a vehicle. It was also a place where people could go on their lunch break to browse for vehicles without having to leave the base. Is there any chance the used car lot will be relocated or reopened in the future?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for your comments and concern for the Privately Owned Vehicle Sales Lot. Unfortunately, we had to relocate the lot so that the parking area could be used by people working in the surrounding buildings who lost parking spaces due to the placement of security barriers. This lot will also eventually be adversely impacted by the construction of a new entry gate in line with Watson Blvd. We have designated a new used car lot on the north side of Bldg. 641 (Avionics Storage Branch at 621 Page Road) and it will open this week. This new lot will initially accommodate 50 passenger vehicles (no campers or RVs), but will expand in June to accommodate other types of vehicles. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we anticipate the new site will provide expanded service to our customers. For

additional information and status on this issue, you can contact Derek Glisson, Outdoor Recreation Director, 926-4001, or e-mail derek.glisson@robins.af.mil.

### Break room lights need to be fixed

A power outage a few days ago in Bldg. 125 created a potential safety hazard when one exit sign and the lights on the northwest side of the break room failed to come on, leaving that section of the room completely blacked out. An employee working the break room had to stop and first get her bearings, then find her way out. It was almost impossible for her to see the lock on the door. While this wasn't a serious incident, it had potential to be something more serious given the lack of lighting. I wrote to you because I didn't know what channel to pursue or take to get the problem fixed.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for your concern on safety within Bldg. 125. The facility manager is responsible to perform functional tests on emergency lighting and call in job orders to correct faulty systems. However, in response to your concern, the electric shop personnel performed a site inspection and discovered dead batteries in each of the units in question. The batteries were replaced on the spot and both units were restored to full operation. Please contact your facility manager for future problems of this nature, for that person may have already submitted the requirement or can initiate corrective action as needed.



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# Grievance mediation process proves beneficial

By Civilian Personnel Office Labor Relations Division

The grievance mediation process at Robins continues to remain successful as the program enters its third year.

As part of a renewed emphasis on Alternate Dispute Resolution, Center Commander Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam and Union President Donald Thompson signed a joint letter of personal commitment to the ADR process in April 2003.

The process is designed to improve communication between management and employees through open discussion. The intent of the grievance mediation process is to resolve grievance issues at the lowest practical level.

Unlike the negotiated grievance procedure, which is often time consuming and costly for both parties, the grievance mediation process is designed to substantially reduce the amount of time and money it currently takes to process an employee grievance.

In 2002, 62 percent of all grievance mediation requests resulted in settlement of the grievance.

Mediators are Air Force trained and certified. The role of the mediator is to facilitate communication between a supervisor and an

employee so that they can mutually develop a resolution to the problem.

The information presented within the mediation session is confidential. Mediators consist of individuals from both management and AFGE Local 987, and are appointed on a rotational basis.

Participation in grievance mediation is strictly voluntary. When a bargaining unit employee files a grievance, he or she is entitled to meet with a union steward in preparation of the grievance. At that time, the union representative advises the employee of the option to pursue mediation of the grievance. When mediation is elected and annotated on the AFMC Form 913, the grievance is placed in abeyance pending the outcome of the mediation cycle. If the mediation results in settlement of the grievance matter, the grievance is considered to be resolved. If no resolution is reached through mediation, the grievance is returned to the negotiated grievance procedure.

The grievance mediation process has proven beneficial in improving communication between management and employees through open discussion. Based on prior success, it appears this process will remain successful for the future.

## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

The **Military Personnel Flight** will be closed May 16 at noon for a squadron function. If anyone has an emergency, call 954-2774.

An **advanced motorcycling class** will be offered May 23 and 30. Sign up through Security Forces Pass and ID. For more information, contact WR-ALC Safety Office at 926-6271.

A **reunion for current and former 5th Combat Communications Group members** will be held May 23-25. Events

planned include golfing, a trip to Andersonville, a social and a formal dinner. For more information, call 922-1377, 922-5442 or 922-0922; e-mail [rtgillis@cox.net](mailto:rtgillis@cox.net) or [rsmith343@cox.net](mailto:rsmith343@cox.net); or go to <http://members.cox.net/5thccg2003reunion/5ccg.htm>.

*To have your announcement printed in the Rev-Up, send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at [angelatronzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angelatronzo@robins.af.mil).*

## Robins announces Web-based community assessment survey

The Integrated Delivery System Working Group is sponsoring the 2003 Community Assessment Survey of service members and spouses.

The information collected will be used to assist the Family Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, Health and Wellness Center, Life Skills Centers, Family Member Programs, and Chaplains.

Air Force service members and their spouses at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work e-mail address of each service member selected to participate.

"The 2003 Community Assessment Survey is a top priority," said Maj. Beth Zeiger, Organizational Health Center director. "It is the best way for us to listen to

service members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their family. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force.

"The 2003 Community Assessment Survey provides service members and spouses a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force community," said Carolyn Stevens, family members program flight chief. "We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible."

Contact Carolyn Stevens, Integrated Delivery System chairperson, at 926-5491 with questions regarding the 2003 assessment.

## Message to the TROOPS



**Emelyn Walker**  
flight attendant

"You guys hurry up and come back because we miss you. We want to fix you lunch."

U.S. Air Force image by Ed Aspera

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# Anytime place Righttime place

## Robins supports joint war fighter through Global Positioning System

By Holly J. Logan

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**F**rancis Rowe said he knew Robins management of the Global Positioning System's user equipment reached beyond the base gates, but a recent deployment to the Middle East gave him a whole new perspective.

Rowe, senior system engineer for the U.S. Army branch of the GPS System Support Management Office here, was recently sent to Kuwait to address technical difficulties with one of the system's key components.

"We're here to make sure the user equipment is providing quality service throughout all branches of the armed forces," he said. "The Army had problems with their Precision Lightweight GPS Receiver outputting incorrect positions, and I was there to figure out why."

With more than 150,000 GPS receivers installed in aircraft, ships, and ground vehicles Department of Defense wide, the system has provided war fighters with the most modern technology to execute missions with success, said Lt. Col. David West, GPS system support manager.

The Global Positioning System is a highly accurate system, using satellites to provide worldwide, continuous, real-time, all-weather precision positioning and velocity information to users operating equipment in a passive mode.

West said since the late 1980s, his office has managed GPS user equipment, the dominant technology for precision-guided munitions since the Gulf War and Operation Allied Force.

According to Jim Barrow, GPS

Control Branch chief, Robins is part of a joint service arena that works with the Joint Program Office at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.; the control segment, managing satellites at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Penn.; and the Naval Depot in San Diego.

GPS serves a broad spectrum of Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy requirements, as well as those of NATO and friendly foreign countries, said Barrow.

"The system meets mission requirements in areas," he said. "In ships, it's highly reliable for supporting six-month cruises; provides high-dynamic range G-forces for aircraft; and is hand-held so Army infantry can carry it."

Barrow and Rowe are part of the Space and Special Systems Directorate that manages and maintains GPS user equipment, such as the Precision Lightweight GPS Receiver, the Miniature Airborne GPS Receiver and the GPS Antenna System.

"This user-equipment receives signals from satellites, processes this data, and provides the user (man, vehicle, vessel, or aircraft) with precise three-dimensional position, velocity, time and navigation information," he said.

Satellites in orbit and receivers on ground can pinpoint location within 10 meters and timing within one microsecond, making it the essential basis for all modern navigation said West.

"In our work, GPS is the key enabling utility for precision navigation and targeting," he said. "We give the war-fighter the capability to perform his mission any time, any place. This is the all-weather, timing system which is the key to reducing collateral damage while delivering precision attacks."

West said he expects GPS will eventually become a natural part of the integral navigation system in place in military aircraft, ships, and ground vehicles.

"We expect this will grow into a utility like turning on a light switch," he said. "When pilots turn on their navigation system, it will come on as part of the war system."

West said his office is fully aware of the responsibility that is placed in their hands, and the media's vast coverage of the GPS system serves as a source of motivation for his office to continue providing a highly reliable and capable system to [the United States].



Above, this is some of the equipment the GPS system office here manages for the Department of Defense.



U.S. Air Force photos by Frank Rowe



Main photo, center: This is a view of the airfield during a mild sandstorm. Visibility was 150-200 yards. Above, Rowe checks out a GPS PLGR installed with the Blue Force Tracker system on a Humvee.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Rowe, back at his Robins office, demonstrates a PLGR hand-held GPS unit. He recently returned from Kuwait where he helped solve a technical problem with the Army's PLGR equipment.

## Staying in touch

■ **Morale Call offers military members the sound of home**

By Holly J. Logan  
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Christine Parker said the Morale Call program is a popular service, keeping military members and their families in touch when deployments separate them.

Parker, Family Support Center director, said the program, implemented in 1996 by former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman, has been a success from day-one.

"Good news travels fast," she said. "This is a great program because it gives people voice to voice communication. Our base



**Support when you need it**

## DEPLOYED SPOUSES' RESOURCES



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Sue Sapp

The Morale Call program is available to military members who are deployed more than 30 days. They can make one 15-minute phone call per week to spouses and other family members.

operators have been very instrumental in making that happen."

According to Tech. Sgt. Caroline Newell, FSC family readiness coordinator, any military member who is deployed more than 30 days may benefit from the service by making one 15-minute phone call per week to spouses and other family members.

In order to make or receive the calls, Newell said the deployed mil-

itary member must have a Defense Switched Network number, and obtain a control number from the FSC for call tracking purposes.

Newell said calls to deployed members may be made from home at an agreed upon time.

Sometimes the separation caused by a deployment can be difficult, but morale calls through the FSC and base operators can provide a familiar voice to bridge the gap.

## Base Housing:

Deployed spouses Q & A

**Q:How can I apply for Base Housing?**

**A:**Stop by the housing office and bring copy of orders. If spouse is applying, a Power of Attorney is also required. An application form (DD Form 1746) will be given to member or spouse to process. After fulfilling all required documentations, member will be placed on the waiting list.

**Q:What do I need if my spouse (member) is deployed?**

**A:**Power of Attorney is required when processing documentation for housing and Transportation Management Office.

**Q:If the member is deployed and I reside in base housing, am I exempt from doing my yard?**

**A:**If the member is deployed, spouses are not exempt from yard responsibilities. You can go to self-help and check out items that you might need for your yard. You can also obtain a list from the housing office of individuals that you can hire to do your yard. Spouses can call member's first sergeant to get additional assistance.

**Q:What do I need to apply or get a referral to Huntington Village?**

**A:**Stop by the housing office with copy of orders. For spouses, a Power of Attorney is also required. After verifying all needed documentation, a referral will be given to member/spouse to take to Huntington Village.

**Q:What do I need to move out from base housing?**

**A:**After fulfilling the one year occupancy, member is required to process the permission to terminate housing form before making any off-base housing commitments. Once approved, member must give housing a minimum of 30 days notice. The move is at member's expense. BAH will start effective the date member passes the final inspection.

## STREAMING VIDEO

**FULL STREAM AHEAD\***

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

- F-15 Maintenance produces first jet to flow through entire LEAN process
- Some members of 653rd CLSS come home from Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Robins dining facilities honor the nation's Missing In Action with Table of Honor

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

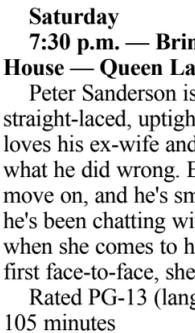
## MOVIE SCHEDULE



**Today**  
7:30 p.m. — **Dreamcatcher** — Donnie Wahlberg, Jason Lee

Four young friends perform a heroic act, and in the process are transformed by receiving special powers. Years later, they reunite for a hunting trip. It's soon interrupted by a stranger, and the friends must band together.

Rated R (violence, gore and language)  
134 minutes



**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. — **Bringing Down the House** — Queen Latifah, Steve Martin

Peter Sanderson is a divorced, straight-laced, uptight attorney who still loves his ex-wife and can't figure out what he did wrong. But, Peter's trying to move on, and he's smitten with a woman he's been chatting with online. However, when she comes to his house for their first face-to-face, she isn't what he expected.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual humor and drug material)  
105 minutes

## ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

**Friday** — 8 p.m.

**Sunday** — 1:30 p.m.

**Monday** — Noon

## 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.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater.

**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.

## 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.**

### UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan today, 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 Tuesday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex. The training provides information on what types of information to send to the

PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his/her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

### Applied suicide skills training

A workshop on Applied Suicide Skills Training will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Base Chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide. You don't have to be a commander, first sergeant, supervisor, etc. (although these people are welcome). You just have to be mature and have a "willing" attitude.

### Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family

members Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club. The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

### Salary negotiation class

A Salary Negotiation class will be conducted 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. each day, 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. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and find you can not attend, contact the FSC to cancel your reservation.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

A Mother's Day buffet will be held May 11 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Members cost is \$8.95, nonmembers are \$11.95, children, ages 6 to 12 years of age, are \$3.95 and children 5 and younger are free.

### Family Child Care 926-6741

The Family Child Care monthly training for base and state providers will be held May 19 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the training room at the FCC office located upstairs in Bldg. 767.

### 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.

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

•Play Quickshot! Bingo at the Base Restaurant and snack bars. Cost is \$1 per sheet. Participants 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 members of deployed personnel are invited to a special event in their honor, the 78th Services Division

"Concert in the Park" featuring the Reserves Generation Band May 13 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Robins Park. The event will be held to salute and show honor to the people who have deployed family members, friends and co-workers. The Services Division will provide free hot dogs and Coca Cola on a first-come, first-serve basis from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Lynne Brackett.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

A yard sale will be held at the Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. tomorrow. Additional dates for the monthly yard sale are June 7, July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for prior to the Saturday event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Bldg. 767.

### 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. A valid base identification and proof of ownership are required at the time of registration.

•Register by May 22 for the Gambling Getaway trip to Biloxi, Miss. June 22 - 24. Cost is \$175 per person for single occupancy and \$250 per person for double occupancy. Cost

includes two breakfast buffets, one dinner buffet, transportation and lodging. Must be 21 years of age or older to participate.

•Outdoor Adventure will be hosting a fishing tournament at Oconee Lake on May 31. Cost is \$75 per boat with \$10 going to the biggest fish award. For information or details, call Dee Kidd at 926-4001.

•Register for swimming lessons beginning May 14 at Outdoor Recreation Center for children ages 2 to 13 years of age. Classes will be held at Crestview pool in two-week sessions, Tuesday through Friday. Class dates are June 10 - 20; June 24 - July 4; July 8 - 18 and July 22 - Aug. 1. Cost of Mommy and Me toddler classes (ages 2 - 3) are \$30 per child. Cost of beginner, intermediate and advance classes (ages 4 - 13) will be \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration.

### Officers' Club 926-2670

•A Mother's Day champagne brunch will be held on May 11, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for members and their spouse is \$10.95 per person; children ages 5 - 12 years are \$4.95 and ages four and younger are free.

•Kid's Night will be scheduled on May 19 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. this month with a special drawing for DVDs for spouses attending in addition to the children's prizes, buffet and drawings.

•A Preferred Plus! Membership dinner and dance will be held May 23. Dinner will be served from 6 - 8 p.m. and Tommy West and the Sensations will entertain from 8 - 11 p.m.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fitness Center 926-2128

•May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: Fitness Fundamentals Seminar today at 11:30 a.m. at the HAWC; a Spin-A-Thon class Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon; a Push, Pull and Dip competition, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 5; Power Walking Clinic at 11 a.m. May 6; a basic nutrition seminar at 11:30 a.m. May 7 at the HAWC; back screening and chair massages at 11 a.m. May 8; body composition screening at the BX 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 9 and an aerobathon class from 9 a.m. to noon May 10. Fitness Month Bingo will be held for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the fitness center throughout the month. Sports Day will be held May 30 with activities throughout the day for all base personnel. Most activities will be held at the Fitness Center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. 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](http://www.robins.af.mil/services).

•Five-person teams are forming now through May 19 for the fourth annual Bed Race to be held May 30 at 11:30 a.m. in conjunction with sports day. Each team will receive an event T-shirt and winning teams will receive first, second and third place trophies along with the

“Peoples Choice” trophy. For complete details or to enter a team call Cheryl Dollard at 926-2105.

•An America's Kids Run will be held May 31 at 9 a.m. for children of all ages. Events will include a one-mile run/walk, javelin throw and standing long jump. Children will receive a T-shirt and a certificate of participation.

### Golf Course 926-4103

•Bring your used Callaway Golf club to the pro shop and get a substantial credit toward the purchase of the latest models, including the new Great Big Bertha II driver and Fairway woods.

The value of the traded club will be deducted from the cost of the new club. For information contact the golf course.

•Morning and evening Link Up 2 Golf classes will be held throughout 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

•An Alibi tournament will be held May 17. Bowl four games across eight lanes and throw out the low game. There will be separate divi-

May Fitness Month						
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		For complete Fitness Month information, contact the Fitness Center, Bldg. 826, 926-2128 or the HAWC, Bldg. 827, 327-8480 or go online at <a href="http://www.robins.af.mil/services">www.robins.af.mil/services</a> .		<b>1</b> 5(K)ard Draw Fun Run 11:30 a.m.	<b>2</b> Fitness Fundamentals Seminar Jamie Martin, RAFB Physiologist 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; HAWC	<b>3</b> Spin-A-Thon Class 9 a.m. - noon Sign up at the Fitness Center
		<b>4</b> Weekly Challenge Stretch daily during your exercise program this week.	<b>5</b> Push, Pull & Dip Competition 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sign up at the Fitness Center	<b>6</b> Power Walking Clinic with Introduction to Par Course 11 a.m. - noon	<b>7</b> Basic Nutrition Seminar 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; HAWC	<b>8</b> Back Screening Dr. Neil Schwartz, D.C. & Chair Massages Jennifer Jeniein, M.T. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Massages by appointment
<b>11</b> Weekly Challenge Consume eight 8 oz. glasses of water each day this week.	<b>12</b> Indoor Triathlon (bike, row, run) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sign up at the Fitness Center	<b>13</b> Stretching Clinic Base Physical Therapy 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>14</b> Athletic Shoe Display - Q&A Dick's Sporting Goods 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Advance Strength Training Clinic Dan DesRocher CPL, CSCS 1 - 2 p.m.	<b>16</b> Functional Training Clinic Andy Graham 11 a.m. - noon	<b>17</b> Predict Your Time 5K Run 11:30 a.m.
<b>18</b> Weekly Challenge Perform at least one new cardiovascular exercise this week.	<b>19</b> Bench Press Competition 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sign up at the Fitness Center	<b>20</b> Chair Massage Victoria Warner 10 - 11 a.m. By appointment Kids Jump Roping 4 - 5 p.m. Youth Center	<b>21</b> Self Defense Clinic 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>22</b> Bone Density Screening Robins Radiology Dept. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. By appointment	<b>23</b> Supplements Seminar Jamie Martin, RAFB Exercise Physiologist 11 a.m. - noon; HAWC	<b>24</b> Kids Aerobics Rhonda McKnight 10 yrs. & younger, 9:30 - 10 a.m. 11 yrs. & older, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
<b>25</b> Weekly Challenge Do something active with a family member or friend on Memorial Day	<b>26</b> Memorial Day 	<b>27</b> Senior Water Aerobics Class 9 - 10 a.m.	<b>28</b> Women & Weights Vicki Long 10 - 11 a.m.	<b>29</b> Sports Nutrition Seminar Sandra Brennet, Ph.D., RD, CDE 11 a.m. - noon HAWC	<b>30</b> Sports Day Pick up a schedule at the Fitness Center or go online <a href="http://www.robins.af.mil/services">www.robins.af.mil/services</a>	<b>31</b> American Kids Fun Run/Walk (1 Mile): Javelin Throw; Standing Long Jump 10 a.m. - noon

sion for men and women. Cost is \$18 per bowler.

•Receive an officially licensed NASCAR jacket at the end of the 12-week league season when you bowl in the summer NASCAR Bowling League beginning May 22, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For complete

details contact Robins Lanes.

•Senior citizens can bowl the entire month of May for \$1.50 per game during open bowling to celebrate Senior Citizens month.

•Mother's bowl for free on May 11 in honor of Mother's Day at Robins Lanes.

•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.

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# Servicemembers get free day at theme parks beginning May 23

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AFPN) — U.S. and allied servicemembers will get a free day at one of six theme parks this summer.

Anheuser-Busch will give a free single-day admission to one of its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active-duty military, reservists, National Guardsmen and U.S. Coast Guardsmen.

Admission includes up to four family members, and the military member does not have to be present for a spouse and children to visit a park.

The offer includes all coalition forces who served with U.S. servicemembers in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Free admission begins May 23 and ends Nov. 11.

## What to know:

Free admission begins May 23. Interested servicemembers can pick the day they'd like to go to one of the parks. Entry requires a military identification card and completion of a form available at each park.

"The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives and being separated from their families during the war," said August A. Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc., which operates nine U.S. theme parks. "We wanted to express our deep gratitude for

their service, and this gives those who serve and their families some needed relaxation and enjoyment."

The parks are Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld Orlando in Florida; Busch Gardens Williamsburg in Virginia; SeaWorld San Diego in California; SeaWorld San Antonio in Texas; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa. Interested servicemembers can pick the day they'd like to go to one of the parks. Entry requires a military identification card and completion of a form available at each park.

Anheuser-Busch previously opened parks to military members after Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

# Pine Oaks Lodging earns command nomination for Innkeeper award

The Pine Oaks Lodging was named the Air Force Materiel Command Gold Key nominee for the prestigious Air Force Innkeepers Award.

Pine Oaks Lodging earned the Gold Key by excelling above all other competing AFMC bases in the following areas

of the Innkeeper accreditation evaluation checklist: direct guest impact, indirect guest impact and other management functions.

The Air Force Innkeeper evaluation team is scheduled to tour major command nominees in June and July.

With more than 300 bed spaces, the lodge is located on Club Drive, building 552.

For more information, contact Leo Boyce, manager, at 926-2100.

— From staff reports

# Robins engineer best in command

William M. Schleicher, Jr., has been awarded the Air Force Materiel Command Engineering Technician Award for 2003.

Schleicher was recently honored at the local Engineering and Technical Management Award banquet and ceremony. He serves as C-5 test manager and lead test engineer.

Schleicher led landmark test management support for the nation's C-5, C-130, and C-141 fleets, impacting 900 aircraft and more than 90 percent of the nation's air mobility assets.

Ensuring robust integration of systems ranging from state-of-the-art avionics to critical structural and mechanical systems, Schleicher's test management and test directing skills were essential in verifying system upgrades impacting more than \$1 billion in acquisitions. His broad technical skills resulted in critical weapon system support for all WR-ALC test programs. He will join other AFMC award recipients at a banquet and ceremony at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, next month.

— From staff reports



William M. Schleicher, Jr.

## 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.

• **Irene B. Carter**, AFRC/DOC. Point of contact is Lt. Col. Neal Synder 327-1172.

• **Sylvia D. Guido**, WR-ALC/LESVG. Point of contact is Brent Durbin 926-7603, ext. 169.

• **William Charles**

**Ingram**, MABAA. Point of contact is George E. Calhoun 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](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.*

## HONOR ROLL

F-15 System Program Office 2002 Annual Award Winners:

**Capt. Bernabe F. Whitfield**—CGO of the Year

**Senior Master Sgt. Gordon K. Beck**—SNCO of the Year

**David D. Lasater**—Supervisor of the Year

**April T. Carroll**—Administrative Support of the Year

**Kathryn G. Canady**—Employee of the Year

**Charlie H. Avera**—Contractor of the Year

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Office 2003 Second Quarter Winners:

**Capt. Kevin W. Gilbert**

—CGO of the Quarter

**Master Sgt. Carliest M. Daniels**—SNCO of the Quarter

**Senior Airman Chrystal D. Hill**—AMN of the Quarter

**Jerry P. Byrd**—Supervisor of the Quarter

**Gina M. Currin**—Administrative Support of the Quarter

**Michelle H. Idone**—Employee of the Quarter

**David D. Myers**—Contractor of the Quarter

## ROBINS CLUBS

### Procurement Toastmasters Club

Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information on the organization, call James Gordon at 926-0061 or Lily Fickler at 926-2825.

### Ravens Toastmasters Club

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-1185.

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# Airmen bring their parents to work

By Airman 1st Class  
Deanna McClay  
436th Airlift Wing Public  
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national anthem. Col. Scott Wuesthoff, 436th Airlift Wing commander, followed with words of welcome and thanks.

"We're breaking ground today with the first Bring Your Parents to Work Day," said Wuesthoff. "Today's event allows us to demonstrate not only our pride in each of (your children) as individuals, but in their accomplishments and suc-

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cesses in carrying out the mission. We want you to see what a great team your sons and daughters are a part of. We're grateful that you have entrusted them to the Air Force."

After gaining a better understanding of the

base's mission and the day's schedule, visitors divided into groups and went to see Dover's crown jewel, the C-5 Galaxy.

The parents were not the only people who were excited to see what the day had in store. For many Dover airmen, this was a chance to learn about the aspects of the base they are not normally associated with.

# ASMC announces scholarship winners

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Middle Georgia Chapter is pleased to announce the scholarship winners for 2002-2003.

**Joseph F. Bence** and **Clyde O. Bloodwork**, from Northside High School, earned Distinguished Scholarship awards.

**James A. Smith**, First Presbyterian Day School, Macon,

earned the Meritorious Scholarship Award.

**Bryan P. Skipper**, Houston County High School, won the Dependent's Scholarship Award.

Scholarships will be presented at the chapter luncheon, which will be held at the Officer's Club May 13.

For additional information, contact Nancy Wall at 327-1443.

Bring Your Parents to Work Day, held at the Air Mobility Command Museum on April 25, showed parents what their children do here.

"It's an eye-opener for (my parents)," said Staff Sgt. Don Deitterick, of the 436th Aerial Port Squadron. "I tell them about what I do, but it's hard for them to understand without seeing it for themselves."

The day began with the base honor guard posting the colors and the choral ensemble singing the

# Sehorn to speak at FMA luncheon

By Chris Zdrakas  
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The Federal Managers Association's Chapter 121 will have its luncheon meeting May 7 at 11:30 in the Georgia Room of the Robins Officer's Club.

Speaker will be the State of Georgia's first inspector general, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. James Sehorn. A command pilot with more than 6,200 flying hours, Sehorn was a Vietnam prisoner of war for more than 63 months.

In his IG role, Sehorn promotes accountability and integrity in state government. He investigates allegations of fraud, abuse, waste, corruption, illegal acts and abuse in the executive branch of the state government.

Luncheon reservations may be made by calling Sandi Portz, 926-3628, or e-mailing her at sandra.portz@robins.af.mil. Deadline for reservations is today.

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# In their honor



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Robins Air Force Base was presented a Tree City USA award for the 10th consecutive year during a ceremony April 29. Fred Allen, director of the Georgia Forestry Commission presented the award to Col. Emerson Bascomb, commander of the 78th Mission Support Group. Four trees were dedicated and planted at the ceremony. A Theodore Roosevelt Sagamore Hill Dogwood was dedicated in memory of Wayne Brunsen; a Thoreau Walden Woods Red Maple was planted in honor of the war fighter to mark the standup of the new Directorate of Maintenance; a President Franklin D. Roosevelt Chestnut Oak was given by Pacific Environmental/MACTEC in honor of the brave men and women who fought for the freedom of the Iraqi people and the protection of our nation; and a Clara Barton Kousa Dogwood honored the memory of Maj. Denise Camejo who served as the Center's director of public affairs in 1997.



**Top photo:** Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of Maintenance, WR-ALC, plants a Walden Wood Red Maple.  
**Middle photo:** Col. Emerson Bascomb shows off the plaque he accepted proclaiming Robins Air Force Base as a Tree City USA.  
**Bottom photo:** From left to right, Alex, Miriam, Aaron and Pedro Camejo plant the Clara Barton Kousa Dogwood tree dedicated in memory of Maj. Denise Camejo.  
 U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

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