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## 2003 Air show dates finalized

Robins Air Force Base will open its gates to amaze, entertain and educate the local community and beyond with aircraft and aeronautical feats during the 2003 Air show and Open House Sept. 6 and 7.

The event, which draws crowds numbering in the thousands, promises to be worth the two-year wait.

Air show director Maj. Sam Simpliciano said the theme of this year's show will center on the centennial of powered flight and the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," who will perform as the event's headlining attraction.

The Thunderbirds perform precision aerial maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft to people worldwide.

The U.S. Special Operation's Parachute Team and several civilian performers are also scheduled to perform.

In addition to aerial acts, Simpliciano said some World War II aircraft and a Steerman from World War I will be on display.

— Lanorris Askew

## Message to the TROOPS



Col. George Ireland  
F-15 production branch chief

"Thank you to all the men and women who are serving overseas at this time. You are doing a tremendous job of protecting America's freedom throughout the world. We thank you for the job you have done, and we pray for you and wish your speedy return home."

U.S. Air Force image by Ed Aspera

# MSEP is here



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Left to right, John Buhman, MANQ, quality assurance specialist, and Master Sgt. Don Johnson, AFMC MSEP inspector, observe William Dean, aircraft sheet metal mechanic, as he repairs an F-15 wing tip.

## Reorganization, Lean concepts play positive role in MSEP evaluation

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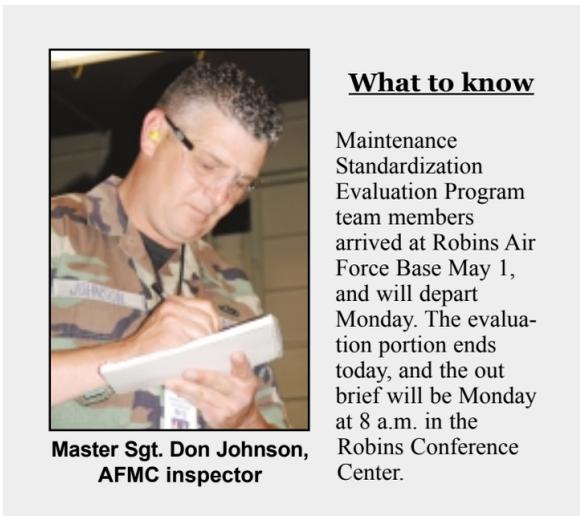
Col. Marv Cook, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command IG, said the reception the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program team received at Robins was tremendous and started their week off on the right foot.

The MSEP team began its annual evaluation of the way Team Robins performs its mission Monday, and is focusing on giving a fair and equitable evaluation.

"My hat's off to team Warner Robins," Cook said. "There has been tremendous communication between inspectors and inspectees at a very professional level."

Cook said current world events lead him to believe he will get a realistic view of Robins during this year's inspection.

"Because the base has been working very hard to support wartime operations doing surge capabilities and that sort of thing, I think there has been less time to focus on doing that spit and polish because they know the IG is coming," he said. "With that in mind, I think we will get a very realistic appraisal of how operations are done here day-to-day. From that



Master Sgt. Don Johnson,  
AFMC inspector

### What to know

Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program team members arrived at Robins Air Force Base May 1, and will depart Monday. The evaluation portion ends today, and the out brief will be Monday at 8 a.m. in the Robins Conference Center.

aspect, I think it will be a good inspection for the base."

During the inspection the team has primarily looked at the Maintenance Directorate, the divisions that make it up and the units that support it.

Cook said the recent reorganization of the Maintenance Directorate is probably going to have a positive impact on the team's findings because it has centralized a directorate that is in charge of all functions within maintenance.

"When you do that, you are able to cross flow information very effectively and implement different proce-

dures and programs fairly quickly," he said. "With that in mind, I think it's going to be a good move on behalf of the base."

The team also looked at the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and did a lot of task evaluations to determine its performance capabilities.

In addition to the MA's reorganization, the Center's Lean initiatives should also have a positive impact on the team's findings.

"Anytime you take a process and dissect it to find where you can improve it -

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# Projects changing face of Robins

## Nearly \$50 million in construction requires expert planning

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Some call it construction, but in 78th Civil Engineer Group circles, the nearly \$50 million in projects in the works or under way represent "the fruits of the work" the group's planners have accomplished the past two years.

Other construction plans on the drawing board and expected to develop in the near future will more than double the dollar value of projects on the changing face of Robins.

Lt. Col. Joe Ballard,

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Darrell Cannon stripes the new parking lot on Richard Ray Boulevard across from Building 301.

# Firefighter wins EMT competition

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The male cardiac arrest victim is lying on the floor in a kitchen, where minutes before he had been enjoying breakfast. What happens next could save his life. Enter Robins Air Force Base firefighter Todd Surber.

The scenario, using a manikin, was one of three Surber confronted before a panel of judges to earn him

a first-place gold medal in Georgia state competition. Surber also took a written test and went through an extensive interview that gauged everything from his demeanor to his



Surber

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# Program lends support to survivors

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Even before the dreaded knock at the door delivering the news of a loved one's passing, members of the base Survivor Assistance Program are busily working to ensure family members of the deceased are taken care of.

According to Dot Stewart, casualty assistance representative, the Survivor Assistance Program brings together all Air Force and community resources available to serve surviving family members in the event of a death of an active duty, Department of Defense civilian, Guard or Reserve member.

A call to her office sets the pro-

gram in motion.

"I get a call either from the command post, law enforcement or the deceased person's commander notifying us that there has been a death," she said.

After she is notified, Stewart's job is to dispatch either the commander or someone appointed by the commander to notify the next of kin.

That person must report to the casualty affairs office in full service dress where they will meet with an Air Force chaplain and a member of the Air Force medical profession who accompanies them for the notification.

The duty requires compassion. "I see this position as a very



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Bob Bovitch and 1st Lt. Charleen Barlow of the plans and readiness office discuss ways to help families with their needs after a loss.

important duty because of the timeline requirements and sensitivity of it," said Stewart. "There is a require-

ment to make notification to the next of kin before the news is received from some source other than the Air Force."

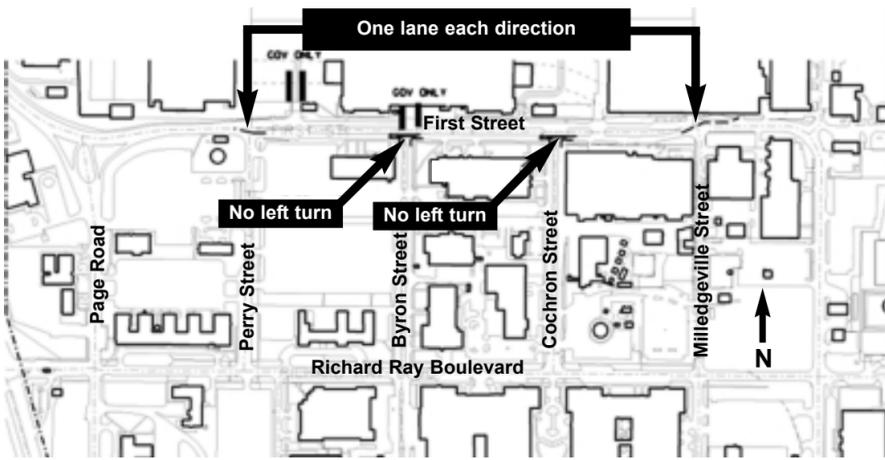
When the notification group arrives at the home of the next of kin, they must verify with whom they are speaking and make the notification on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. After answering any questions, they leave and allow the family some time alone.

Although notification is done, the job of the Air Force is not. Twenty-four hours after the family receives the death notification, the next portion of the survivor assistance program kicks in.

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# 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. today through Monday. The road will be open for normal use Tuesday. If you have any questions, contact Tech. Sgt. Stocker at 926-5820 ext. 607 or Lt. Roberts 926-5820 ext. 238.

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commander of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, said expert planning is the key to ensuring that mission-critical needs are met and placed in priority order.

"Everyone wants to be sure we spend the construction dollars we get on the right projects," he said.

One of the high-visibility projects scheduled to begin in December will give the base a new main entry road and visitor's center complex. Traffic will enter the base directly from Watson Blvd. under the \$4.99 million project - the first in a series that planners are developing to improve base traffic conditions. Estimated completion date is April 2005.

Other big-ticket projects either under construction or near groundbreaking:

- \$16 million addition and alteration of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command headquarters, Building 210: The project, which is more than 75 percent complete, includes exterior and interior renovations, upgrades and additional floor space. Estimated completion date is April 2004.

- \$10.5 million addition and alteration of storm drainage system: The system, which is 90 percent complete, involved installing drainage piping, manholes and culverts along the west side of the airfield area, particularly near Buildings 54 and 89. Estimated completion date is January 2004.

- \$4.64 million to repair industrial area compressed air system and construct compressed air plant expansion to Building 83: Actually several projects in one, they will consolidate three plants into one central compressed air system servicing the depot flight line and industrial manufacturing facilities in the vicinity of First and Second streets. Existing systems will be looped to enable bi-directional feeding of

the facilities in the event of a line break. Also included are repair of interior compressed air systems in the facilities to eliminate secondary line leaks and replacement of deteriorated components. This project requires the closure of the First St. area for five weeks beginning Monday. (See map above).

- \$4.4 million Airman Dining Hall: The new dining facility near the dormitory complex will provide 13,000 square feet of kitchen and dining space, parking areas and landscaping. The project cost includes demolition of buildings that were on the site. The dining hall is expected to be completed in February 2004.

- \$2.8 million Fire Training Facility: This one will be one and one-half times the size of the original facility, will have an aircraft mockup, associated environmental and safety systems and will use propane gas. The facility, expected to open in April 2004, is 30 percent complete.

- \$2.8 million repair and replacement of the electrical distribution system in Crestview military housing area: This project provided underground power lines and was done in two phases, both of which are nearing completion.

- \$1 million to paint and install vinyl siding at Capehart military housing area. A total of 161 military family housing units were improved in this four-part project. It's 40 percent complete and is expected to be done in October.

- \$936,000 to rebuild golf greens and bunkers: The project, scheduled to begin immediately, will remove and replace all 20 greens - 18 on the course, the chipping green and the putting green--at the Pine Oaks golf course. The goal is to make the course more enjoyable for the average golfer. The new greens will be approximately 50 percent larger than existing ones. Nine additional greenside bunkers will be added to the present 33. The work is expected to be

completed in September.

- \$902,000 to construct a water well replacing existing Well 7: At 37 percent completion, this project includes both new well and well house at the south end of the base. It's expected to be done in October.

- \$675,000 to improve airfield lighting. This four-part project, also nearing completion, repairs taxiway lighting and provides directional signs, lighted wind cones and added obstruction lights on some hangars.

- \$210,000 parking lot construction near Building 301: The new parking lot providing 187 new parking spaces is complete except for final striping, grading and minor curb, gutter and sidewalk work. The parking lot is expected to open in June.

Not included in the list is the construction of large aircraft corrosion control paint/depaint hangars. This one is out for bid as a package providing two corrosion control hangar bays to depaint and paint C-5 sized aircraft and other cargo planes down to the size of a C-130. A final request for proposals package is in development and will be provided to the top three prequalified design-build construction firms to provide their technical and price proposals. The new facilities will be located at the northwest corner of the depot west ramp on the site of the current hangar 55 and surrounding flight line facilities, which will be demolished. The proposed starting date is spring of 2004 anticipated completion date, spring of 2006.

The Army Corps of Engineers is managing many of the major construction projects, Ballard said. The civil engineer maintenance shops or contractors have many other projects under way. Those include infrastructure upgrades to sewage, storm and the wastewater treatment plant; high mast lighting; air conditioning replacement and repairs; roof repairs; demolitions; parking lots and painting.

A construction worker drills panels onto the new \$4.4 million Airman Dining Hall Monday. With 13,000 square feet of kitchen and dining space, parking areas and landscaping, it's expected to be completed in February 2004.



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which is what Lean is all about - the results are going to be good," he said. "When you eliminate waste and improve efficiency, (it potentially) improves quality - which is exactly what the MSEP program is all about."

Cook said Lean should have positive results in the long term and generate potential strengths in the unit and potential candidates for best practices for AFMC and the Air Force.

Maj. Julie Whitkaff, MSEP deputy team

chief, said this year's MSEP focus is more toward quality assurance areas than it has been in previous years.

"As our processes improve and the Center's processes mature, we want to make sure that the mechanisms are in place to provide adequate oversight. That way, when we leave, the methodologies are still in place to continue discovering their strengths and deficiencies," she said.

Whitkoff said the team is composed of 16 core inspectors and 34 augmentees.

"We have a broad area of expertise," she said. "Sixty percent are veterans to the team and have been out to at least one inspection if not more."

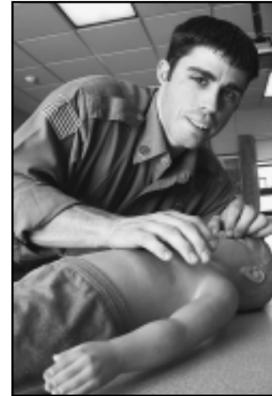
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ability to communicate. The straight-A student in the paramedic technology course at Macon's Central Georgia Technical College took it all in stride.

"My dad was a fireman and my mom, a nurse, when I was growing up," he said. "I'm a blending of the two, and I've always had a knack for the medical side of things. I think my wife Teri and my instructor were more nervous than I was. I just knew I was going to do my best."

Skills USA, a national organization, sponsored the competition, a precursor to a national contest Surber hopes to attend in Kansas City in June. Surber won the Georgia championship in the first-aid/cardiopulmonary resuscitation portion of the competition staged in Savannah.

Skills USA serves more than a quarter million high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations. Its national championships involve more than



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Todd Surber hopes to attend the national EMT competition in Kansas City in June.

4,100 students competing in 73 occupational and leadership skill areas.

Surber is at the second, or intermediary, national registry level. The final is emergency medical technician paramedic, but he is already the most highly trained medical technician in the Robins Fire Department. After his graduation from the Macon school in September, he will take the written and practical examinations required for national certification. He said he had heard a figure of 23 percent pass rate on the first try at the national level.

"I've been told it takes a special person to deal with the blood and guts of it all," Surber said. "But the truth is I just enjoy helping people."

That explains why he is a volunteer firefighter for Houston County—"one more tool in my bag"—he said.

Surber has been with the Robins Fire Department for more than six years, four of them as a military member. He said now he's wearing a different uniform, but performing the same mission.

"The Fire Department has been excellent working with me," he said. "They have allowed me to swap time with others to attend school Monday and Wednesday."

Assistant Fire Chief Larry Kohls described Surber as "a good guy to work with."

"He's eager and always one of the first one there to do whatever needs to be done," Kohls said.

He said his chosen field is "excellent, but you don't get into it for the money."

"If you have the willingness and the calling to help other people, then it definitely has a personal payoff that more than makes up for the financials."

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# Air Force launches campaign to thank parents of airmen

By the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper launched a service-wide campaign May 5 to thank the parents of America's airmen for their support of their children's service.

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force Web site, [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents. Shortly thereafter, the airmen's parents receive personalized letters from Secretary Roche and General Jumper containing lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. All airmen are encouraged by their chain of command to register on the site and have pins sent to up to two recipients.

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort, and they are presented on display cards that explain their lineage. The letters are intended to communicate to parents the importance of their children's service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for parents' continued support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air Force

and the parents of America's airmen.

This massive effort comes on heels of the Air Force's highly-successful "E" pin program, which represented the first direct-mail outreach effort from the leaders of any of the armed services to employers across America. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen voluntarily submitted contact information for more than 60,000 employers, each of whom received an "E" pin and a personalized letter from the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff acknowledging them as partners in the war effort.

Both the parent pin and "E" pin campaigns are elements of the Air Force's Your Guardians of Freedom program. As families, employers and communities across the nation share the burdens of military service, it's critical that commanders at every level reach out to cultivate the relationships that form the foundation of public support for their airmen.

Through [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), the program offers a flexible, user-friendly set of tools that allow commanders and their staffs to quickly and efficiently reach out to key audiences on their bases and in their communities.



# 78th Security Forces to participate in National Police Week observance

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The 78th Security Forces Squadron will mark the May 11 to 17 observance of National Police Week with a formal retreat, candlelight vigil and an exhibit at the BX.

Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey, a police services assistant planning the week's activities, said everyone on base is invited to the on-base activities.

The first of the week's programs will be a candlelight vigil Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the base chapel. The



vigil will pay tribute to officers who have given their lives in the line of duty since January 2002. The speaker will be Malcolm Brady, deputy assistant director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, D.C. A retired lieutenant colonel, he worked with the Security

Forces at Robins from 1979 to 1993.

Next in the week's lineup is a formal retreat May 15 - a day on which the American flag will fly at half-staff over Robins. A 44-person formation from the squadron will conduct a formal retreat at 5 p.m. at the flag pole in front of Building 215.

Security Forces and community police departments will join together for exhibits at the Base Exchange May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Equipment, trucks and police cars, deployment vehicles used

by tactical teams, the canine unit and combat arms unit will be there for the visitors.

The observance began in 1962 by proclamation of President John F. Kennedy, who designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week." Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world have converged on Washington, D.C., to participate in a number of planned events honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

## Facility Manager's Training Tuesday

A Facility Manager's Training Session is set for Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Base Theater, Building 909. This training is required for all newly assigned primary and alternate facility managers. These training sessions are held every six months in an effort to ensure all personnel have the opportunity to attend.

A Building Managers regulation has been developed for use by all managers. It is available on the Customer Service Web site. You can access this through the Robins Web site. If you have any questions call CE Customer Service at 926-5820 ext. 120 or 612.

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# Robins wins big for logistics readiness

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The Robins logistics readiness community - men and women who keep the war fighter equipped and mission-ready - are big winners in Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command awards competition.

Robins won two Air Force and seven Air Force Materiel Command awards, an achievement that can be tied directly to what one leader described as "warrior spirit." Lt. Col. Laura Sylvia, whose 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron earned six awards including one at the Air Force level, said the spirit has carried through in a challenging environment of organizational and personnel changes.

"The spirit in the logistics community remains the same," she said. "As logisticians, we will do what we have to do to get the job done."

Sylvia was one of the command award winners, capturing the logistics plans field grade officer of the year award.

Air Force winners were Maj. Louis P. Seliqini, Jr., 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations officer, and the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard. (See related story and photos below.) Seliqini, also the command's transportation field grade officer of the year, won in the active-duty field grade officer category; the 116th won in the Air Reserve Component base transportation activity.

Other AFMC winners were:

■ 2nd Lt. Sharon D. Simpkins, installation deployment officer, Logistics Plans Company Grade Officer of the Year

■ Master Sgt. Tracy Cuington of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center F-15 Management Directorate, Staff Supply NCO of the Year

■ Staff Sgt. Lauren K. Owens, non-commissioned officer-in-charge, contingency and planning section, Logistics Plans Junior NCO of the Year

■ Otis C. Williams, fuels supervisor, Outstanding Fuels Personnel Civilian Supervisor of the Year

■ Staff Sgt. Ronald C. Ray, fuels craftsman, Outstanding Fuels Personnel Senior Fuels Technician of the Year



Simpkins



Cuington



Owens



Williams



Ray



Seliqini and Sylvia

## Seliqini

Seliqini said that when he received an e-mail close to April 1 congratulating him on winning the award at the Air Force level, he thought it might be an April fool's joke.

"I didn't feel comfortable with the news until the leadership in the chain of command told me," he said. "Then I felt honored."

He attributed his success to "outstanding" team members, both at Robins and at the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center, where he was assigned for half of the 2002 award year.

Seliqini said he was thankful that his transition to Robins was smooth because some major projects awaited him.

"I wound up with a lot of big-ticket items when I transitioned here," he said. "I came as a transportation squadron officer, but because we had to implement the combat wing objective organizational structure so quickly, I

transitioned to LRS ops officer and helped Colonel Sylvia stand up the squadron."

The reorganization involved deactivating the 78th Logistics Group and combining three logistics disciplines into one squadron.

## Sylvia

Sylvia, who led the squadron during the complex reorganization, said her award is "not so much what I have done, but what my people have done."

"I am just the lucky person who gets to be in charge of such a wonderful organization," she said. "My role was more to focus the LRS team in the right direction, to ensure everyone is trained and equipped to perform the mission and to help them buy into the organizational vision. The goal is excellence in all we do. It's been my experience that if you define goals clearly, the men and women of the Logistics Readiness Squadron will do whatever it takes to reach and often, exceed goals."

## Simpkins

As the installation deployment officer, Simpkins has been in high gear for the last few months managing deployments to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 2002 calendar year award period also was a busy time, with 16 multi-MAJCOM deployments in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. She also was instrumental in brokering deployment support for three Army posts during runway closures. She was praised as a "powerful, inexhaustible, inspiring leader." She is credited with breathing new life into the installation deployment plan, ensuring successful deployment of more than 2,500 personnel and 400 short tons of cargo during the award period.

## Cuington

Cuington's current assignment is "Eagle control" superintendent for the F-15 System Program Office, but for six months of the award period, she was superintendent of the combat avionics support team. A career broadener, she excelled in both positions. In her current job, critical F-15 logistics support, she provided the leadership behind a cut of 25,000 MICAP hours, which effectively provided 74 more aircraft to fly contingency missions. Her efforts directly contributed to the

F-15 SPO's winning the Gen. Bernard A. Schriever award as best in the Air Force. When she worked in avionics support, she spearheaded testing of a depot maintenance materiel processing system that has slashed parts ordering time by 75 percent.

## Owens

Owens, the NCO-in-charge of the squadron's contingency planning and training section, was described as "a self-starting dynamic NCO who takes charge and gets the job done. The loggie (logistics) you want to go to war with." Among his achievements, he devised a plan to aid Army Central Command with a first-ever over-the-road swap out of 30 Patriot Missiles at Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. His planning and execution ensured missiles were bed down with no security or mission impact. He also conducted 44 unit staff assistance visits to ensure logistics details met deployment guidance.

## Williams

Williams, fuel operations superintendent, heads up a staff of 54 in fuel servicing operations. During the award period, he managed receipt and issue of more than 49 million gallons of fuel valued at \$41 million-plus. His expertise reaches out to a wide web of services, including establishing refueling priorities for base assigned and transient aircraft, training, safety briefings and coordinating fuel requirements for special operations. The latter included the 22 aircraft that participated in the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit urban training exercise home-based at Robins.

## Ray

Ray drew praise as "an exceptional NCO" and technical expert who played a key role in a redeployment of more than 2,000 Army troops from Robins. A fuels craftsman, he managed status and initiated repairs on fuels equipment and property valued at more than \$20 million. Under his watch, the hydrant element received an "outstanding" rating in a semi-annual inspection. A "service before self" NCO, he also volunteered to assist fuels laboratory personnel during manning shortages and earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for his efforts while deployed to Bahrain in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## SURVIVORS

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At this point, a family liaison officer or FLO reports to the home to help guide the family through this very tough time.

According to 1st Lt. Charleen Barlow, officer in charge

of plans and readiness, the FLO is available to the family until the case is closed.

"The FLO escorts family members to all meetings and appointments and helps them to understand military lingo," she said. "This is very important because many of the spouses don't understand the military."

Barlow said the FLO serves as a buffer between the family and organizations and other contacts with whom they must deal.

The FLO program is tailored to assist the commander in case of a death within his or her unit, and it is Barlow's job to train them.

All FLOs go through a four-hour training course, which includes briefings from other agencies involved with survivor assistance. Barlow said the training is held at least once a year.

"All commanders should appoint at least one FLO and make sure that person has gone through the training process," she said. "The job is a very emotional one, and they are looking for individuals who are mature. There are never enough FLOs."

Currently there are 62 trained FLOs on base.

"This is a very time consuming and emotional job," she said. "You have to know how to deal with people to do this work," said Barlow.

The next training course is scheduled for October and though "just-in-time training" is available to those who are new to the job, Barlow said the best training comes before hand.

"No one likes to talk about death, but it's very important to have someone there to take care of our active duty and DoD civilians when it happens," said Barlow. That's what the Services division, SAP and FLOs are here for. "We believe in the motto 'family comes first.'"

## What to know:

The focal point of the Survivor Assistance Program is the family liaison officer. Appointed by the installation commander, The FLO is someone from the deceased airman's unit who:

■ Serves as the commander's personal representative.

■ Makes sure the family is kept fully informed and supported as long as necessary.

■ Helps the family navigate its way through the complex world of entitlements, benefits and services.

■ Works with any investigating boards to make sure the family receives all releasable information as soon as possible and before it is released to the media.

## 116th LRS wins transportation activity award

By Airman 1st Class Tim Beckham  
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

The 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron was named the 2002 Air Reserve Component base transportation activity award winner April 8.

The award comes from the Guard Bureau and is given to the most efficient vehicle maintenance shop in a reserve component.

"I'd say we had a 25 percent increase across the board," said Senior Master Sgt. Barry Ingle, flight chief for transportation in the 116th LRS. "We provided vehicle operation requirements, transportation for wing VIPs. We also provided cargo movements and passenger ticketing.

"It's not the facilities or the tools," Ingle added. "It's the hard working people who made it possible. Our manning is minimal and each person has to wear many hats to complete the mission."

The squadron will receive a traveling trophy, which comes with the award. The trophy will be back in the 116th after an eight-year hiatus.

"We won this award in 1995, and even though I know we deserved it this year, it still feels good," said Ingle. "It goes back to the dedication and hard work of the people here. You can't write down the day-to-day things our troops do in a submission package; You have to see it yourself. Safe and serviceable is our standard, and we exceeded it."

## What to know

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U.S. Air Force photo s by Tim Beckham

Staff Sgt. Vassar Rackley IV, a vehicle mechanic in the 116th LRS, does some diesel engine repair on one of the trucks in their shop last week.



Staff Sgt. Michelle Laurine, left, and Senior Airman Venus Washington, from the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron, measure a piece of wood to cut for a pallet last week.



Above, Staff Sgt. Chris Richmond, a vehicle mechanic in the 116th LRS, puts a brake caliper on one of the vehicles in the shop last week. Left, Staff Sgt. Duane Swift, chief dispatcher in the 116th LRS, grabs keys to a vehicle in the main dispatch section last week.

# Robins earns 10 top-level awards

By **Chris Zdrakas**

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Excellence and innovative achievement have earned people and organizations at Robins Air Force Base 10 2003 Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Special Recognition Awards in world-wide Air Force competition.

Robins' awards were among 86 the Air Force will present this year. Winners will receive certificates signed by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld at award ceremonies here later this year.

Five of the winners were from the 78th Air Base Wing: Robins Fitness Center, Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Section, Robins Youth Center and the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Billy Ashley and Master Sgt. Paul T. Humphrey.

Other winners include the NCO Academy, Directorate of Maintenance's F-15 Wing Shop, Electronic Warfare Directorate's Staff Sgt. Jeffery P. Kelly, the Band of the Air Force Reserve Command and Rebecca McCoy, who was nominated for her work in the Environmental Management Directorate.

In a message announcing the awards, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, described the awards as "great news for our outstanding AFMC performers and teams as well as the Air Force Reserve Command Band."

"I'm proud of all of them," he said. "Well done."

Robins submitted 27 special recognition awards this year and earned nine of the 12 awards the command received this year. Robins also was the

command nominee for the Installation Excellence Award. The Air Force selected Florida's Hurlburt Field, an honor that came with a \$1 million prize for quality of life improvements. Robins won the installation honor in 1995. Air Force-wide, a single winner is chosen as best installation and up to 10 people, teams or organizations earn special recognition awards.

Installation excellence is an

unusual awards program because it crosses both organizational and command lines. Every organization on base is asked to participate by adding their achievements to the installation nomination, and the special recognition awards are open to all units. Robins competes as an installation comprising the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and hosted units.

It's time to begin prepara-

tions for the 2004 installation excellence awards. Organizations will receive letters announcing the submission dates and instructions for nominations. The letter is expected to go out by the end of this month. The 78th Air Base Wing's Administrative and Compliance Office under the leadership of Kathy Cheshire is the office of primary responsibility for the award.

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## NCO gets STEP up

By **2nd Lt. Tony Wickman**

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Staff Sgt. Matthew Wilmes with Detachment 2, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif., was recently given a surprise promotion to technical sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Wilmes, a quality assurance inspector for the U-2 plane, was notified April 8 in a mandatory commander's meeting that Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, selected him for a STEP promotion.

"This means a lot to me," said Wilmes. "I'm glad everyone took the time to put me in for this great award."

According to Lt. Col. Nils Larson, Det. 2 commander, Wilmes' was chosen for a STEP promotion because of his skill in handling his duties.

"In a small detachment you have to pick up duties that are outside your field of knowledge or expertise," said Larson. "Matt took those duties and made himself an expert, while still performing his duties as a quality assurance manager without flaw."

Wilmes' gives credit for his success to the people he works with and to all the hard work people put in to getting his package submitted.

"Being STEP promoted is a great honor and I couldn't have done it without the people I work with here and the support of my wife and family," said Wilmes. "I credit all the people here and back at Warner Robins for all they did to make this happen."

# 19th ARG family day gives quality downtime

By Lanorris Askew

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The 19th Air Refueling Group's Top Three Association helped to bring the unit's families together for some quality downtime by sponsoring a Black Knight family day April 25.

According to Lt. Col. Michael England, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, the day's activities, which included a static KC-135 display, food, drinks, a moonwalk and other activities, began as a way to celebrate the families of deployed 19th ARG members, but blossomed into something more.

"We are having family day to show the families of the deployed they are not forgotten," he said. "It's also a way to say thanks for what everyone does and a chance to remind the families they are all as much a part of the Black Knight family as the active duty."

Those who attended the event were glad to be able to come out and experience the festive atmosphere.

"I think it was a great idea to do this," said Capt. Alicia Sackett, 19th ARG logistics



Alexandra Sackett, 2, daughter of Capt. Alicia and Mark Sackett, enjoys a snack at the Black Knight Family Day.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Five-month-old Brianna and her mother April Benton chat with Tech. Sgt. Clarence Green during the 19th Air Refueling Group's Family Day.

plans chief, who brought her daughter Alexandra along. "It allows all of the families to see each other and spend time together."

In addition to the other activities, the attendees were given the opportunity to record video messages to their deployed troops.

"We want to make sure the families know we are still here supporting them," said Sgt. Larry Strickland, family day co-coordinator. "The video messages are so they can see that their families and their kids are definitely being taken care of."

"I'm glad to see how people in the group work to take care of our families," said Col. Brian Kelly, 19th ARG deputy commander. "In this case, our Top 3 Organization came up with the idea and did a great job of seeing it through. I very much appreciate their leadership in caring for our people."

Sgt. Ryan Mosley, sortie support flight chief and family day coordinator said often they don't get to know the families, and family day was a great way to get to know them and let them know that the unit is thinking about them.

Martha G'Arza, whose husband Master Sgt. Humberto Garza is currently deployed, brought her four children out to enjoy the festivities.

# Camellia Gardens Memorial Service to honor 80 departed

By Chris Zdrakas

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A record 80 departed military and civilian members of the Robins Air Force Base family will be memorialized May 22 at the 27th annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.

The service, a tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, will be at 10 a.m. at the garden, which is across from the officers' club. If it rains, the ceremony will be held at the base chapel.

The names of the honorees for 2003 will be added to others whose names are displayed on gold plaques on the garden's memorial wall.

Those to be memorialized are:

Will W. Adkins, James Howard Allen, Obie Aultman, retired Senior Master Sgt. Edwin R. Barkemeyer, James M. Belflower, Roy Marshall Bell, retired Master Sgt. Donald L. Brown, retired Master Sgt. William (Kelly) Brown, Alonzo Bryant, retired Master Sgt. Rick Byers, Freddy L. Childers, Ellis Clark, Debra Lynn Cordy, Elbert Cordy Sr., Airman Sally Jewel Crosby, Ruth H. Davis, Deborah A. Dickson, James (Jim) Duckworth.

Also, Joseph W. Dyes, Grady T. Etheridge, Eugenia Talbert Evans, William Denmark Evans, Senior Airman Gregory W.



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

The base honor guard presents the colors during the National Anthem at last year's Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.

Ezzard, retired Tech. Sgt. Kenneth R. Fetters, Leroy Paschel Fincher Sr., John L. Fitzmorris, Bob C. Frey, Airman 1st Class Richard O. Gabriel, George Lloyd Grace, William Jackson (Jack) Haley, Ulysses Graham Hamrick, Mary F. Hamrick, retired Tech. Sgt. John Robert Harper.

Willie Bryant Harris, retired Maj. Hillis Haygood, Sharon Kaye Head, Henry D. Hearn, Herbert M. Henderson, William David Henson, Johnny Lynn Howdeshell, William B. Howell, Frank M. Jenkins, Senior Airman Julia Vargas-Jorge, retired Master Sgt. Jerry M. Kay, Linda Darlene King, retired Technical Sgt. Herman Konikoff, Lura Belle Konikoff, retired Tech. Sgt. Felix P. Largaespada, Jr., Robert P. McIntyre Jr., Willie Wesley Martin, Capt. Paul P. Monaghan.

Donald W. Moore, Claire Ellen Mosely, Elmer A. "Bo" Nelson Jr., Joseph Douglas Newton, William H. Nickels, retired Senior Master Sgt. George Frederick Oldham, Airman 1st Class Eric A. Patternoster, retired Master Sgt. Denver E. Paul Sr., Chester C. Payton, James A. Peterson, Howard F. Phillips, Wade Allen Redd, retired Master Sgt. Boyd R. Reichelderfer, Billy W. Reynolds, Ann A. Roberts, William R. Robinson, Betty G. Saxon.

Gayle Seabolt, Richard J. Slavik, James T. (Toby) Smith, Chief Master Sgt. Robert A. Steele, Marion Madge West Stenbridge, Alfonso J. Stephens, Calvin Wall Strickland, Alvin D. Taylor, retired Tech. Sgt. Johnnie B. Taylor, retired Chief Master Sgt. Anthony S. Wachowiak, Staff Sgt. Ronald Latroy Williams and John Baptist Wrenn.

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## GPS hits mark in war, in peace

**By Lt. Col. Dave West**  
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Do you remember back in the 1970s, when we first saw Tang, space blankets and pens that could write upside down? We've all heard that these were "space-age" consumer products that came from NASA, during our race to the moon. More recently, in the 1980s, the Internet became a commercial success, following its development by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Today, following its rapid growth in the 1990s, another military project has migrated to find wide civil application. The Global Positioning System, GPS for short, employs a constellation of 24-plus Air Force satellites in orbit around the earth to provide precise position and time, anywhere in the world.

In addition to the satellites, the system consists of a worldwide satellite control network and GPS receiver units that pick up signals from the satellites and translate

them into position information. That means wherever you are, if you have a GPS receiver, you will know the time and location (within 30 feet and a thousandth of a second). That's why the GPS motto is: Anytime, Anyplace-Right Time, Right Place. In fact, GPS has become so widely used that, like the Internet, it is frequently taken for granted. It has become a utility, like flipping a light switch or turning a faucet. And like electricity and water, the uses of GPS are nearly unlimited.

Of course, the military utility of GPS is unsurpassed. Using lessons learned from Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, GPS is integrated into nearly all facets of the modern battlefield. Forward air controllers, pilots, tank drivers and ground troops all use GPS to help ensure victory on the battlefield. The recent success of our war fighters navigating with GPS across trackless deserts and employing GPS guided munitions is testimony to the awesome effect of precision

attack. Just as importantly, GPS saves lives and property by reducing the collateral damage historically associated with combat operations.

But today, the U.S. military is actually one of the smallest customers of GPS, while commercial applications are growing astronomically. GPS is built into everything from commercial aircraft to trucking fleets to provide safe, on-time delivery of passengers and cargo. GPS assists private ship captains and non-military space vehicles hundreds of miles from land. Recreational uses include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and even golf. It is essential to U.S. agriculture for the minimal application of fertilizer and pesticides. It is a vital link in providing mapping, surveying, civil communication and emergency services. In short, GPS is now a \$10 billion industry, employing tens of thousands of people.

Why is this important at Robins? First, the Space and Special Systems and Maintenance directorates within WR-ALC are responsible for sys-

tem support and repair of all military GPS receivers.

The joint GPS team, made up of military, DoD civilians from three services, support contractors and commercial partners successfully support war fighters by providing GPS receivers with the highest reliability and availability. In recognition, Gen. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, awarded his 2002 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award to the WR-ALC GPS team.

By pursuing "excellence in all we do," we are making it possible for military technology to find even broader commercial application, leveraging taxpayer dollars to advance both the military advantage and the business of America. It is very likely that you are working on a project today that will eventually be used by people on each side of the main gate, both civilian and military.

I'm reminded of another military "technology" that has found wide commercial application. The modern principles of project manage-

ment, perfected in the 1950s by military managers of the first nuclear submarine project and encapsulated in the Project Evaluation and Review Technique chart, are still a cornerstone of private management education and practice. And certainly our U.S. Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do, while not technological, are a great contribution to our nation as a whole.

Beyond GPS, the lesson for all of us is to remember that our duty - service to our nation - extends far beyond military utility. Our true commitment is to the citizens of our great nation and to our elected leaders. So whether we are technicians or engineers, item managers or program managers, first-level supervisors or directors, our greatest loyalty is not to our particular item or program, but to our nation who depends on us to see the bigger picture and obtain the greatest possible military and commercial utility from the precious resources we are given.

## Time for an attitude check ...what's yours?

**By Lt. Col. Mark W. Papan**  
78th SFS/CC

Are you ready to discover, what I believe to be, the common denominator in leading a successful life, reaching your goals, or taking your performance to the next level? Simply put, it's a positive attitude. Attitude is, and determines, everything. Webster defines attitude as "a state of mind or feeling; disposition." I see it as your view on life, a perspective on a task or your approach to a new challenge. If you are not convinced that your attitude affects every part of your life, consider this little mind boggler.

Given any opportunity to provide an opinion or present ourselves in public, we usually place our "spin" on it with either a positive or negative attitude.

That attitude will determine how others perceive you. Whether that perception is correct or not, it turns into their reality and how they will judge you. How they judge you determines their behavior towards you. Their behavior towards you determines how you are treated. How you are treated will determine your level of happiness.

Doesn't it make sense to take every opportunity in life to display a positive attitude?

How universal is the aspect of attitude? I say it weaves throughout our day like a spider's web, touching everything we think or do. You can have an attitude towards mar-

riage, safety, drinking and driving, religion, deployments, family, new change, PCSing, going to work or your potential to grow, improve and make a difference. How often do you hear someone say: "he's got a positive attitude," or "she's really negative about...?"

When I hear something like this I view the person as having a clean or dirty "window to the world."

Yes, your attitude can be equated to being your window to the world. If a person's window is dirty, their vision is limited and typical words to come out of their mouth will be "I can't, that's too hard. How are we ever going to do that? I give up, no way." On the other hand, if a person's window is clear, you will hear "I can do that. we can figure it out. I'll take care of that. Let me try again. Yes!"

The real challenge is how do you change a bad attitude? Just a few ways I believe to be true:

- ☛ Don't ignore it...it will just grow.
- ☛ Surround it with positive examples. A good attitude is very infectious. I'm convinced that 75 percent of new troops will be like chameleons and adapt to their new environment in the Air Force. Place a troop with a negative attitude under the wings of a strong, positive supervisor/squadron and they will soon "color themselves" as a strong, positive troop. Vice versa with a new positive recruit.
- ☛ Understand from the beginning that

the road to success is sometimes painful...in other words, expect the challenge and take it on. Don't give up ("cop a bad attitude") the first time you hit a road bump. Two fantastic quotes on this subject:

"Without sacrifice, there will never be appreciation" - Fr. Kerry Abbott

"If you want to be successful, you must be willing to be uncomfortable" - Gil Eagles

☛ Understand the "power of words"...can vs. can't. Take all the negative words out of your vocabulary, for I believe that...words will eventually form beliefs. We have so many powerful examples of this. We've all heard the childhood story of "The Little Engine that could."

"I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." and you know the rest of that story. How about all the motivational words, posters and plaques that we surround ourselves with...it's by no mistake.

Now you know everything I know about attitude and how it is the single most powerful factor to determining your success in life. Simply put...Believe that you can. A wonderful thought to always keep in mind is: "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude." If you take the letters of the word attitude and equate them to which letter of the alphabet they are you will find that A=1, T=20 and so on. Add the numbers together and you discover the total to be 100. Yes, 100 percent of what you do in life will be affected by your attitude. Attitude check...what's yours?

## Letter to the military

*Dear American servicemember,  
My sons Nathaniel, 4, and Christopher,  
2, are my world. I wanted you to know  
that they are two of so many you are  
fighting for.*

*They are too young to fully understand,  
but one day they will know.*

*I will do my best to make sure they  
know what you have sacrificed for their  
futures.*

*You should know that I am so very  
grateful for your loyalty, pride and love  
for America.*

*I can only pray that my children never  
have to face such evils as you have.*

*I'm sure your mothers did the same.  
But if my children do, I hope they walk  
with their shoulders square, their heads  
held high and their hearts filled with the  
same determination that you have.*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers  
each day.*

*I am praying for your safe return and  
a great victory over our foes.*

*God bless you all!*

— From a Georgia mother

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

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Air Logistics Center



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## Three-strike rule applies for nuisance pets in housing area

What do the regulations say about having dogs in base housing? I live in Turner Park and our neighbors have two dogs that bark constantly. My husband has knocked on their door after midnight because their dogs would not stop barking. On several occasions I have called the police; they have come out, and the next day the dogs are out there again, barking at night and disturbing everyone in the neighborhood. Yesterday, their dogs were outside before 6 a.m. barking away for a full 20 minutes before the owner let them back in the house. I don't think it's fair to the rest of the neighborhood. Please, is there anything that can be done?

**Col. Smoot replies:** We agree that barking dogs in your neighborhood are unnecessary nuisances. Everyone who moves

into Family Housing is given a copy of Robins Air Force Base Instruction 48-131, Animal Control, and they are briefed on their responsibilities as a pet owner on the Conditions of Occupancy Checklist. Paragraph 30 of that handbook clearly states that residents should not let their pet become a neighborhood nuisance due to excessive noise or invading the privacy of others.

The base veterinarian offered a few suggestions to help reduce nuisance barking.

- Keep dog indoors during times of the day that it is most annoying to others (night and early morning).
- Remove possible stimuli that cause the barking. This may mean letting one pet outside at a time if there are multiple pets that may be barking at each other or encouraging each other to bark.
- Citronella anti-bark collars and their refills may be purchased at pet stores. These collars spray a mist of citronella

every time the dog barks. Shaving the dog's neck may be required to get a snug enough fit for the collar to be stimulated to spray by the bark.

■ Shock collars work in the same method as the citronella collars but produce an electric shock when stimulated by the bark. These should only be used if the citronella mist fails to deter the dog from barking.

If residents can't control their pet's excessive barking, action can be taken, according to the RAFB Instruction. Residents whose pets are involved in any combination of three specific violations within a 12-month period must remove the pet from the base. We spoke with the family in question, and they agreed to better restrain their dogs. Our security forces will work closer with our Family Housing Office to document nuisance calls, so that the Family Housing Office can enforce the "three-strike" policy. Thank you for helping us make our neighborhoods more enjoyable and Robins a preferred place to live.



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# Museum supporter earns Robins Volunteer of the Year Award

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Myrel Harner said he's been busy for a long time, which wouldn't be unusual except for the fact that he's been what he describes as "retired" for 35 years.

He said he was "dumb-founded" when his name was announced as winner of the Robins Volunteer Excellence Award, authorized by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John T. Jumper.

He was honored at the annual celebration saluting Robins' volunteers May 1 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight hangar - where Harner is a familiar face as a greeter, guide and escort. Sponsors of the volunteer recognition event are the Family Support Center, Museum of Aviation and Robins Elementary School.

An estimated 200 turned out, program coordinator Diane Thielmann reported. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center,

and Col. Tad Stanley, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, presented certificates to the volunteers.

Judye Blackburn, former director of protocol and volunteers for the Museum of Aviation, served as mistress of ceremonies and was among those receiving certificates.

Thielmann said volunteers are a huge force multiplier at Robins. Its 919 registered volunteers perform jobs valued at an estimated \$2.3 million in the private sector.

"My goal was to make the volunteers a star for the 20 seconds they were up front," she said. "I think all the volunteers who came enjoyed the banquet, and I hope they felt as special as I feel about them."

Harner and four other top

volunteers received "Angel Awards," acknowledging their contributions to the base and community.

Other Angel Award winners:

■ Sue Whittington, who averages more than 35 volunteer hours a month at Robins Elementary School supporting activities, organizing special programs, mentoring and contributing to the school improvement team. She reorganized a "Valentine Candygram" program that earned the PTO more than \$400. The proceeds went to the school.

■ Kim Riba, volunteer coordinator for the Robins Parent-Teacher Organization, who averages more than 60 hours a month in volunteer activities at the school. She

also is a member of the school improvement team, mentors students and organized a Chess Club. She also is active in the Robins, Spouses Club Thrift Shop, teaches Sunday School and coaches soccer.

■ The late George Oldham, honored posthumously for his life and work as a Museum of Aviation volunteer. Oldham was a 21-year veteran of the Air Force, where he earned the Bronze Star for his service in the Vietnam War. He also worked 22 years with the Houston County Sheriff's Department, and after retirement joined the museum volunteer program. He earned the Professional in Excellence Award from the Museum in 2001.

■ Rolland (Ron) E. Kurth,

who has logged 4,132 volunteer hours at the Museum of Aviation since 1994. A 28-year Air Force veteran, he also received the Bronze Star for his service in Thailand and Laos. He greets visitors in the Museum's main building, where he mans the information desk, and represents the museum at the Georgia National Fair, Macon Cherry Blossom Festival and after-hours events held at the museum.

Harner said the thing he likes the most about volunteering is the people he meets.

"Most of them come here because they have a particular interest they are pursuing," he said. "Every so often, I meet someone I haven't seen in 45 or 55 years."

At least four times a year,

he said, he meets people he knew while he was on active-duty in the Strategic Air Command. He brought the first KC-135 tanker in from Boeing Aircraft to Robins in 1960 and spent five years in the area that was affectionately known as "Camp Swampy" on the eastern side of Robins Air Force Base.

In addition to his desk and escort job, Harner likes aircraft restoration and soon will be helping others take the P-47 "Jug" apart for transport back to the Smithsonian.

Harner said he had thought his wife might receive the Volunteer of the Year award. A hospital volunteer for nine years and a museum volunteer for eight, she was Robins Volunteer of the Year in 1992.



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# Meeting their MATCH



The students and mentors enjoy a variety of activities at the REACH picnic. Above, they participate in a balloon toss contest.

Hundreds of local children visit Robins, share a day of fun and excitement with their REACH mentors

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**M**ore than 100 local elementary students met their match at the Luna Lake lodge April 25 during the Raising Education Achievement for Children Mentoring Program annual picnic.

Students enjoyed a few hours away from their normal school setting and their REACH mentors while enjoying a variety of activities including face painting, a magic show, music and more.

Barbara Buller, a maintenance directorate program analyst, said the day was a wonderful experience.

"There are not words enough words to express the thrill I felt when my

"little" saw me coming and ran to give me a hug," she said. "She was happy to see me - now that's what it's all about."

Buller said for all the days she didn't feel like running to the school for her 20-minute visit, the picnic proved it was worth it.

"It all really does make a difference," she said. "If nothing else, it made me know in my heart that I will do this as long as the organization will have me."

John Havrilla, a contracting branch chief, said it feels good to give back to a community that gives so much.

"I enjoy being a mentor," he said. "Helping the children become the best they can be and improving their potential to reach their goals is (satisfying)."

Keith High, a fourth grader at Lindsey elementary school, said he enjoys spending time with Havrilla - his "big brother".

"He helps me with my reading and my math," he said.

High said his favorite part of the day was playing catch with the brand new football Havrilla gave him.

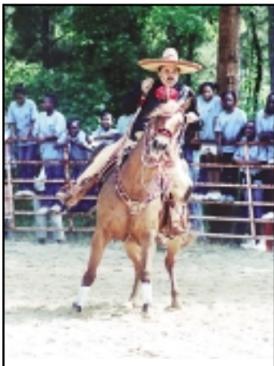
Laura Davis, REACH program coordinator, said a lot of credit for the overwhelming success of this year's recruiting drives goes to the American Federation of Government Employees Local 987.

"They came in and wanted to increase the number of volunteers in the program and they did it," she said. They went out to all of the different directorates and got the people motivated and inspired and doubled the mentorship."



Tanzenia Blackshear, a second-grader from Pearl Stephens Elementary School, gets a balloon animal especially made for her from Rico the Clown.

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Above, Ashley Taylor, a third-grader from Pearl Stephens Elementary School, enjoys lunch with her mentor Jywanya Smith of Contracting Directorate.

Above left, Louie Barrientes, a member of the Robins Riding Club, performs at the annual REACH picnic.

Left, Dina Warnock, a senior from Northside High School's Beta Club, paints Shay Russell's face. Russell is a fourth-grader at Lindsey Elementary School. Her mentor, Tammy Parkerson, has been with her since she was in pre-kindergarten.



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## ROBINS CLUBS

The **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.

To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106, by e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) or by fax at 926-9597.

## STREAMING VIDEO

**FULL STREAM AHEAD\***

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

- Members of the 116th Air Control Wing return from Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Robins volunteers and local children cap off REACH program with picnic
- Families, friends dedicate 4 new trees during Arbor Day ceremonies

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

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Today**  
7:30 p.m. — **Gangs of New York** — Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz

Set in New York City, 1840-1863, a young man named Amsterdam seeks vengeance against Bill "The Butcher" Poole, the man who killed his father. Though he secures the help of pick-pocket Jenny Everdeane, the task at hand may be more dangerous than Amsterdam ever imagined when he realizes that his father was murdered as a result of gang warfare between the powerful Manhattan gangs. Amid the crooked cops and corrupt politicians of the Tammany Hall era, political enforcer Bill Poole stands out as only one scoundrel in the crime-plagued Five Points section of lower Manhattan in the early 1860s.

Rated R (intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language) 164 minutes

**Saturday**  
2 p.m. — **Piglet's Big Movie** — John Fiedler, Jim Cummings

Focusing on the tiniest member of Winnie the Pooh's extended family, this is the story of the self-confidence that timid Piglet finds when his friends are endangered, and with the Books of Memories, he's the one resident of Hundred Acre Wood who can save them. Rated G 75 minutes

7:30 p.m. — **The Core** — Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank

Geophysicist Dr. Josh Keyes discovers that an unknown force has caused the Earth's inner core to stop rotating. With the planet's magnetic field rapidly deteriorating, our atmosphere literally starts to come apart at the seams with catastrophic consequences. To resolve the crisis, Keyes, along with a team of the world's most gifted scientists, travel into the Earth's core in a subterranean craft piloted by "terranauts."

Rated PG-13 (sci-fi life/death situations and brief strong language) 135 minutes

## ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

**Friday** — 8 p.m.

**Sunday** — 1:30 p.m.

**Monday** — Noon

## DEPLOYED SPOUSES' RESOURCES



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Sue Sapp

The 'Hearts Apart' program offers such services as morale calls, pillowcases, video camera loans, video e-mail clips and postage vouchers. The goal of the program is to bridge the communication gap military separation can sometimes bring.

## 'Hearts Apart'

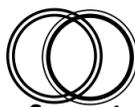
### Programs that help keep military families close

By Holly J. Logan  
[holly.logan@robins.af.mil](mailto:holly.logan@robins.af.mil)

'Hearts Apart' helps military members and their families remain close, when military separations take them miles apart, said Tech. Sgt. Caroline Newell.

Since 1997, 'Hearts Apart' has offered services such as morale calls, pillowcases, video camera loans, video e-mail clips and other benefits such as recently added postage vouchers for military spouses to send care packages to their deployed loved ones.

Those services help bridge the communication gap military separations can sometimes bring, said Newell, the Family Support Center's family readiness coordinator.



Support when you need it

### What to know

For more information on the 'Hearts Apart' programs, contact Tech. Sgt. Caroline Newell at 926-1256, or come by the Family Support Center in Building 794 on 9th Street.

Christine Parker, FSC director, said the program offers a variety of services to meet the needs of Robins' military families.

"There's something in ('Hearts Apart') for everyone," she said. "Our goal is to prevent families from becoming isolated. If they stay connected, they're more likely to survive the separation."

According to Newell, active duty members may sign for phone cards when they attend the Family Readiness briefing, prior to deployment.

Newell said the FSC offers a variety of classes, programs, and services designed to help spouses understand the emotional cycle of deployment, so they can cope better with the challenges military separation can bring.

## Life Skills Center:

Deployed spouses Q & A

**Q:** With my spouse deployed, I need to do things around the house that I've never done before, like paying the bills and getting the car serviced. I'm so scared that I'll mess it up that I don't do anything at all. How can I overcome this fear?

**A:** Fear of the unknown is normal, and we can often overcome it by simply pushing ourselves to do whatever we need to do. At times, however, our fears can paralyze us and no amount of willpower can motivate us. In this case, it's best to step back from the problem and regroup. Remind yourself that you are capable of learning, and this is simply an unlearned skill. Determine what information you need to perform the skill, and find it. In many cases, you may already know some of the things involved in completing the task. It's a matter of reassurance and reapplication of past-learned skills to a new problem. Remember, you can do just about anything, once you have the tools and training.

**Q:** Ever since my spouse went on a temporary duty assignment, I've had trouble sleeping. I'm doing fine in all other areas of my life, but I can't fall asleep. It's making me tired the next day. What can I do, besides taking sleeping pills?

**A:** There are some simple, but highly effective behavioral changes that you can make to help you sleep better. First, it's important to cut all caffeine from your diet. Caffeine is a stimulant, and will add to your sleeping difficulties. It's important to practice what psychologists call "sleep hygiene" in check. Determine when you need to get up. Most adults need seven to eight hours of sleep each night in order to avoid sleep deprivation. About an hour before bedtime, turn down light levels in your home, which will help to activate your brain's sleep center. Try sitting in a comfortable chair, and read an interesting book. Causing eye fatigue and giving your mind an escape from the day's stresses is sure to make you sleepy. If not asleep within 15 minutes, repeat these techniques as necessary, until you fall asleep.

**Q:** Ever since my husband came home from his 3-month deployment, we have been arguing and fighting over little things that never bothered us before. Both of us get irritated easily, and it's starting to affect the kids. Could this be related to the deployment?

**A:** What you are experiencing is a fairly common scenario that occurs after deployment called, "reintegration syndrome." When your husband left, you had to pick up all the household duties. You had to streamline processes, become very efficient, and set up a feasible schedule for you and your kids. You may have learned new skills, and learned you can handle a great deal of things. Upon his return, he may have tried to re-enter roles he left, only to find change that made it difficult. The first step you must take together is to recognize the problem, and remember that change is uncomfortable and stressful. Give each other some space and time to get used to the change. Communication is key. Offer to teach him the new ways of how you do things, and let him offer his input. Remember that you both deserve recognition for jobs well done. Take some time to reconnect and refocus on the marriage. It may make all the difference in the world.

## 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. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### TAP workshop

The next 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.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

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 Tuesday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Robins Park. There will be 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.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

A Mother's Day buffet will be held Sunday 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.

### Officers' Club 926-2670

A Mother's Day champagne brunch will be held Sunday, 10 a.m. to

### Smooth move

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

### Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" class helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification

process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs. The next federal jobs class is Thursday, 9 - 11 a.m., in Bldg. 905.

### UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan May 16, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

### Center closed

The FSC and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will close at noon May 16, to attend a squadron event. Normal services will resume Monday, May 19 at 7:30 a.m.

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.

■ 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.

### Outdoor Recreation Center 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.

■ 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.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

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 e-mail at [william.cashwell@robins.af.mil](mailto:william.cashwell@robins.af.mil) or Cheryl Dollard, community center director.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fitness Center 926-2128

■ May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: A Body Composition Screening Reach Out today, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the BX; an Aerobathon Class Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon; an Indoor Triathlon Monday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a Stretching Clinic 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Tuesday; an athletic shoe display and Q & A at 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesday; Advance Strength Training Clinic 1 - 2 p.m. Thursday; a Functional Training Clinic, 11 a.m. - noon, May 16; and a Predict Your Time 5K Run/Walk at 11:30 a.m. May 17.

Fitness Month Bingo is 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. 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 and 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.

### Robins Lanes

926-2112

■ Mothers bowl for free on Sunday in honor of Mother's Day at Robins Lanes.

■ An Alibi tournament will be held May 17. Bowl four games across eight lanes and throw out the low game. There will be separate division for men and women. Cost is \$18 per bowler.

■ Bowlers who participate in the summer 12-week league will receive an officially licensed NASCAR jacket at the end of the season. The league begins May 22, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Senior citizens can bowl throughout May for \$1.50 per game during open bowling to celebrate Senior Citizens month.

## Get fit in May: Fitness Center celebrates National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

By Holly J. Logan  
holly.logan@robins.af.mil

### What to know:

For more information on 'Fitness BINGO' or activities for Fitness Month, contact Lesley Lee at 926-2128, or visit the Fitness Center online at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services).

If getting fit is one of your life goals, there's no better time than now to make that aspiration a reality.

The Fitness Center, along with the Health and Wellness Center and base hospital, are teaming up to help Robins get fit with Operation Fitness - a month-long program during May's National Fitness Month.

"This is a time for people who are fit to get involved, and it gives those whose New Year's resolutions have already been broken, a chance to start over," Col. Tad Stanley, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander said. "Fitness adds life to your years and years to your life. Fitness should be important to everyone, but especially to those of us in blue, who need to be physically ready for whatever comes our way."

Roger Braner, Fitness Center director and temporary Combat Support Flight chief at Robins, said Operation Fitness is a great opportunity for people to make fitness a priority.

"I highly encourage [people] to take full advantage of

our diverse programs, trained staff, state of the art equipment, and top-notch facility during this time," he said. "Programs are designed for all fitness levels and ages."

All active duty and retired military members, reservists, military family members, and Department of Defense civilians are eligible for participation in the month's activities and events suited for all ages and fitness levels.

From an indoor triathlon to stretching clinics to help keep you flexible, there are lots of activities that help keep you fit, Lesley Lee, management trainee at the Fitness Center, said.

As part of Operation Fitness, the Fitness Center is hosting 'Fitness Bingo,' where individuals earn stickers to

place on a bingo card filled with squares for each Fitness Month activity in which they participate.

According to Fitness Bingo rules, five stickers in an across, down, or diagonal pattern on the card earn an individual a 'Bingo.' Individuals may also earn 'Bingo' with stickers in four corners of the card.

Lee said prizes range from water bottles and T-shirts to a chance at winning the grand

prize, a Life Fitness LC9500HR exercise bicycle.

'Fitness Bingo' cards may be turned in at any time between May 31 and June 5, with the exercise bicycle drawing to be held at the Fitness Center June 6. Participants don't have to be present to win.

For registration, stop by the Fitness Center in Building 826, just down the road from the Enlisted Club and Golf course.

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## HONOR ROLL

### ■ Linda Pinckney, WR-ALC/LETA

Linda Pinckney was selected as the Support Equipment & Vehicle Management Directorate, Category I (GS-3 - GS-9), Award Winner for the first quarter of 2003. Pinckney distinguished herself as allowance data assistant, Equipment Support Division, from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002.

### ■ Karen Champaign, WR-ALC/LEAAA

Karen Champaign was selected as the Support Equipment & Vehicle Management Directorate, Category II (GS-11 to GS-13), Award Winner for the first quarter of 2003. Champaign distinguished herself as logistics management specialist, Automatic Test Systems Division, from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002.

### ■ Eric L. Jones, WR-ALC/LEEE

Eric L. Jones was selected as the Support Equipment & Vehicle Management Directorate, Category III (Supervisor), Award Winner for the first quarter of 2003. Jones distinguished himself as chief, Propulsion Support Equipment Engineering Branch, Engineering Division, from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002.

### ■ The Engineering Propulsion IPT, WR-ALC/LEEE/LEEC

(Rickey Moore, Charles Smith, Gary Watts, John Wikoff, Bill Williams and David Young)

The Engineering Propulsion IPT was selected as the Support Equipment & Vehicle Management Directorate, Category IV



**The Engineering Propulsion IPT**  
From left to right: Rickey Moore, David Young, Charles Smith, Bill Williams, Gary Watts and John Wikoff



Pinckney



Champaign



Jones



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(Team), Award Winner for the first quarter of 2003. The team distinguished themselves as Engineering Propulsion IPT, Engineering Division, from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002.

### ■ Donna Carbon, WR-ALC/LEL

Donna Carbon was selected as the Support Equipment & Vehicle Management Directorate, Category V (Contractor), Award Winner for the first

quarter of 2003. Carbon distinguished herself as project administrator contractor (KARTA Technologies), Tunner Systems Program Office, from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002.

### ■ Larry Harvey, WR-ALC/C-5 SPO

Larry Harvey, C-5 System Program Office, has been selected as WR-ALC's 2002 Supervisor of The Year. Harvey serves as the chief of the C-5 SPO's Fleet

Management and Resource Management Branch.

*Submit honor roll information to Angela Trunzo in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106, by e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) or by fax at 926-9597.*

*Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. For more information, call 926-2137.*

## Chapel chooses 'Son Harvest' for Vacation Bible School theme

By Chris Zdrakas

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"Son Harvest" is the theme for the base chapel's 2003 Vacation Bible School June 9 to 13, 9 a.m. to noon, at Robins Elementary School.

Parents have until June 1 to register their children ages 5 through 12 for the program by contacting the base chapel at 926-2821.

Program coordinator Athena Roma said the school's crafts, games and other activities will give the students "hands-on experience in growing, making and presenting their best."

"Through the examples of Jesus and his parables, students will grow a crop of love, sprout joy, plant peace, produce some patience and pick a

bushel of kindness, too," Roma said. "They'll learn that the best way to grow is to know Jesus as their Savior and to live as he wants them to live."

Julie Coy and Melody Ashton, the Protestant and Roman Catholic religious education coordinators for the chapel, will join Roma and many community volunteers in teaching the program. Anyone interested in volunteering may call the chapel.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are held at the chapel Saturdays 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** are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

**Protestant Gospel Services** are held every Sunday at 8 a.m. in the base chapel.

**Protestant Contemporary Services** are held 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is informal, with traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

**Protestant religious education classes** for 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** (Jumua) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

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# Homecoming



U.S. Air Force photo by Kenny Pruitt

Tech. Sgt. William Beddard, a reservist with the 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, embraces his fiancé Kim McClane upon return from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Beddard was among 28 reservists and two civilians from the 622nd to return April 25.

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## LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

■ **Irene B. Carter**, HQ AFRC/DOC. Point of contact is 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.*

## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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The **Military Personnel Flight** will be closed May 16 at noon for a squadron function. The MPF will resume regular business hours May 19. If anyone has an emergency, call 954-2774 or 397-7173.

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>.

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

The Middle Georgia Chapter of National Contract Management Association is offering **college scholarships** to deserving students. Scholarship awards are limited to members in good standing of the last six months with the Middle Georgia Chapter and their dependents. Students must be pursuing a business-related undergraduate or graduate degree. Complete scholarship information and an application are available at <http://pkec.robins.af>.

[mil/NCMA/index.html](http://mil/NCMA/index.html), by contacting Anthony Dunn at 926-1019, or by e-mail at [Anthony.Dunn@robins.af.mil](mailto:Anthony.Dunn@robins.af.mil). The deadline for applications is May 30.

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is sponsoring **Best Contracting Practices for Business**, a one-day seminar designed to meet the educational needs of all government and industry acquisition professionals. The seminar will be held at the Mercer Engineering Research Center on June 6. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., and the seminar will begin at 9 a.m. The registration fee for the program, which includes the text *World Class Contracting* and snacks, is \$150. Lunch will be "on-your-own." To register, contact Marlene Humphry at 926-2764 or e-mail her at [Marlene.Humphry@robins.af.mil](mailto:Marlene.Humphry@robins.af.mil)

A toll-free number is available for anyone who has questions or concerns about the **Air Force Community Assessment survey**. The number is 1-866-753-1450. During normal business hours, there will usually be a project team member taking calls. Outside normal business hours, callers may leave a voice mail and an associate will return the call and address the issue within 48 hours. Survey participants may also call the local survey chairperson, Carolyn Stevens, at 926-5491.

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# All in a day's work

- Randall Callaway ■ Sheet metal mechanic/metal bond
- Maintenance Directorate ■ Working on F-15 aileron

"This is cell one. It's a tear down and inspection cell. We take the parts off for repair and inspect them to make sure they can be repaired. From here, the parts go through three or four more processes and then come back to our shop for repair before going back on the aircraft. This is part of the F-15 flight control system, so it's definitely important to the aircraft. The F-15s don't fly without them. It's the best job I've ever had. I've been working on base for 17 years. I just enjoy coming out here to work."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

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