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**AFMC change of command announced**

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — Air Force officials announced today that General Lester L. Lyles, AFMC Commander, will retire and General Gregory S. Martin will assume command of AFMC in a ceremony this summer at the Air Force Museum.



Martin

General Lyles has been AFMC commander since April 2000. Prior to coming to AFMC he served as vice chief of staff of the Air Force in Washington, D.C.

General Martin is currently Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, Allied Air Forces Northern Europe; and Air Force Component Commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

He entered the Air Force in June 1970 with a commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy. In addition to flying 161 combat missions in Southeast Asia, he commanded the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron, the 479th Tactical Training Wing, and the 33rd and 1st Fighter Wings. He also served as the Joint Staff's J-8 Vice Director and the Air Force's Director of Operational Requirements. Before assuming his current position, he was the Principal Deputy with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. General Martin is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours in various aircraft, including the AT-38, F-4 and F-15.

**Chain reaction**

Tuesday's announcement of Gen. Lester Lyles' pending retirement has caused a chain reaction of general officer reassignments and promotions.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, who will assume command of Air Force Materiel Command, will relinquish command of U.S. Air Forces in Europe to Gen. Robert H. Fogelsong. Fogelsong, currently Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, will relinquish his position to Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, currently commander of Ninth Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces. Moseley has been nominated by the president for promotion to general for this reassignment.

— From staff and wire reports

## Lyles: Robins a hallmark facility

**AFMC commander praises Robins' Lean initiatives, MSEP results and war fighter support**

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During a whirlwind 48-hour visit to Robins Air Force Base this week, Gen. Lester Lyles, Air

Force Materiel Command commander, took a moment to comment on major command initiatives, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the future of the Center.

**Q.** What are your views on the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's maintenance standardization and evaluation program scores?

**A.** The base scored extremely well and one of the things I had a chance to do yesterday was thank some of the workforce who were involved in that recent evaluation. This is one of the first times we've had a review of the aircraft

division. We had tremendous improvements in every activity and one of the things I love to do, personally, is to shake the hands of the men and women who are part of that evaluation. It was testimony to me, if you will, of how good the organization is here at Warner Robins.

**Q.** What are your thoughts on the newly signed master labor agreement between the

American Federation of Government Employees, Local 987 and senior leadership at Robins?

**A.** I am very, very pleased because in general, we have been working very hard to make sure there is good communication with unions at all of our facilities. The agreement signed by Maj. Gen. Wetekam

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## In memoriam ...

Terri Henson and Cheryl Grubbs attend the annual Camellia Garden Memorial Service to honor their brother William David Henson. Eighty-one members of the Robins Air Force Base community were honored Thursday during the tribute to the service they gave their country. 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.

## Officials ease Stop-Loss restrictions

By Air Force Print News

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**AFSCs released from Stop-Loss**

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WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced May 14 the release of more than half the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the Stop-Loss program.

After a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop-Loss, the officials said. Stop-Loss went into effect May 2 and affected 43 officer and 56 enlisted AFSCs. (See list of AFSCs released from Stop-Loss Page 2A.)

The Air Force announced March 13 that it would implement Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement. The program also affected deployed airmen, regardless of AFSC, for the duration of their deployment. These moves were aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche. "It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to sup-

porting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said service officials have always said that they will use Stop-Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

"We've reevaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service," Jumper said.

Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy in the Pentagon, said this announcement is the result of an in-depth review.

"A number of different factors went into the review process," Forest said. "We had to consider the balance between the active duty and the Air Reserve Components, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide."

Deployed active duty, Air National Guard and Air

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## Labor agreement called 'step forward'

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Aimed at improving the human relations climate at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 leadership signed three agreements on May 19, the centerpiece of which is a partnership agreement focused on improving labor relations.

Collectively, the agreements also take clear aim at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the national defense missions assigned to Robins AFB.

The first of the documents is an overarching accord focused on estab-

lishing an operating partnership council.

The second agreement provides a fast track process for resolving Unfair Labor Practice charges internally, at the lowest possible level. It also places previously filed charges on hold for 45 days so that they can be worked while the new process takes hold.

The third component redefines and fine tunes an existing agreement designed to facilitate the informal resolution of employee grievances in advance of a formal filing.

Following the signing ceremony, which took place at the Macon office of U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall, top leaders



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Donald Thompson, AFGE Local 987 president, and Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, sign one of three agreements Monday in the Macon office of U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall.

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**Robins 3-day forecast**

**Today**  
Mostly cloudy with storms

82/62

**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy and warmer

84/63

**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy and warm

85/64

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# AFSCs released from Stop-Loss

The following officer primary Air Force specialty codes have been released from Stop-Loss, regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

11BX **bomber pilot**  
 11EX **test pilot**  
 11FX **fighter pilot**  
 11HX **helicopter pilot**  
 11KX **trainer pilot**  
 12BX **bomber navigator**  
 12EX **test navigator**  
 12FX **fighter navigator**  
 12KX **trainer navigator**  
 12RX **reconnaissance, surveillance, electronic warfare navigator**  
 12TX **tanker navigator**  
 13BX **air battle manager**  
 13DXA **combat rescue**  
 13DXB **special tactics**  
 32EX **civil engineer**  
 43EX **bioenvironmental engineer**  
 43HX **public health**  
 43TX **biomedical laboratory**  
 44EX **emergency services physician**  
 44MX **internist**  
 45AX **anesthesiologist**  
 45BX **orthopedic surgeon**  
 45SX **surgeon**  
 46FX **flight nurse**  
 46MX **nurse anesthetist**  
 46NXE **critical care nurse**  
 46SX **operating room nurse**  
 46SA **aerospace medicine specialist**  
 48GX **general medical officer**  
 48RX **residency trained flight surgeon**  
 51JX **judge advocate**

The following enlisted controlled Air Force specialty codes have been released from Stop-Loss, regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

1C2XX **combat control**  
 1C4XX **tactical air command and control**  
 1S0XX **safety**  
 1T1XX **aircrew life support**  
 3E000 **electrical (chief enlisted manager)**  
 3E0X2 **electrical power production**  
 3E4X1 **utilities systems**  
 3E4X2 **liquid fuels systems maintenance**  
 3E5X1 **engineering**  
 3E7X1 **fire protection**  
 3E8X1 **explosive ordnance disposal**  
 3E9X1 **readiness**  
 3H0X1 **historian**  
 3N0XX **public affairs and radio/TV broadcasting**  
 4A1XX **medical material**  
 4A2XX **biomedical equipment**  
 4B0XX **bioenvironmental engineering**  
 4E0XX **public health**  
 4H0XX **cardiopulmonary laboratory**  
 5J0X1 **paralegal**

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Force Reserve Command airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual "termination" of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop-Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

"Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop-Loss," Forest said. "We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements."

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights.

## LYLES

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and the union leadership here, to me, was landmark. It was a hallmark of things that we've been trying to do, and have been doing, around the rest of AFMC.

**Q.** How has the Lean initiative impacted the Air Force and Robins in particular?

**A.** Robins has been leading the Air Force and our command with incorporating and implementing Lean activities. We have different mission activities going on at other logistics centers, but Robins, to me, is the hallmark facility.

**Q.** What is your insight on Base Realignment and Closure?

**A.** Right now, everyone in the military - and certainly the Air Force is no different - is trying to understand exactly what are going to be the BRAC criteria. (Efficiency), we think, will be one of the aspects but that's not been finalized yet so we're all just cautiously waiting to understand exactly what are the right guidelines and the criteria for the next round of BRAC.

**Q.** What kind of feedback have you received during Operation Iraqi Freedom from the war fighter regarding the items managed here?

**A.** The feedback we've gotten throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom - and even



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Gen. Lester Lyles toured Robins Tuesday and Wednesday. Lyles' interview will be available on streaming video Monday. To view it, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>.

going back to Operation Enduring Freedom - has been literally fantastic. The combatant commanders and the operational commanders sent back e-mail, notes, mail and word of mouth just praising every capability that they had.

**Q.** What future initiatives do you expect regarding the concept of transformation?

**A.** The number one focus of transformation at our logistics centers is to continue doing what we started about a year and a half ago - depot maintenance transformation.

Part of it included organizational alignment. Probably the biggest commitment from Air Force leadership is that we have programmed \$150 million per year for our air logistics centers, to modernize them and to give them the capabilities to make them world class in everything they do.

**Q.** How well is the Center positioned to receive workloads in the future?

**A.** I think Robins is very well postured to receive additional workloads, particularly

related to the C-17. I saw yesterday the C-17 work that is currently going on here. (Maj. Gen.) Don Wetekam briefed me on some of the modifications to facilities to be able to accommodate and actually move C-17s completely inside to work on them.

But more importantly, we are working with Boeing Corporation to put together an agreement on additional C-17 work that can, and should, be done by the depot and specifically by the WR-ALC.

## LABOR

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praised the agreements as a step forward in uniting union and management efforts to improve relationships, address labor concerns and meet the objectives of operating an effective Center in support of national objectives.

"One of the long-term goals at the Center is to improve the entire human relations climate and labor relations is a pivotal part of that," said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander. "These agreements, here today, give us the opportunity to go forward with that."

Wetekam noted that hard work is still ahead, but that the agreements put "some very powerful tools in the toolbox with which to do it."

Donald Thompson, AFGE Local 987 president, called the signing historic and "a major step in the right direction."

"This agreement will improve labor relations, help the workforce as a whole and I think in the long run it will benefit the mission," he said. "We have a long way to go, but we are on the right track."

Wetekam thanked Thompson for his leadership in taking this significant step forward.

"I appreciate the fact that you have the courage to step forward and do what you think is right," said Wetekam.

"I am very pleased with this agreement," said Wetekam. "It's good for the workers at Robins, it's good for the Air

### WHAT WAS SIGNED

- An overarching partnership agreement
- A memorandum of agreement to establish an alternative dispute process for resolving Unfair Labor Practices
- A memorandum of agreement for grievance mediation
- A code of conduct memorandum of understanding for the resolution of Unfair Labor Practices
- A letter to the Federal Labor Relations Authority

Force and it's good for the community."

In a separate interview, Wetekam emphasized the important role of supervisors and workers in using these tools to forge ahead in building a better human relations environment in the work place.

"Supervisors must take the lead in fostering the kind of communications atmosphere that makes the most of the spirit and letter of these agreements. We have a big job to do here and a vitally important one. The more supportive we are of one another in accomplishing it together, the more successful we will be.

"The seed is planted here today, but the fruit will bear only on the commitment and effort of everyone in the Robins family."

While talk of the scheduled 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process arose among some, Wetekam said he

strongly believed that the agreements would have come about with or without that impetus.

"BRAC is not my issue or my focus," he said. "My issue and focus are making Robins Air Force Base as efficient and effective as it can be for the good of the base and the nation."

He added that the broad issue is the base's human relations climate.

"As with any large organization, it (the climate) can be better," he said. "That is why we are here today--to try to make it better."

U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Macon, who helped to negotiate the agreements, said it would be hard to overstate the importance of the progress made by the leadership of the two signing parties.

"Increasing the ability to communicate at the base level and resolve these matters before they reach Air Force level is very helpful to the base in accomplishment of its mission and to this community," he said.

Thompson agreed. "We can hopefully now resolve things at a much lower level, and not get third parties involved in most cases and still be able to perform the mission--perhaps even better than before," he said. "This is a win-win situation. Both labor and management can be happy with this agreement."

"It gives the civilian employees of Robins a fair shake, and I am very pleased that we could come to this agreement," he added. "It really marks a new day for labor-management relations at the base."

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# 'Tail to nose'

## C-17 modification workload continues at Robins

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The May 1 departure of a newly modified C-17 signaled the beginning of a new partnership between the Center and Boeing Military Aircraft Company.

The C-17, known as P-13, received the Global Reach Improvement Program, or GRIP, during its three-month stay at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Col. Paul Dunbar, C-17 Aircraft System Support Management director, said he is looking forward to continued success in this partnership between Warner Robins and Boeing.

"What I see ahead is tail to nose work modification through the next calendar year," said Dunbar. "We are working to have two C-17s concurrently going through modification work by July next year."

He said what Robins has now is a developmental program to add capability to the C-17 aircraft.

"After new capability is developed, tested and made a part of the Boeing Long Beach C-17 production line, we plan and implement fleet aircraft modifications to put that capability on aircraft already in the fleet," he said. "Thus, our goal is to have the same capability across the fleet of aircraft versus the alternative of widely varying C-17 con-

### What to know:

As of May 1, 2003, 102 C-17s had been delivered to the United States Air Force as well as four leased to the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force. Currently 15 C-17s are being produced annually in an effort to build the Air Force's C-17 fleet to 180 total aircraft.

figurations for life cycle use."

Dunbar explained that the new capability is represented in "Block" versions of the C-17.

During their stay here, the C-17's will undergo 10,000-labor hours of world-class maintenance. The aircraft will receive Block 12 upgrades which include global air traffic management, electronic engine control, and Block 12 avionics. Other scheduled work performed is an analytical condition inspection, weight and balance of the aircraft, thrust reverser repairs, several depot time compliance technical orders and a home station check.

Unscheduled maintenance performed during the first C-17's stay included landing gear repair and inspections, and landing gear door repair.

The ALC conducted only minor



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tony Rodriguez, aircraft mechanic, removes forward trapezoid panels from atop a C-17. The aircraft will undergo 10,000-labor hours of maintenance while at Robins.

work to the C-17 airframe before it began performing GRIP. Once aircraft were inspected here, they were flown to a Boeing facility where the company performed GRIP work.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, said now the Center is a one-stop shop for the C-17.

"We have been doing C-17s here for some time," he said. "We've done 12 aircraft prior to this one that

were strictly 'inspect and repair' type work. What this new program enables us to do is go beyond that and do modifications."

He said, "Being an airlift depot, we have to get to that capability, and we've gotten to it early on in the C-17 workload."

Brig. Gen. Ted Bowlds, of the program executive office of airlift, trainers, modeling and simulation, said the first step was important.

"What we have been working towards is to grow the partnership between the Boeing Company and Warner Robins in terms of how we sustain the C-17 weapon system," he said. "Our goal is being able to bring the airplanes in and do major modifications, major overhauls and then return them to the user, AMC, when promised, for the price tag promised, so they can put them back out there in the system."

## 120 from Robins eligible for NCO retraining program

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In the first such move since 1999, the Air Force will retrain about 1,400 NCOs to balance overages and shortages in Air Force specialty code areas.

Master Sgt. Walter L. Smith, Noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 78th Military Personnel Flight's personnel employment and retraining program, said about 120 Robins Air Force Base NCOs are eligible.

"This is a good opportunity for individuals who are looking to broaden their career to do something different in the Air Force," he said. "We have some members who are not on the list and looking at the jobs available. This is definitely the time to look at what's being offered."

The object of the program is to reduce the pool of AFSCs with NCO overages and retrain them into AFSCs with shortages, Smith said. He indicated the AFSCs with shortages range, from in-flight refueling through Office of Special Investigations.

The voluntary phase of the program, in which NCOs may sign up for retraining, runs through June 6. The involun-

### What to know:

The voluntary phase of the program, in which NCOs may sign up for retraining, runs through June 6. The involuntary phase, if needed, is scheduled to run from June 20 through August 15. Airman "at risk" for involuntary training may determine their standing on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining>

tary phase, if needed, is scheduled to run from June 20 through Aug. 15.

Air Force officials said that while every effort is made to attract volunteers, some airmen may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short.

Smith said the selection criterion has been changed since 1999. Formerly based solely upon seniority, selections are now made across all eligible year groups mirroring assignment eligibility.

For example, once all inelig-

ble NCOs have been removed from consideration, everyone left will be sorted by the date they arrived on station. Those with the most time will appear at the top of the list for involuntary retraining.

Air Force officials will update the so-called "vulnerability listings" by grade and Air Force specialty code weekly. Airman "at risk" for involuntary training may determine their standing on the Air Force Personnel Center's website at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining>

Smith said some eligible NCOs have looked at the available jobs and obtained information about the program, and one person submitted an application Tuesday to retrain into the safety career field. Smith said the Military Personnel Flight assists NCOs with their applications for retraining after determining their eligibility. The applications then go to the NCOs' MAJCOMS.

Anyone interested in more details may make an appointment with Senior Airman Rashaud Smith at the Military Personnel Flight, 327-7350, Building 905.

## AIT speeds up work process

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Air Force Materiel Command is exploring ways to make it easier for the work force to get their jobs done, and Robins' employee, Margaret Padgett, is leading the way.

Padgett, with the Data Systems and Technology Integration Division of the Maintenance Directorate, is the command facilitator for the implementation of automated identification technology, or AIT.

AIT will cut down the time it takes to do many things such as locate parts in a warehouse, fill out necessary documents for a job and even track work on a particular project.

Robins' employees not familiar with AIT had the opportunity to see some of its possibilities recently. CDO Technologies is the company working with the AIT Program Management Office at Air Force Materiel Command to develop AIT demonstrations. They were here to demonstrate some of the uses of AIT and to seek input from those who will be using the systems.

"Through these demonstrations, we let the users see the systems. It's important that we take it to the work force and let them tell us if it will work. One of the things we're seeing real possibility in is the automated tool bin," Padgett said.

The door to the bin is locked and, upon receiving a signal from the host computer, the door releases. After the item is removed and the door is closed, a switch automatically relocks the door.

Other demonstrations included speech recognition and hand-held bar code scanners. The speech recognition system allows the worker to record the work in progress and stores this information to be downloaded into the system without having to manually write a detailed report.

"Each step is recorded and the program creates a document of the work done. The worker, rather than writing the complete document, will now only have to do some minor editing to the document," Padgett said.

Demonstration of the contact memory button also garnered interest. According to information from CDO Technologies, "the memory buttons offer the potential to improve productivity by eliminating or reducing the time and inconvenience associated with accessing a central database. Data



Submitted photo

Vernon Dyal, left, and Joe Fowler, right, look on as Gary Weik demonstrates AIT technology at the Center recently.

stored on a contact memory button is retrieved by momentary contact using a probe and can be viewed and updated on site."

Those who must deal with items located in a large warehouse might find radio frequency identification useful. With RFID technology, operators are able to remotely identify, categorize and locate material automatically within relatively short distances. Information is stored on labels or tags. Those in turn emit signals that can identify the object's location to within 10 feet, said Bob Newcombe of CDO Technologies. Newcombe and Gary Weik gave the demonstrations at Robins.

Prior to the demonstrations, the company had visited each of the ALCs to see what work was done so they would know what technologies might be useful.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center was the second of the ALCs to have the demonstrations. Once the demonstrations are completed at each center, the company provides a written report to AFMC to identify what types of technologies the work force felt would benefit them.

AFMC will determine what technology to pursue and prototype in actual work environments.

"We will consolidate all of the feedback, and that will allow us, across the ALCs, to decide what we want to push," Padgett said.

Once a final determination of what technologies will be used is made, implementation will take place at all three ALCs. That will help reduce duplicate efforts among the centers.

"This is something we see as ongoing. We have to determine how to capture the data with the least interruption to the worker," Padgett said.

## Duck Lake reopens

Base officials announced today that Duck Lake has reopened.

The lake was closed as a precautionary measure April 24 after sewage seeped into the lake. Recent testing indicates that the water quality of the lake is well below the Georgia Environmental Protection Division guidance for allowable levels of bacteria.

"The water quality of the 11-acre lake is quite good, supporting the best fishing on base," said Steve Coyle, director of the Environmental Management Directorate.

The base will continue to monitor the conditions at Duck Lake.

— From staff reports

## PK annual picnic



U.S. Air Force photo by Eddy G. Clark

The Contracting Directorate held their annual picnic at Friendship Park May 9. There was food, live entertainment and games for PK workers and their families to enjoy. Because much of PK is matrixed out to various organizations on base, social events provide a way to keep everyone connected. From left to right, are Bill Walton (LUK), Casandra Tharpe (PKP), Barbara Singleton (LEK) and Christal Green (LEK).

# '101 critical days' begin on Memorial Day

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — If statistics hold true, 21 airmen will die this summer while "having fun."

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is a period of increased off-duty injuries caused by increased activity and risk taking, according to officials from the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"The '101 Critical Days of Summer' safety campaign draws attention to increased safety awareness and risk management during this critical time," said John Russell, the center's chief of ground safety.

Russell said the elevated mishap rate is caused by people taking advantage of summer weather for sports and



U.S. Air Force photo by Dale Eckroth

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost an average of 21 airmen during summer. The most significant loss of life involves private motor vehicles.

recreational activities, and hitting the road for vacations.

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost an average of 21 members during summer. Of those off-duty fatalities, Russell said 70 percent are in the 18- to 25-year-old age group.

"The most significant loss of life among Air Force members involves private motor vehicles," he said. "These are tragic and preventable mishaps."

Driving while impaired, speeding and fatigue were the leading contributing factors in the fatal motor vehicle mishaps, Russell said.

Motorcycle mishaps accounted for about one-third of the Air Force's fatal motor vehicle accidents. Lack of proficiency, speeding and impaired driving were the primary contributors to the fatal two-wheeled incidents, said Russell.

"Personal safety is the responsibility of each Air Force member, and risk management is a vital part of all

activities," Russell said. "We must be constantly vigilant by analyzing risks, making smart decisions and reassessing risks during the activity."

Safety officials offer the following factors to consider when planning summer travel:

- ☞ Wear seatbelts.
- ☞ Remain alert while at the wheel and plan rest breaks at frequent intervals.

- ☞ Don't speed in an effort to arrive early — it's better to arrive late than not arrive at all.

- ☞ Don't drink alcohol and drive.

- ☞ Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.

More than anything else, Russell said airmen and their families should use common sense during the summer, paying particular attention to their surroundings, so that each and every one remains safe and ready to support the Air Force mission.

"People are our most valuable resource," he said. "We need all of them back safe and sound when that vacation comes to a close."

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Safety officials ask that people pay extra attention to wearing seatbelts during the summer.

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# Remembering our heroes

**By Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam**  
Commander  
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Yesterday, 81 of our deceased military and civilian personnel were honored at the 27th annual Camellia Garden Memorial Service.

We paused to pay respect to them for outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Robins Air Force Base and the surrounding community.



Wetekam

Our comrades dedicated their professional lives to keeping our national defense strong. Some of them were engineers and mechanics who kept our aircraft flying. Some maintained our inventory, ensuring the right tools, equipment and supplies were there for our war fighters. Some were computer spe-

cialists, secretaries and clerks. Each of these individuals played a vital role in the defense of our country both here and abroad.

Although they came from different walks of life, they all shared a deep love and loyalty for America.

By honoring their memory, we keep alive their patriotic spirit and their hopes for the future of our nation, our children and for generations to come. We will never forget their sacrifices and contributions.

Our Camellia Garden Ceremony coincides with the national Memorial Day events. We also pause to remember and honor our nation's fallen heroes.

We must remember all we have gained in our nation's wars, but more importantly, all we have lost. Wars have preserved the precious gift of freedom that we Americans enjoy every day of our lives.

Memorial Day is the one day each year that we set aside to reflect on the true price of freedom - the cher-

ished lives of generations of young men and women in uniform.

This Memorial Day again finds our nation at war. It is a war we did not seek. But let there be no doubt, it is a war that we are winning decisively. We know that victory will come with a heavy price. We will again see America's sons and daughters brought home in flag-draped caskets as they join those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and more recently in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We have just witnessed an amazing military campaign that ended the regime of Saddam Hussein. As we celebrate the liberation of that country, let us also take time to remember the cost of that victory. More than 100 men and women gave their lives in this conflict.

As in every war, each of these fine Americans had a family back home who were hoping for their safe return. We can only hope that their families' anguish is tempered by the knowledge that their loved

Although they came from different walks of life, they all shared a deep love and loyalty for America. By honoring their memory, we keep alive their patriotic spirit and their hopes for the future of our nation, our children and for generations to come. We will never forget their sacrifices and contributions.

ones died in a noble effort, to liberate a nation long enslaved by tyranny.

President George W. Bush has said, "It is not in our nature to seek out wars and conflicts. But whenever they have come, when adversaries have left us no alternative, American men and women have stood ready to take the risks and to pay the ultimate price. Because this nation loves peace, we do not take it for granted. Because we love freedom, we are always pre-

pared to bear even its greatest costs."

And so, as you celebrate this Memorial Day with family and friends, I urge you to take a moment to reflect on those who sacrificed their lives. This "Moment of Remembrance" is something each one of us can do to keep their memory alive in our hearts. Surely we owe them nothing less than to remember, and to give thanks for all they have done on our behalf.

# Air Force leader sends Memorial Day message

**By Gen. Lester Lyles**

Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The number of lives sacrificed for freedom's cause since this nation was founded could repopulate Air Force Materiel Command at its current level a dozen times over.

Our most recent conflict, Operation Iraqi Freedom, claimed 142 American lives - 70 soldiers; 65 Marines; three sailors; and four of our fellow Air Force members. As you look closer at those who sacrificed their lives, along with the others throughout history, you will find that these husbands,

wives, fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers came from all walks of life and as many social, economic and cultural backgrounds imaginable.

The one thing they had in common is the determination to make this country free and the dedication to give their lives, when called on, to keep it that way. Monday, we honor that dedication by celebrating Memorial Day.

Some say Memorial Day began when the people in Boalsburg, Pa., honored their war



Lyles

dead while others claim it originated when Southern women put flowers on Union and Confederate soldiers' graves after the Civil War.

Regardless of how it began, the important thing is that we continue the tradition of honoring our fallen comrades and not forgetting their families. We must always remember our lost patriots for the courage and resolve they demonstrated in defending freedom's cause.

Today, Iraq and other nations around the globe are free from dictators and oppression because American service members thought freedom and democracy to be treasures worth defending — at all costs.

So, as you spend time with your loved ones this weekend, think how things might have turned out differently for you were it not for the dedication of those who gave their lives for your freedom. Remember also those who will be far from home this weekend protecting that freedom, and their families anxiously awaiting their return.

Mina and I wish you a great Memorial Day weekend. I am very proud of each of you and your demonstrated dedication and commitment to our country and mission, whether you are serving here at home or in austere locations around the world. God bless each of you and your families this weekend and always!

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



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

## Commanders' Action Line

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



Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

## Proper attire for motorcycle riders

Could you please clarify the correct attire for civilians who ride motorcycles to and from work? I have contacted Security Forces and was told civilians must wear a long sleeve shirt, reflector vest, gloves and helmet in order to get on base and I've been stopped at the gate several times for not wearing one of the above. I know helmets are required but long sleeve shirt and gloves? Civilians are not required to take the motorcycle class on base and Georgia law does not require a rider to wear long sleeves or gloves. Does that rule apply on base in 100-degree weather?

**Col. Smoot replies:** All personnel operating a motorcycle must wear a long sleeve shirt and gloves regardless of the weather. Air Force Instruction 91-207, Air Force Traffic Safety Program, section 14 states:

Operator and any passenger must wear impact resistant goggles or a full-face shield on their helmet. Exception: Goggles or a full-face shield are not required for the operator if the motorcycle is equipped with a windshield that is equal in height to or above the top of the helmet of the properly upright-seated operator.

Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer garment during the day and reflective during the night. Outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered.

Long sleeved shirts or jackets, full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens, and long trousers.

Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

As for motorcyclists on the base, emphasis for their safety cannot be ignored. Our security forces will enforce the requirements at the gates as best as they can with incoming and outgoing traffic, even during peak hours. Our patrols will also take appropriate action if they see a person violating the

safety instruction. Any tickets issued will go to supervisors of violators so motorcycle safety and the value our people provide to our mission can be discussed. The WR-ALC Safety Office has motorcycle safety instructors and can be reached at 926-6271 for any further questions or concerns you may have about motorcycles.

## Thanks for towing

I want thank whoever it was that started the towing of illegally parked cars on base. This gives the parking monitors some bite. Most drivers on base try to park legally even when they have to walk long distances to reach their building. But there are a few drivers who feel parking rules don't apply to them. Towing is helping put a stop to that.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for your comments recognizing the hard work by many to enforce the parking standards on Robins AFB. There have been many initiatives to ensure that space is made available in light of the already known congestion on base and the standards for parking are met. We've taken steps to open up more general parking spaces where available. The relocation of the "used car lot" and the paving of the new parking lot across from Bldg 301W on Richard Ray Blvd. will improve the situation in those areas. In the towing you refer to, our Security Forces may tow vehicles that violate handicap parking, spot rules, or other flagrant violations. We ask for everyone's assistance to respect the parking plan at all locations on base.

## New policy at Bay Area Travel

I recently received a travel itinerary issued by Bay Area Travel from a co-worker. Upon examination, I noticed that everywhere his name was listed, there was also a (GOV).

During our annual anti-terrorism training, we were advised that while traveling, to pack all items identifying us as government in our luggage. If we must travel with printed tickets or e-ticket receipts with information identifying us as government employees, aren't we being put in position of being easily singled out by terrorists? I contacted Bay Area travel and I was told that they had to use the (GOV) as a way of identifying military fares. This puts all government personnel issued tickets by Bay Area Travel at risk of being singled out by terrorists. Should Bay Area Travel be allowed to identify travelers in this way?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Military Traffic Management Command and Air Mobility Command routinely award contracts to certain airline carriers that offer reduced rates for government employees on official business. The Commercial Travel Office (Bay Area Travel) has contractual requirements that require them to utilize government fares. When the CTO makes reservations under these circumstances, the term "GOV" is placed next to the traveler's name at the top of the passenger itinerary receipt. The itinerary is sent to the traveler for personal use only via non-secure Internet router network. The very bottom of this email reads, "A government issued ID (federal, state, or local) is required." The traveler is required under United States Law, and mandated by the Federal Airline Administration security program, to present a military ID when traveling under these conditions. The traveler may be required to present their military ID when checking in at the airline ticket counter or by the Transportation Security Administration when processing through security checkpoints. The presentation of a military ID is a matter of law (49 U.S.C Chapters 1-7) and not a local policy. Since there are no other times government travelers should be required to show their military ID or travel itinerary, they can control their identification accordingly.



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## Avionics hops into action, provides batteries to Army

**By the Avionics Maintenance Directorate**

The men and women of the Avionics Management Directorate, Avionics Support Division sprang into action when the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division requested more than 13,000 lithium chloride batteries from Robins.

Since the requirement was significantly larger than what the Army normally uses in 18 months, an additional source was required to supplement current supply sources.

The Avionics Support Division's team coordinated with Army Materiel Command and a support battalion in the Middle East to validate the need and collaborate on supplying a different battery than was requested.

Since the assets were located in theater, it was a very complicated process.

After validating the need, the team located and put on contract an additional supplier in four days.

After a week of qualification testing on the new batteries, the division was in a position to support the Army's requirements.

The Avionics Management Support Team adopted the energizer bunny as its mascot during this event. The bunny is now a symbol of hard work and dedication and shows up whenever the need arises for extraordinary efforts to support the war fighter.

When the Chief of Staff of the Air Force discusses the need for agile acquisition through the Acquisition Transformation Discovery Map training, the entire acquisition community should look to the Avionics Support Division as the prime example of how to use collab-



The Avionics Support Division coordinated with Army Materiel Command and a support battalion in the Middle East to validate and supply 13,000 lithium chloride batteries like the one on the left. The batteries are similar in size to a standard C-cell battery.

oration and innovative thinking in order to put the parts in the hands of the war fighter.

### It keeps going and going ...

The Avionics Management Support Team adopted the energizer bunny as its mascot. The bunny is now a symbol of hard work and dedication and shows up whenever the need arises for extraordinary efforts to support the war fighter. Front row, left to right, are Gary Fisher, Denise Hardy and Jennifer Hilburn. Back row, left to right, are Jeannie Hyder and Steve Lee.

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■ Col. David T. Nakayama from director, Avionics Management, WR-ALC/LY to director, support equipment and vehicle management, WR-ALC/LE. RNLTD: UAOD

■ Col. Samuel Lofton III from executive assistant, AFELM JCS, Pentagon ADM, Va., to F-15 development system manager, WR-ALC/LF. RNLTD June 30.

#### Retirements:

■ Col. Steven P. Hockett from director, support equipment and vehicle management, WR-ALC/LE. Retires Aug. 1.

## 2001 base phone books available

Anyone who would like a copy of the 2001 base and Macon phone books on CD should contact Audrey Knox, telephone operator supervisor, at 926-3994.

— *From staff reports*

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Members of the 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C., perform during Tuesday's Tattoo ceremony.



Master Sgt. Tommy Hyatt (as Chuck Yeager) and 2nd Lt. Christopher Davino (as a mechanic) perform a scene titled 'Breaking the Sound Barrier.' The skits portrayed milestones from the centennial of flight.

# TATTOO 2003

*Celebrating a century of flight*

Story by Lanorris Askew

Examples of the very marvels of aviation being celebrated were the backdrop for the 2003 Tattoo Ceremony May 20 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Commemorating the centennial of flight, the hour-long production brought military tradition to life with dialogue, music and song for an audience of more than 150.

From the first teetering steps of the Wright brothers in Kitty Hawk, N.C. to the sleek fighters in Iraq, the evening commemorated those who dared defy the bounds of Earth.

For those attending for the first time or as a refresher on the meaning of the solemn ceremony, Col. Michael Mickelson, ceremony narrator defined Tattoo.

"The Tattoo ... A martial burst of sound and color and esprit de corps. A unique celebration of the spirit joining both citizen and soldier in proud display to honor country and comrade," he said.

The ceremony featured the Air Force Reserve Pipe Band, Band of the United States Air Force Reserve and the 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus who performed lively songs and delivered patriotic messages.

According to Maj. Toni Kaplan, director, the ceremony, with origins more than 300 years ago during the reign of King William III, is in its sixteenth year at Robins and takes a lot of dedication to bring to life.

"We had well over 100 people involved in the production," she said.

"Our actors, stage hands, band members and many others worked tirelessly to make the show a success."

Though the job is demanding, requiring actors to memorize scripts and participate in many rehearsals, Kaplan said everyone was willing to go that extra mile.

"We did whatever was needed even if it was a twenty four hour job," she said. "Most people worked their normal duty hours and well into the evening."

Kaplan said putting the show together can take anywhere from four to six months to complete, but each year the work pays off.

"We have a lot of fun," she said. "Some of the actors in the production have theatrical backgrounds while others are characters within themselves."

Master Sgt. Tommy Wyatt, who played Chuck Yeager in the production, said to be involved in the production of the Tattoo will be remembered as one of the highlights of his career as he prepares to retire after 26 years of service.

"The cast was unbelievable; we jelled quickly and really enjoyed working with each other," he said. "Playing Chuck Yeager was actually pretty easy for me; as a First Sergeant for 8 years, arrogance mixed with a little bit of bravado was already there without me having to practice."

He said it was a wonderful experience and looks forward to the possibility of being asked to return for next year's Tattoo.



Master Sgt. James New of the Robins Honor Guard holds the flag during the retiring of the colors.



Above, from left, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Bare and Airman 1st Class Timothy Shaw, drummers with the Air Force Reserve Pipe Band, perform the ritual of calling in the troops. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam was the host and reviewing officer for the ceremony. The honored guest was Gen. Lester Lyles, right.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



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

## LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

■ **Joseph Menina**, WR-ALC/MANMP. Point of contact is Tracy Wilcox 926-5145.

■ **Daphne A. Kelley**, 78th MDG/SGPFO. Point of contact is Sheila Steele 327-8390 or Linda Bennett 327-7597.

■ **Linda Walton**, LECB. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■ **Rosalyn Karen Wimberley**, LEACA. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■ **Tina Lilly**, LESG. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■ **Marian Holmes**, LESV. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■ **Magdalena Devitt**, LEACD. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■ **Janet Dowd**, MANW. Point of contact is DaNisa Wright 926-5727.

■ **Louise Peterman**, LKCA. Point of contact is Shelli Yoeman 926-0016.

■ **Reba Hudson**, LKCA. Point of contact is Shelli Yoeman 926-0016.

■ **Sharon Allen**, LNXB.

Point of contact is Karen Logue 926-7587.

■ **Paul Joseph Fontent**, HQ-AFRC/DPTP. Point of contact is Kurt Rover 327-0242.

■ **Jeanette Gary**, MANRC. Point of contact is DaNisa Wright 926-5727.

■ **Karen Hudson**, 622 MFS. Point of contact is Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Jackson 926-2222.

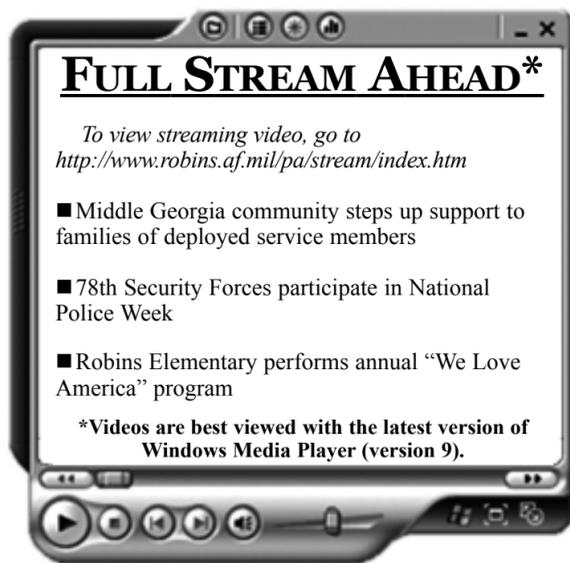
■ **Donna B. Kitchens**, WR-ALC/MAIQ. Point of contact is Lynn Aultman 926-1586.

■ **George Victor Hayes**, MADPB. Point of contact is Edward J. Keene 926-8803.

■ **John B. McCranie Jr.**, 78th Civil Engineering Squadron. Point of contact is Tech. Sgt. Eric Rider 926-7862.

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

## STREAMING VIDEO



## ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15  
**Friday** — 8 p.m.  
**Sunday** — 1:30 p.m.  
**Monday** — Noon

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. **Protestant Gospel Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. in the base chapel.

**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Today**  
**7:30 p.m. — Phone Booth — Colin Farrell, Forest Whitaker**

What do you do when you hear a ringing public phone? You know it's a wrong number, but instinct forces you to pick it up. A ringing phone demands to be answered, but when Stu Shepard takes the call, he finds himself hurtled into a tortuous game. Hang up, says the caller, and you're a dead man.

Rated R (pervasive language and some violence) 81 minutes

**Saturday**  
**7:30 p.m. — Head of State — Chris Rock, Bernie Mac**

When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C., alderman, Mays Gilliam, a complete unknown, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics.

Rated PG-13 (language, some sexuality and drug references) 95 minutes



## Robins Junior journalist



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Mary Therese, from 13WMAZ, congratulates Robins Elementary School fifth-grader Travis Boyd at Robins Elementary School Monday. He was one of 13 students selected to be part of the Junior Journalist program. Boyd is the first student from Robins to be picked for the Channel 13 program, now in its 8th year.

## DEPLOYED SPOUSES' RESOURCES

### Morale Call Program

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

### Video cameras

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

### Car Care Because We Care

Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, the program provides a one-time preventive maintenance and safety inspection for one family vehicle if

the military member is TDY 30 days or longer or on a remote assignment. Eligible members must get a voucher from the Family Support Center to set up an appointment with the base Service Station.

### Video Phone

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

### Pillowcases

Either the military member or the family member may bring a few pictures of his or her family to the FSC

either on a floppy disc, CD, or hard copy. The FSC will create and produce the pillowcase for free. (If you prefer a T-shirt, bring in your own and that can be arranged.)

### E-mail for spouses

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

### Letter writing kits

If you are separated from a family member due to deployment, come by and get one a letter writing kit that includes stationary, post cards, greeting cards, stamps and note cards.

## 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 Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### Center closed

The FSC and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### The spouse's connection

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program offers The Spouse's Connection, May 28, 1 - 3 p.m., in

Building 945, Family Support Center Annex.

### Resume research & writing

A workshop on Resume Research & Writing will be conducted May 30, 9 a.m. - noon, Building 905, Room 139.

### Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop May 30, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

### Sponsorship training

The Family Support Center's Relocation Assistance Program will

offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors June 3, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, Family Support Center Annex.

### Job fair success

The Transition Assistance program offers a workshop on preparing for a job fair, June 4, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, Family Support Center Annex.

### Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, June 4, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club. The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Aero Club 926-4867

A private pilot ground school will begin May 28; Cost is \$500. Registration will be held through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Aero Club, Building 186.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

A comedy show with Special K. Douglas and the G-Man is set for May 31 at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

### Library 327-7380

The "Take Flight" summer reading program will begin June 9 with story time from 9 - 10 a.m. for

children 5 and younger and from 10 - 11 a.m. for children 6 and older. To register, visit the Library, Building 905 or call 327-7380.

### Officers' Club 926-2670

A Preferred Plus! Membership dinner and dance will be held tonight. 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

The base swimming pools will open Saturday for the summer season from noon - 7 p.m.

## OSC scholarship winners



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The Officer's Spouses Club, in conjunction with First Command Financial Planning, awarded five 2002-2003 scholarships at a luncheon May 15. From left to right are Mollie Starkie, Sarah Dessart, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Kristy Segal, Bill Saunders, district agent, First Command Financial Planning, and Lauren Sillery. Not pictured is Julie Prieto.

## Robins golfers finish 7th at Southeast Invitational

Robins golfers finished seventh out of 20 teams participating in the 39th annual Southeast Military Invitational Golf Tournament May 7-11 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

The team of Tom and Danny Langevin, Jade Smith and Dave Pate shot a combined team total 966 over four days on the tough par-72 track.

Tom, the younger of the Langevin brothers, led the team with a four-round total 314.

His individual score was good for 11th place overall in the 116-man field.

He said the course was tough, requiring target golf. Hazards on each side of all the fairways put a premium

Team Robins totals		
Player	Overall finish	Round totals
Tom Langevin	11th	80-76-80-78-314
Danny Langevin	T-25th	82-80-80-81-323
Jade Smith	36th	87-76-86-81-330
Dave Pate	77th	90-82-88-90-350
Team Robins	7th	248-232-246-240-966
<b>Other Robins players' totals:</b>		
Chris McIllwain	T-25th	80-81-78-84-323
Mike Ashbey	39th	89-79-80-84-332
Steve Wimmer	100th	80-81-84-126-371
Brad Fuller	107th	83-90-85-126-384

on accurate tee shots. "The course didn't give any breaks for missed shots and caused scores to escalate," he said.

Using a driver off the tee on most holes had more risk

than reward with the number of hazards that lined most holes.

No coincidence, then, that course knowledge played a key role.

The host NAS

Jacksonville team won the tournament with a team-total 930 strokes, 22 strokes better than second place Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

— From staff reports



Submitted photo

Left to right: Tom Langevin, Jade Smith, Dave Pate and Danny Langevin shot a combined team total 966 to finish 7th overall at the Southeast Military Invitational Golf Tournament.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Golf Course 926-4103

■ A Junior Golf Academy will be held June 2 - 5 and 9 - 12 for kids seven and older. Cost is \$40 per person and class size is limited to the first 16 paid juniors. Register at Pine Oaks Golf Course pro shop.

■ Bring your used Callaway Golf club to the pro shop and get 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.

#### Fitness Center 926-2128

■ May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: Supplements Seminar at the HAWC today, 11 a.m. - noon; Kids Aerobics Saturday at 9:30 a.m. for kids 10 and younger and 10 a.m. for kids 11 and older; Senior Water Aerobics Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m.; Women and Weights Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m.; Sports Nutrition Seminar at the HAWC, Thursday, 11 a.m. -

noon; Sports Day May 30 and American Kids Fun Run/Walk, May 31. 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).

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

#### Robins Lanes 926-2112

■ NASCAR fans will be racing to the Robins Lanes Bowling Center for a chance to win a VIP trip to a NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race or other prizes. Visit the bowling center snack bar for a scratch-and-win card today.

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

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# Airmen learn new skills at APDC course

By Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

adam.stump@robins.af.mil

Fourteen airmen from across the base were the first to go through a two-day course May 13-14 to teach them about several Air Force topics, ranging from career progression to leadership and followership.

The course, named the Airmen Professional Development Course, is designed to "reblue" airmen with at least two years in service, according to Tech. Sgt. Marie Nichols, APDC course facilitator.

Noncommissioned officers from Network 56, the base organization for E-5s and E-6s, designed the course, developing topics and writing lesson plans. Airmen learned about dress and appearance, communication, customs and courtesies, core values and discipline, financial considerations, roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, followership and leadership, career progression and tools of success. The course also featured panels where airmen could ask questions of base first sergeants and chief master sergeants.

According to Nichols, NCOs put hundreds of hours into the course because they wanted to help shape tomorrow's leaders.

"We wanted to design something to teach airmen more about the Air Force and about leadership," she said. "Also, NCOs already had a similar program (Professional Development Program) to teach them about leadership at their grade, but the airmen didn't. We designed a course that hopefully fills that void and teaches them new skills." Based on feedback from the first class, the course was a success.

"This was really great information," said Airman 1st Class Cecil Bells, a student from the 78th Communications Squadron. "I'm glad I came because it was really beneficial. I learned a lot about leadership skills and communication."

"I was expecting an FTAC (First Term Airmen's Center) class, but this was far from it," said Senior Airman Billy Sharbutt, a student from the 116th Maintenance Squadron. "Going through this class was awesome. We talked a lot about communi-

## What to know:

The next APDC course is July 15-16. Airmen wishing to attend the course should speak to their unit first sergeant to sign up. The APDC course is designed to bridge the gap between the First Term Airmen's Center course and Airman Leadership School, so airmen should have at least two years time in service but not be eligible or have attended ALS.

cation and the role of a supervisor, which is really going to help me. I learned to try to think like my supervisor and I now know a little bit more about why he does what he does. It's good to learn how supervisors have to effectively use resources to make decisions."

"This class taught me a lot of management skills and planning," said Senior Airman Fabian Benson, a student from the 78th Communications Squadron. "I learned to put myself in other people's shoes to see how they view things. Also, the networking with the other students and hearing about

their situations really helped."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

Fourteen base airmen attended the first Airmen Professional Development Course May 13-14.

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# Chapel sponsoring marriage enrichment workshop June 7

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"Commitment to Success," a marriage enrichment workshop for couples, will be held June 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Robins Conference Center.

The program is free, and includes speakers and facilitators, continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Julie Coy, the chapel's religious education coordinator, said time has been allotted for questions, answers, sharing ideas and - at the end of the day - a renewed commitment to a successful marriage.

Workshop topics and presenters:

■ **"The Genesis of Marriage - In the Beginning,"** with Chaplain (Capt.) W. Jamie Braswell and his wife, Sandra, both graduates of Holmes Bible College, Greenville, S.C. Braswell serves as chaplain for the 116th Air Control Wing, 78th Medical Group, 78th Operations Support

Squadron and 339th Flight Test Squadron. The Braswells have been married more than 12 years, and they have two children.

■ **"Becoming One Flesh - The Morning After,"** with Ministers Andrew and Valerie Prude. The Prudes, married for 17 years, are active in Macon's Harvest Cathedral, where they are involved in a marriage Sunday school class called "Couples Connections." They have been active in other facets of ministry throughout their marriage and are the parents of two daughters.

■ **"Forgiveness - Lord, How Many Times Shall a (Wo)Man Forgive,"** with Chaplain David Sumrall, senior individual mobilization augmentee reserve chaplain for the Robins Chapel and IMA chaplain for Moody Air Force Base. Sumrall, who holds a doctorate in theology and master's in divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological, has studied

what the Bible says about families in biblical studies, family counseling, psychology and human development courses. He has worked with couples, families and individuals for 25 years in his ministry in church prison, military and educational settings.

■ **"Holy Matrimony - Maintaining a Love Relationship that Lasts a Lifetime,"** with Chaplain Dennis Hutson and his wife, Patricia. Hutson serves as the primary pastor for the contemporary worship service held at the base theatre every Sunday.

The workshop is open to married people. Spouses of deployed individuals and spouses of those who are on temporary duty assignment are also encouraged to attend, Coy said.

Registration is under way, with 25 couples already signed up. Childcare will be provided. Anyone interested has until May 30 to register either at the chapel or by calling 926-2821.

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## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

**Robins Air Force Base School Board** will meet 4 pm. Tuesday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The public is invited to attend.

To celebrate **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** there will be a luncheon Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Tickets are \$10. The speaker will be Carol Minn, Channel 13 WMAZ TV anchor and reporter. There will also be a

festival May 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation, Hangar One. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10, free for children under six. There will be exhibits and shows, dancing, authentic clothes and more.

The **Air Force Space Camp**, held in Huntsville Ala., is taking applications for youth ages 12-18 through June 3. Applications will be forwarded to an impartial

selection committee for selection. The program is open to all youth eligible to use the Air Force youth program who are interested in learning more about space and aviation and possibly pursuing an Air Force career. Those selected will participate in a wide variety of physical activity, hands-on experience and classroom activities. The space camp will be held from Aug. 2 through 8. For more information, contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

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

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# Student selected to attend aviation camp

Philip Reinert was recently selected to attend the Air Force Teen Aviation Teen Camp at the Air Force Academy May 31 - June 5.

He was one of 37 teens selected from 145 applicants.

The aviation camp offers an insight into what life is like at the Academy.

While at the camp, Reinert will be involved in several activities such as piloting an aircraft, flight simulator training, team-building exercises, swimming, ropes course and tours of the Academy.

The Houston County High sophomore maintains a 3.6 GPA and is a member of the AFJROTC Kitty Hawk Honor Society, Junior ROTC Flight Club and Varsity Golf Team.

After graduating from high school, Reinert, an Eagle Scout, plans to attend the Academy and study aeronautics, engineering or judge advocacy.

He is the son of Col. Kevin and retired Maj. Jean Reinert.

— *From staff reports*



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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.

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