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**CE chief earns coin**

The night the lights went out in Georgia, well Building 300 anyway, Bill Fowler had a bright idea that saved the day for Air Force Reserve's Command Center monitoring flying missions around the world. June 6, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, presented Fowler, civil engineering chief of infrastructure, a commander's coin for expediting a quick fix for a power outage in the building.

According to Fowler, an electrical breaker had been causing problems for a few days. Because the breaker is no longer manufactured, he had to call the vendor who located one in California. After requesting the part be shipped overnight, Fowler thought all was well.

"I got a call about 10:15 that night saying the breaker had tripped again," he said.

Though the part was on the way, something had to be done to ensure the AFRC flying missions stayed on track. Fowler leapt into action having the rest of the building's power shut down.

"They were tracking aircraft all around the world," he said. "So I told them (CE workers) to shut off the power feed to other parts of the floor and keep the flying mission's power on until the part arrived."

The part arrived at 12:30 p.m. the next day and was installed by 4 p.m.

Calling Fowler a stalwart in civil engineering, Wetekam commended him for outstanding service.

"CE is our bread and butter," Wetekam said. "We can't do the mission at Robins without (them)."

A crowd of coworkers gathered for the presentation that caused a swelling of emotion in Fowler, employed here since 1976. With tears in his eyes, he thanked everyone for the work they do to help him.

Master Sgt. Brian McPherson, senior controller with the AFRC command center, had nothing but good things to say about Fowler's quick fix.

"He did a really great job," he said. "We are a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week operation, and we could have been out of pocket for days with limited capabilities."

— Lanorris Askew



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Lowan Anderson

Soldiers and airmen wait for a chance to use the morale services. "The services we provide touch many lives," said 2nd Lt. Reuben Samaroo, a 52nd Combat Communications Squadron member and officer in charge of the help desk and morale tent. "For the troops, we provide an opportunity they otherwise wouldn't have to keep in touch with their families and friends."

**5th MOB provides comm, boosts morale in Iraq**

By Airman 1st Class Lowan Anderson  
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TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - The 5th Combat Communications Group is providing more than just communications in Iraq - they're boosting morale.

They're bridging the distance between the Middle East and home by temporarily providing phones and computers to members from all branches of the U.S. military and coalition forces.

And the word has gotten around.

The morale service has been so popular that troops from as far away as Baghdad, 160 miles north of Tallil, have traveled to make morale calls and use the computers.

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Last month, the four Defense Switch Network, or DSN, lines available in the morale tent had 10,000 phone calls go through - an average of more than 300 phone calls each day. Army Spec. Tiffany Gilyard, 92nd Engineer Corps Battalion (Heavy), out of Fort Stewart, Ga., is one of the people making calls.

"I call my mama; she loves it when I call," she said "I think the Air Force is doing a good job with the morale tent. There's never a time you're not going to get through."

Along with the DSN phone lines, there are computers set up for morale purposes. With



2nd Lt. Reuben Samaroo, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Peter Chong, 54th CBCS, troubleshoot a help desk computer at Tallil Air Base, Iraq.

the exception of a one-hour daily cleanup, there's a steady line outside the doors of the tent to use the computers.

And although people can't use their personal e-mail, they can set up an account through WWW.gimail.af.mil. The site has been particularly helpful to those who have moved around often.

The help desk team is part of a Theater Deployable Communications Integrated Communications Access Package providing initial communications capability in a tactical environment.

When the team isn't deployed, it trains to set up communications and troubleshoot problems as they arise. They perform a broad range of tasks including small computer maintenance, installations, account administration

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**New LS Directorate stands up**

Combat Electronic System Directorate provides 'the right stuff at the right time and place'

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Three of Robins' organizations merged into one, in an effort to improve the business of supporting the war fighter.

Robins' new LS Directorate, Combat Electronic Systems, stood up June 1, combining the missions of the Avionics Management and Electronic Warfare directorates, as well



Litchfield

as the Global Positioning System division of the Space and Special Systems Directorate, into one cohesive organization.

Creating the new directorate generates a win-win situation for customers and Robins, said Col. Bruce Litchfield, LS director.

"The bottom line is that this will make us more effective and efficient at supporting our customers," he said. "This will provide one focal point for all combat electronic systems, operating with one set of processes and standards."

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**Managing parts of the whole**

Item managers oversee the parts that keep the war fighter going

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Elizabeth Harvey said being an item manager can be stressful - especially when part of your job is to support helicopters that carry Vice President Dick Cheney.

Harvey, an item manager for nearly three years, works in the Special Operations Forces System Program Office, managing the U-H and 1N helicopter support items and components on 62 aircraft for six different commands, including helicopters at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in direct support of Cheney.

Using one of 22 data systems in the Stock Control

**What to know**

An item manager is a person who works with production management and equipment specialists, engineers, and program managers to ensure parts are available to keep aircraft operational. There are nearly 500 wholesale and retail item managers working throughout Robins Air Force Base.

and Distribution System, Robins' item managers are able to track items on a daily basis, ensuring item use and stock forecasts are being implemented and planned, parts are being shipped on time and repairs are being made.

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**Tire and wheel shop provides vital ingredient for airlift**

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Nestled snugly in the northeast corner of the Outback, around corners, twists and turns, sits a tiny metal building where the smell of rubber is the norm.

Although hidden from the scenic traveler's view, this unlikely monument is a major player in the Robins mission.

Housed in Building 2076, the 116th Maintenance Squadron's wheel and tire shop provides tires and wheels for the KC-135 and the E8-C Joint Surveillance Target

Attack Reconnaissance Surveillance aircraft.

Staff Sgt. Douglas Wilder, wheel and tire section chief, says his is a dirty job, but somebody has got to do it. Even so, he says he loves his work.

"Not many people would want to do this job because it's dirty work," he said. "But it's all worth it when I see the aircraft take off and know that I did my part to accomplish the mission."

Though dirty hands, grease-stained clothes and the constant drone of machinery may be all in a day's work,

many people are unaware of Wilder's contributions

"Although it's a low-key, low-profile shop, not a single plane in the 19th ARG or the 116th ACW would fly without the product this shop produces," said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Beck, maintenance flight chief. "We can't function without them."

2nd Lt. Danzel Albertsen, maintenance flight commander, agreed, comparing the tire shop with the base cafeteria.

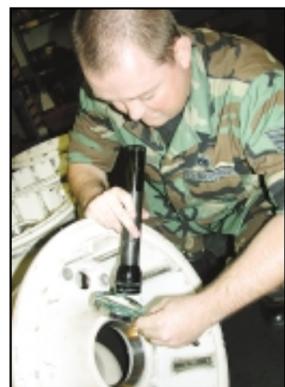
"When the chow hall closes down, everyone knows about it," he said. "If this shop were to close, the mission

would stop and everyone would be aware. It's one of those things that you don't really think about until it's needed."

The wheels and tires Wilder deals with are high-dollar items. Wheel assemblies weigh in at a whopping \$18,000 a piece, and tires for the aircraft cost between \$1,200 and \$6,500.

"Our mission down here is to keep the flight line and the risk kits full for the 135 and E8 aircraft, so they have serviceable tire assemblies to

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Staff Sgt. Douglas Wilder inspects a wheel bearing race.

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The former Avionics Management Directorate was charged with managing airborne and ground base systems used for navigation, tracking, communication identification and precision attack. The Electronic Warfare Directorate served as the product group manager for common electronic warfare systems used across fighters, bombers and transport aircraft. As part of the Space and Special Operations Directorate, the GPS Division served as a source of joint support for airborne and ground-based user equipment for the Global Positioning System.

While each had its own mission, Litchfield, former director of the Electronic Warfare Directorate, said he is certain blending the three will create a world-class organization, recognized Air Force-wide.

"We're building a new organization from the ground up, and focusing on implementing the best practices identified by experts in their areas," he said. "We'll have one way of doing business across our diverse product line; so any one of our Department of Defense or Foreign Military Sales customers will be able to get answers and problems solved regardless of whether it's in the area of avionics, electronic warfare, or GPS."

The three organizations, with 1,100 people, including matrix and contract workers, are currently dispersed throughout six buildings across base, with plans to be fully integrated by Oct. 1, Litchfield said.

"I think there's a genuine excitement among the work force, with the opportunity to shape and build their own organization," he said. "It's an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to lead

### What to know

The goal for the LS Directorate is to combine the winning formula ingredients of the mission focus and talented people to turn the organization into a world-class operation.

this organization to a successful future.

George Falldine, Center Plans and Programs director, said the reorganization of these directorates ties in to the Department of Defense's transformation process, by focusing on capabilities Robins provides the war fighter.

"The DoD transformation is about shifting our thinking process," he said. "The old way of thinking was very product-oriented. We're shifting toward the new way of thinking, capabilities-oriented. It's about reorganizing around capabilities we provide the war fighter, as opposed to product lines."

Litchfield said each organization serves as a great asset to the new directorate.

"It's clear the three organizations had strengths individually, and the new directorate allows those strengths to be incorporated throughout the entire organization," he said. "The strengths and weaknesses of each complement one another so we can benefit from the positives each brings to the table."

Kay Lord, Resources and Requirements Division chief for the LS Directorate, said the organization would open new doors for those in the directorate.

"It's going to provide our people new opportunities to broaden their level of experience and allow them to build new work relationships," she said. "It seems people are already anticipating challenges ahead and looking forward to successfully meeting them together."

## Item Managers at a glance

**Gaye Hattaway** has been an item manager for the past three years for the former Space and Special Systems



Hattaway

Management directorate, now a part of the Combat Electronic Systems Directorate. She currently manages the Precision Lightweight Global Positioning System receiver, the Miniaturized Airborne GPS receiver, both the 3-Air and 3-Ship GPS receivers and antenna controls of other GPS components for the U.S. Air Force.

**Tori Martens** has worked for four years as an item manager in the Mechanical



Martens

Branch of the C-5 Directorate. She manages actuators for the C-5 cargo doors and landing gear parts. Martens formerly worked as an item manager for the former Avionics Directorate, managing the E-3 radar parts for the E-3A Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft.

**Doug Hambrick** has been an item manager since November, 1988. Before recently becoming part of the new Combat



Hambrick

Electronic Systems Directorate, he was part of the Space and Special Systems Directorate where he managed aircraft gun systems. He now manages the jamming pod - a system used to protect F-16 and A-10 aircraft from hostile radar threats. Hambrick is responsible for making certain antenna, tubes, and power supplies are stocked in good working condition.

**Michael Paglia** has worked for nearly a year as an item manager for the former Space and Special Systems



Paglia

Directorate, managing BQM-34A and MQM-107E and D sub-scale aerial targets. Aerial targets are used in development and operational test in support of specific aircraft and missile development programs. The largest usage of aerial targets for missile firings is the U.S. Air Force Air to Air Weapon System Evaluation program, which conducts a continuing evaluation of operational systems.

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This is possible by cataloging, preparing purchase requests, working sales forecasts and other processes essential in the item management world.

"By checking our notices daily in these systems, it allows us to solve, catch and prevent numerous requisitioning problems," she said. "Supporting the customer 200 percent and keeping these helicopters flying takes the team effort of item managers, equipment specialists, production managers, and engineers. No one can support them alone."

Unlike some jobs, where days can be routine, Harvey said, no one day mirrors the next for an item manager.

Having the ability to adapt and respond to ever-changing priorities with perseverance is an essential trait item managers must possess to be successful, said Harvey.

According to Harvey, after

Sept. 11, five of the H-1 helicopters were down. But with the team's hard work of getting parts from the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and shipping them by ground, the aircraft were in the air within a week.

Victor Velasco, supply technician for Trend Western contracted at Andrews in support of the 1st Helicopter Squadron and its maintainers, said Robins' item managers, Harvey, and Felicia Kinard, quickly provided items to replace missing parts in the High Priority Mission Support kits, to help fulfill deployment requirements.

"They're our lifeline," he said. "The people at Robins are true professionals. They do an excellent job providing support that helps us keep the squadron's mission going. Elizabeth and Felicia take pride in what they do, and it shows."

Pam Davis, material man-

ager for the F-15 System Program Office, who is responsible for all radar antenna parts for F-15 aircraft, said along with the everyday time crunch, spring and fall bring one of the most important elements to the item manager's time table - setting the item budget.

"Our working budget cycles are in March and September," she said. "During that time, we determine the budget for repairing and buying items. Everything depends on these two cycles."

Davis, an item manager for eight years, said seeing the F-15 soaring across the Middle Georgia sky makes the struggles of the day worthwhile.

"I feel a sense of accomplishment, knowing I had a small hand in that," she said. "Seeing the F-15 in action shows me how important my job is to the mission at Robins and what is going on now."

Danny Singleton, Materiel

Management Division chief in the Logistics Management Directorate, said item managers serve as a critical link in supply chain management.

"They serve a pivotal role in satisfying war fighter parts requirements by computing future needs and making daily decisions regarding sourcing, shipping and tracking of customer requirements. They are most often the ALC's 'face to the customer,'" he said.

When the workday is done, and the hot items have cooled, Harvey said then she finds satisfaction in knowing she has helped further the war fighter's mission.

"I feel a great sense of pride when I watch the evening news and see one of our assigned weapon systems safely and effectively performing their assigned missions," she said. "Knowing that we have played an important and direct role in making that all happen is very satisfying."

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# Black Knights receive a wet but warm welcome home

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Nearly 50 Black Knights returned home Saturday on two KC-135 aircraft as a steady summer rain pounded the flight line where tearful spouses, children, and friends eagerly welcomed their heroes home with hugs, kisses and banners of pride-filled messages.

Tech. Sgt. Tony Yake, with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said seeing his wife, Cindy, and daughters, Heather, 10, and Whitney, 16, running toward him in the pouring rain was a welcomed sight, after spending nearly 96 days in the desert.

"Words can't explain it," he said. "I'm still in shock. I can't remember when I've seen rain like this. It feels so good to be home. I've missed these little hugs."

Expecting to return in September, Black Knights said they were surprised with the news of an early homecoming, only weeks ago.

Capt. David Wieland, with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said he bridged the distance with girlfriend, Sara Maranowicz, and his parents through e-mail and phone calls; but nothing could prepare him for the emotions he felt seeing them after being away for nearly four-months.

"As tankers, we had our hand in nearly every fight," he said. "I'm incredibly grateful to be one of four kids to go into combat and come out alive. It's great being home. This is awesome."

Wieland's parents, who traveled from Colorado, said they are proud of their son's service, but thankful he's home.

"As his mom, I always worry about him," said Diane Wieland. "I'm so glad he made it home safely. Now, it's time to spend some time together. I'm sure he has plenty of war stories to share."

Families weren't the only ones to bring bright smiles to the 44 Black Knights' rainy homecoming.

Kacie Hammock and Lauwren Anderson left early from a friend's wedding in order to give their friend, Senior Airman Jake Calderon, with the 19th AMXS, a hero's welcome.

"I'm so glad God brought him back safely," Hammock said. "I'm so excited! I can't wait to see him."

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, said she commends the Black Knights for a job well done.

"I join everyone - the Black Knights, the local community, and all the American public in welcoming these airmen home," she said. "They have served their nation professionally and proudly during this time of war."

Lt. Col. Joseph Rohret, 19th ARG outgoing deputy commander, agreed.

"It's so good to see the families out supporting our men and women like this," he said. "We're glad to have our

heroes home. Now, it's time to celebrate!"

While many had parties and other festivities planned to mark the happy occasion, Tech. Sgt. Dean Merida and his wife, Lori, had a simpler evening in mind.

"My wife is making my favorite dinner - fried chicken, and we're going to relax," he said. "Right now, dinner and a shower that lasts longer than three minutes is celebration enough for me. I'm just glad to be home again."



U.S. Air Force image by Ed Aspera

Tech. Sgt. Tony Yake embraces his wife, Cindy, and daughters, Heather and Whitney after spending nearly 96 days in the desert.

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and workgroup manager support. Their mission is to act as a central focal point for resolving communication problems. They're also the first line of resolution for computer and network problems. During exercises, they set up a tent environment similar to the Morale tent. They also simulate network communications in a bare base environment.

Still, even with all the training, nothing prepared them for the kind of physical, emotional and mental demands they encounter during daily operations.

"When we first arrived, we had to shower every other day, hand wash our clothes and the restroom was an outhouse," said Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens, 54th CBCS. "This is definitely a unique experience. I am definitely missing my husband, my daughter and my son; but they are very supportive. I am proud to have been selected to deploy. (It) has been quite an adventure during the four months I have been part of the team, but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

The job also offers a great deal of satisfaction, according to Maj. Craig Wilcox, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander.

"This team is full of communications professionals who take pride in the services they provide," he said. "It's extra special for them because they deal daily with customers who appreciate the opportunity to stay in touch."

# Can you say periventricular leukomalacia?

## At just 7, her determination is stronger than her cerebral palsy

By Chris Zdrakas

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Kelley Jordan is a bright, determined 7-year-old who has set her sights on ballet dancing and teaching biology. No one around her expects her cerebral palsy to stand in the way.

The Robins Elementary School first-grader, born 14 weeks prematurely, has struggled from her first breath to her first steps to do the things she likes.

"Sometimes it's not easy for a kid with cerebral palsy," she said. "But you haven't seen anything yet."

She can race and circle around on her green crutches with obvious glee.

Her mother and the professionals at Robins Elementary School are just as determined as Kelley that she will find ways to overcome her physical challenges.

"There's nothing she can't do," Kelley's mother, Kim Jordan, said. "It just has to be modified."

Jordan, recently named Robins Daycare Provider of the Year, said her daughter spent the first 96 days of her life in neonatal intensive care in Columbia, S.C., battling a series of health problems associated with infants born early. Kelley was on a heart monitor for six months after leaving the hospital and experienced lung problems. She has undergone two orthopedic surgeries and one to insert tubes in her ears to relieve chronic ear infections.

She also has another condition - periventricular leukomalacia - a word Kelley could pronounce by the time she was 2 and a half years old. PVL is a neurological disorder that damages and softens the inner part of the brain - the part that transmits information between nerve cells to the spinal cord and from one part of the brain to another. Babies who are born with the condition have a higher risk of developing cerebral palsy.

### Never walk? Think again

Two years ago doctors told Jordan and her husband, Staff Sgt. Paul Jordan of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, their daughter would never walk. Kelley has already proven the experts wrong, taking tentative steps over short distances.

"First I ended up in a wheelchair, then I ended up on a walker and now I'm walking on my crutches," Kelley said. "It feels so good when you get it right. I soon will be able to walk on my own, and I'll have to give up my favorite walker. It's my favorite because it has been with me all my life."

Even though she's three years away from a two-digit age, she has a very specific goal in mind.

"What I really want to do someday is ballet," she said. "I go to see 'The Nutcracker' every year. I think it's good, especially for the part of 'The Nutcracker.'"

She wants to be able to dance "while I am young." After she graduates high school, she wants to attend college and major in biology.

Her mother said her school of choice would be the University of

Georgia, home of her beloved Bulldogs.

Kelley said she hadn't really thought much about biology until a substitute teacher introduced her class to making paper skeletons.

"I was wondering about the body," she said. "The substitute we had for the afternoon said that when I get older, I can be a biology teacher. So I want to be a biology teacher now."

### The Little Old Lady from Pasadena

Her favorite walker played a supporting role in the Robins Elementary School's ninth annual "We Love America" program this year. Kelley went to tryouts and was chosen for two parts — the little old lady from Pasadena and a speaking part as a child in a military family.

Kelley's dad, whom she says is "a fanatic about building things," built a Corvette around her walker for the patriotic program at the Museum of Aviation. Kelley, in a dress and wearing pearls and a gray wig, used it to glide across the set in front of her class, which was singing the song made famous by the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean. Kelley said she didn't know the song when the program was in its planning stages, but her mom did.

"It was fun; I just loved doing it," Kelley said.

She said she practiced her roles every day since the March tryouts. Predictably, she still remembers her lines which are as follows:

"My mom stays home and tries to be brave, but sometimes I catch her crying. We cry because we miss my dad, but then I think about why he's gone. The tears stop. I stand tall because I am proud."

### "A wonderful student"

Occupational therapist Bernadette Luce works with Kelley and 20 other children at Robins Elementary School on Fridays. Luce has seen Kelley since she was 10 months old, first through an early intervention program, then pre-school. Both of them seem to enjoy their easygoing relationship. Luce said Kelley has done very well in occupational therapy.

Kelley's first grade teacher, Jackie Rayburn, described her as "a wonderful student."

"She keeps me in line," Rayburn said. "She listens to everything, and she has come a long way this year."

One of her hurdles was being able to hold Precious, a guinea pig who lives in the classroom.

"I really wanted to hold Precious, but I was afraid she would bite me," Kelley said.

With Rayburn's encouragement, she cuddled the furry pet and now has one of her own. Her name is Princess. Princess, Kelley explained, is a sow. "Girl" guinea pigs are sows; the "boys" are boars.

"I didn't know that," Rayburn said.

Kelley likes spelling and "writes" two ways - on a computer and by dictating to Joyce Johnson, who is assigned as her "one-on-



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Two years ago doctors told Kim Jordan and her husband, Staff Sgt. Paul Jordan of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, their daughter would never walk. Kelley has already proven the experts wrong, taking tentative steps over short distances. Above, Kelley steps toward occupational therapist Bernadette Luce

## "Sometimes it's not easy for a kid with cerebral palsy. But you haven't seen anything yet."

First-grader Kelley Jordan

one" aide to help her throughout the day. Johnson said Kelly is "just my little girl to me. We have a great relationship."

Kelley is one of four special needs children in Rayburn's class of 13.

"My class learned a long time ago never to ask 'why do I have to do this and so-and-so doesn't' because they learned a long time ago that everybody in here learns in a different way, and everybody can show what they have learned in different ways," Rayburn said.

### Best education possible

Jeanne Roberts, Robins Elementary School principal, said the mission of the 475-pupil school is to give every child the best education possible.

"Kelley is a delight," Roberts said. "She has such a positive attitude and really tries very hard to be part of the group. Obviously, she is."

Lynn Wicks, who coordinates the special needs program, said the school offers a variety of programs in which children leave their classrooms and go to a special education teacher to receive service. The school also has a "co-teach" program in which special education providers come into classrooms to provide services to children who need them.

The school also has multi-age, self-contained classrooms for children with behavioral disorders and



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those who are academically below their grade levels.

The disabilities range from autism to cerebral palsy to children with academic learning problems, Wicks said. Each of the 103 children in the special needs program has an individual education plan.

### Children, not categories

"Our goal is for the children to be part of the regular school environ-

ment as much as possible," Wicks said. "That's why even children who have to be in self-contained classrooms are mainstreamed part of the day. Our staff looks at our children and doesn't see categories."

She said Kelley has progressed from crawling around on the floor to a walker and is now taking steps.

"She's just as strong as we are, and she's able to accomplish all this through remaining in the program with all other children. Kelley smiles, she's always happy and upbeat, and she makes other people feel good."

Alletia Morgan, speech language pathologist, said Kelley's success comes from supportive home and school environments.

"Kelley has the determination to do anything she wants to do, unlike anything I've seen since I've been here at Robins Elementary," Morgan said. "She is involved in a school setting that is very conducive to teaching students how to become independent, how to become good citizens and how to take the initiative to exceed in whatever it is they want to do."

She said the entire school was happy and supportive of Kelley in performing the roles she filled in the "We Love America" production. "She didn't let her disabilities stand in her way," Morgan said. "Neither did anyone else," Wicks added.



Kelley portrays the 'Little Ol' Lady from Pasadena' during the 'We Love America' concert May 12 at the Museum of Aviation Amphitheatre.

## What's a DUI like? You have no idea

By Senior Airman Heather Shelton

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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — My story isn't about how I urinated all over myself while performing a field sobriety test, or how I struggled with the female security forces member who put me in cuffs after I was apprehended for driving under the influence.

My story is about the realization and acceptance of the mistake I made, and the effect it's had on me and the people around me.

The realization of what I did began to sink in during my verbal reprimand from the wing vice commander about my recent behavior.

As I stood at attention in front of him, he looked up from his desk after reading my charges and asked one simple question, "Why?"

No matter how hard I thought about it, all I could think of was the usual, "I made a bad decision... I had a lapse of judgment."

He sat behind his seemingly larger than normal desk, in a room in which I felt so small, and said, "No. That's not good enough. Why?"

As I looked slightly above his frightfully piercing-blue eyes, I stood there trembling, trying to muster a more acceptable answer.

No matter how hard I tried to use my gift for saying what people wanted to hear, I couldn't form a complete thought. It was like every

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word in my vocabulary had instantly vanished.

At that moment, his question seemed to be the most profound thing I had ever heard. I thought, "Why? What does he mean, why? How do I answer this?" Because I couldn't answer his question, and was completely baffled by it, I sought help.

It's because of the help I received that I can say this: I didn't care about anyone else — it was all about me.

My need to drink, and lack of control over it, clouded the thoughts of whom I'd disappoint or possibly even hurt.

I too, was one who rolled my eyes at the ever-popular saying, "If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink. If you're drunk and you need a ride, call someone."

Personally, I couldn't really picture my supervisor being too thrilled about rolling out of bed at 3 a.m. on a weekday to come pick me up at a bar.

I could just see the look on his face, and hear the tone in his voice

during the stern lecture I'd surely receive.

Flashbacks of busting curfew in high school entered my head, and out of sheer fear of reliving those torturous speeches, I thought to myself, "I'm fine. I'm a good driver. I can do this."

Looks like I was wrong. A quick read of the police report will tell you just how wrong I was.

But, I shouldn't have been afraid. Because right now, I'd take a good, late-night verbal assault over everything I've put the people who care about me through.

The apathetic looks, eyes-to-the-ground headshakes, and sighs of disappointment, will haunt me for a long, long time.

The past really doesn't go anywhere, ladies and gentlemen; it just floats in the background waiting to be introduced to those who bring it up.

Day after day, for the rest of my career, questions will be asked. It's the questions I fear most.

Answering the phone and hearing in response to my greeting,

"Senior Airman Shelton? Wait, aren't you a staff sergeant? Whoa... what happened?"

Sadly, questions aren't the only things that add to the humiliation of a "hard bust."

When people think about losing a stripe, they usually worry about losing money or having to start promotion dates all over again.

But wait, there's more. There are the little things that get overlooked until you're forced to face them.

For me, that walk of shame has included:

- Changing my e-mail signature block.

- Answering the phone at work.

- Getting all new uniforms so the unfaded spot the larger stripes once covered doesn't show.

- Knowing the entire KMC and Air Force Public Affairs career field will see my name has changed in the base paper and in stories on the Web - see it and simply wonder.

- Bumping into old classmates or co-workers and getting puzzled looks.

- Getting a new ID card and new checks printed.

- Having to pay out of my own pocket to move into the dorm, while finding a place to store my extra belongings that won't fit in the room.

- Finding transportation to and from work, meetings, appointments, the commissary, all the while knowing I have a beautiful

brand new car I can't drive.

- Breaking the news to my parents who are retired military and hearing they've shared the news with other retired military family members.

- Explaining to my little sister, the little girl who used to idolize me, how I shamed myself and my unit.

Unfortunately, the list doesn't stop here.

Every day, I'm presented with a new obstacle or embarrassing moment that I never imagined I would ever have to deal with.

Yet still, I consider myself very lucky. Not only could my punishment have been a lot worse, I could have hurt or even killed someone.

Now, I have a second chance. Because of great support from friends and co-workers, and the help I've received, I can get through this.

Not only can I get through it, I can prove to others, and to myself, that I am indeed a valuable member of the Air Force team.

But, I can't do it alone. No one can. My advice to those who read this, always have a plan and stick to it.

However, if your plan fails, pick up the phone and ask for help, whatever your problem may be.

Don't stop if you can't reach someone right away, keep dialing until someone picks up — someone always picks up. (Courtesy of USAF News Service)

## Jumper, Lyles praise AFMC's outstanding performance

To the men and women of AFMC:

I am proud and honored to share with you the attached note I received recently from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. In his note, Gen. Jumper praises the outstanding contribution you made to the success of Operation Iraqi Freedom. So, let me be the first to echo the Chief's words when he writes that the men and women of AFMC performed "superbly."

Each and every one of you played a role in researching, developing, testing, acquiring and sustaining the technologies and systems that not only make our Air Force the best in the world, but also helped make our joint forces the most formidable fighting machine ever known to man. You sped technology development, rushed new systems on line and

directed a near-perfect logistical support operation. I have heard nothing but glowing comments from the men and women you supported so well.

As we now focus on reconstituting our resources to prepare for the next battle in the on-going war on terrorism, I know your unwavering dedication and tremendous skill will continue to make an enduring difference. AFMC people truly are the backbone of the U.S. Air Force. Please read the Chief's note and know that your work has not gone unnoticed by our Air Force leadership. Thank you and God bless.

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



Dear General Lyles

The men and women of Air Force Materiel Command performed superbly during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The world witnessed joint warfighting at its best and the critical role played by well-trained and well-led airmen.

The centers and research directorates made victory possible. The airmen in your command innovatively integrated, developed, tested, and acquired the technology used to fight and win. The long hours and hard work during peacetime has paid huge dividends for coalition forces in battle.

Please relay my sincere appreciation to all the members of your command. May God bless our great Air Force and our great nation!

Sincerely

JOHN P. JUMPER  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

General Lester L. Lyles  
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

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

### Can't hear the warning sirens in Turner Housing area

I live in the Turner Park Military Family Housing area. During the recent tornado warnings, we couldn't hear the warning sirens from our housing area. I was able to hear sirens coming from the flight line, but I was outside and the wind was

blowing in my direction. It wasn't possible to hear the sirens from the front yard or from inside the house. With the electricity going out as much as it does during storms, we can't receive television or radio warnings. Those few minutes of warning time to take shelter could mean the difference between life and death. What can be done to get sirens installed in the housing area?

Col. Smoot replies: Based on your inquiry, the 78th Civil

Engineer Group conducted an inspection of the base sirens on May 14. Two of the eight base warning system stations were found to be inoperative. The station nearest to Turner Park is in the parking lot of Building 1372, which is the 5th Combat Communications Group training facility, and is one of the two that were found to be inoperative. We are currently repairing the two stations. By the time you read this reply, the jobs should be completed. Thanks for letting us know of the problem.



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# The white glove treatment

Pine Oaks Lodging staff prepares for Air Force Innkeepers Award inspection

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With just days before four experts begin a white glove inspection of Robins' Pine Oaks Lodging facilities, the staff is busy putting a mirror finish on anything that's not moving, grooming the grounds to perfection and — for extra measure — practicing welcoming smiles.

It's all part of the "Southern Comfort" theme Pine Oaks Lodging chose for the inspection, which kicks off with the team's arrival Wednesday. The inspection will take place Thursday and Friday. The team will weigh Robins' facilities against those of other major command-level winners.

The base that comes out on top will claim the Air Force Innkeepers Award. Pine Oaks won the Air Force Materiel Command-level Gold Key Award, the precursor to Air Force competition, this year.

"It isn't difficult for us to go the extra mile to prepare for the team's visit," Pine Oaks Manager Leonard Boyce said. "That's because we do it every day for our valued customers. We are very proud of our facilities, and that pride is reflected in their appearance and in the responses we receive from customers."

With an overall customer satisfaction rate of 95 percent, Pine Oaks' staff is confident, but cautious and measured in its approach to the team evaluation.

"We know our facilities are great," Boyce said. "But we don't want to be overconfident. We understand that a tiny detail that goes unnoticed could spell the difference between our winning and the award going to someone else. We will continue to groom, polish and practice right up until the inspection begins."

Three of the inspection team members are active-duty Air Force members, and one is from the private sector. All are seasoned lodging



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Pine Oaks Lodging recently was named the Air Force Materiel Command Gold Key nominee for the Air Force Innkeepers Award. An inspection team arrives Wednesday.



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experts and know what to look for, Boyce said.

The team chief is Maj. Edward R. Brown. Brown, chief of Air Force Lodging on the Air Staff in Washington, D.C., transitioned to the services area in 1966.

Before that, he was special assignment airlift director working presidential support aircraft in the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He held assignments in Japan before being selected chief of services at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. There, he

led a team to multiple awards, including the 2001 Innkeepers Award in the small base category.

Assigned as team evaluators are 1st Lt. Eric J. Dosser, lodging management specialist at Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio, Texas; Master Sgt. Wallace E. Wakefield, chief of the Information Technology Strategic Planning Branch at Headquarters Air Force Service Agency; and Robert A. Baersch, a private-sector hospitality management consultant from Denver, Colo.

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## SHOP

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continue to do the mission," Wilder said.

Risk kits, Wilder explained, are deployable kits that travel with units in case a new tire or wheel is needed during deployment. In that case, they wouldn't have to get the work done at another base.

Wilder's job includes disassembly, inspection, coordination with other shops and the reassembly of tire assemblies. Although the wheel and tire shop does a lot of the work, it takes a host of others to get the entire job done.

The structural repair shop, non-destructive testing and supply also play major roles in getting the tires and wheels where they belong — back on the aircraft.

A flat or worn tire is never a problem unless you don't have a spare. And in time of war spares are even more important. Just as with other areas of the base, Wilder said the recent operations in Iraq caused the shop to enter surge mode.

"In initial deployments, we had a big surge in tires," he said. "We wanted to send them over there with good serviceable tires, and we did quite a few. You can't move without tires, and we keep them going."

Beck said the wheel and tire shop is just as important as the high-tech shops around the base.

"We can have million dollar shops everywhere else, but if we don't have this low-tech shop doing what they need to do, nothing will fly," he said.

Wilder said they have about 35 tires come through the shop each month.

Though the job has its perks, he said there is always the chance it can turn dangerous.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Douglas Wilder, wheel and tire section chief, demonstrates how the rims used for the E8 aircraft is a split rim design similar to those used on tractor trailers.

Although it's uncommon, exploding tires have been known to kill the technicians inflating them - even in the Air Force.

Nitrogen is used to inflate the tires because it is more stable than compressed air. The pressure stays constant no matter the temperature on the outside.

At the end of the day as Wilder makes his way through the twists and turns leading out of his little space, he leaves behind the smell of rubber, but takes with him the knowledge that he has made a difference in the lives of many.

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T-shirts like this one were created by local victims of abuse.

While most folks are wearing T-shirts with trendy slogans like 'Just do it!' or 'Got Milk?,' the T-shirts on display at the Robins Conference Center June 6 had a much deeper meaning.

## Robins audience learns the ABCs of abuse

By Lanorris Askew

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With messages like "Oh God, not again," and "My hands will never hold my mommy again," the true meanings of domestic violence and other forms of abuse were driven home to dozens of commanders, first sergeants and family advocacy workers during the family advocacy and victim and witness assistance programs training session.

And according to Becky Moody, VWAP coordinator, the shirts weren't created for the sake of shock value. The Salvation Army Safehouse provided the T-shirts, and actual victims of abuse decorated them.

Moody said she hopes the training will enhance the understanding of the need to address family violence and increase the awareness of the frequency of crimes committed against family members in their homes.

Keith Roberts, White House, Office of Administration and Office of General Counsel, was the guest

speaker for the training and spoke about victim rights and respect. Other topics discussed ranged from rape, sexual assault and child molestation, to family violence.

Although women are statically the most common victims of domestic violence, there are rare occasions when the victims are men.

"Statistics tell us this occurs about 5 percent of the time," Moody said.

The VWAP began at Robins in 1994 when the program was initiated by the Air Force.

"The training for commanders and first sergeants is conducted once every two to three years," said Moody. "Training for security forces, OSI, family advocacy and medical personnel has also been provided through this program."

In a memorandum to base leaders, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, stated that openly confronting violence is the right thing to do.

"It is also the smart thing to do," he writes. "It protects the victim, protects the children who witness such crime, forces the wrongdoer to account for such conduct and is



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

often the first step to resolving root cause.

"More over, it contributes decisively to good order and discipline and readiness in our military force."

A room dedicated to past victims of violence, community and on-base programs aimed at preventing new ones, offered a poignant reminder that violence exists even in our own communities.

Dolls representing rape victims and life-size cutouts called silent witnesses bore their tragic stories. Moody said the physical, financial, and psychological effects of crime are devastating to individuals and to our country as a whole. Because of that, the program provides a means to bring together military and community leaders, directors of support agencies, non-profit organizations and others to

### What to know

The mission of the Robins Air Force Base Family Advocacy Program is to build healthy Air Force communities by developing, implementing and evaluating policies and programs designed to prevent, intervene in and treat child and spouse maltreatment. The FAP is located in Building 700 and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 327-8398.

address the very serious impact of domestic violence.

"This particular training highlighted family violence crimes and why and how to support the victims and hold offenders accountable," she said.

The session concluded with a panel discussion between members of the Air Force community and civilian domestic violence experts from Warner Robins.

## LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

■ Henry Lee Mathis, WR-ALC/MANRSB. Point of contact is Bobby Jones at 926-6883.

■ Lynne S. Bradley, LKGL. Point of contact is Kathy Gochenour 926-9760.

■ Eric G. Chandler, LGRFO. Point of contact is Willie Harris 926-2259.

■ Bettie W. Dewberry, MAMCB. Point of contact is Harold Thomas 926-5772.

■ Donna Mitchell, WR-ALC/ENR. Point of contact is Cliff Robinson, 926-6451.

■ Amy Leary, Air Force Audit Agency. Point of contact is Janet Herndon, 926-6713.

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 e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto: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., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

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

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

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

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

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Today**  
7:30 p.m. — **It Runs in the Family**  
— Kirk Douglas, Michael Douglas

From Michael Gromberg to his son Alex and grandson Asher, everyone is trying to cope with life, and a distinctly different set of problems. Mitchell grapples with his mortality, while Alex tries to avoid becoming his father. Meanwhile, Asher just tries to stay relatively straight as he goes through college.

Rated PG-13 (Adult situations, language) 109 minutes



**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. — **The Lizzie McGuire Movie** — Hilary Duff, Adam Lamberg

Lizzie and her pals plan to live la dolce vita while on a class trip to Italy. Mistaken for an Italian pop star she is then transformed from a gawky teen to a beautiful pop star. A whirlwind of surprising events force Lizzie to find the true meaning of friendship. Is Italy ready for Lizzie McGuire?  
Rated PG (mild thematic elements) 90 minutes



## AFRC plans concert, fireworks



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

The Air Force Reserve Command's annual Independence Day Concert and fireworks display is set for July 3, at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive. The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will share the stage with the country/adult contemporary crossover band, Restless Heart. The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m. The Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools, will perform at 7:15 p.m., and the main stage show starts at 8 p.m. Gerry Marshall of 99.1 WDEN-FM and Mary Therese of WMAZ-TV 13 will host the show. Admission is free.

## 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 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.

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop is Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center Ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates.

### Community tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, June 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Meet at the FSC.

### Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors

Wednesday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Advance registration is required.

### Applied suicide skills training

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

### Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class June 25, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom. This program is open to all Active Duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

### The spouse's connection

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program offers The Spouse's Connection, June 25, 1 - 3 p.m., in Building 945, FSC Annex.

### 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 June 27, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

### Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, July 2, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club. The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

### Center closed

The FSC, Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed July 4. Normal services will resume Monday at 7:30 a.m.

### Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is July 9, 8:30 - noon, in Building 905, Room 141. The program covers how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress. Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Office, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Civilian Recreation

922-4415

Civilian Recreation and the Health and Wellness Center will host a Lunch and Learn lecture at the Smith Community Center, July 2 at 11:30 a.m. Sandra Brenner, Ph.D., will be speaking on "Diabetes, Do We Have an Epidemic?" Cost for each lecture is \$5 per person and includes lunch. Registration must be made for the lectures by the previous Monday by calling Civilian Recreation.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

■ The enlisted club will have Father's Day Brunch Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Members are free and guest are \$8.95, nonmembers, ages 13 and older are \$11.95.

■ The Lennox Lewis vs. Kirk Johnson boxing match will be shown June 21 at 9 p.m. Members cost is \$5

and nonmembers are \$10.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Let ITT plan your trip to include hotel and travel accommodations to one of the many military discounted attractions. Universal Orlando, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, Atlanta Braves, Hard Rock Café and Six Flags are offering specials, including free passes and discounts.

### Library 327-7380

Children may participate in the "Take Flight" summer reading program at the Base Library with story time on Mondays from 9 - 10 a.m. for children ages 5 and younger and program time from 10 - 11 a.m. for children ages 6 and older. Children must read at least seven age-appropriate books and attend four meetings at the

library to be eligible for the special drawing to be held at the ice cream social on July 29. To register, visit Building 905 or call 327-7380.

### Officers' Club 926-2670

■ The officers' club will have a Champagne Father's Day Brunch Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Dine and dance at the officers' club June 28. Cost is \$13 per person and includes a buffet dinner, 6 - 8 p.m. and dancing with Tommy West and the Sensations, 8 - 11 p.m.

### Youth Center 926-2110

The center will be taking field trips each week through July 30. Children must be registered and trip cost paid for one week in advance of each trip. June trip destinations are as follows: June 25, Savannah Beach. Costs range from \$5 to \$13 for members and \$7 to \$15 for nonmembers.



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Moeya West, a worker at Happy Hour, washes a respirator used by employees at Robins. Robins team members toured the Happy Hour Service Center Monday. The community service organization, sponsored by the Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens Inc., provides work for the developmentally disabled and recycling services for Robins and the county. Newspaper, magazines, phone books, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass and office paper are accepted for recycling by the center.

# Happy Hour Service Center serves Robins, Houston County

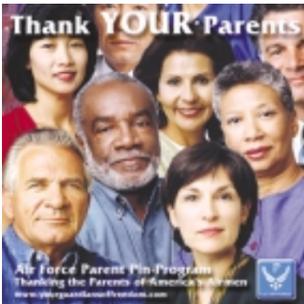


Happy Hour instructor Lisa Armstrong explains to Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott, Center vice commander, Robins personnel and members of Happy Hour's board of directors, how workers like Susan Schultz sort and clean nuts and bolts from C-5, C-130 and F-15 maintenance activities.



Above, Tim Cheshire, a supervisor at Happy Hour, shows Scott the recycling building.

Left, Happy Hour workers sort through paper.



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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Macon Peaches 742-1717

The Macon Peaches will hold Military Appreciation Nights on Wednesday game nights at Luther Williams Park. All military members and DoD civilians will be admitted free with proper ID card. All military family members will get in for half price by purchasing a ticket from 5 - 7 p.m. A military appreciation night is scheduled for June 25 with Col. Tom Smoot, Commander, 78th Air Base Wing, throwing out the first pitch. Robins' honor guard and a military vocalist will sing the national anthem. For more information, call 742-1717.

### Fitness Center 926-2128

The Fitness Center is looking for coaches for men's and women's varsity basketball. Anyone interested may submit a resume to the Fitness Center, Attn: Kenneth Porter or e-mail to kenneth.porter@robins.af.mil by June 27. For more information, call 926-2128.

### Golf Course 926-4103

■ The Frequent Golfers Rewards program begins Sunday with a chance to win a new set of irons. For complete rules and details contact the golf course.

■ Beginning Sunday, take advantage of the Good Walk Spoiled Special after 5 p.m. For \$5 you can walk to play nine holes and receive a range token.

■ A new yearly range program is now in effect with any-time, all-the-time unlimited range balls. Annual green fee players cost is \$20 per month and non-AGF players is \$25 per month.

### Robins Lanes 926-2112

■ Bring Dad to Robins Lanes on Father's Day, June 15 and you pay regular price and Dad bowls for free.

■ Tuesdays the bowling center will have Low Ball bowling. The lowest score wins a free large drink. If you do not have a group, join the bowler's pool for the day and the three lowest scoring bowlers win a free drink.

■ Thursdays are red-head pin days. Roll a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is free.

■ Robins Lanes will hold a mixed scotch doubles tournament Saturday. Bowl two sets of three sets of three games. The first set men will draw for their partners. The second set women will draw for their partners. Cost is \$20 per person.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## Hot rod heaven

Members of the Robins community had a chance to get a close look at cars from the National Hot Rod Association June 5 in front of the Bowling Center. Due to last weekend's inclement weather, passes that were given out will be honored Fourth of July weekend at Silver Dollar Raceway in Reynolds, Ga. Karyn and Justin Sims check out one of the hot rods.

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# Air War College now enrolling

The Robins Air Force Base Education Office is now enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for Air War College nonresident studies. Interested individuals should apply immediately.

This program is open to active duty, national guard, and reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the US Armed Forces, and DoD civilian employees (GS-13 or above).

Senior professional military education is more important than ever in today's competitive and complex world.

The AWC program offers you opportunities to enhance your professional development. The curriculum closely parallels the resident course, and emphasizes joint operations, senior leadership issues, national security strategy, regional studies, and the employment of air and space power.

The AWC seminar program is a great way to complete senior PME. Seminar meetings combine self-study with an informal meeting environment conducive to learning.

Not only can you draw knowledge from the course materials, but you can exchange concepts with other leaders, greatly enhancing your learning process.

Seminar meetings are held weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June.

For those who prefer a more flexible approach, the AWC correspondence program is available at any time.



## What to know

### The mission

The mission of the Air War College is to educate senior officers to lead at the strategic level in the development and employment of air and space forces, including joint, combined, and coalition operations, in support of national security.

### The vision

The foremost center for air and space education and thought — preparing the world's best strategic leaders.

Correspondence members complete the same curriculum, but at a more adaptable pace.

The Base Education Office is taking enrollment applications until July 15.

Forms are available at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm> Completed applications can be brought to Building 905, Suite 113 or for more details, call Fran Sheridan at 327-7325.

# Cooking out the safe way

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Traditionally, outdoor cooking is viewed as a summertime activity. However, cookouts in the South are pretty much a year-round activity.

No matter when you fire up those charcoals or use the propane grill, safety is a must at all times. The proper use and storage of barbecue grills is essential to safe outdoor cooking. Below are some suggested safety tips the next time you use your grill.

☞ Never use a grill inside any structure or under any balcony or overhang.

☞ Never leave the grill unattended while cooking.

☞ Special care should be taken not to place these units near air handling vents.

☞ Barbeque grills that use propane tanks should never be stored as a connected unit unless the unit is located and secured outside and at least 10 feet from any structure.

☞ Ensure when cooking is completed, the main gas control valve on the tank has been closed and the unit has cooled off prior to storage. If storing inside, the tank must be disconnected and stored in a covered, secured area at least 10 feet from the facility. Personnel residing in military family housing units, should make sure the main gas control valve on the tank has been closed and the unit has cooled off prior to storage.

☞ Never try to fix a malfunctioning propane gas grill, have an experienced professional check it and

## More summer safety tips

### Camping

- Always use a flame retardant tent and set up camp far away from the campfire.
- Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space.
- Always build your campfire down wind away from your tent. Clear all vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building your campfire.
- Store liquid fire starter away from your tent and campfire and only use dry kindling to freshen a campfire.
- Always put out a campfire when going to sleep or leaving the campsite. To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it.

### Fireworks

- Stay back at least 500 feet from professional fireworks displays.
- Treat all fireworks, whether legal or illegal for consumers, as suitable only for use by trained professionals.
- If you find fireworks, do not touch them but instead direct authorities to them.
- Leave any area where amateurs are using fireworks.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

certify that it is safe for use.

☞ Wear proper clothing. Loose clothing, long sleeves, neckties and the like can very easily catch fire by momentary contact with hot surfaces. It's wise to use short sleeve shirts and tight fitting clothing. The use of an apron will also protect your clothing from splatters of hot grease.

☞ Don't use ordinary kitchen utensils to cook outdoors. The use of those oversize skewers, spatulas, and other implements are there for your use to keep a safe distance from the hot grill.

☞ Be very cautious of small children when cooking outdoors. Barbeque grills will get very hot, can be somewhat unstable and can

tilt and possibly fall.

☞ Be very careful when barbequing on extremely windy days, this can misdirect the charcoal starter causing a potential serious hazard. Also remember, hot embers can be blown about the neighborhood to include fields and wild land areas. Sometimes high winds can also upset the grills cooking temperature.

☞ Never use gasoline or any other flammable materials on charcoal grills, this is an extremely dangerous safety violation that can cause serious burns or death. Use approved charcoal lighter fluid designated for that purpose. Apply the lighter fluid only once, and never reapply lighter fluid

once the charcoal has been

started. Sometimes a false indication that the charcoal is not lit can lead to other hazards, so never reapply charcoal lighter fluid. Remember, fire can travel along the stream of the fluid and can cause the container to rupture or explode in your hands.

☞ After cooking and before storage, douse all coals and ashes with water, make sure all the coals and ashes are cold, safe and removed prior to storage.

So, bring out the hot dogs and the hamburgers, get out the grill, and remember the safety tips mentioned above. Enjoy your outdoor meals and have a safe fun summer.

If you have any questions, call the Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

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**Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program**, will be at the Robins Education Center, Building 905, Suite 113, in Room 159, Monday, from 10 to 11 a.m. He will answer questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 1-800-745-0709; at 404-657-9055; or by e-mail at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com. For more information about this briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at the Base Education Office, 327-7325.

**A standup Officers' Hail and Farewell** will be conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald K. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander, June 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Officers' Club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and fellowship that follows. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Sean Pike, 78th MDG/SGSI, at 327-8201, or by e-mail at sean.pike@robins.af.mil.

**The Staff Judge Advocate and Legal Assistance offices** will be closed June 24 for training. Normal business hours will resume June 25.

**The 78th Medical Group** will close at noon June 25 for an official function. All ancillary services, including pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, will be closed. Normal services will resume June 26. For additional information, contact the respective services or Faye Rutherford at 327-8475. For emergencies, contact Central Appointments at 327-7850.

**The 2nd annual Company Grade Officers' Association picnic** will be held at Gator Park June 27 from noon to 4 p.m. Food will be provided courtesy of the CGOA. There will be a horseshoe tournament and activities for children.

**Trash pickup in Military Family Housing** will be July 3, due to the Fourth of July holiday. If you have any questions, contact the Housing Office at 926-3776.

**The Officers' Spouses Club luncheons** will resume in August. For more informa-

tion, contact Aimee Henson at 987-1964.

**The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress** is honoring America's veterans through the Veterans History Project, a national initiative to collect individuals' wartime experiences. The Veterans History Project calls for all Americans to play a personal role in the preservation of our nation's history by recording the first-person accounts of those who defended our country during wartime, as well as the civilians who supported them. A free instruction kit for veterans, volunteers and potential partners who would like to participate is available by calling 1-888-371-5848, or by visiting the Web site at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

**Parents may register their children in Robins Elementary School** from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the summer. School starts Aug. 8. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be six years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for four-year-olds. To be eligible, a student must be four on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For more information, call the school at 926-5003.

**The legal assistance walk-in system** has been replaced by a new appointment and walk-in system. Appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays will remain walk-in day for retirees from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Power of Attorney and Notary Service hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Same-day appointments will not be made except in the case of valid emergencies. Call 926-3961 ext. 109 or ext. 111 for questions or to

set up an appointment.

**The Customer Service Branch** will no longer mail travel settlement vouchers to customers. All travelers must use the July 2002 version of the DD Form 1351-2, Travel Voucher, when filling out their voucher. This version has a block requesting the e-mail address-Block 6e. All travel vouchers received that cannot be e-mailed will be mailed to their travel monitors. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Annette Hankins, FMFC, 926-3777.

**For questions or concerns about the Air Force Community Assessment survey**, call 1-866-753-1450. Survey participants may also call the local survey chairperson, Carolyn Stevens, at 926-5491.

**New hours of operation for WIC — Women Infants Children — Program** are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program provides free healthy foods and nutritional information to pregnant women, mothers and children up to age five. The WIC program is free to all who meet the qualifying eligibility requirements. Call the WIC office at 327-8433 to find out if you qualify. The WIC office is in Building 700, Suite H 101.

**Motorcycle Safety Training at European assignments** is now required every three years. The US Air Forces in Europe Commander has directed all military motorcyclists to take motorcycle safety training if it has been more than three years since the last time the training was completed. The training must be repeated every three years. If you are PCSing to USAFE, consider signing up and taking the motorcycle training while still at Robins. Sign up through 78th Security Forces Pass and ID. For more information, contact the WR-ALC/Safety Office, 926-6271.

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