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Airmen should update vRED

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — In the five months since the official launch of the virtual record of emergency data, more than 383,000 airmen have updated their contact information. While this number is impressive, there is more work to be done, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

"It's imperative we have every airman — active duty, Guard and Reserve — fill out their emergency contact information," said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the center's casualty services branch.

Better known as vRED, this online form replaced the paper Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, as the only way for airmen to provide personal emergency information.

New procedures require all airmen to update their information electronically every six months, before deployments and after permanent changes of station.

On the AFPC Web page, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>, people can enter the virtual military personnel flight by clicking on the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New users will need to establish an account.

— Courtesy of AFPC News Service

Handle with care



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sue Nottis, instrument worker, works on a MD-1 vertical gyro. Since July 2002, nearly 1,000 surge items have been produced. The gyro repair section, which employs 120 technicians, produces gyros for the F-15, C-5, C-130, C-141, KC-135 and the B-1 Bomber.

Gyro shop helps flying units find their way

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When people hear the term gyro, they might think about Greek food. But when you hear the term at Robins a totally new picture emerges complete with long, blue lab coats, magnifiers and spinning

automatic test equipment. Bob Barringer, gyro shop first line supervisor, said the gyro is a navigational tool that gives direction and indication to the aircraft. "The gyro uses the roll, pitch and yaw of the aircraft to tell which way it is going," he said.

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What to know

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19th to leave Robins

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Robins will be losing the 19th Air Refueling Group and its mission by 2011 as part of the Air Force "tanker roadmap" released Wednesday, according to Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander.

The Air Force announced plans to retire the remaining 133 E-model KC-135 Stratotankers, to redistribute its R-model KC-135s and to integrate 100 KC-767A tankers it is leasing from Boeing.

The 19th flies 12 of the R-model tankers, and according to the Air Force plan, will be one of the last units to deplete its tanker inventory.

"It's bittersweet, but it's about the future," Faulkenberry, who has flown the tankers since 1982, said. "I know this brings increased capabilities - trading a 767 for an aging, increasingly expensive to operate aircraft ... The decision

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State of change

Reorganizations shape how Robins supports the war fighter

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George Falldine said recent reorganizations at Robins match what the Air Force is doing to reshape its support of the war fighter in the 21st century.

Since last year, six reorganizations have occurred, or are underway, at Robins, and more will unfold in the months to come.

Falldine, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs director, said the reorganization process that began nearly a year ago is a sign of more change to come, not only at Robins, but also throughout the Department of



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Airmen's Attic helps airmen make a house a home

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Airman 1st Class Chad Longmire, 116th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, said when he moved into his apartment, he and his roommate slept on the floor.

But thanks to the Airmen's Attic, those days are over.

Longmire said the staff at the store helped him get what he needed to make his empty apartment a home.

The store, which is managed by the Family Support Center, offers furniture, appliances, uniforms, children's clothing and other select items to junior enlisted military members free of charge. Those who take advantage of the service aren't

required to return the items.

"My supervisor told me about Airmen's Attic when I decided to move from the dorms into my apartment," Longmire said. "They set me up with pots and pans, flatware, a couch, chair and futon. They helped us with the basics when we couldn't afford to get them ourselves."

Airmen may visit the store as often

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Pam Hauptman, Airman's Attic volunteer, displays one of the three complete dish sets the Airmen's Attic will give away during a drawing July 8. Airmen can also win a set of pots and pans.

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to retire the KC-135 E-models is a good one; it's not worth it to put a brand new engine on a 40-year old airplane."

Faulkenberry said the total recapitalization of the tanker fleet, even if it is an aggressive one, could take 30 years, and longer if it's not aggressive.

"The aircraft on this ramp could be flying until 2070," she said. "That's why it's imperative to begin to get new tankers as soon as possible."

The Air Force is laying out the initial stages of tanker recapitalization which run through 2017, according to Col. Scott E. Wuesthoff, chief of the Air Force global mobility division at the Pentagon.

This recapitalization is critical because the average age of the service's KC-135 E-model tanker is more than 43 years old and getting older every day, he said. The KC-767s have greater range, carry a larger payload and more passengers, can be aerially refueled itself and can refuel any type of receiver aircraft with its boom or drogue.

"It is also capable of taking off at maximum gross weight from approximately 1,000 more runways around the world than the KC-135, allowing the war fighter numerous options and increased flexibility," he said.

"These Eisenhower-era aircraft are the oldest combat weapons system in the inventory and have been experiencing ever-increasing maintenance costs and serious corrosion problems, which equate to decreasing availability and less bang-for-the-buck," he explained.

"As the Air Force retires



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the 133 E-model KC-135s and brings on board the 100 KC-767s, the Air Force gains both capability and availability."

A new tanker requirements study and associated analysis of alternatives to determine the best options to recapitalize the remaining tankers are currently in the planning stages because the strategic environment has changed as a result of 9/11, post 9/11 operations, and our overall military strategy, Wuesthoff explained. All viable options will be considered during this analysis.

"Ensuring we have a robust air refueling force enables us to protect our homeland, conduct combat operations worldwide and provide humanitarian relief around the world," he said. "We're an aerospace nation, and our tankers allow us to do things no other nation in the world can do. They're an essential part of the overall global mobility equation."

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Heart of Georgia Mustang Car Club raises \$500 for Airmen's Attic

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Heart of Georgia Mustang Car Club members showed they had more than their share of heart when they raised \$500 for the Airmen's Attic - a military program that helps the junior enlisted meet basic household needs.

They raised the money by holding a car show May 17 in the Gold Cup Bowling Center parking lot on Russell Parkway. Nearly 30 participants, with Mustangs and other cars, vied for recognition among the best 25 cars in show.

Warner Robins Ford and Gold Cup Bowling Center sponsored the event by providing cash, token door prizes and plaques for the winners. Participants served as the show's judges, voting for their choice of the top 25.

Gary Ross, acting club president, said as a retired U.S. Air Force member, he and other club members with military backgrounds understand the valu-

able service Airmen's Attic provides for junior airmen.

"When I was in the military, I deployed a lot," he said. "A lot of military members supplement their income with part-time jobs, but when you're deployed, that option isn't there. Airmen's Attic really helps members get what they need."

What to know

The first 50 customers to come in to Airmen's Attic, at 795 Macon St., Building 945, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and mention they read this article will each receive a \$10 Wal-Mart gift certificate, funded through the Heart of Georgia Mustang Car Club car show proceeds. For more information, call 926-3453.

Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Jennings, program manager for the Air Force Reserve Headquarters' Professional Military Education division, and fellow car club member, agreed. "We're trying to help those who need it most," he said. "We've all been lower ranking airmen at one time, so we know the struggles they can sometimes have.

"We're just trying to help them out."

Diane Thielmann, Family Services coordinator, said money raised by the club would provide gift certificates to further assist airmen.

"I think it's great that people know

ranking airmen as possible."

Large items include most furniture, such as couches, armchairs, recliners, entertainment centers, desks, kitchen tables and chairs, and other items. Small items include small kitchen appliances, pots and pans, blankets, toys, curtains, and lamps.

Although the facility has a number of things airmen can pick up, if the items they're looking for aren't available, they can always stop by and fill out a 'wish list.'

"The 'wish list' is how we find out what airmen need,"

Thielemann said. "Sometimes, people donate items that are on an airman's wish list. If we know what the airman needs, we can connect them with the right people to make their wishes come true."

Thielemann said the Airmen's Attic welcomes donated household items that are clean and in working condition. Cash donations are also accepted.

Longmire said people should donate items because you never know when someone could use what you no longer need.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Gary Ross, member of the Heart of Georgia Mustang Club, stands beside his 1999 Steve Saleen and Tim Allen Mustang that was featured at the car show which raised money for the Airmen's Attic.

about all the good things we do for junior ranking airmen, and it's extraordinary that they want to help us further that," she said. "We're very appreciative of the support these guys have afforded us."

What to know

The Airmen's Attic will hold a drawing July 8, to give away three complete dish sets and one set of pots and pans. Airmen are not required to be present to win. For more information, contact Diane Thielemann at 926-3453 or come by the store at 795 Macon St., Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Defense.

“The reorganization process started when we stood up the new Maintenance Directorate, pulling maintenance activities out of various product directorates, and re-establishing a central maintenance organization,” he said. “The reorganization was generated from a depot maintenance review team process, led by the Air Staff and Air Force Materiel Command Logistics headquarters that looked at the Air Force’s overall approach to depot maintenance. It’s all a part of reframing how we manage the Air Force.”

August will mark the one year anniversary of the Maintenance Directorate standing up as a unified maintenance organization, and Jim Culpepper, director, said while there have been challenges along the way, the new approach to depot maintenance is going exceptionally well.

“Overall, production is improving and we’re performing at a higher standard than previously,” he said. “We do have some challenges ahead of us, as we seek to improve processes through Lean. We’re building a maintenance organization culture that provides quality production on time to customers through better integrated planning and utilization of resources. We’ve made good progress in the past year, but we have a long way to go.”

Although many reorganizations have occurred, the process of finalizing the resulting organizations is a lengthy one, said Falldine.

“This is an evolutionary process,” he said. “There is a lot going on, and we are in a constant state of change. Many of the re-organizations have been completed - some are provisional and some are already approved through AFMC.”

Within the past few months, Robins has witnessed other reorganizations with the provisional standing up of the new Engineering, Information Technology, Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance and Combat Electronic Systems directorates.

Even though provisional reorganizations aren’t final, many are operating in an official capacity, awaiting AFMC’s seal of approval, said Falldine.

While reorganization is underway at Robins, the impact of the new organizations emerging from the process is different from one to the next, said Falldine.

“The first set of reorganizations that took place was functionally-based, with the major emphasis being on how we

What to know

Fiscal year 2003 has seen many organizational changes at the Center. Two initiatives that have created new organizations include the Air Force Materiel Command directed air logistic center Transformation initiative and the Center commander directed product directorate consolidation initiative. While some of the organizations have been established as official offices, meaning that they have met Air Force regulations and formal requirements and have received final AFMC and Air Force approval, others are operating in a provisional capacity, meaning the new organizations will begin to realign jobs and personnel according to their proposed organizational charts and operate according to the new structure. These structures are subject to change upon approval process completion.

manage certain functional activities” he said. “The ones occurring now, and in the near future, focus on the capabilities we deliver to war fighters through the products and services we provide.”

Falldine said more reorganization is still to come at the Center, with the new Strategic Airlift Directorate, combining the C-5, C-17 and C-141, to stand up no later than early fall.

“I think we will continue to see things change,” he said. “Reorganization of our product directorates will be the last major piece, but there will be little things to happen along the way.”

Changes occurring through the reorganization process are characteristic of changes occurring throughout the Defense Department, said Falldine.

“There’s a fundamental change in how the Defense Department approaches waging war in the future,” he said. “We’re no longer a peacetime to wartime DoD. We’re a DoD that’s supporting conflict. Naturally, as you change the fundamental mission, you’re naturally going to change the way you’re organized to support that mission. It’s clearly helping Robins to address the future more effectively as changes continue to occur.”

As organizational structures continue to shift at Robins and office symbols change, some may find it difficult to locate certain personnel; but Falldine said the Global Address Directory remains a reliable resource.

Falldine said Robins is working to be the best provider of capability support for the war fighter.

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

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Concert, fireworks show set for July 3

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Central Georgians are invited to celebrate this year's Independence Day with fireworks, food and fun in Warner Robins.

The Band of the Air Force Reserve's 20th annual concert and fireworks show is scheduled for July 3 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium. Special guests will be the original members of the chart-topping group Restless Heart. With hits like, "I'll Still Be Loving You" and "The Bluest Eyes in Texas," Restless Heart dominated the country and adult contemporary music charts for a decade.

"We are very excited to have the chance to work with these guys," said Maj. Alan Clark, commander and conductor of the band. "This is one of the most talented groups we've had the pleasure of working with. Every member is an outstanding musician and performer in his own right."

Returning to host this year's show is Mary Therese of television station WMAZ along with Gerry Marshall of radio station WDEN.

"Central Georgia is in for a real

What to know

The Band of the Air Force Reserve's 20th annual concert and fireworks show is scheduled for July 3 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium. The stadium opens at 6 p.m., and the Houston County Honor Band, comprised of musicians from the county's four high schools, will perform at 7:15. The main show kicks off at 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Bags and containers are subject to search; alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

treat this July 3," said Mary Therese. "You can't get much bigger or better than Restless Heart. For years, these guys have performed some of the most popular songs to hit the charts, and now people from Central Georgia can experience some of their favorites along with some new tunes."

The annual Independence Day celebration in Warner Robins started in 1983 when band commander Maj. Ray Toler sat down with Chief Master Sgt. John Grove,

Tech. Sgt. Dave Ballengee and Master Sgt. Jack Revels and decided the area needed some way to celebrate the holiday. After getting together with the publisher of the local newspaper and various civic leaders, the group came up with the idea of a band concert.

That first concert attracted an audience of a few thousand people. Since then, it has grown into an event that features nationally known recording stars such as Restless Heart, Ricochet, Lari White and Crystal Gayle with audiences approaching 12,000.

"This may be the best Independence Day observance in the state," said Allen Tatman of the Warner Robins Civitan Club, one of the show's sponsors. "Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the talent of the Band of the Air Force Reserve, we have a tremendous celebration, featuring different guest artists and a fireworks display that gets better every year."

"I hope all of Central Georgia will come see for themselves how terrific Restless Heart is as well as the Band of the Air Force Reserve," Mary Therese said. "It's going to be a great time."



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

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The distinct buzz of machinery can be heard over the low tunes of small transistor radios and mini boom boxes. And although a few other small trinkets from home lie neatly at the employees' work stations, whirling machines and other high-tech equipment let you quickly know you're not in Kansas anymore - you've entered the Robins gyro repair section.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Kristen Parsons, co-op student at Middle Georgia Technical College, tests gyro components. "In school, learning from the textbook you can learn, but actually coming in here and working on an instrument makes it a lot clearer," she said.

Supporting the war fighter

"Supporting the war fighter is our main objective here," said Wade Hunnicutt, gyro repair section chief. "Contractors cannot support the war fighters as well as we do. We don't work for profit, we work to support the war fighter -- whatever it takes."

And what it takes is skill - and the technicians in the shop have plenty.

Hunnicutt said without gyros repaired by his section, aircraft don't fly. Without planes in the air, it's pretty hard to fight a war.

"We are not in the old school where all of the war is fought on the ground," he said. "The airplanes do most of the prep work for the war so the indicators, gyros and rate sensors we produce are all part of the support to the war fighter."

Maj. Gerry Hinderberger, a 19th Air Refueling Group pilot with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said taking care of the mission couldn't be accomplished without the support of the gyro shop and the rest of the Center.

"Every person in every shop is critical to performing our mission," he said. "Without one particular shop effectively performing their job, we can't effectively contribute to what's expected of us by the Air Force."

High standards

According to Barringer, each gyro is set according to its engineer's standard and when the work is complete, the gyro is run across what's called automatic test equipment, which simulates the motion of an aircraft.

"When the gyro is complete, the shop ships the items to supply, and supply installs the gyros when

needed," he said.

Ranging from a few inches to a few feet long, gyros are delicate and must be handled with great care.

"They are really small items to control such large aircraft," said Hunnicutt. "We have a lot of automatic test equipment that simulates the airplane before the item is ever sent out, so when it is put on the plane, it's a good item. Our workers are very quality conscious, and our customers are satisfied."

According to Hunnicutt some of the gyros are so delicate they must be tested in what is known as the 'clean room.'

In this room a sterile environment is used to ensure their quality. No more than 100,000 dust particles per square foot are allowed. A mask, boots and body suit must be worn to enter the room.

Gyro repair is very precise work, and a slip up could cost a pilot or crewmember their lives.

"You must pay attention to what you are doing," J.C. Harris, a gyro technician for four years, said. "I always keep in mind that the aircraft is going the wrong way if I don't do something right."

There are more than 100 different gyros in the gyro shop.

Surging ahead

Since July 2002, nearly 1,000 surge items have been produced causing the work force a lot of overtime. Hunnicutt said they have worked 7-day, 12-hour shifts to support the war efforts.

"Workload has been extremely high," said Barringer. "Our simple job is to support the war fighter,

and in return we get to go home and let them take care of the war."

In Barringer's shop alone, 411 surges have occurred along with the regular demand.

The needs of the customer are priority one.

"Whenever our customer surges their requirements, we step up to that challenge and usually over produce," said Hunnicutt.

The gyro repair section, which employs 120 technicians, produces gyros for the F-15, C-5, C-130, C-141, KC-135 and the B1 Bomber.

The 19th Air Refueling Group, which flies KC-135s, is one of the units that depends on the efforts of the gyro shop to perform its mission.

"The autopilot is a gyro," Hinderberger said. "If the autopilot isn't functional, we're limited to the number of hours we can operate. Without the autopilot, we have to manually fly the aircraft. That takes one person out of the thinking process, and ultimately affects the mission."

Kristin Parsons, co-op student at Middle Georgia Technical College, said the program, which allows students to go to school for six months and work for six months, really helps her.

"In school you can learn, but actually coming in here and working on an instrument makes it a lot clearer."

Hunnicutt said he is proud of the section and its success since the reorganization. The section was previously a part of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, but is now part of MAI, or Avionics.

"To us, supporting the war fighter is supporting our freedom, and that is what we do," he said.

MA sheet metal worker wins AFMC award

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When Greg Williams was recently called into his boss's office, he thought he had done something wrong - he was mistaken.

What the sheet metal mechanic in the commodities and industrial products division didn't realize was that he was about to be congratulated for winning the Outstanding Wage Grade Maintenance Member Award in the 2002 Air Force Materiel Command Depot Maintenance Management of the Year Award competition.

"When I was called in, I couldn't think of anything I had done," he said. "Then I was told that I had won this award."

Williams said he knows many people who are as deserving as he is for the award but he's happy to be recognized.

"I enjoy my job, and I like to stay busy," he said. "I also enjoy the people I work with. It's a good group of folks. I've worked with them so long I consider them family. It makes coming to work easy."

Nominated by Capt. Richard Frey, repair branch deputy chief, Williams' performance in the F-15 stabiliz-



Williams

What to know

The Outstanding Wage Grade Maintenance Member Award recognizes individual contributions made by depot maintenance members who implement depot maintenance tenants and make significant improvements to the depot maintenance process. Eligibility considerations include improvements in the overall depot maintenance process that advance communication and information flow, optimize processes, reduce overall depot maintenance cost or demonstrably improve depot maintenance support to the war fighter. The award was presented June 11 at the Depot Maintenance conference at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ill.

er shop and his efforts with Lean helped earn him the victory.

"I submitted Greg because he was performing at a level that far exceeded his current wage grade," said Frey. "He filled in as one of my first line supervisors and performed flawlessly. He managed a shop of over 30 people and constantly produced results."

According to Frey, those results included maintaining a high morale within the shop and still meeting or exceeding customer requirements.

"I wish I had 20 more people just like Greg Williams," said Frey.

As a sheet metal mechanic Williams is responsible for the repair of aircraft components.

"We inspect, disassemble, install and repair aircraft components," he said.

The shop is responsible for repair of horizontal stabilizers in support of Air Force units worldwide.

Williams said he attributes

his winning the award to his work with Lean.

"When I was first introduced to the process I was one of the nonbelievers," he said. "Now, I think it is the best thing that has happened since I've been here. I am a firm believer in it now."

Under his leadership, a plan to focus on meeting customer requirements was introduced. With it the standardization of work, organization of the workplace and the application of Lean management principles improved overall efficiency of the shop.

The stab shop is credited with a 78 percent reduction in flow days and a 58 percent reduction in work in process inventory and improved customer support. The nomination packet states efforts in the F-15 Stab shop resulted \$2.3 million in first-year savings.

"The Lean way of thinking really can make a difference for us and make the base as a whole better and more competitive against private contractors."

FMA chapter to present federal manager of the year awards, scholarship winners

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The Federal Managers' Association's Chapter 121 will honor winners of its Manager of the Year awards and scholarship recipients at a luncheon meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Robins Officers' Club ballroom.

Brig. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, Center vice commander, will present the awards.

FMA annually rewards three local graduating high school seniors with \$500 scholarships. One is given to a child of an FMA member, and two to the base community at large. Scholastic ability, leadership, extra curricular activities in the school and community, and career goals are the selection criteria.

To be eligible for the Manager of the Year awards, nominees must be civilian and military

federal managers, supervisors, or management officials at Robins. Nominees do not have to be members of FMA. Nominees must have made significant contributions during calendar year 2002 toward the achievement of one or more of the following:

(1) Increased efficiency and cost effectiveness within the federal work force (2) Increased productivity and improved quality through innovative management and leadership (3) Achieved greater return on the taxpayer's investment (4) Identified and eliminated fraud, waste and abuse, wherever found (5) Improved of the quality of the federal work force.

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

Robins' 2003 Health Fair brings wealth of information

By Holly J. Logan

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More than 1,000 people from Robins and the surrounding community participated in the Robins Air Force Base Health Fair, June 10 and 11 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

The annual event, sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center, has provided information addressing nearly every aspect of one's physical well being for the past 12 consecutive years, said Bridget Zimmerman, HAWC director.

"This is a great chance for our base workers to be able to have access to some different types of health screenings and get lots of information on helping agencies available in our community," she said. "Here, people can find out where to go when health issues arise."

This year's health fair brought people from more than 70 health related agencies and organizations, such as the Houston Medical Center, Corner Stone Medical, and a few newcomers.

J.C. Coefield, Houston County Chapter for the Council of the Blind president, said the fair has allowed his organization to reach people it might not have otherwise.

"With this being our first time at the health fair, it has been very successful for us," he said. "We've made a lot of contact with potential members and been able to provide people with information on what's available for the blind and visually impaired in Houston County."

Past participants, like Debbie Taylor, health benefits advisor for the TRI-CARE Service Center, said the event brings knowledge for the young and the old.

"One of the screenings available at this year's health fair was for bone density," she said. "This is not only for older people. You can start as early as 20, finding out what your target should be."

Taylor said attending the health fair has not only enhanced her personal health knowledge, but has also enabled her to gain a pool of resources for client referral.

The Health and Wellness Center offers people a place to turn for advice on nutrition, fitness and other health issues.

Team Robins' members and the community walked away with bags of brochures, screening results and handouts to help them on their way to a healthier lifestyle.

Carol Ervin, logistics management specialist in the F-15 System Program Office, said she has gained valuable feedback on the progress of her overall health.

"There are some things I need to work on - stay away from junk food - but overall, I'm on track," she said. "I got some information on my body mass index and bone density. There's a lot of good information here. I'd recommend anyone come to one of these health fairs."

While attending a health fair may not replace routine check-ups with a physician, Zimmerman said it's a great tool for prevention.

"You may go to a health fair and find out through one of the screenings that there's something wrong," she said. "Then you can go to your doctor for further evaluation. It's a great opportunity for health awareness."

What to know

The Health and Wellness Center offers information on nutrition, fitness, and other aspects of overall health. The HAWC is available to active duty, their dependents, military retirees, their dependents, and civil service personnel. The center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480 or go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/78MEDGP/aerospace/hawc/hawc.htm>



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Kela Evans checks out the Houston Medical Center table that offered information about a variety of health topics. She was one of many who attended the two-day health fair at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar last week.

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'The case of Private Christina' — my response

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11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — While sitting at my desk writing my daily article for the Freedom Watch, the local base newspaper, my co-worker casually turned to me and suggested that I type my name in the Yahoo search engine to see all of the articles I've written that have been posted on the Internet. Not thinking anything of it, I typed my name in and began to scroll down headlines of stories I've written since my deployment to Afghanistan. I was not prepared for what I found.

"Agape News Press — The case of Private Christina," read one of the sites on the page. Curiously, I clicked on it to see what had been printed about me. I received the shock of a lifetime. Cort Kirkwood, a journalist and editor of The Daily News Record in Harrisonburg, Va., had read an article about me run by the Department of Defense Web news site, Defend America, "A Mom's Mission" and had decided to rip it to shreds. He called me everything from basically an unfit mother for leaving my son to go off to war to a sell-out for enlisting in the Army for "30 pieces of silver," a.k.a., the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

As I read over the article, I realized this was not only an attack on my three year-old son and me, but on all mothers deployed in the service of their country. However, since Mr. Kirkwood believes he is the subject matter expert on the lives of women in the military he has never met or spoken to, I thought I would take the time to broaden his horizons using a few points he made in his article.

"Patriotism ain't the real reason Pfc. Christina signed up (for the Army). She enlisted for college benefits and to improve her family's lot in life ... she enlisted for 30 pieces of silver."

Before I joined the Army, my son and I were living in one of the worst sections in the New York City area, where getting your next drug fix took nothing more than walking across the street or knocking on the neighbor's

door. Working up to 60 hours a week was just barely paying the bills, and my two-year old son could have walked out the door at any time and been shot during a drive-by.

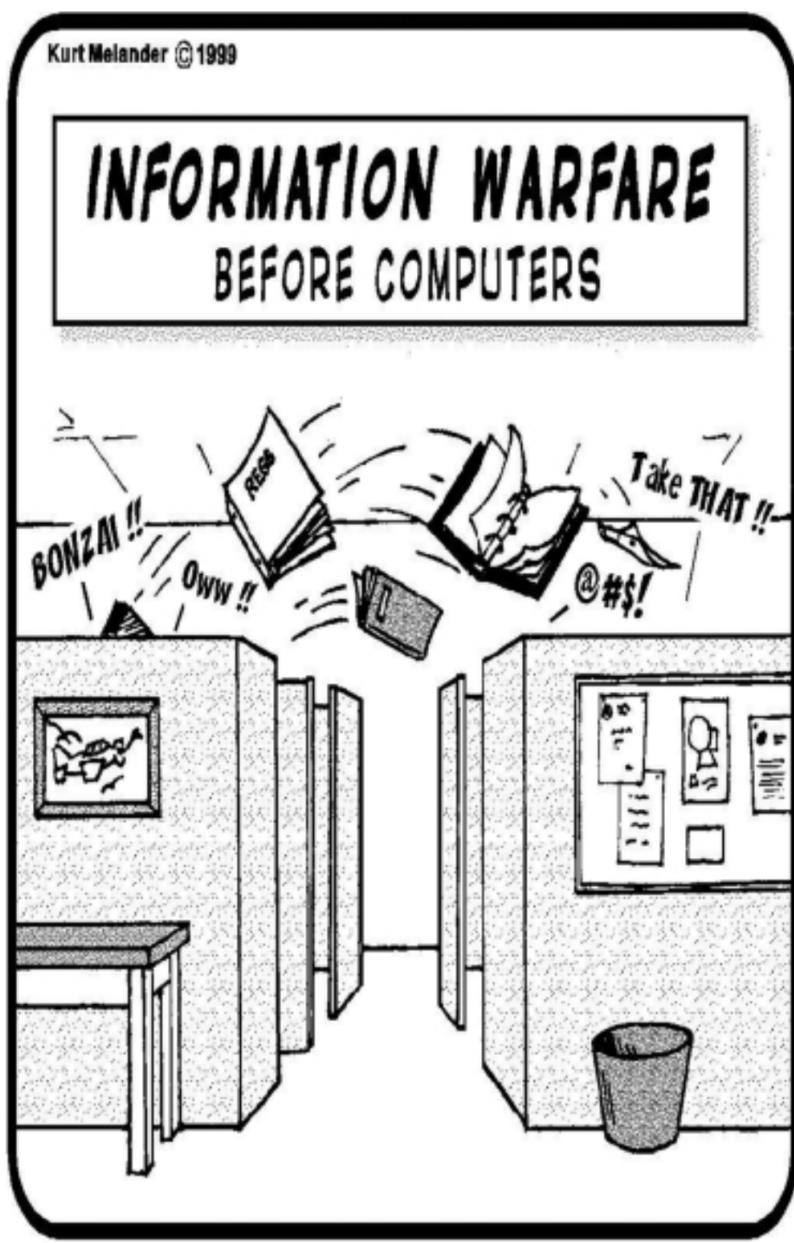
I suppose I could have taken the alternate route and applied for public assistance so upstanding citizens like Mr. Kirkwood could pay my bills for me, but I decided to get out of the rut I was in on my own and joined the service. Now my son lives in a neighborhood where you can hear a pin drop and lights are out by 9 p.m.

"Who are the military morons who think this is a good idea (to allow mothers to deploy overseas)?" When I came to this portion of the article, I could do nothing but sit back and laugh at the irony of his statement. The same "military morons" who give American women a chance to serve their country and provide for their families are the same who fight and die along side many of these women in today's combat operations. They are the ones who give journalists like Kirkwood the freedom of press and speech to write tasteless, unprofessional and uneducated "news articles" such as "The Case of Private Christina."

At least these mothers can return home with a sense of pride and accomplishment and be able to tell their children that they had a part in defending their country. What will Mr. Kirkwood be able to say other than he bashed the integrity and courage of these female troops during a time of war?

"Perhaps the would-be MacArthurs see nothing wrong with a mother dumping on her young son," was the final statement that stood out for me in the article.

Like many other deployed parents out here, I haven't seen my son in six months. However, I know my son is in a safe place with everything he needs. He will never be a child who has to wear second-hand clothing or the one stuck at home because I can't afford to send him on a class trip. That is the way things should be, and if I have to deploy in search of every Bin Laden and Hussein on the planet to keep it that way, then so be it.



Letter from fourth-grader highlights appreciation

By Col. Riley Porter
189th Airlift Wing commander

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — It's always special when something unexpectedly brightens your day.

It happened to me the other day when children from a local elementary school sent letters to the family support center to forward to our deployed Air Guard members.

One letter, written by fourth-grader Calie Barron, caught my attention. "Dear Soldier," the letter started.

Never mind that we're airmen. I'll let her slide because soldier is a term used to describe all service members except Marines.

"Thanks for being brave for us and going to Iraq and stop(ing) them for us," she wrote.

Calie, it is a brave and honorable thing we do. We volunteered to serve our country, and we are proud to defend upstanding citizens like you

who appreciate our service.

But it was her last sentence that stuck with me: "Another thing I want to thank you for is thanks for being there for us when we needed you the most."

Maybe this young girl is wise beyond her years. Perhaps she already understands you can't just create the world's greatest military overnight.

It takes years and years of training, honing the skills of each airman to the razor's edge. In the Guard, we hone those skills during every unit-training assembly weekend and during annual training each summer.

It is important that we put forth maximum effort every day. People like Calie are counting on us.

She concluded her letter with a simple, "Your friend, Calie Barron." I haven't met Ms. Calie, but I think she's the kind of person I'd like to call a friend, too. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Work climate impacts morale

By Col. Frank Bruno
C-5 system program director,
Warner Robins
Air Logistics Center

The decisions we make every day regarding personal interactions greatly affect morale in the work place and directly impacts productivity. Whose job is it to foster a positive work climate?



Bruno

I believe the responsibility to create a positive work climate belongs to everyone. Decisions such as the way we treat other drivers as we enter the gate; how we greet our fellow workers; how we interact with each other ... perhaps saying a simple "hello," "good morning," "how are you?" or "thank you" all impact the working environment.

Personal interactions can have a positive or negative impact on the work place. Think about it for a minute ... we spend more waking hours at work than we do at home, so why not make it a priority to create a more positive work environment?

Creating a positive work climate really boils down to taking the time to be courteous and respectful of one another despite busy schedules. People are our most important resource, so it only makes sense to nurture a work climate that taps the full potential of each and every person ... and ultimately the full potential of Team Robins.

Team Robins delivers world class products to our Air Force and nation, but we can be even better. Let's accept the responsibility to use our personal interactions as a powerful tool in improving morale, innovation and productivity.

Our individual contributions can make a huge difference and play a key role keeping Team Robins strong for years to come.

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://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.

Thanks to the troops manning the gates

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the troops at our gates for the outstanding job they are doing. I'm sure they hear from the folks who don't want to wait to show an ID card and think a few minutes is just too long to

be inconvenienced. However, in this day of potential violence and bombing from our hidden enemy, they are both needed and wanted. Both the active duty and guardsmen are extremely professional and polite. It's not the most rewarding job standing out in the heat and rain, but they do it anyway, and do it well.

Col. Smoot replies: I can't agree with you more. The

sacrifices that our Security Forces, to include the soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard, are making both here and around the world are above and beyond. Coming in contact with literally thousands of people each day requires professionalism and patience. I applaud your consideration for the important role they play in our safety and security and thank you for acknowledging a job well done.



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WARRIOR DAY

Team Robins Plus flexes its collective muscle

THE SCENARIO

Two passengers in a truck with a sprayer on the back tried to infiltrate the base. When they were caught at the Green Street gate, they activated the sprayer, which was filled with a deadly gas, and crashed. At the same time, a driver leaving the base was incapacitated by the gas, crashed and was killed on the other side of Ga. Highway 247. On-and-off-base emergency response units responded to the scene. Ga. Highway 247 was closed from Watson Boulevard to Ignico Street.

By Lanorris Askew
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Since terrorism doesn't wait for bright sunny days, neither did Team Robins Plus when it teamed with local and federal emergency agencies for a five-hour weapons of mass destruction exercise here Wednesday.

Col. William Saunders, Center inspector general, called the agencies' coordinated efforts "warrior day."

"This is a major event for us, and I could not be more pleased with the coordination between the agencies involved," he said. "I consider this to be a warrior day for Team Robins Plus because in this exercise scenario, the base has been attacked and our first responders are defending the base and protecting lives while senior leadership provides strategic direction, coordination, command and control.



Saunders

This was a serious incident for Team Robins Plus."

Robins is concerned about its people - that's the bottom line, Saunders said.

"What we wanted to do today was observe processes," he said. "The only way to do that is to practice, to train and to be evaluated."

The scenario called on Team Robins to respond to a chemical agent attack. The exercise included Georgia, Houston County and Federal Emergency Management Agencies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Robins Office of Special Investigation and local and base law enforcement and emergency responders.

Saunders said this exercise was different from those in the past in that it was the very first time the base has executed a weapons of mass destruction drill.

"We've taken the training from the classroom discussion phase, and we have put it to practice," he said.

Vickie Thompson, GEMA area 4-field coordinator, said GEMA's role in a scenario like the one played out Wednesday would be to support local government agencies.

"The local EMA director in Houston County would contact us, and we would support them in whatever mission was assigned to them," she said. "We are here to support both entities in whatever way we can."

Kevin Bartow, of the Robins Fire Department, said for a first-time effort, he is rather pleased with the results of the exercise.

"We obviously have things we need to work on and some improvements we need to make, but all in all, it went fairly smoothly and about how I anticipated it," he said.

Bartow said the value of this training is that people are getting together on how the Center interacts with different agencies, and all the people who participate when an emergency arises.

"It got kind of interesting a few times today," he said. "But I think we learned a lot of valuable lessons."

According to Bartow, Robins is part of the Joint Service Installation Pilot Program, which is developing many concepts of operation that will be used across the Air Force to help bases defend and recover after weapons of mass destruction incidents.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, firemen wear decontamination suits to assess the situation at the Green Street Gate, and to figure out what chemical agent was released. Clockwise: Below left, a Security Forces member dons a gas mask. Below right, medical personnel attend to decontaminated victims as Col. Karl Lee, 78th Medical Group, evaluates their procedures. Below left, Robins Fire Department members hose down victims.



JSIPP provides lessons learned from real world events and exercises to develop contingency plans for bases across the Air Force.

Airman 1st Class Sean Barnette, fire department staging crew, said he's convinced that real world situations would have good results.

"I feel confident in myself and in my team that with our training we would have saved lives," he said. "We all came together, we all knew our roles and we were very successful."

Saunders said while an incident such as the one exercised Wednesday could take weeks to completely investigate and bring to closure, in an exercise you do it all in a few of hours.

"Our job is to make observations and put the observations into a detailed report," he said. "It's a proven fact that the more you practice, the better you do."

The next step is to do a hot wash, where exercise evaluation team members discuss what was done right, what was done wrong and lessons learned.

A report is then presented to the Center commander and the 78th Air Base Wing commander and passed on to other bases in Air Force Materiel Command for their information.

"This passing along of information will help the Air Force community continue to improve our responsiveness to WMD incidents and accomplish the goal of taking care of our people and minimizing disruption to our way of life," he said. "Team Robins Plus did an outstanding job on Wednesday, and they should be proud."



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.

■ 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 at 926-9760.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Anthony Viscomi, OL DET 3, WR-ALC/AFTLA. Point of contact is David Fisher at DSN 785-2946.

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. Submissions run for two weeks.

STREAMING VIDEO

FULL STREAM AHEAD*

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

- Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group return home from Operation Iraqi Freedom
- The 19th ARG holds its annual summer Safety Day picnic at Lake Tobesofkee

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

ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

Friday — 8 p.m.

Sunday — 1:30 p.m.

Monday — Noon

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. 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.

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. — **Identity** — John Cusack, Amanda Peet

During an unrelenting rainstorm, with all roads washed out and all forms of communication dead at an isolated motel in rural Nevada, a group of people become stranded. Soon the waterlogged lodgers start dying in mysterious — and brutal — ways, and the increasingly dwindling number of survivors must discover the killer to prevent their own demises.

Rated R (strong violence and language) 90 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. — **X2: X-Men United** — Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman

The X-Men have opponents new and old to face this time around. Magneto is back, but there is also a threat to Professor Xavier's school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko who has it in for Wolverine. Rated PG-13 (sci-fi action/violence, some sexuality and brief language) 134 minutes



Bingo!



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

In celebration of May Fitness Month, Fitness Center patrons had a chance to win a Life Fitness LC9500HR exercise bike by playing Fitness Bingo. From left to right are Master Sgt. Hutchins, Meagan Hutchins, Tech. Sgt. Nicole Williams, noncommissioned officer in charge, Mindy Hutchins, exercise bike winner, Lt. Belinda Sherwood, Fitness Center director, John Floyd Jr., Services Director, Roger Branner, flight chief. Some of the center's amenities and activities include free weights, 5K running trail, sauna and steam rooms, strength training equipment, tennis, racquetball and basketball courts. There will be an Independence Day 5K Fun Run July 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

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

The FSC has video-telephone capability to many installations around the world. Call 926-1256 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.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

The spouse's connection

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program offers The Spouse's Connection, Wednesday, 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 FSC 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.

Center closed

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

Sponsorship training

The FSC's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors July 8, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC Annex.

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?" On Aug. 6, James G. Martin, Exercise Physiologist, will speak on "Starting an Exercise Program." 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 Lennox Lewis vs. Vitali Klitschko boxing match will be shown

Saturday at 9 p.m. Members cost is \$5 and nonmembers are \$10.

■ Register at J.R. Rockers for a chance to win NASCAR collectors' items at drawings Saturday and July 22.

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, Anheuser-Busch (Sea World, Busch Gardens, Sesame Place Parks), Atlanta Braves, Hard Rock Café and Six Flags are offering specials for military members and their families, including free passes and discounts. For information and details, call or visit ITT.

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 the Library, Building 905 or call 327-7380.

Officers' Club 926-2670

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.

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 "special" military appreciation night is scheduled for Wednesday 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.

Golf Course

926-4103

■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.

■The Air Force Reserve Command will host a fund raising golf tournament July 18, at the Landing Golf Club. Format is 4-person scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$45 per person, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and two beverage tickets. Lunch will be served at noon. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund the annual AFRC Family Day event. For more information, or to sign up, contact Master Sgt. Jeff Swartwood at 327-2184.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

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.

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Home on the range



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Aspiring golfers practice their swings at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Thursday. Assistant golf pro Dave Semmel led two junior golf clinics for about 72 kids earlier this month. The long-awaited greens project is underway at the golf course. Improvements include 20 new and larger USGA greens, Tift-Eagle grass and new green-side bunkers and surrounds. As a result, starting today breakfast will no longer be served, but free coffee and prepackaged items for purchase will be available. Below, Travis Young, 10, practices his swing.



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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

A standup Officers' Hail and Farewell will be conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Center commander, today 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 Air Force Cadet Officer Mentoring Program monthly meeting will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officer's Club Daedallion Room. All officers encouraged to attend.

Warner Robins and Macon 2004 phone books can be picked up at Building 270, Monday and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Anyone in the Squadron can pickup the books.

The Staff Judge Advocate and Legal Assistance offices will be closed for training Tuesday. Normal business hours will resume Wednesday.

The 78th Medical Group will close at noon Wednesday for an official function. All ancillary services, including pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, will be closed. Normal services will resume Thursday. 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 quarterly 78th Medical Group Healthcare Consumer's Advisory Council Meeting, hosted by Col. George P. Johnson, 78th Medical Group Commander, will be July 17 at the Smith Community Center Ballroom at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum, which will provide information about current medical processes and future endeavors. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Tina Reid at 327-8016.

The Company Grade Officer Association golf tournament will be held at Houston Lake Country Club

July 21. Lunch and registration will be at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. There will be prizes for first, second and third place and prizes for closest to the pin and the longest drive. The entry fee is \$45, which includes lunch, range balls, cart, associated fees and beverages. Registration deadline is July 11. To register or for more information, call Lt. Snyder at 926-9425, Lt. Ward at 926-1195, or Lt. Simons at 926-3292.

The Officers' Spouses Club luncheons will resume in August. For more information, 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.

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.

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Vacation Bible School



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"Son Harvest" was the theme for the base chapel's 2003 Vacation Bible School, held June 9 to 13 at Robins Elementary School. Above, prekindergarteners sing "Full Up to the Top with Joy." Below left, participants make fruit out of felt pieces. Below right, Lauren Brown plants a flower in a flower pot she painted. About 134 children participated in the chapel's program.



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