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### NEWS

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## Air Force ends Stop-Loss

By the Secretary of the Air Force

Directorate of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON - The last of the airmen whose retirement or separation was delayed by Stop-Loss for Operation Iraqi Freedom were released Monday and will be eligible to leave the service July 31.

Air Force officials authorized Stop-Loss for 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties in early March to meet national security objectives, specifically the war in Iraq. More than half of the specialties — 31 officer and 20 enlisted — were released from the program May 14.

Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, said the program's success, meaning victory in the war, led directly to its conclusion.

"Because we were able to retain these Air Force members and their expertise to contribute to the major combat phase of the war, we were able to complete that part of the mission as planned and may now allow these American heroes to move on with their lives," he said.

The Stop-Loss release applies to all active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard people in all enlisted grades and officers in the grade of colonel and below; however, deployed airmen must remain in place for the duration of their deployment, he added.

Military personnel flight officials will contact people who had a previously approved or suspended retirement or separation to review their options and establish a new departure date. Released airmen will be allowed up to five months transition time.

# Striking results

## What to know when lightning crashes

By Lanorris Askew

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Rolling thunder may shake the foundation of your home or office, but lightning, thunder's partner in crime is the one to watch out for — just ask Tech. Sgt. Danny Albert.

During the afternoon of June 12, as Albert stood just outside his garage, he saw firsthand the power of nature when a lightning bolt struck a pine tree 20 feet away.

"I saw the flash, but really didn't hear anything because my ears were blown out," he said. "It made me realize just how fragile life is, and that it could have ended in the blink of an eye."

Albert said not only did he realize the fragility of life, but his eyes were also opened to the power of Mother Nature and how important it is to be aware of favorable lightning conditions.

Hindsight is said to be 20/20 and when bad weather strikes, lessons are often learned too late. When the ringing in Albert's ears stopped after about an hour, he had learned that

lightning is a formidable force. As he watched his smoldering tree, he knew that it was one he should always be aware of.

Albert has had his lesson, but to educate the rest of the public on the results of severe weather, the nation is currently participating in National Lightning Safety Awareness Week.

Famed author Mark Twain once said 'thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is lightning that does the work,' and National Weather Service data backs that up.

The NWS reports that each year about 400 people in the United States are struck by lightning. About 80 of those are killed and several hundred more are left to cope with permanent disabilities.

Due to those statistics, Robins wants to inform and protect its people by reminding them of what to do when lightning threatens.

David Decker, Robins safety specialist, said it's important for the Robins community to be ready for dangerous weather, and Robins' Disaster Preparedness information is a great source on what to do.

U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

"It is important to learn and follow disaster preparedness procedures for the protection of yourself and your family," said Decker. "You never know when lightning will strike and when it does, you probably won't have time to read a manual." We all need to respect lightning and other forces of nature, said Decker. They are a lot more powerful than we are."

According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory Web site, [www.nssl.noaa.gov/researchitems/lightning.shtml](http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/researchitems/lightning.shtml), lightning is the most dangerous and frequently encountered weather hazard that most people experience each year. It is the second most frequent killer in the United States. Floods and flash floods are the number one cause of weather-related deaths in the United States.

Though anyone is susceptible to lightning strikes, those who indulge in the sport of golf must take extra precautions.

John Anderson, Pine Oaks golf director, said the golf course is a

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# Lean event draws crowd

■ Symposium participants learn, share about process

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More than 400 people attended this year's Lean Symposium at the Museum of Aviation June 18 and 19, to learn how Lean is reshaping war fighter support worldwide.

The two-day conference was hosted by the 21st Century Partnership, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee.

The 20 guest speakers featured at the event included Gen. Paul Kern, Commander of U.S. Army Materiel Command and Rear Admiral Walter Massenburt, Assistant Commander, U.S. Navy Aviation Depots, in addition to senior leaders from Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Rockwell Collins, Northrup Grumman, ESSI, Delta Airlines and numerous others. Each shared their Lean success stories.

Michael DaPrile, executive vice president of Toyota South West Manufacturing Inc., one of the first in private industry to implement Lean concepts, described Lean as a common sense approach to doing business.

"Lean is about getting rid of waste and eliminating unnecessary processes," he said. "It's about using what you need when you need it, to avoid hidden work. Lean is about controlling your own destiny. Be part of your company because you are your company."

Debra Walker, deputy director of logistics at Air Force Materiel Command and one of the symposium's

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# White Knights shine with 11th Air Force award

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There are many ingredients that go into the 653rd Combat Logistics Squadron's 11 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, but according to Lt. Col. Stacy Boudreaux, the key elements are its programs, processes and people.

Dating back to 1980, the unit has garnered this high honor nearly a dozen times and each extends the unit's long list of achievements.

"This unit has a history of exceptional performance," said Boudreaux. "This is not

## What to know

The mission of the 653rd CLSS is to provide highly trained, worldwide deployable teams to accomplish aircraft battle damage repairs and augment supply and surface freight management operations.

a first, but still is a great honor."

The 653rd CLSS commander said the outstanding

unit award is not a competitive award, but a decoration for the unit in recognition of exceptional meritorious service.

"This is an ongoing mark of the commitment and dedication of the people that is long standing," he said. "People here embrace the Air Force core values, especially excellence in all we do. That commitment and the performance they exhibit day in and day out is not only a source of pride, but is embodied by this decoration."

The White Knights' suc-

cess in their most recent win can be attributed to their global aircraft repairs and supply and transportation efforts throughout 2002.

During Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom the performance of the unit has been second to none, and according to Boudreaux, it's all in a day's work.

Some of the CLSS's accomplishments for 2002 included the deployment of 56 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair or rapid area distribution personnel to support the war fighter on missions



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Perine assesses the simulated damage of a piercing projectile on an F-15 used for training.

ranging from warehousing in an austere environment and supporting the U2 operation

to helicopter recovery at

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Kandahar International Airport.

Boudreaux said helping to deliver two million tons of humanitarian rations was also a high point. C-17 support is another gold star for the unit. The ABDR team performed depot level repair on C-17 aircraft under field conditions at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

They also helped Air Guard units at Moffett Federal Field, Calif., and Stratton, N.Y., eliminate isochronal

inspection backlog, correcting more than 500 discrepancies at each site.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Schmoll, aircraft maintenance superintendent at Moffett, said the members of the 653rd were professional, experienced, enthusiastic, hardworking and well trained.

"We have nothing but praise for those who deployed to Moffett to help us through a very labor intensive conversion," he said. "From the front office staff to those who turned wrenches, everyone was professional beyond reproach. They are truly worthy of the Air Force

Outstanding Unit Award."

Boudreaux said as a unit, their accomplishments are many, but they don't think much about it when they are doing the work.

"It's what we do," he said. "We dispatch people as needs arise, and they rise to the level of achievement that tends to be extraordinary."

One extraordinary achievement was when the unit made history as the first to score 100 percent compliance rating during the 2002 Maintenance and Standardization



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Evaluation Program inspection.

In addition to the work they do on the clock, the unit collectively logged more than 6,000 hours of volunteer work and mentoring support to the local community," said Boudreaux.

"People give from the heart. They make the time to go out and do what needs to be done. We are a part of the community."

Boudreaux said it's great being the leader of a great organization, and it makes his job easy having exception-

al people work for him.

"It's leadership through the ranks that keeps people inspired," he said.

When asked what lies ahead for the unit, he said repeating past performances. "Every task they undertake they do so with the same commitment," he said. What lies ahead is to keep on doing what we have been doing. Remaining consistent."

Boudreaux will be leaving the 653rd in July, but said his has been a great job. "This has been a great ride and a true labor of love," he said.

## LIGHTNING

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safer place during severe weather due to the installation of a new system called Thorguard. The system warns golfers and others in close proximity of lightning in the area by emitting a continuous alert when lightning strikes are spotted.

"If there is one lightning strike within three miles or two strikes within five miles the alert is sounded," he said. "The system is set up so that those at the pool and baseball field can also hear the alerts."

He said after 15 minutes, if there are no more strikes, an all clear is sounded.

Anderson said the alert has sounded many times since it was installed last year, and its mission is being accomplished.

"It protects our staff, allows for a quicker response time and overall is better for the customer out there," he said.

Before Thorguard's installation, a golf course employee would have to go out and let everyone know they had to clear the course.

### Lightning Q & A

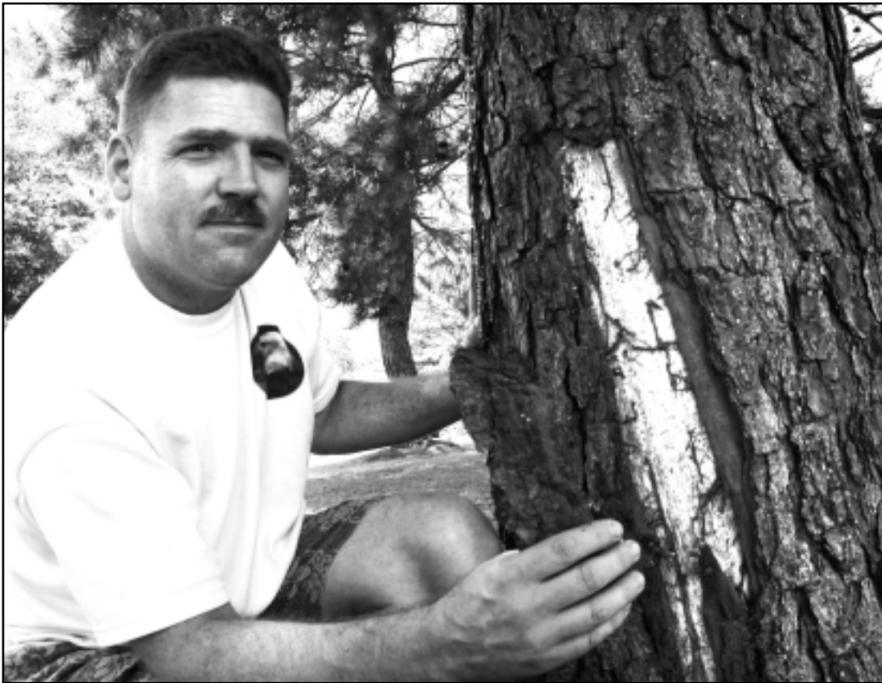
#### Q: What causes lightning?

**A:** Lightning originates around 15,000 to 25,000 feet above sea level when raindrops are carried upward until some of them convert to ice.

For reasons that are not widely agreed upon, a cloud-to-ground lightning flash originates in this mixed water and ice region. The charge then moves downward in 50-yard sections called step leaders. It keeps moving toward the ground in these steps and produces a channel along which charge is deposited.

Eventually, it encounters something on the ground that is a good connection. The circuit is complete at that time, and the charge is lowered from cloud to ground. The return stroke is a flow of charge (current), which produces luminosity much brighter than the part that came down. This entire event usually takes less than half a second.

#### Q: Where does lightning



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Danny Albert kneels beside the pine tree that was struck by a lightning bolt. He was standing just outside his garage 20 feet away from the tree. "It made me realize just how fragile life is, and that it could have ended in the blink of an eye."

#### usually strike?

**A:** Lightning comes from a parent cumulonimbus cloud. These thunderstorm clouds are formed wherever there is enough upward motion, instability in the vertical, and moisture to produce a deep cloud that reaches up to levels somewhat colder than freezing.

These conditions are most often met in summer. In general, the U.S. mainland has a decreasing amount of lightning toward the northwest.

Throughout the year, the highest frequency of cloud-to-ground lightning is in Florida between Tampa and Orlando.

This is due to the presence, on many days during the year, of a large moisture content in the atmosphere at low levels (below 5,000 feet), as well as high surface temperatures that produce strong sea breezes along the Florida coasts.

The western mountains of the U.S. also produce strong upward motions and contribute to frequent cloud-to-ground lightning.

There are also high frequencies along the Gulf of Mexico coast westward to Texas, the Atlantic coast in the southeast U.S., and inland from the gulf. Regions along the Pacific west coast have the least

cloud-to-ground lightning.

Flashes that do not strike the surface are called cloud flashes. They may be inside a cloud, travel from one part of a cloud to another, or from cloud to air.

#### Q: What types of damage can lightning cause?

**A:** Cloud-to-ground lightning can kill or injure people by direct or indirect means. The lightning current can branch off to a person from a tree, fence, pole, or other tall object.

It is not known if all people are killed who are directly struck by the flash itself. In addition, flashes may conduct their current through the ground to a person after the flash strikes a nearby tree, antenna, or other tall object. The current also may travel through power or telephone lines, or plumbing pipes to a person who is in contact with an electric appliance, telephone, or plumbing fixture.

Similarly, objects can be directly struck and this impact may result in an explosion, burn, or total destruction. Or, the damage may be indirect when the current passes through or near it. Sometimes, current may enter a building and transfer through wires or plumbing and damage everything in its path. Similarly, in urban

areas, it may strike a pole or tree and the current then travels to several nearby houses and other structures and enter them through wiring or plumbing.

How to stay safe when lightning is around: use the 30-30 Rule.

The best defense is to plan ahead and avoid exposure to lightning when a thunderstorm occurs.

Know where safe shelter is located and leave enough time to reach safe shelter before your danger level is high. Don't be an isolated tall object, and don't be connected to anything that may be an isolated tall object.

NSSL's scientists and collaborators did a study to find out how close is too close. They found that 80 percent of the next lightning strikes in a storm are within 2 to 3 miles of each other in Florida, but as far as 6 miles from each other in Oklahoma.

Use the 'flash-to-bang' method to find the distance to lightning. Safe shelter must be reached by the time a flash is within 30 seconds flash-to-bang. In most cases, then, when you can hear thunder you are no longer safe.

## National Weather Service Safety Rules

☞ Postpone outdoor activities promptly. Don't wait for rain. Many people take shelter from the rain, but most people struck by lightning are not in the rain! Go quickly inside a completely enclosed building, not a carport, open garage or covered patio. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle. A cave is a good option outside but move as far as possible from the cave entrance.

☞ Be the lowest point. Lightning hits the tallest object. In the mountains if you are above tree line, you ARE the highest object around. Quickly get below tree line and get into a grove of small trees. Don't be the second tallest object during a lightning storm. Crouch down if you are in an exposed area.

☞ Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning, or increasing wind, which may be signs of an approaching thunderstorm.

☞ Listen for the sound of thunder. If you can hear thunder, go to a safe shelter immediately.

☞ If you see or hear a thunderstorm coming or your hair stands on end, immediately suspend your game or practice and instruct everyone to go inside a sturdy building or car. Sturdy buildings are the safest place to be. Avoid sheds, picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, and bleachers.

☞ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio. Coaches and other leaders should listen for a tone-alert feature during practice sessions and games.

☞ If you can't get to a shelter, stay away from trees. If there is no shelter, crouch in the open, keeping twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.

☞ Avoid leaning against vehicles. Get off bicycles and motorcycles.

☞ Get out of the water. It's a great conductor of electricity. Stay off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, crouch down in the center of the boat away from metal hardware. Swimming, wading, snorkeling and scuba diving are not safe. Lightning can strike the water and travel some distance beneath and away from its point of contact. Don't stand in puddles of water, even if wearing rubber boots.

☞ Avoid metal. Drop metal backpacks, stay away from clotheslines, fences, exposed sheds and electrically conductive elevated objects. Don't hold on to metal items such as golf clubs, fishing rods, tennis rackets or tools. Large metal objects can conduct lightning. Small metal objects can cause burns.

☞ Move away from a group of people. Stay several yards away from other people. Don't share a bleacher bench or huddle in a group.

### What to know

The action of rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separates positive and negative charges. Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas. Most lightning occurs within a cloud or between the cloud and ground. The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit instantly. The rapid heating and cooling of air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.

Disaster Preparedness information, which includes weather terms and protective actions to take during severe weather is available via the Robins Web site by clicking online publications.

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## LEAN

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keynote speakers, addressed the importance of Lean now and in the future.

"Symposiums like this are a win-win for both government and industry, by allowing people to learn from one another," she said. "After attending this symposium, it's apparent that everyone understands that people and the communication with those people are the most critical components for Lean success."

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, agreed.

"Some folks are essentially here just shopping trying to see if Lean really would apply to their particular requirements or particular business," he said. "Others are very mature, and have been in it much longer than we have at Robins. And so what you see is a wide cross section here, and it really creates an environment where (the sharing of information) really flourishes.

"We can really learn from each other," he added, "public sector, private sector - it really has been a good event for that reason."

Bobby Harnage, American Federation of Government Employees national president, said the symposium was a heartening experience.

It has been a very positive meeting," he said. "I've been very impressed with the (Lean) program; that's why I came down. I've seen where (Lean) is cost-saving and efficiency-building. (It creates) a safer, more environmentally friendly workplace and, it's saving the taxpayers a lot of money."

Harnage also compared Lean to the partnering programs of the early '90s.

"We had partnerships going between the union and management at the workplace to get the employees involved," he said. "What I've said is, 'if you work with your employee representative, you build trust. If you work with your employees, you build the product. Lean doesn't seem to be any attempt to replace the employee's representative. It looks like its designed to work with the employees. Get the employees involved and they'll tell you how to improve the product, improve the efficiency and cut the cost, and do a better job."

Walker, who started the first Lean shop at Robins two years ago before moving on to AFMC, compared the Lean process commitment to that of a marriage.

"Both parties have to work at it every day," she said. "There are more than two people in this relationship, however. You have key leadership, union personnel, our suppliers and the people who have to make it work. It takes loyalty, honesty and communication on the part of these individuals every day to make Lean a success."

Dick McCoy, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who oversaw avionics production at Robins nearly a decade ago, chaired the symposium committee that organized the event.

"The purpose of the symposium was to expose as many people as we could to Lean principles and concepts, and let everyone know that WR-ALC is becoming the Lean center of excellence for the DOD," he said.

For those who once thought of Lean as a temporary phase, the symposium brought a new perspective.

"It's helped me clarify what Lean is," said Amanda Bickley, maintenance production specialist in avionics management at Robins. "Hearing the speakers has given me the new perspective that this is a quality pro-

gram that is here to stay."

Walker said although great improvements have been made through Lean, the process of improving the war fighter's support is ongoing.

"We've certainly made all the right steps on the right road, but we have so much more to do," she said. "We must continuously transform our business processes to make sure we provide affordable products to the war fighter at the right place, at the right time."

*Editor's note: Roland Leach contributed to this article.*



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

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# Restless Heart to perform Thursday

■ Band of the Air Force Reserve to host annual Fourth of July concert

By Capt. Anita Pavey

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

The Band of the Air Force Reserve has shared the stage with a lot of famous recording artists - Celine Dion, Vince Gill and Amy Grant are but a few.

And this year will be no different as the band shares the stage with the original members of the chart-topping group Restless Heart for this year's 20th annual Independence Day Concert, Thursday.

With hits like "I'll Still Be Loving You," and "Why Does it Have to Be (Wrong or Right)," the group dominated the charts for more than a decade. Known for its distinctive five-part harmony, Restless Heart sold almost 5 million albums on the RCA label, and was the first band in history to have four No. 1 hit songs on the same album.

Nominated for a dozen Grammy, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards during its 10-year history, Restless Heart scored three gold-selling albums, which produced seven No. 1 singles in a row.

Restless Heart was the ACM Vocal Group of the Year in 1990.

"What a wonderful opportunity it is to get to give something back to those responsible for so many of the freedoms we as Americans enjoy today," said Paul Gregg, bass guitar player for the group.

Pianist David Innis feels the same way. "I am proud I was invited with Restless Heart to entertain our troops. It is gratifying for me to give something back to my country," he said.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Restless Heart is putting finishing touches on an anniversary CD.

"The songs we're writing are about real people," said Larry Stewart, lead singer. "I try to write songs that bring a little hope to hard-working Americans."

And hope is exactly what one of their songs brought to an Air Force couple. Senior Airman David Snider and his bride Candace danced to Restless Heart's "I'll Still Be Loving You" on their wedding day June 30, 2001. After enduring David's bout with thyroid cancer and a first anniversary spent apart while he served in Kuwait, the Sniders



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Sean Houlihan

Drummer John Dittrich of the chart-topping country group Restless Heart entertains troops in Europe as part of Operation Seasons Greetings with the Band of the Air Force Reserve. The group will be featured at the Independence Day Concert, Thursday, at McConnell-Talbert stadium.

met members of Restless Heart and celebrated that "first dance" all over again at a concert at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in November where the band was part of the United Service

Organizations and Air Force Reserve Command-sponsored Operation Seasons Greetings tour of Europe.

"I wanted to be as normal as possible and carry on a conversation with them," said David. "I had a hard time thinking of what to say, but they made us feel

comfortable, and it was great being able to meet them-it made our decade."

Stewart was happy to oblige.

"The Sniders are a very special couple that has gone through a lot of hardship early on in their lives," he said. "Restless Heart is truly humbled by the opportunity to be able to give back something to them in the form of a song and a dance. These are the moments that make this tour so special."

The band will also perform its newest patriotic song, "The Torch of Freedom," written by Gregg, Innis, and guitarist Greg Jennings. The group debuted the song during Operation Seasons Greetings.

"The inspiration for 'The Torch of Freedom,' came from a profound respect for the patriots in America's past," said Innis. "We wanted to let our servicemen and women know how important they

are to us, and that we won't forget."

The enthusiasm for the song caught Restless Heart by surprise.

"We've had audiences cheer for us our entire career, but never had them explode in response to a song like they have been doing for 'Torch,'" said Gregg. American Forces Radio and Soldiers Radio are currently playing it on radio stations worldwide.

"This is something very personal to me," said Gregg. "This is something I could do to serve my country. I want my children to grow up in a world that will stand united for freedom."

Another OSG veteran will return to host this year's Independence Day Concert. Mary Therese of television station WMAZ will share the stage with Gerry Marshall of radio station WDEN.

"Working with Restless Heart at our military bases in Europe last November tops my list of memorable moments," said Mary Therese. "Everyone knows their music, and these guys give the audience all they've got. They are truly some of the nicest artists I've ever worked with."

Also performing on the show is the Houston County Honor Band. McConnell-Talbert stadium will open at 6 p.m., with the honor band beginning at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Band of the Air Force Reserve with Restless Heart at 8. The performances will be followed by fireworks.

*Editor's note: Tech. Sgt. Sean Houlihan contributed to this story.*

## What to know

The Independence Day concert, featuring Restless Heart, is Thursday at McConnell-Talbert stadium. Gates open at 6 p.m.

## MASTER SERGEANT SELECTEES

### Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Burton, Lamont C. Jr.  
Johnson, Angela K.  
Kane, Ann M.

### 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Atkins, Keith F.  
Austin, Gregory S.  
Brown, Randy A.  
Devlin, Andrew  
Ferrara, John P.  
Flake, Phillip T.  
Gilmore, Rodney A.  
Hendricks, Gregory  
Jackson, Lester E.  
Jacobs, Michael J.  
Lee, Michael R.  
Matos, Luis A. Jr.  
Milteer, Byron L.  
Roberts, James T.  
Rundell, Trent A.  
Sondgeroth, Brian L.  
Waldo, Michael J.

### 78th Mission Support Group

Guyton, Douglas E.  
Royster, Sharon A.

### 78th Mission Support Squadron

Bynum, Gerald G.  
Gates, Darryl L.

### 78th Communications Squadron

Wade, Jeffrey  
Burks, Eric C.  
Fleck, Thomas P.  
Guzzardo, Albert J.  
James, Marcus O.

### 78th Security Forces Squadron

Burlingame, Scott E.  
Carodine, Michelle  
Dorego, Carlos A.

### 78th Operations Support Squadron

Crain, Ronald T. Jr.

### 778th Civil Engineer Squadron

Treas, Kevin R.

### 78th Civil Engineer



### Squadron

Bowers, Brian S.  
Drew, Johnny  
Kibler, Steven P.  
Nelson, Michael R.  
Pearson, Cleo D.  
Rasul, Robert S. Jr.

### 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Carter, Glenn A.  
Little, Joseph L.  
Tavalero, Robert C.  
York, Jeffery S.

### 78th Medical Operations Squadron

Hicks, Kimberly A.

### 78th Medical Support Squadron

Cheney, Louella A.  
Frederick, Robin M.  
Galeano, Lori A.  
Walker, Chad D.

### 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Hughes, Waymond L. Jr.

### Air Combat Command selectees

5th Combat Communications Support Squadron

Bielanin, Jeffrey J.

51st Combat Communications Squadron

Smith, Tyrone A.

### 52nd Combat

### Communications Squadron

Voke, David M.

### 54th Combat Communications Squadron

Jones, Joseph Jr.  
Kamrowski, Roger J.

### 12th Airborne Command Control Squadron

Brown, Steven W.  
Horning, Stephen W.

### 16th Airborne Command Control Squadron

Oubre, Dale P.

### 116th Air Control Wing

Manning, Kenneth E.

### 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Goodloe, Alisha  
Seyl, Douglas W.  
Shone, Joseph M.  
Vierps, Peter J.

### 116th Computer Systems Squadron

Colbert, Danny L.  
Lilly, Glen N. II

### 116th Maintenance Ops Squadron

Abushanab, Abedelna  
Thompson, Joseph A.

### 116th Maintenance Squadron

Early, Sean D.  
Hayes, Anthony S.  
Rood, Blondina A.

### 116th Operations Support Squadron

Lawson, Paul

### 330th Combat Training Squadron

Jetton, Charles D.

### 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Coultas, Tracy E.

### 116th Operations Group

Zaremba, Douglas A.

### Air Force Reserve Command selectees

### 951st Reserve Support

### Squadron

Mitchell, Mark A.

### Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command

Christopher, Kerry  
Moorer, Arnold L.  
Ranguette, Mary A.

Wagner, Rodney R. Jr.

### Other Hosted Units

### 17th Air Support Operations Squadron

Caldwell, Kris A.  
Tumblin, Wallace L.

### Det 1, 314th Operations Group

Sims, Bradley J.

### Det 6, 373rd Training Squadron

Aman, David S. 6

### NCO Academy

Mitchell, Paul M.

### 2nd Weather Flt

Klein, Frank J.

### OL-B 342nd Training Squadron

Hein, Eric M.  
Patterson, Gary W.

### OL-F Air Combat Command

Slade, James M.

### Det 4, 418th Flight Test Squadron

Heppel, Christopher  
Sampson, Daniel J.  
Williams, Jeffrey S.

### AF National Security

Avent, Tammy R.

### Air Mobility Command selectees

### 19th Air Refueling Group

Sprecher, Scott W.

### 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Morales, Waldo A.

### 19th Maintenance Squadron

Marshall, Thomas  
Ellis, William F.

### 19th Operations Support Squadron

Hopkins, Jerome L.

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# TECHNICAL SERGEANT SELECTEES

## Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Bolles, Rhonda R.  
Sims, Stephen L.  
Bell, Leo L.

## 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Ayers, Lee M.  
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## New travel voucher processing procedures begin Tuesday

Effective Tuesday, Robins Finance Customer Service will return military members' travel vouchers not signed by their supervisor or approving official.

The supervisor or approving official will review all travel claims and sign the travel voucher prior to submission for payment.

Civilian travelers are not affected, but are encouraged to use split disbursement.

Split disbursement is an automatic electronic funds transfer to the Bank of America that's applied to the traveler's credit card balance.

The traveler and supervisor or approving official are ultimately responsible to ensure that split disbursement is used on each travel voucher for at least the minimum required charges (i.e. airfare, lodging and rental car).

The split disbursement line in block 1 of the DD Form 1351-2 must contain the amount that should be paid or "all" for an amount to be sent to Bank of America.

The traveler can call Bank of America's 24-

### Did you know?

☞ Deposits are generally in your account within 7-10 days. Check with your bank to ensure the money has been deposited.

hour, automated help line at 1-800-472-1424 and select 2 for the customer service menu to obtain their account balance, last payment and amount due.

This number can also be found on the back of their card.

The unit or organization's agency program coordinators and alternates may be asked to verify amounts for travelers to ensure the amounts are correct.

For more information, contact Annette Hankins, base finance customer service, 926-3777.

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# 2002 Water Quality Report

Robins Air Force Base Water System Permit No. 1530042

Col. George Johnson, Commander, 78th Medical Group  
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Steven Coyle, Director, Environmental Management



Please note: Individual reports will not be mailed out but are available upon request. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of the 2002 Water Quality Report, contact Bioenvironmental Engineering, 78th AMDS/SGPB, at 327-7555.

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR WATER

We are pleased to report that your drinking water met or exceeded all safety and quality standards set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the previous year.

This Water Quality Report provides detailed accounts of all the water mon-

itoring and testing results gathered during 2002 for the Robins AFB Public Water System. Included are details about where your water originates, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The purpose of this report is to advise consumers about drinking water quality and heighten awareness of the

need to protect precious water resources. It reflects the hard work and dedication of the 78th Civil Engineering Group, who operates and maintains the water distribution and treatment systems; the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, who tests the drinking water for safety and quality; and the Environmental

Management Directorate, who oversees the program and ensures compliance with our Georgia drinking water permit.

To comply with the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight issues this annual

report on drinking water monitoring results. For additional information about this report or to provide input regarding the Robins AFB public water system, contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

## IS THE WATER ON ROBINS AFB SAFE?

Yes! Our water meets or exceeds all of the Georgia EPD and US EPA regulations for drinking water. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The testing results in the table at the end of this report show that we met the requirements for safe drinking water.

## WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Our drinking water is drawn from the Blufftown Aquifer, a ground water source. This is a safe and reliable source, providing high-quality water that is free of micro-organisms such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium that are sometimes found in rivers and lakes.

Rain water percolates down into the Blufftown Aquifer through layers of soil and sand, which act as natural cleansing filters to remove impurities. We draw raw water through the wells located throughout the base.

## HOW IS YOUR WATER TREATED?

A variety of techniques are used to treat your tap water, including disinfection by chlorination as well as fluoridation to protect children's teeth. The water also goes through a softening process by adding poly-orthophosphate and lime. The treatment operation is staffed 24 hours a day by state-licensed water treatment plant operators. All of our drinking water is pumped from six wells at Robins AFB.

## HOW DO SUBSTANCES GET INTO DRINKING WATER?

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in any source water before it is treated include:

- Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and wildlife.

- Inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from storm water runoff or indus-

trial sources.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, or residential uses.

- Organic chemicals, originating typically from industrial operations and storm water runoff.

- Radionuclides, which can naturally occur, or are the result of mining activities.

Here at Robins AFB, the drinking water aquifer is located over 300 feet below ground surface and separated from surface water by several thick clay layers. Most surface water contaminants never reach the drinking water supply.



## PUTTING THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE \*

Drinking water including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to realize that a minute presence of contaminants in drinking water does not necessarily indicate there is a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

\*The above statement is an advisory statement required to be published by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 141.153(h)(1)(iv) for all water systems.

## SPECIAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS \*\*

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA

/ CDC (Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.

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## WHAT IS A MONITORING WAIVER?

The Source Water Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment shows the Robins AFB water system's raw water to not be in a high potential pollution risk situation. As authorized by GA EPD, our system has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The reduced monitoring requirements, called waivers, have been issued to Robins AFB drinking water system for the following inorganic compounds: asbestos and cyanide, effective 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2010. Additionally, our system has a waiver for 31 synthetic organic compounds, effective 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004.

Please contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137 if you have questions about drinking water waivers or wish to receive a copy.

## SAMPLING PROGRAM CORRECTIVE ACTION

During 2002 a self inspection by Robins AFB revealed two sampling violations which occurred several years ago. Robins AFB failed to collect four quarterly samples consecutively for volatile organic compounds from Well No. 5, and four quarterly samples consecutively for synthetic organic compounds from Wells No. 16 and 18. Robins AFB did not notify persons served by the system of these violations within three months and every three months thereafter as long as the violations existed. The corrective

measures included taking consecutive quarterly samples as required and submitting the results to GA EPD. A public notice was published in the Robins RevUp satisfying the legal notification requirement. No exceedences of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations were found during sampling. These sampling violations did not result in any adverse health effects and do not pose a threat to the quality of drinking water supplied at Robins AFB.

## AVAILABILITY OF OUR SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

Our Source Water Assessment is complete and available for review (May 2003). The assessment will be made available to consumers through the Warner Robins Public Library. The Source Water Assessment will include information regarding potential sources of contamination

in our watershed and a review of the controls to mitigate any potential impact. Possible hazards are carefully controlled at Robins AFB. A summary of the potential pollutant sources that are found in both the control and management zones yields the following:

- Hazards associated with the handling of the various oils and greases used in the maintenance of pump motors and emergency generators are present at all wells.

- Hazards associated with handling of the various chemicals used in the water treatment sys-

tem are present at all wells, except WS-1.

- Hazards associated with diesel fuel are present at all wells, except WS-18.

- Hazards associated with storm water runoff are present at all wells, except WS-16 and WS-17.

## WATER QUALITY DATA

The GA EPD and USEPA have established standards regulating contaminants. The tables below display data for

monitoring period January through December 2002 and are designed to inform you about substances that may be

found in your drinking water. Compare the Robins AFB water system to the standards by reviewing the US EPA MCL

level to the column labeled "highest level detected." Your drinking water was not in violation of the standards during 2002.

### Results for Primary Contaminants

Substance	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Possible sources of contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0 <sup>b</sup>	2002	No	Naturally present in the environment
Copper (at tap) (ppm)	AL=1.3 <sup>c</sup>	AL=1.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.27 <sup>c</sup>	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (at tap) (ppb)	AL=15 <sup>c</sup>	AL=15 <sup>c</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.29	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.64	2002	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage
Total Nitrate/Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	0.64	2002	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	160	N/A	3.2	2000 <sup>d</sup>	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitter (pCi/L)	15	0	<1	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-226 (pCi/L)	5	0	1.1	1999 <sup>d</sup>	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	100	0	2.74	1994 <sup>d</sup>	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

- The MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the presence or absence of total coliform in a sample.
- Highest number of positive total coliform samples collected in any one month.
- These samples represent the 90th percentile for the Robins AFB water system.
- Data was collected in previous years, but is still considered by GA EPD to be representative of drinking water quality.

### Results for Secondary Contaminants<sup>1</sup>

Substance	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No
Aluminum (ppb)	200	120	2000 <sup>f</sup>	No
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1.29	2002	No
Iron (ppb)	300	370.00 <sup>2</sup>	2000 <sup>f</sup>	No
Zinc (ppm)	5	0.40	2000 <sup>f</sup>	No

- Secondary contaminant MCLs control substances that primarily affect aesthetic qualities (odor or appearance) of drinking water. These MCLs are not federally enforceable but are intended as guidelines.
- No known or expected risk to public health, may affect color and taste.

## DRINKING WATER DEFINITIONS:

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**ppm:** parts per million

**ppb:** parts per billion

**pCi/L:** Pico curies per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**N/A:** Not applicable

**ND:** Not detected

**NR:** Not reported

## Navigating the federal procurement maze

By Jim Lovett

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Navigating the federal procurement system can sometimes make a contractor feel like a mouse in a maze searching for a piece of cheese.

Although many areas have been streamlined in recent years, the challenge can still seem daunting. This is where our office tries to assist. Counseling contractors, maximizing small business participation, and educating the work force are major functions.

Many firms are under the impression they must first register with us to do business with the base. That is not the case.

They must, however, be registered in Central Contractor Registration, which is the single point of registration for vendors wanting to do business with the Department of Defense, in order to be awarded a contract.

They can accomplish this electronically by going to <http://www.ccr.gov>.

We also encourage firms to register in PRO-Net, <http://>

pro-net.sba.gov, the Small Business Administration's online database of firms, to offer them increased exposure to those who query the system in search of sources.

For procurement opportunities, we direct firms to the federal business opportunities Web site, <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>, showing them how to access notices of upcoming requirements and solicitations.

Additionally, we refer firms to the various directorates so they can do some self-marketing. Often this may entail interfacing with that organization's designated small business liaison. Most directorates have a person assigned as a focal point for small business matters. We rely on these liaisons to disseminate information on firms who market us as well as directing them to program or technical personnel with whom they can discuss their capabilities.

Above all, we emphasize to small businesses the importance of delivering a quality product or service on time and at a reasonable price.

In fiscal year 2002, our office counseled some 2,583 firms by

phone, office visits, or e-mail. Another 134 businesses were counseled at procurement conferences we attended.

Along with counseling contractors, we are very much involved in maximizing small business participation in the Center's acquisitions.

By regulation, our office reviews all proposed acquisitions estimated to be more than \$10,000. This process allows us to make set-aside recommendations where appropriate or to suggest sources to be solicited.

We also participate in acquisition kickoff meetings and are a standing member on acquisition strategy panels.

Additionally, we conduct market research for the directorates, posting sources sought notices in fedbizopps and evaluating the responses to ascertain whether or not a set-aside is warranted.

During fiscal year 2002, our office conducted market research for 25 requirements estimated at \$1.9 billion.

Furthermore, we participated in acquisition support meetings for another 44 requirements totaling \$1.4 billion. Our early involvement in the acquisition process, coupled

with a proactive market research approach, is key in fostering small business participation.

Education is also important. In addition to counseling contractors, we are advising and assisting Center acquisition personnel daily on matters pertaining to small business.

We conduct training sessions for these internal customers to increase their understanding of the program.

In fiscal year 2002 we held numerous sessions for new contracting and program management personnel.

Additionally, I serve as an Air Force instructor for new small business specialists and periodically conduct a class on the small business program as part of the Mission Support Group Commander's course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

As you may know, the Center has small business program goals for awards in the following categories: small business, small disadvantaged business, woman-owned small business, historically underutilized small business, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

Every year we oversee development of a small business execution plan containing goals assigned to the Center as well as to each product directorate.

On a monthly basis, we notify the command section, the product directorates and operational contracting on progress in meeting the goals.

But reaching our goals is a team effort.

As I have outlined, my office works hard to facilitate firms trying to participate in the Center's acquisitions, and depend upon the directorate liaisons to assist us. We champion market research, calling upon all involved in the process to ensure consideration of small business issues from the outset.

Finally, we educate the work force to foster program understanding and hopefully utilization.

Rather than seeing firms who are lost in a maze, we want to see them participating in our acquisitions and supporting the mission of the war fighter.

We are all players in making the small business program work, and your continued support is appreciated.

## Airmen core values provide solid foundation

By Lt. Col. Terry Kono

28th Operations Group

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. — "You fall back to your initial training that says, 'Hey, let's get the job done.'"

Those were the thoughts of Lt. Col. Fred Swan when his B-1 Lancer crew received a critical targeting direction that would lead them to strike the suspected location of Saddam Hussein.

After the initial surge of excitement at the prospect of bombing "the big one," the Ellsworth airmen relied on a foundation of sound airmanship, crew discipline, checklist procedures, knowledge of 28th Bomb Wing mission standards and commitment to duty to achieve their objective.

Without these basics, success might not have come so smoothly. When we send our troops forward into combat, we do so with an earnest belief that their knowledge, values and commitment are the solid foundation that will endure the challenges of war.

To maintain the integrity of our foundation,

we must constantly affirm its strength.

This applies equally to the general profession of arms, and to each of our specialties.

Unfortunately, in our high operations tempo and high personnel tempo military, it is easy to lose sight of the basics, to take shortcuts and to run before we walk. Immediate gains made from bypassing the basics may ultimately be offset by losses — sometimes severe losses.

Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, the 12th Air Force commander, expressed such a concern recently when he directed his flying wings to establish back-to-basics programs for flight training.

The number of Class A mishaps in 2003, particularly in formation procedures, identified weaknesses in air crew members' adherence to standards — or their lack of understanding of the standards.

We needed to reaffirm that we could practice what we preached by emphasizing basic airmanship and flight discipline. Such has proven the recipe for success for our B-1 bomber crews, maintainers and support

troops' performance throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ideally, "back to basics" means we can fall back on the foundations we have strived to reinforce through a well-designed "building block" strategy. Back to basics does not mean starting from scratch every time, nor is it limited to our daily jobs.

When I took an assignment as an instructor at the Naval Academy in 1993, I began the academic year following a cheating scandal. The focus of a few students had strayed from honor to football, completely disrupting their military values.

While the foundation of honor at the academy was not completely broken, it was in disrepair from neglect.

The end results were dismissals of midshipmen, significant leadership changes and literally years of creating ethics programs and building values that should have already been in place — the basics.

One of the great honors I have received as an officer and commander is reaffirming the oath of office at promotions and re-enlist-

ments. I firmly believe the troops standing before me live those words on a daily basis. It is sound back to basics for us to say and hear the oath, with a raised hand, before our fellow comrades in arms.

Gen. Curtis LeMay's description of what he called our "rocks and oaks," that is, our basics, is written on the back of "The Little Blue Book" of Air Force core values: "I hope that the United States of America has not yet passed the peak of honor and beauty, and that our people can still sustain certain philosophies at which some miserable souls feel it incumbent to sneer.

I refer to some of the Psalms, and to the Gettysburg Address and the (Boy Scout) oath. I refer to the Lord's Prayer, and to that other oath which a man must take when he stands with hand uplifted, and swears that he will defend his Country."

If you keep the basics in mind everyday, your foundation will be sound and success will be sure.

— Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins



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

### Commanders' Action Line

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



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

### Need county sheriff to monitor traffic in morning

I was curious as to why or how we lost the patrol officer who used to manage traffic at the intersection of Watson Boulevard and Highway 247. Traffic seemed to flow more smoothly when the light was manually operated. The morning commute time is now an additional 15 to 30 minutes on most mornings without the help. Can we expect a return of the officer?

Col. Smoot replies: We have made contact with the Houston County Sheriff's Office and will meet with them to determine if their presence will make a significant impact on the traffic flow. We routinely conduct a systematic review of traffic flow to see if there are ways to improve processing the morning rush. Force protection is neither quick nor inexpensive. No matter the outcome of our review, remember our wait times are significantly less than in the previous year, based on time of day, or day of the week. A second part of this equation seems to be that we have been processing an inordinate amount of vehicles between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Our stud-

ies should tell us if motorists have gotten away from the staggered reporting times established in our battle staff directives.

### ID cards a must for base entry

Can you please provide some relief to employees coming to work at Robins who have forgotten their ID card? One day last week, I left my ID card on my desk when I left work. I didn't realize it until the next morning as I approached Gate 2. I was told that one of my co-workers would have to come to Gate 2 to escort me to work. Needless to say, I was quite frustrated. I would think that a simple call to my work area to verify my employment at Robins along with some other form of valid identification (Georgia driver's license) would be sufficient evidence of my identity to allow me on base.

I understand that a lot has happened over the past year in the war on terrorism and that the terror alert is particularly high right now. I appreciate the soldiers who diligently stand guard at the gates so that we can work in a secure environment. They are doing their part. As a civilian employee at Robins, my part in the war on terrorism is to show up at work every day and diligently execute my duties, which are ulti-

mately in support of the war fighter. Is there no better way to handle this situation?

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your patience and understanding. Although having to present DoD ID cards to the gate guards every morning may seem cumbersome, it's the only means at their disposal to ascertain who is authorized to enter the installation. Personnel who do not have a DoD identification card must be escorted while on the installation, and we cannot waiver from this requirement. It may be frustrating when we realize we've forgotten our ID, but the best answer is to return home and retrieve it or, in your case, ask a co-worker to escort you to work. Furthermore, organizations on the installation require ID checks at their doors at random periods throughout the day. Once again, the best answer is to ensure we have our ID at all times.

We are looking at revising the procedures used to access the base during special events to ensure a better measure of security. We are also looking into revising procedures for personnel who need to enter the base but have lost their ID cards. The procedures will be stringent to ensure we maintain a level of security commensurate with our current Force Protection Conditions and local threat.



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# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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

**The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated charter presentation** will be 7 p.m. Saturday at the Enlisted Club. Cost is \$16. For more information, call Maj. Donna Gooden, AFRC, at 497-0457.

**The monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony**, hosted by Col. Marvin T. Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will be Monday, 3:30 p.m., at the Smith Community Center Auditorium. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants, commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Senior Airman Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

**The commissary will be closed Monday**; will be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; will be closed July 4; and will be open July 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**The Housing Office** will be closed Thursday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. July 7.

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

**The 78th Medical Group** will be closed Thursday in observance of AFMC Family Day. Normal business hours will resume July 7.

**The Legal Assistance Office** will be closed Thursday.

**The Reserve Officers Association chapter dinner** will be July 9 at the Officers' Club main ballroom. Retired Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, executive director, Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D.C., will be the guest speaker. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$19 per person (club member's receive a discount). Dress is business casual, and reservations are required. To

make a reservation, contact Lt. Col. Sherman at 327-1688 or Lt. Col. MacMackin at 327-1557 Tuesday.

**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. Commanders, first sergeants, command champions, enlisted, officers, civilians and all others with 78th Medical Group concerns are encouraged to attend. 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. This year, 10 percent of profits will be donated to the Air Force Aid Society. 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. There will also be an opportunity to purchase mulligans at the sign in desk. 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 78th Medical Group** will close at 2 p.m. July 30 for an official change of command function.

**The Reserve Officers Association, Chapter 36, annual golf tournament** will be Aug. 22 at the Waterford Golf Club. Lunch is set for 12:30 with a shot gun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person with the proceeds to benefit the local Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. Everyone is invited to play. Contact Maj. Wright at 327-1092 to sign up teams. Slots are limited.

**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](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 Museum of Aviation is recruiting new adult volunteers** who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Lillian Kurth, volunteer coordinator, at 926-4242.

**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 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. Forms are available at: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm> Take your completed application to Building 905, Suite 113 or call Fran Sheridan at 327-7325 for more details.

**The Robins Air Force Base Education Office** is

now accepting enrollment into the 2003/2004 Air Command and Staff College seminar program. Major (0-4) or Major selectee of all services, Civil Air Patrol, and civilian employees grade GS-11 and above are eligible to enroll in this very important intermediate-level PME. The ACSC seminar program consists of six separate courses with examinations and four written exercises. The seminar meets approximately three hours a week for ten months. Graduates receive Phase-1 Joint PME credit. Furthermore, the American Council on Education recommends up to 27 hours of graduate credit. To enroll in the upcoming ACSC Seminar, stop by the Education Office in Building 905 to complete the appropriate application. For more information, contact Robert Anderson at 327-7324 or by e-mail [robert.anderson@robins.af.mil](mailto:robert.anderson@robins.af.mil).

**Air Force libraries purchase mission-essential information resources** for organizations throughout the year with library central appropriated funds. These materials can include books and subscriptions. The library has money available for fiscal year 2004 but orders must be submitted to the Base Library before July 7.

Mission-essential information resources are defined by AFI 34-270, paragraph 4.3, as "publications and services that directly bear on the functions, initiatives, and operations of Air Force agencies and that personnel must have on hand to carry out the installation mission effectively." Attachment 6 of AFI 34-270 lists materials that may not be purchased with library central APFs due to their availability through other sources. These include, but are not limited to,

- Training aids and multiple copies of materials for use in military and civilian education programs, family support centers, and religious activities (Refer to AFI 36-2306; AFI 52-101; and AFMAN 23-110, Volume 2, Part 2).

- Visual information products such as videocassettes, films and the like (See AFI 33-117).

- Promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test guides (See AFI 36-2605).

- Copies of dictionaries, thesauri, and other books available from base supply or publishing distribution offices for office use.

For more information, contact Gail Harbuck at 327-7380 or [patricia.harbuck@robins.af.mil](mailto:patricia.harbuck@robins.af.mil).

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U.S. Air Force photos courtesy of Ellis Environmental Group

Above, contractors with Ellis Environmental Group mix binary explosives at the debris site containing various World War II training aids within Hunting Area D.

# a blast from the past

By Lanorris Askew

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Environmental Management Directorate recently took a journey into the past when they addressed a debris pit containing various World War II training aids in a forested area adjacent to Robins.

Taking actions to restore the area while maintaining the historical relevance of the find, the directorate excavated and destroyed a number of items of unexploded ordnance while preserving others as a historical record.

Fred Hursey, Restoration and Resources Division chief, said the items were discovered on property owned by Bradley Plywood Corporation and leased to Robins for recreational hunting.

"A contractor performing an environmental assessment found the site when he discovered an unidentified cylindrical item on the property," he said.

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal team from Moody Air Force Base swept the area to find and destroy surface items that might represent a risk.

What they found was several ordnance items on the ground's surface with some requiring demolition in place. After additional funding was obtained, EM contracted with Ellis Environmental Group to conduct further surface and subsurface investigations.

According to Hursey, the site was incorporated into the Environmental Restoration Program, and an extensive search of historical records and aerial photographs was completed. However, no recorded evidence of an ordnance operational area or an explosives burial pit was found.

ties such as Robins - formerly Warner Robins Army Air Depot.

Dr. Bill Head, base historian, will be evaluating some of the items for their historical relevance.

The items, which were destroyed

on site by controlled explosions, were located within Hunting Area D on unoccupied land that is densely wooded and difficult to access. Items found included landmines, rocket motors and grenades - most of them dummies or inert.

Steve Coyle, Environmental Management director, said the clean up effort was completed in a timely fashion, under safe conditions and with a minimum amount of disruption.

"We received cooperation from many base organizations to make this project a great success," he said.

During the clean up, experienced explosive ordnance handlers cleared the site and performed a thorough investigation.

The team used a metal detector to locate buried items, and an area within 1,250 feet of the site was evacuated and secured during the investigation and disposal activities.

The disposed items included M2 and M3 mines, rocket motors, 20mm and 37mm cartridges, M9 rifle grenades and fuses.

While many of the disposed items were found to be inert scrap metal, some items were considered to be unstable.

Those items were placed in two shallow pits enclosed with approximately 100 sandbags and destroyed. Soil sampling was completed after the demolitions to ensure the operations did not adversely impact the soils at the site.



A contractor places explosives in a larger detonation pit. Testing was done to ensure soil quality.

Although historical records are silent, it was common practice during World War II for troops to train with different types of ordnance items at depot facilities



Some of the items found at the debris site include, from left to right, rocket motors, scrap ordnances and explosives, M152 bomb nose fuses, a landmine with press plate and more excavated rocket motors.



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.

- 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.
- Patricia G. Head, MAIQ. Point of contact is Etta Davis at 926-2689.
- Sharon Renea Kornegay, LYGF. Point of contact is Birdie Walker at 926-5729.
- Constance S. McAdam, FMRD. Point of contact is Alberta Fuller at 926-6676.
- Richard Landa, WR-ALC/LAOR. Point of contact is Larry Harvey at 926-0174.

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.

**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** (Jumua) 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.** — **Daddy Day Care** — Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn

When a father loses his lucrative dot-com job, and finds himself in jeopardy of financial ruin, he joins his friends in opening a free-spirited guy-run business called Daddy Day Care, much to the chagrin of the owner of a more traditionally-operated rival center.

Rated PG (language) 94 minutes



**Saturday**  
**7:30 p.m.** — **The Matrix Reloaded** — Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

Neo, Morpheus, Trinity and the rest of their crew continue to battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix. Now, more humans are waking up out of the Matrix and attempting to live in the real world. As their number grows, the battle moves to Zion, the last real-world city and center of human resistance.

Rated R (sci-fi violence and some sexuality) 137 minutes



## And justice for all



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, deputy staff judge advocate, receives a Georgia Judges Handbook for Probate Practice from Janice D. Spires, judge, probate court of Houston County, and William J. Self, II, judge, probate court of Bibb County. The probate judges presented a four hour seminar entitled "Basic Probate Practice in Georgia" for the Robins Legal Office Tuesday in an effort to assist the attorneys who provide legal services relative to probate court matters for military members and their dependents.

## ROBINS CLUBS

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

■ Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information on the communication organization, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429 or Nancy Kwiatkowski, 923-1752.

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

## 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.**

### Base tour

The FSC is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

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

### Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is July 9, 8:30 - noon, in Building 905, Room 141. This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It

is three and ½ hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration, and stress.

### Interviewing basics

The Transition Assistance program is offering a class on Interviewing Basics, July 9, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 139.

Topics include general information on the interview process and its role/importance in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them as well as preparation for the interview, including dress are also addressed.

## 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, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Sandra Brenner, Ph.D., will be speaking on "Diabetes, Do We Have an Epidemic?" Registration must be made for the lectures by the previous Monday by calling Civilian Recreation.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

Cashier hours have been changed to Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Tickets are on sale now at ITT for the rodeo being held July 18 - 19 at 8 p.m. at Al Sihah Shrine Park in Macon. Adult tickets are \$10 and children's tickets are \$5.

### Library 327-7380

Children may participate in the

"Take Flight" summer reading program at the Base Library with story time 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 Saturday. 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.

### Outdoor Recreation Center 926-4001

The Inaugural Outdoor Adventure Paintball Tournament will be held July 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center soccer field. Five-person teams will play a capture the flag format. Cost is \$100 per team and includes all equip-

ment and 600 paintballs per person. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners. Sign up at Equipment Rental, Building 914.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

The Smith Community Center and the Family Advocacy will have a Parents and Tots Ice Cream Social Monday from 9 - 10 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to join their parents for a morning of activities and ice cream.

### Youth Center 926-2110

Registration for the Before and After School program will be held July 7 - 18 at the Youth Center, Building 1021. Children currently or previously enrolled in the 2003-04 Before and After School program or children currently enrolled at the CDC who will be entering kindergarten may register from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. July 7 - 11. New children may register 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. July 14 - 18. Fees are based on total household income. Contact the School Age program at the center for more information.

# 78th ABW vice commander ends 30-year Air Force career

By Chris Zdrakas  
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You might call it trading places.

Col. Tad Stanley, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, will end his more than three decades in Air Force blues effective July 31, and emerge as a management consultant working a key Air Force issue - housing.

Stanley, who came to Robins in July 2001, will concentrate on privatized housing issues and improving quality of housing units under DoD guidelines as a consultant at Headquarters Air Force Housing Office, Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Louann, will take to their new home in Alexandria, Va., memories of a retirement dinner and official retirement ceremony filled with testimonies about his many contributions to the Air Force.

Among the tributes were a congratulatory letter from President George Bush and the Air Force Legion of Merit, which cited his exceptional service to both the 78th Air Base Wing during his long, distinguished Air Force career.

His successor will be Col. Bruce L. Curry, commander of the 4th Air Force Support Operations Group, Heidelberg, Germany.

Col. Tom Smoot, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, described Stanley as "the consummate Air Force officer."

"Tad Stanley was one of our very best," Smoot said.



**I look forward to still being part of the Air Force team and still helping to make the Air Force a better place to live and to serve.**

**Col. Tad Stanley**  
 Vice commander  
 78th Air Base Wing

"He is a strong leader, scholar and professional, capable of creating a vision for the future and seeing it through. The wing has been fortunate to be on the receiving end of his excel-

lence, and we wish him every success in his new career."

Brig. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, presided at the retirement ceremony June 17, commending Stanley on his inspirational leadership and many achievements, including his take-charge directions to protect Robins Air Force Base after the 9/11 terror attacks.

In his remarks, Stanley thanked God for his life, his family, his career and the military service to which he was born.

He said he has actually been in the Air Force more than 50 years because his late father was an Air Force officer.

"God, as my sponsor, has taken care of me, and I am grateful for his love and protection," he said. "I have much to be thankful for.

"I look forward to still being part of the Air Force team and still helping to make the Air Force a better place to live and to serve," he said.

Stanley's children have continued in the family tradition as Air Force officers. His son, Jason, is a captain, and his daughter, Meaghan, a second lieutenant.



U.S. Air Force photos Ray Crayton

Col. Tad Stanley, left, joins his children, Meaghan and Jason, at his retirement ceremony June 17. After 30 years in the Air Force, Stanley will retire as the 78th Air Base Wing vice commander July 31.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Civilian Recreation

**922-4415**

The Civilian Recreation walking program is now underway. Call, write or e-mail Civilian Recreation for maps detailing different routes around your area with mileage. Each time you walk record your mileage. Receive a free T-shirt for "Walking to Macon" (20 miles), "Walking to Atlanta" (100 miles) and "Walking Across Georgia" (250 miles). Mileage tracking sheets must be certified and turned in to Civilian Recreation to receive the T-shirt.

### Fitness Center

**926-2128**

The Fitness Center will be holding an Independence Day 5K Run and Walk Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

### 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 player's cost is \$20 per month and non-AGF players is \$25 per month.

### Health and Wellness Center

**327-8480**

Join the Health and Wellness Center's Walk Million Step Club for an information session on safety precautions Monday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., at the HAWC, Building 983. The goal of the club is to take one million steps, about 500 miles, or 50,000 steps a week. Participants must attend the safety session before the start of the program. All that's needed are comfortable shoes and clothing, a positive attitude and a lot of energy. The HAWC will supply the pedometers and encouragement. For more information or questions, call Lacy at 327-8481.

Are you interested in learning how to safely maintain fitness throughout your pregnancy? Are you curious about the benefits of exercise for you and your unborn baby? Then join us at the Health and Wellness Center July 18, 11:30am - 1 pm, for a seminar "Fitness and Pregnancy." Benefits of exercise, physiological changes of pregnancy, prenatal and postnatal fitness, and special concerns will all be addressed. Couples are welcome. All active duty, dependants, and civilians with base access are encouraged to attend. This seminar is free, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Jocelyn Mogle at the HAWC at 327-8480.

### Robins Lanes

**926-2112**

Enjoy a late lunch at the bowling center with a regular burger or hot dog, fries, drink and three games of bowling for \$6.

### Youth Center

**926-2110**

Youth fall sports registration will be held July 12 - 19 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, fall soccer and in-line hockey. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Prices vary from \$55 - \$75. To register or for details visit the Youth Center in Building 1021.

## Nine more weeks ...



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech Sgt. Pat Burke smiles proudly as he holds a University of Tennessee mug. Burke decorated his cube at work with Tennessee memorabilia. Do you sit next to a fanatic sports fan? Let us know — they could be featured here in this spot. Call the Rev-Up staff at 926-2137 or e-mail us at [robins.revup@robins.af.mil](mailto:robins.revup@robins.af.mil).

## 'Waitin' for football season'

**By Geoff Janes**

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If you ask Tech Sgt. Pat Burke what he's up to, he's quick with a response - "waitin' for football season."

The Signal Mountain, Tenn. native is more than a little proud of his home state's college football team, and is rarely seen without a Vols shirt, hat, cup or something else that's orange.

And when it comes to his wardrobe, he doesn't hesitate to tell you, "Everything matches orange."

Burke is so dedicated to his team that he went to some extreme measures to support them this year.

"My wife and I hardly ever miss a Vols game when they're within a day's drive," he said. "I volunteered for an

upcoming TDY to Qatar just to be out of the country when my Tennessee Volunteers play the Florida Gators. For my entire career, we beat Florida when I'm TDY and out of the country. I'm hoping this same twisted logic will help us against Georgia this year too..."

Burke said hostile territory doesn't discourage him from showing support for his team.

"When I first got to Robins, you'd have thought that I'd taken a little kid's milk money when I started unloading my boxes of Tennessee stuff," he said. "All the Georgia fans started coming out of the woodwork asking if I was 'really' going to hang up all my Tennessee stuff here in Georgia. The Georgia folks near my office

started bringing in some of their Georgia stuff to compete a little. My joke to them when they started bringing 'it' in was to ask if they'd 'been thrift store shopping again.'"

Although his hometown is 220 miles away, Burke makes sure he brings a piece of home to his coworkers every day.

"At 7:30 every morning, I start everyone's day (in my office) by playing the song 'Rocky Top,'" he said. "And when someone leaves my office...my parting shot is, 'Ya'll come back now - you hear.'"

## Georgia Golden Olympics coming to Warner Robins

The City of Warner Robins Recreation Department will host the Georgia Golden Olympics Sept. 17-20.

The annual competition is open to adults age 50 and older. Events include tennis, golf, swimming, track and field, cycling, bowling and more. All events are divided into age groups, and medals are awarded for each category.

A registration fee of \$20, if paid by July 25, allows the participant to enter three events. Additional events are \$5 each. Bowling, tennis, archery and golf require an additional fee. Fees are

### What to know

For more information, call the recreation department at 929-1916 or 929-6946.

non-refundable. After July 25, registration is \$35. All registration fees must be received by Aug. 1.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Golden Olympics, may call Cheryl Dollard, Smith Community Center, at 926-2105.

— From staff reports

## SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Loss
116th ACW Blenders	5	0
78th MDG	5	1
19th ARG #1	5	2
78th MSS	3	2
330 CTS	3	2
78th CS	4	3
653rd CLSS	3	3
78th LRS	3	4
C-130	2	3
116th MXS	2	3
78th OSS	1	4
5th Mobb	1	5
1177th Army	0	5
116th ACW	8	0
78th CEG	7	1
HQAFRC	7	1
5th Mobb A	6	2
78th SFS	6	2
116th ACW/MXS	4	4
19th ARG #2	3	5
Old Crows	3	5
MA Team	3	6
116th CSS	2	6
116th MXS HYDRO	2	6
CGOA	1	7
78th CES	1	8

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# Splash into summer



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Above at right, Rochelle Booth, 11, splashes her friends in the face at the Enlisted Club pool last week. Pools at the Enlisted or Officers' Club can be reserved for private parties. The cost is \$50 per event plus \$10 per hour per lifeguard.



Above, youngsters take a plunge into the Enlisted Club pool. The pool is open from noon to 7 p.m. every day except Thursday. Top right, Rick Crews, 12, races across the pool. Bottom right, lifeguard Douglass Harden watches swimmers. It's not too late to register for swimming lessons at Equipment Rental, Building 914.

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## Knighly news briefs

### Upcoming events

There will be an All Call Monday at 3 p.m. in Coat's Hall.

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron will hold its change of command ceremony in Building 2066 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

### Farewell dinner

The 19th Air Refueling Group will hold a farewell dinner for outgoing group commander Col. Barbara Faulkenberry in the Officers' Club ballroom at 6 p.m., July 7.

### 19th Air Refueling Group change of command

The change of command ceremony for the 19th Air Refueling group will be held in Hangar 1 at the Museum of Aviation at 10:30 a.m., July 9.

### June retirements

The following personnel are retiring for the month of June:

**Master Sgt. Tommy Hyatt** of the 19th Maintenance Squadron retires today at 1 p.m. in Hangar 1 at the Museum of Aviation.

**Master Sgt. Victor Tuten** of the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron retires today at 2 p.m. in Building 2066.

### June promotions

The following personnel have been promoted for the month of June:

**Michael Long**, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, to senior airman

**Lee Pisaneschi**, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, to senior airman

**Angela Pierce**, 19th Maintenance Squadron, to senior airman

**Heath Hampton**, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, to staff sergeant.

### News brief submission guidelines

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# Passing the Guidon

## 19th ARG Change of Command to take place July 9

By Capt. Drew Taylor  
19th Operations Support Squadron, Intelligence section

After two years of leading the Black Knights, Col. Barbara Faulkenberry will relinquish command of the 19th Air Refueling Group and pass the guidon to Col. Raymond J. Rottman.

The change of command

ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar of the Museum of Aviation, with Maj. Gen. George N. Williams, commander of 21st Air Force, serving as the presiding officer.

Col. Rottman comes to the 19th ARG after completing a Pentagon assignment as the Air Force Chief of Staff's speechwriter. He was selected as deputy director to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, responsible for policy development, congressional testimony and the secretary's communication plan.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, stands with members of the Black Knights following her final flight with the group June 18.

As a master navigator with over 2,500 flight hours in T-43 and KC-135 aircraft, Rottman's previous operational assignments include, 906th Air Refueling Squadron's chief of training and evaluation at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and the 349th Air Refueling Squadron

commander at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Faulkenberry, who took command of the 19th ARG in July 2001, is a master navigator with 2,200 flight hours in the KC-135 A/R, EY-135Y and the T-43. Two months after assuming command, she led the Black Knights through

two consecutive years of combat operations, supporting the U.S. led war on terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon leaving the 19th ARG, Faulkenberry will become the 375th Airlift Wing Commander at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

# Proud to have been your commander

By Col. Barbara Faulkenberry  
19th Air Refueling Group commander

Black Knights, as my command comes to an end, I want to express my greatest appreciation for your selfless service to our nation, salute your outstanding accomplishments, and leave you with a prayer for safety and mutual support.

Together, as a Black Knight team and as a Team Robins community, we've accomplished great things. You've served when your nation needed you most, when she was attacked and threatened from above and beyond our shores. You were first to deliver our wrath to the enemy, opening Operation Enduring Freedom in Oct. 2001, just like the 19th Bombardment Group did on Dec. 10, 1941, when their B-17s delivered the first offensive strike by American air following Pearl Harbor.

It's been a challenging and extremely high operations tempo the 21 months since Sept. 11, 2001. You've been on homeland defense

alert, flown Air Tasking Order sorties over America, worked overtime to expedite C-5s back to the war fighter and deployed to Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and another sensitive locations to fly combat and combat support missions. You also provided air refueling to other combatant commanders in Iceland and Ecuador. You excelled in accomplishing extremely demanding special operations, air refueling missions over hostile territory. And you combined with an incredible joint war fighting team to liberate Iraq, and bring freedom to a long-oppressed people.

You've been able to accomplish all this only through the support of your loved ones and those that you serve. To your spouses, children, friends and family, thank you. You are all that is good about America; those of us in uniform serve to ensure our children enjoy the same liberties that generations before us have safeguarded. Thank you for

**"You've served when your nation needed you most, when she was attacked and threatened from above and beyond our shores."**

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry will relinquish command of the 19th ARG July 9.

# A look at the economics of success

By Lt. Col. David Sprague  
99th Air Refueling Squadron commander

As my time as the 99th Air Refueling Squadron commander draws to a close, I've had a few free moments to reflect on my tour serving at the helm of the sole flying squadron in this truly fantastic group of Black Knights. Without hesitation, when asked to identify the best part of this tour, my response has been unequivocally-working with heroic warriors.

Since my taking command in 2001, our group has known nothing but a wartime tempo, and we still have members turning wrenches in the desert and flying special operations air refueling missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Under the constant stress of high-tempo ops, the way people prioritize and act, both at home and deployed, has been impressive, surprising, unbelievable, and sometimes disappointing. Personal behavior that merits these descriptive words may manifest itself in one person and do so in rapid succession. When the disappointments hit, I fell back on my squadron leaders to help build a road map to recovery. One discussion that sticks with me to this day involved a per-

spective, my ops officer, Lt. Col. Royce Eves, with the 99th ARS, shared with me. As we ran the roster and assessed where members were in their professional development, Royce began to describe folks as "consumers" or "producers." Simply put, consumers draw time and resources away from mission accomplishment, and producers effectively use time and resources to accomplish the mission-and then some.

At various times during our careers, it's appropriate to be a consumer. For example, new unit members are expected to be consumers for a certain period, when time and resources are spent getting their mission ready. Likewise, folks preparing for upgrade to aircraft commander or instructor upgrade are consumers. Individuals who are in for-

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Outgoing 99th ARS commander

mal professional military education are consumers. These are all expected expenses in the "cost of doing business" and can be planned for. Our goal at this time would be to identify inappropriate consumers, those who should have been producers, and develop a corrective action plan that would minimize the number of consumers. Examples of unplanned consumers are folks who don't stay current on mission essential tasks, fail to complete upgrade career development courses on time, while other members fail to meet suspenses, and, most importantly, consumers are anyone who is not currently a producer.

It's important to realize that there is no in-between. Producers show initiative, offer suggestions, use their chain of command, maintain curren-

cy and task certification, use a professional approach, are in their seats before a meeting start, recognize and act on opportunity, and most importantly, give and receive feedback. Where we fail as individuals is not recognizing when to shift from consumer to producer status. Everyone should assess one's weekly performance and honestly ask: "Was I a consumer or a producer this week?" If the answer were "producer," then awesome-press on. However, if the answer were "consumer," then decide if it were appropriate for your stage of professional development. If it were not appropriate, then ask yourself why and how can I change?

This is where our Air Force feedback system becomes absolutely critical. Honest feedback can be as simple as telling your subordinate, "You're a consumer (or producer) today, and here's why I think so..." If you're not that direct as a supervisor, try practicing on yourself in the mirror, and see how it feels to be honest. Along with identifying specific substandard performance, a true leader helps the member paint the path to recovery - that's where real unit gains are made. After all, it's working with the people that make

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up a unit, which gives one the greatest senses of pride and accomplishment. As I close this chapter in my career, I'm confident the many leaders out there will continue to strike the right economic balance between consumers and producers, keep the people growing and successfully complete the mission.



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the sacrifices you've given and for your unwavering support.

It has been my greatest honor to command the Black Knights. This experience, this opportunity to serve alongside you, the world's greatest airmen, is one I'll never forget. You, individually and as a team, are truly responsible for my selection for wing command - it is a direct compliment to your performance and your successes.

God bless you all. Keep flying safely and continue to focus on world-class maintenance. Take care of each other. I look forward to serving with many of you again.

*Wherever I go, I'll always be a Black Knight!*

**Col. Barbara J. Faulkenberry**

*Commander, 19th Air Refueling Group*

# Black Knights on the lake

■ The Black Knights enjoy food and fun during 'Safety Day' at Lake Tobesofkee

By Holly J. Logan  
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More than 225 Black Knights and their families turned out for fun in the sun at the 19th Air Refueling Group's annual Safety Day at Lake Tobesofkee.

Lt. Col. Brian Riba, 19th ARG chief of safety, said the event, which originated in 2000, gives the Group a chance to get together to learn about the importance of safety in a fun and safe environment.

The day at the lake provided both educational and social benefits, said Riba.

"It's all about getting the message out about the importance of safety," he said. "We need our men and women to be safe, so we can continue to fight in the war on terrorism. Safety is important, and we make sure people are aware of that, in a safe environment."

The day offered safety education through presentations on the effects of drinking and driving and other traffic related subject matter by the Georgia State Patrol, as well as a rock wall climb and moon walk for kids.

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th ARG commander, said this year's celebration had a deeper meaning.

"It's certainly a celebration for a job well done, with the war on terrorism, for the 19th ARG," she



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Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group take some time out to enjoy a fun-filled day at Lake Tobesofkee June 9. The group holds a Safety Day at the lake annually.

said. "We've had people come back within the last few weeks, with more to come. Even with all the activity, you have to stop and concentrate on the importance of safety. This day is how we do that."

Tech. Sgt. Bart Craven, 19th ARG ground safety manager, agreed.

"The 101 Critical Days of Summer has historically been a time when we lose the most people to mishaps on and off duty," he said. "The whole purpose of having this day to make people aware of that and help them to learn how to be safe on and off duty."

## From the round table



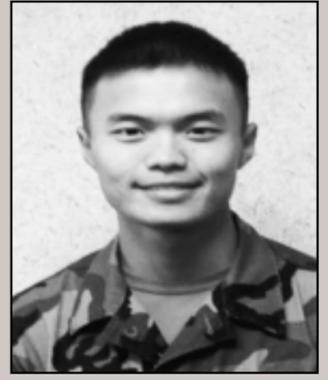
**Senior Airman Hiadia Ramsey**

Ramsey, is an aviation resource manager with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron. She has been in the Air Force since July, 1999. Her goals are to build a house and finish her degree in pediatric nursing or physical therapy. Her favorite motto is, "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."



**Airman 1st Class Brandon Benton**

Benton is assigned to the 19th Operations Security Squadron as an intelligence apprentice. He has been in the Air Force for a year. His long-range goal is to eventually earn his master's degree and his short-range goal is to get promoted to senior airman below the zone. His favorite saying is, "you get what you pay for."



**Airman 1st Class Hsi Chou**

Chou is assigned to the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as an aerospace maintenance apprentice. He has been in the Air Force since January, 2002. His goal is to complete the Air Force Academy. His favorite personal quote is, "believe in your dreams, and your efforts will be worthwhile."

# Beating the heat: avoid summer dangers

By Tech. Sgt. Bart Craven  
19th Air Refueling Group  
Ground Safety Manager

While summer is a time for fun in the sun, it's also a time to exercise caution with the extreme heat and humidity.

One of the most common summertime injuries is heat

stress, which can cause one to become weak and disoriented. If a person's body temperature were elevated too long, the result could be fatal.

People working in heat generating environments, such as construction sites, kitchens and flight line operations, should take special care to avoid heat stress.

Managers and supervisors

should keep efficiency in mind when accomplishing a task. Risk management is needed if the task requires immediate completion. If the task doesn't require expediency, then divert the task to a cooler part of the day.

Operational risk management helps in the evaluation of the Black Knights' mission and off-duty activities.

■ Watch your personal climate - The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health recommends all workers exposed to extreme heat gradually get used to their work environment over a seven-day period. On a hot day, a person may be able to partially accomplish the workload. Each day, the workload may increase, until optimum

work capacity is regained.

■ Drink water frequently - The body cools itself by sweating. You should drink at least eight ounces of water in 20 to 30 minute intervals while working in hot environments. Avoid carbonated beverages, which can increase dehydration.

■ Wear appropriate clothing - These range from clothes

with breathable fabrics to specific designs that cool by air, ice and even portable air conditioners. People who work in high heat environments should pay attention to the warning signs of heat stress, such as muscle cramps and weakness. If someone were to exhibit signs of heat exhaustion or other related signs, seek medical attention immediately.

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