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Col. Marvin Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, passes the 78th Mission Support Group command guidon to Col. Silvia Signars Anderson, right.

Changing leadership

78th Mission Support Group

Col. Silvia Signars Anderson assumed command of the 78th Mission Support Group during a change of command ceremony at the Museum of Aviation June 27.

Anderson replaced Col. Emerson Bascomb, who left Robins to become the chief of staff for installations and logistics for U.S. Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon.

78th Dental Squadron

Col. Page W. McNall, formerly the Program Director of the Advanced Oral Hygiene Program, 59th Dental Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, will assume command of the 78th Dental Squadron July 22.

McNall replaces Col. Douglas J. Ammon. Ammon will become the Command Dental Surgeon for Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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BX parking lot closing July 21

The BX parking lot is scheduled to close for asphalt sealing July 21 through Aug. 4.

The closure is needed to allow the contractor to restripe parking lot. Emergency vehicles will have access if needed, and privately owned vehicles will have partial access until the project is completed.

These dates are tentative and may change.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Paul A. Zink at the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron at 926-5820 ext.607.

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Restless Heart plays tonight



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

Guitarist Greg Jennings, lead singer Larry Stewart, and bass guitar player Paul Gregg of the chart-topping country group Restless Heart entertain troops in Europe as part of Operation Seasons Greetings with the Band of the Air Force Reserve. The Band of the Air Force Reserve will share the stage with Restless Heart for this year's 20th annual Independence Day Concert, tonight at McConnell-Talbert stadium. 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. Mary Therese of television station WMAZ will share the stage with Gerry Marshall of radio station WDEW to host this year's concert. Also performing on the show is the Houston County Honor Band. The 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.

Put to the test, electronics engineer wins AFMC award

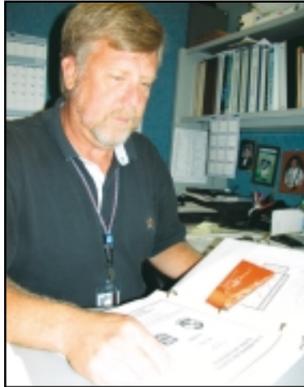
Bill Schleicher named 2002 Civilian Technician of the Year

By Holly J. Logan
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Although Bill Schleicher sees his performance as merely doing his job, others viewed his accomplishments as award winning.

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presented Schleicher, electronics engineer in Robins' Flight Test Office, with the 2002 AFMC Civilian Technician of the Year award at a ceremony at Wright Paterson Air Force Base, Ohio, May 14.

Schleicher came to Robins in September 1998, when a base



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Bill Schleicher, electronics engineer, looks over a test plan for the C-130. He was recently named the 2002 AFMC Civilian Technician of the Year.

closure transferred him from Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

"I came into the field in 1993 because I wanted to explore the unique challenges and opportunities that authoring and managing flight test plans for the Air Force would provide," he said. "Military test pilot graduates usually fill these positions."

Schleicher is one of five civilians in his position in AFMC, and the only one in his office. Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., are the only others to have civilians in their flight-test offices.

As an electronics engineer, Schleicher works with the aircrews of C-5, C-130 and C-141 aircraft and with the 339th Flight Test Squadron at Robins to ensure aircraft parts meet

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Center awards ICE2 contract

By Lanorris Askew
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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center recently awarded a potential 10-year, \$1.95-billion indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract to General Dynamics-Network Systems, of Needham, Mass.

The contract, announced June 11, is the largest ever to be awarded in the Center's history, according to Contracting Directorate officials.

Kenneth Winslette, Acquisition Center of Excellence director, said though there may not be a great monetary impact to the base and area, there is a plus to this contract.

"In today's world, our ability to provide this support clearly increases the Center's value to the nation's Intel community and the war fighter," he said.

The contract will provide for intelligence information, command and control equipment and enhancement or ICE2 and worldwide information technology sustainment and technical support.

General Dynamics-Network Systems will provide computer equipment support consisting of preventive and remedial maintenance of hardware and inventory management.

Sharon Gilmore, ICE2 program manager, said Center contracts have provided support for this equipment from Vietnam through Iraqi conflicts

The equipment supported by this contract consists of commercial, modified-commercial and specially designed equipment items. The equipment is used through the Department of Defense Intelligence Information System and command and control communities to support worldwide intelligence and C2 operations. The equipment also provides intelligence data

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What to know

Departments and agencies supported by this multi-service contract include the Air Force, Army, Navy, Defense Intelligence Agency, Unified Commands, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Joint Reserve Intelligence Program, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and the departments of State, Energy, and Treasury.

Howell's life-saving action earns command valor award

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Curtis Howell and Andy Jones would call themselves friends for life. Because of Howell's quick thinking last November, it's a friendship that will last much longer.

On Nov. 2 Howell performed the Heimlich maneuver on Jones, saving his life. In May, Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of the Maintenance Directorate,

presented Howell the Command Civilian Award for Valor for his heroic actions.

Howell and Jones have worked together off and on at Robins for almost 15 years. They say the friendship they share is not new, that each is always willing to give a helping hand to the other whether on or off the job.

Last November both men were aircraft sheet metal mechanics in the wing shop

of the Commodities and Industrial Products Division. Howell recalled coming to work early on a Saturday.

"During the first break, I was at my toolbox reading the newspaper. Andy came over to talk, and he was eating a ham biscuit and had a cup of coffee," Howell said. At the end of their conversation, he resumed reading his newspaper.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Lisa Mathews

Andy Jones, right, congratulates Curtis Howell for winning the Command Civilian Award for Valor. Howell saved Jones' life by using the Heimlich maneuver.

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"I realized it was very quiet," Howell said. "I looked up, and Andy looked like something was wrong. I asked if he was OK, and he indicated he was choking.

"I then thumped him on the back and asked if he was OK yet. He shook his head to say 'no,' and that's when I put my arms around him and linked my hands at his ribcage and performed the Heimlich maneuver. On the second thrust, the food blockage was removed, and he could breathe again."

Howell also took Jones to the Houston County Medical Center's emergency room following the incident to ensure Jones was indeed OK.

Howell said other co-workers looking on did not realize the severity of the event until it was over.

"Some said they thought we were just joking around," he explained.

After discovering what happened, some in the shop knew Howell's quick-thinking actions should not go unrewarded.

"My supervisor, David McNeal, told me he had put my name in for an award," said Howell. "I told him not to bother, that I had only done what I would hope someone else would have done for me."

As for Jones, he is definitely glad Howell was at work that Saturday morning.

"I'm glad that he was attentive to the situation and acted swiftly. Because he acted swiftly, I'm still here today," said Jones.

Retraining program offers opportunity for new careers

By Lanorris Askew

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When Staff Sgt. Phannak Srun learned he could take charge of his future simply by volunteering for retraining, he decided to go for it.

With 11 years in traffic management under his belt, Srun said though he has enjoyed his job, he wanted to choose a career that would suit him better now and in the future.

"I had been interested in cross training even before this program came about," said the 78th Air Base Wing traffic management craftsman. "I decided to volunteer because it gave me a better chance to get into a career field that I wanted instead of waiting and being limited to a field that I don't want to be in."

Although more than 400 other airmen have also taken advantage of this opportunity, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials at Randolph Air Force Base,

What to know

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty code will be updated online weekly on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site.

For more information contact the Robins Military Personnel Flight at 327-7352.

Texas, more than 900 more may be involuntarily moved to shortage career skills starting Monday.

Officials said 450 airmen volunteered to change career fields during the initial phase of this year's retraining program but it was not enough. In April, the Air Force said it needed about 1,400 airmen to change careers.

To help remedy this situation, officials will begin notifying airmen selected as most vulnerable to retrain next week. They will ask the air-

men to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into as part of the program's Phase II. The second phase runs through Aug. 15.

According to Master Sgt. Walt Smith, NCO in charge of personnel employment and retraining at Robins, only six people here have volunteered so far and from conversations, he has learned that many are hesitant about changing career fields when they have invested 10 or more years.

"Some are hoping that others will volunteer, and the Air Force will reach its quota without them having to retrain," he said.

Under Phase II, not everyone is guaranteed his or her first choice. Major commands continue to accept volunteer applications. Personnel officials encourage all eligible NCOs to also consider special-duty assignments such as recruiting, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military educa-

How to volunteer

- Make an appointment with the Retraining Office
- Choose the AFSCs you are interested in
- The Retraining office will check eligibility requirements to ensure you meet standards
- Gather the required documents for retraining including: EPRs, medical profile, retraining counseling and retraining application signed by the squadron commander
- Retraining office sends retraining package to individual major commands retraining office
- MAJCOM forwards information to AFPC who makes overall approval/disapproval
- Base retraining office is notified of decision and contacts member to notify them of the decision

tion instructor.

"There's still time for those who have been identified for possible retraining to volunteer," said Chief Master Sgt. Alvin Diaz, chief of the skills management branch at Randolph.

"It's up to each airman, but if it were me, I'd think having control over my career would be a priority and help reduce the stress of not knowing whether or not I will get that notification asking me to make a selection - I'd volunteer."

Smith said the retraining program is designed to rebalance the enlisted force by retraining NCOs from skills with overages to skills with

shortages.

Srun said his newly chosen career field will help ease his transition into civilian life after he leaves military service.

"I want to know and learn more about computers," he said. "The economy itself depends on computers."

Srun said he found out he had been accepted into the program Monday.

Factors such as retention rates and new promotions have an effect on how many airmen will finally be retrained and where they will be needed, said Diaz.

Editor's note: AFPC News Service contributed to this article.

Public Affairs office welcomes new director

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Public Affairs has a new director - Maj. Mike Pierson.

Pierson, along with his wife Julie and two children Christopher and Kathryn, comes to Robins from the American Forces Network in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native is a career public affairs officer who was commissioned in 1988 through

the University of Cincinnati's ROTC program. He is also a dedicated Buckeye fan.

"I'm looking forward to telling the rest of the Air Force about the great work we do at Robins," he said. "My goal is to always leave an office better than I found it. This is a great office to begin with, so it's going to be hard to make it any better."

As the Center's public affairs director, Pierson will



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be responsible for directing comprehensive plans and programs for the Center's internal communication, public information and community relations activities.

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Museum of Aviation to hold robotics academy July 12

Starbase Robins, one of the education programs at the Museum of Aviation, will host a Robotics Academy for seventh- and eighth-graders July 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each student will build a robot that will promote math, science, and technological skills while having fun. Students will be registered on a first-come, first-serve basis after completing their pre-registration forms

and paying their \$20 non-refundable deposits.

Registration forms and acceptance letters will be sent to the applicants of the academy. Completed forms and a \$40 balance are due the day of the academy.

For more information, contact Martha Lockhart, Starbase Robins, at the Museum of Aviation at 926-1769.

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specification and have proper installation and function.

“We have to think of all possible environments and obstacles this equipment can undergo during a flight,” he said.

“The pilots help us determine the parts’ capabilities and how to test them. If the parts were to fail, they go back to the different program offices, and they decide whether they can go on the planes.”

While 90 percent of the job involves mountains of paperwork that can seem tedious at times, Schleicher said the best part of the job is putting the parts to the test.

“After weeks of managing and authoring test plans, going through safety and technical review boards and doing research for test plans, the best part is being able to fly with the aircrew to test the system” he said.

“Flying is fun. I get a chance to compare my assumptions about the parts with the actuality, which helps me make sure parts live up to specifications.”

While Schleicher’s work remains behind the scenes, he realizes the importance his role plays in the success of Robins’ mission.

“Our office supports all program offices in acquisition and testing of new aircraft systems,” he said. “If we weren’t here, (there) wouldn’t (be) an independent review of systems to keep aircraft flying safely.”

Schleicher said news of his recent award took him by surprise.

“I had no idea,” he said. “Being in the presence of such a high caliber of others at the ceremony made me wonder if I should even be there.”

His honor came as no surprise, however, to those who know his work best.

“Bill is a consummate professional in every way,” said Capt. Stephen Brooks, Robins’ Flight Test Office chief.

“I’ve been in this field for 10 years, and he’s one of the best in this field I’ve seen. This award exemplifies his accomplishments. He’s definitely most deserving of this award.”

Maj. Randy Robertson, C-5 operations officer for the 339th Flight Test Squadron, who has conducted many test flights with Schliecher and worked with him at Kelly and Robins, agreed.

“He’s an excellent resource to the C-5 program,” he said. “When it comes to a project, I always know I’ll get a safe product if Bill is on the job. He’s fun

and a great guy to have on the plane. I can think of no one more deserving of this award.”

Schliecher said he credits his success to his mentors in the field.

“Maj. Stuart Butts, my supervisor at Kelly, and Maj. Vanessa Rebello, formerly with Robins, were a great influence on my career,” he said.

“They were very patient and took the time to explain the flight test world to me,” he said. “The two of them helped me gain the confidence I needed to understand and write test plans.”

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to the National Command Authorities and various civilian agencies and departments. A typical ICE2 site may include commercial-off-the-shelf national security systems, intelligence data handling equipment, C2 equipment, local area networks, wide area networks, secure and non-secure video systems, com-

munication devices and exploitation equipment. Equipment may process information of varying security classifications and many of the sites are sensitive compartmented information facilities.

The contract is structured as a basic four-year period with two three-year incentive options.

The equipment is located at more than 1,000 sites worldwide and is used throughout the Department

of Defense’s Intelligence Information System and Command and Control communities to support critical worldwide intelligence and C2 operations.

Proposals were evaluated to determine the best value to the government in terms of mission capability requirements, proposal risk, past performance, and cost and price.

Editor’s note: Defense Link contributed to this article.

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<http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/index.htm>

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Take me out to the ballgame

Team Robins enjoys military appreciation night at Luther Williams field



Clockwise from left:
Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base commander, throws out the first ball at the Macon Peaches baseball game June 25 for military appreciation night.
Wednesday nights are military appreciation night at Luther Williams Field. All military members and DoD civilians will be admitted free with proper ID card. All military family members will get in for half price by purchasing a ticket from 5-7 p.m. The Macon Peaches won 10-5 over Southeastern June 25.
Macon Peaches players pause before play for the national anthem.
Master Sgt. Mihae Brown and Staff Sgt. Melissa Magyari from the 19th Air Refueling Group enjoy the game.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Lifetime opportunity



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrel

Airman 1st Class Thomas Bennest, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, gets his new stripes pinned on June 30 by Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray, right, and Staff Sgt. Adam Mullholland, left, at the 5th Combat Communications Group monthly promotion ceremony. Bennest, who came in the Air Force in 2000 and was promoted July 3, said "it was an honor and the opportunity of a lifetime to have the chief pin them on."

This story will be available in streaming video Monday.
 Go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>

Voluntary Leadership Development Program accepting applications

By Cathy Touey
 Base Education & Training

Employees interested in being a first-line wage supervisor in the Maintenance Directorate can volunteer to gain valuable training that will help prepare them to take on the roles and challenges of a supervisory position. The training is designed to make graduates more competitive for selection to a supervisory position.

Eligibility: Training will be limited to

Robins Air Force Base permanent civilian employees permanently assigned as GS-09, WG-09 and WL-07 and above. Employees who have retained grade or retained to pay GS-09, WG-09, and WL-07 and above are also eligible to apply. Deadline: July 11. Applications: To self nominate go to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>. Look for Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor. WS-8801-10, AANOUNCEMENT#: 03JUN324740.

For more information, call Cathy Touey at 327-7304.

All in a day's work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

■ Airman 1st Class Charles Diggs
 ■ Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard

"Our detail is presenting the colors, the American and Air Force flags, at official functions, ceremonies and banquets showing military honors. We constantly train, sometimes with other honor guard members in the area such as the ones from Dobbins Air Force Base.

We also serve at funerals for active duty, retired and veterans of all military services. For the funerals we travel a lot, not only in Georgia, but also to North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. So we stay very busy. The best part of the job is knowing we're doing a good deed for the families of lost ones and doing our part for our country."

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

The commissary will be open today 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Friday, and open Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Housing Office will be closed today. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday.

Trash pickup in Military Family Housing will be today, 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 today in observance of AFMC Family. Normal business hours will resume July 7.

The Legal Assistance Office will be closed today.

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 Monday. For more information, contact Gail Harbuck at 327-7380 or patricia.harbuck@robins.af.mil.

The Reserve Officers Association chapter dinner will be Wednesday 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 members 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 shotgun 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 fall bowling league will start Sept. 2. To join the OSC bowling league as a regular or substitute member, contact Mary Ann Cotton at 975-0764. The league bowls at 9:30 Tuesday mornings at Robins Lanes. More information will be available at the OSC Activities Coffee Aug. 28 at the Officers' Club.

The Officers' Spouses Club luncheons will resume in August. For more information, contact Aimee Henson at 987-1964.

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress is honoring America's veterans through the Veterans History Project, a national initiative to collect individuals' wartime experiences. The Veterans History Project calls for all Americans to play a personal role in the preservation of

our nation's history by recording the first-person accounts of those who defended our country during wartime, as well as the civilians who supported them. A free instruction kit for veterans, volunteers and potential partners who would like to participate is available by calling 1-888-371-5848, or by visiting the Web site at www.loc.gov/vets.

Parents may register their children in Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the summer. School starts Aug. 8. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be 6-years-old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for 4-year-olds. To be eligible, a student must be 4 on or before Sept. 1 of the cur-

rent year. For more information, call the school at 926-5003.

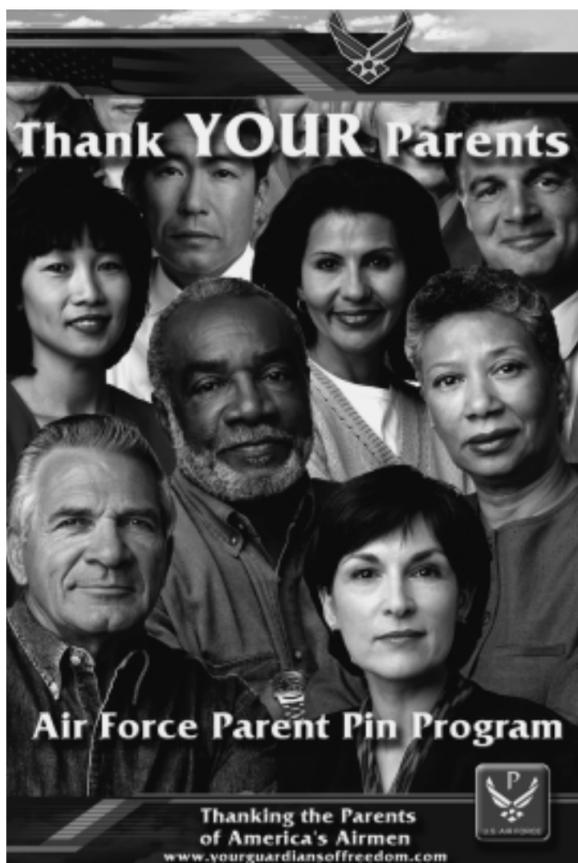
The Museum of Aviation is recruiting new adult volunteers who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Lillian Kurth, volunteer coordinator, at 926-4242.

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.

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Riding safely on base

■ Air Force instruction outlines proper upper garment wear for motorcyclists

By Bill Morrow

WR-ALC Safety and Occupational Health

There's an old saying about motorcycle riders - "there are those who have laid it down, and those who will."

And whether it's true or not, when it comes to riding on a military installation, the government has added additional rider requirements to help with safety.

The rules of what to wear when riding on base apply to everyone: military members, visitors, contractors, vendors, dependents and spouses.

The most frequent question asked by motorcyclists about riding on the installation concerns upper garment clothing, and what is required to be worn.

According to Air Force instruction, brightly colored or contrasting vests or jackets will be worn during the day and reflective vests or jackets will be worn at night. The instruction also states that the outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered. Long sleeve shirts are also authorized as upper garment wear. If a vest is worn it will be in conjunction with a long sleeve shirt or jacket.

Motorcyclists have a choice of upper garments - a long sleeve shirt, a jacket or a vest. Any of the three are acceptable during daylight hours, provided they're brightly colored or have contrasting colors.

A reflective vest or jacket is only required at night, however, wearing a reflective vest or jacket during daylight hours meets the criteria of the instruction and prepares motorcyclists should they end up being out after the sun sets.

Many motorcycle manufacturers' clothing now incorporates reflective fabric and piping in outer wear garments. The fabric or material may look gray or silver during daylight hours but is highly reflective at night.

You might notice military members wearing a traffic vest because flight suits



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Motorcyclists on Robins have a choice of upper garments — a long sleeve shirt, a jacket or a vest.

and battle dress uniforms aren't brightly colored or contrasting. The traffic vest provides for the brightly colored and contrasting requirement of the instruction during daylight and will meet the third requirement of being reflective at night.

Motorcyclists may also wear a jacket or shirt over their uniforms to meet the brightly colored or contrasting requirement during daylight hours. Due to uniform requirements, however, they will be removed when the motorcyclist gets off

the motorcycle. Short sleeves, such as T-shirts or sleeveless shirts, aren't acceptable as outer garments. Flight line belts are not vests, and don't meet the "reflective" requirement of the instruction.

Another aspect of the outer upper garment is that it will be clearly visible and not covered. Wearing a backpack obscures visibility of the garment. Attaching a reflective belt or reflective strips to the backpack doesn't meet the requirement.

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

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NCO Commandant offers leadership perspective

Greetings Team Robins Plus! Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Chief Master Sgt. Justice (a.k.a. Chief Justice) the new commandant of your Robins Noncommissioned Officer Academy. And with a name and title like mine, you can rest assured I'm here to serve. I consider it an honor and a privilege to aid in the professional development of our future senior noncommissioned officers, and I will do so by serving in accordance with the Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self," and "Excellence in All We Do."



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My leadership perspective, as it relates to each of our core values, is relatively simple:

■ **Integrity First** - "Say what you mean, and mean what you say!" Now more than ever before the Air Force is pivotal to the success of humanitarian, contingency, and war operations. Our ability to strike virtually any target around the world

with lethal precision equates to a means of "negotiation" that minimizes loss of life and expedites the restoration of peace.

Every member of the Air Force team contributes to mission success and must be trustworthy. Integrity also applies to work, just as your spoken word must be true, so too must your work be true. The integrity of your work must be able to stand the test of trial. When the challenges come — and they will — will your work be a strong link in our chain of defense or will it falter?

■ **Service Before Self** - This value requires tremendous discipline because we have a natural tendency to be self-serving. The mission must come first ... period! However, usually personal goal fulfillment runs in concert with mission accomplishment. The Air Force provides world-class technical training to new recruits, training which continues throughout individual terms of service. There are also a multitude of off-duty educational and countless other self-improvement opportunities for military members and their families. The

Air Force wants you to depart its ranks with a solid foundation of technical training, education, and a reasonable degree of financial security. Consider this, and I'm respectfully adapting words from General George S. Patton, the Air Force does not want you to die for your country; when there are no other alternatives, the Air Force wants you to afford enemies of Freedom the opportunity to die for their country. Make no mistake about it, service requires sacrifice and there may come a time when the ultimate sacrifice is required. Draw strength from the fact that your service secures freedom for those you hold most dear. Have faith in God, yourself, and the principles upon which our country was founded. Just as those who served before you, your service will be honorable... come what may.

■ **Excellence in All We Do** - Sign your work with excellence. Whatever your specialty, do the absolute best job you're capable of doing; resign yourself to providing the best service and/or product humanly possible. If you are a cook, endeavor to provide the best

tasting and nutritionally balanced meal your fellow servicemen have ever enjoyed. If you are a Security Forces member, make sure there are no breaches on your watch. If you are a maintainer, endeavor to optimize the reliability of assigned equipment. Though our specialties are too many to mention them all, I trust my message is not lost; work to be the very best at your appointed craft, mission success may hang in the balance.

I sincerely hope you find these simple perspectives useful. On behalf of the Robins NCO Academy staff, I salute the efforts of all who serve Team Robins Plus as well as those who support those who serve.

Your academy staff is an exceptional collection of professionals, men and women who were competitively selected to step outside of their respective specialties and teach leadership skills to emerging senior noncommissioned officers.

They personify Air Force core values and their pursuit of excellence is unwavering. In fact, their service is so commendable that it warrants honorable mention. Please

allow me to introduce you to your Robins NCO Academy Staff:

- Senior Master Sgt. John R. Long/Director of Education
- Master Sgt. Michael A. Lee/Flight Instructor
- Master Sgt. Richard P. Taylor/Director of Resources
- Tech. Sgt. Paul M. Mitchell/NCOIC Evaluations and Training
- Tech. Sgt. Michelle Y. Robbins/Flight Instructor
- Tech. Sgt. LaVertis D. Anthony/NCOIC Information Management
- Tech. Sgt. Helen V. Blackshire/Flight Instructor
- Tech. Sgt. Christina F. Kibler/Flight Instructor
- Tech. Sgt. Todd M. Strevig/Flight Instructor
- Senior Airman Antonio L. Hatcher/Information Manager.

Your NCO Academy staff is here to serve and we pledge to treat all who enter our doors with professionalism and respect.

Furthermore, we challenge all students to, "Enter to learn and depart to lead!"
May God bless America.

True meaning of being American is different for different people

By Capt. Tim Heintzelman
86th Security Forces Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- I hear the word "American" and the first things that come to mind for me are the "Stars and Bars," the Bald Eagle and the Statue of Liberty. These are all signs of our great nation, and most of us can relate to these images. But what does it mean to be an American? With the 4th of July holiday coming up, I struggled with this recently.

Three times a year — Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Fourth of July — we reflect on the sacrifices of the men and women who have gone before us. On these days, Americans come together to honor those who have done so much for our nation and who have united Americans through hardships.

Sept. 11, 2001, should also have close to the same significance. With the unbearable grief it brought, a sense of unity began to emerge too.

People were proud to be American even though they were going through one of our nation's roughest times. But does it take an event as devastating as that to get people to see what is around them and to produce Americans that are proud of their country? I began to think that was the

case until I really looked around.

After Sept. 11, the nation rallied around the goal of combating terrorism. Then people began to take our presence in Afghanistan as routine, even as Americans were dying in this foreign country.

Next, the build up outside Iraq began. Debates and anti-war demonstrations, many of them in our own nation, took place about whether or not we should go into Iraq.

After we attacked Iraq, again a sense of unity rose and most Americans were concerned for and proud of their service-members fighting the war.

Now that the war is over, many Americans again view our presence in Iraq as routine. Yet, you can pick up the paper almost everyday and read about one of our fellow Americans dying in this country far from the borders of our great nation.

There are still wounded Americans transiting in and out of our military hospitals who serve America with distinction, but because the "war" is over, you hear very little about them.

As I started writing this commentary, I began to wonder if we had lost sight of the true meaning of being an American. I also became disheartened to the fact that

maybe for Americans, patriotism and love of country had deminished. But, it is the little things I see as I look around me in everyday life that remind me that it is still there. You just have to look for it.

It is your 6-year-old daughter reciting the Pledge of Allegiance that she learned in school.

It is the security forces members who ensure everyone sleeps well at night because they keep the base safe.

It is the aircrew member who flies all night and unloads an aircraft in 100-plus degree heat.

It is the teacher who makes sure that our children are prepared for the future.

And, it is the mechanic who works diligently to fix a vehicle or airplane so that the mission can get done.

I could go on and on.

Pride in America means so many different things to different people. It is all based on one's perspective. Pride is an individual feeling and doesn't have to come from a life-changing event.

Pride in being an American can be evident in even the smallest, most obscure places. I realized there are so many things that make me proud to be an American, but the question is - what are you proud of?

— Courtesy of USAFE News Service

AFMC birthday message

All,

To answer the call of a changing Air Force, the Air Force Systems Command and the Air Force Logistics Command merged on July 1, 1992. This union marked a milestone - the creation of a single Air Force organization responsible for cradle-to-grave air and space war fighting capabilities.

The birth of Air Force Materiel Command brought with it a clear focus to become an innovative organization overseeing research and development, testing, systems acquisition and sustainment.

Throughout our history, we have overcome many challenges to become the world leader in war fighter support. Our transformation initiatives ensure that we will provide war-winning capabilities to meet the future needs of the Air Force and the United States.

As we mark the 11th year of AFMC accomplishments, we can do so with pride knowing we have remained faithful to our mission. From sustaining the Air Force's worldwide fleet of weapon systems to fostering the tremendous success of emerging technologies such as unmanned aerial vehicles, our role in current operations is singular and widespread. AFMC enables war fighters to overcome obstacles and secure the victories of our nation.

Happy birthday, AFMC, and may God bless each of you!

Gen. Lester Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command



Lyles

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



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Confusion over proper attire for motorcycle riders

I attempted to enter the base via Gate 14 on my motorcycle. I was wearing the same things I have used hundreds of times of times since Security Forces started enforcing AFI 91-207 several years ago — over the ankle shoes, jeans, safety glasses, helmet, full finger gloves, and a long sleeve white shirt. The Army guard at the informed me I must wear a vest to enter the base. I told her the reflective vest was required only during the hours of darkness. Then I was told that I had to wear a shirt that was contrast to the color of my bike. My bike was black and I couldn't get any more contrasting than the white shirt I was wearing. The guard said it didn't matter what color my bike was I had to wear a bright color shirt. At this time I depart-

ed the base and called Bill Morrow in the Center Safety Office and relayed my problem and asked if there had been any changes in the AFI. Morrow said I should have been allowed to enter the base with the white shirt and that he had informed Security Forces in the past that white shirts were okay. Morrow said he would get back with Security Forces again. It seems that each guard has his or her own interpretation of the AFI. I am not finding fault with the Army troops guarding the gates. They are always courteous and friendly while acting in a professional manner. However, there seems to be a problem with the training section at Security Forces not getting the correct information to the gate guards.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for recognizing the courteous and professional service the Army is providing the installation. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 and AFI 91-

207 regulate the proper attire for operating motorcycles on the installation and both instructions are vague and somewhat contradict each other, creating confusion for individuals responsible for enforcement. You are correct in that the upper outer garment does not have to be multicolored as long as it is brightly colored (white, pastel, neon or florescent) and has nothing to do with the color of the motorcycle. The 78th SFS will be posting colored cardstock pamphlets produced by the Center Safety Office at each gate to eliminate confusion. All personnel operating motorcycles on the installation must comply with the instructions. Individuals not in compliance will be issued citations that will be forwarded to their commander. Questions concerning motorcycle attire can be directed to the Center Safety Office at 926-6271.

See related story about motorcycle safety, Page 8A.



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the tie that binds

116th Air Control Wing



Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the colors of the United States Air Force. Ultramarine blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Air Force yellow denotes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The reversed chevrons symbolize the three flying squadrons of the wing renting the embattlement that represents the enemy ground position. The darts are indicative of a flight of aircraft in tactical formation moving toward the enemy.

339th Flight Test Squadron



The 339th Flight Test Squadron's mission is hazardous, like taming a ferocious dragon. The flying dragon, reared in the attack position, symbolizes the uncertified aircraft flown by the 339 FLTS. Silver represents the color of the aircraft. The sharp claws, fangs, and fire represent the danger of flying uncertified aircraft during Functional Check Flights and Test Evaluation missions. The clouds, stars, and blue background represent the weather conditions and aerial domain the aircraft are prepared to once again dominate after Functional Check Flight and Test Evaluation certification.

78th Air Base Wing



Time doesn't fade history of unit patches

By Lanorris Askew
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They say a stitch in time saves nine but for one union general the idea to stitch a patch on members of his regiment helped him save face.

According to the History Corner http://www.sgaus.org/his_unit.htm, the wearing of unit insignia originated during the American Civil War.

The story relates that a union general observed a group of Union officers resting in the shade of a tree. Assuming they were officers of his brigade he administered a sharp rebuke, as others have done, before and since.

But they were from another organization. The embarrassed general extended his apologies and rode on. Although this is not particularly unusual, General Philip Kearney was the first officer who did anything constructive to ease identification. He ordered all officers of his command to wear a red patch on their forage caps.

The enlisted men of the brigade liked the idea and while not required to wear them they were proud of their brigade and adopted the patch.

William Head, chief Center historian, said though the unit patch is a tradition that began during the Revolutionary War and blossomed during the Civil War, the art of distinguishing one's group or unit from others dates back even further.

"Lords and Dukes wore colors, patterns and schemes to identify themselves and their followers," said Head. "The Romans did the same by carrying staffs and symbols."

Since that time men and women have continued to proudly don their badges of honor, telling the story of their beginnings.

Senior Airman Erika Fisher, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron information manager, said wearing the squadron patch is an honor because so many before her wore the exact same patch, proudly representing the 653rd.

"The patch is a proud display of our squadron and it will forever display the squadron's mobile force and its history— past and present," she said.

Most who wear a patch, no matter the unit, mirror Fisher's thoughts, including Maj. Randy Robertson, C-5 operations officer.

"It (the patch) represents what I am and what I hope to carry on," he said. "It's like a living history. Not every unit can tie its tail back to such a long and robust history. The patch is a bond that ties us together."

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Stewart of the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron said after 24 years of service the Air Force sent him to the 5th, and he loves to wear the patch because he loves being identified as a member of the highly diverse and dynamic unit.

"As one of the Air Force's first responder units, the group is the tip of the spear," he said. "I don't view myself as a supply guy, but as a communicator, proudly supplying the systems it takes to allow deployed commanders to command and control operations. We also impact quality of life, providing deployed troops the chance to take a few minutes to make that phone call home or read the e-mail that keeps them in touch with family and friends. Remember, without 'com', there is no 'combat.'"

Representing the fight, the spirit and the history of the men and women of the armed forces, the unit patch will forever remind all who see them of the foundation on which the unit was built.

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron



The circular globe depicts the squadron's worldwide responsibility. The chess knight represents the squadron's mobile posture and ability to accomplish highly skilled Air Logistics Center workload requirements. The wings symbolize air power. The stars over the chess knight depict and differentiate the active squadrons.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center



Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The eagle symbolizing strength and the shield with its thirteen stripes indicates that the unit's resources are used for protection and defense of the United States of America. The red dot positioned upon the white star on the blue circle symbolizes the Center's Air Force mission.

5th Combat Communications Group



The three white darts represent a formation of symbolic aircraft. The superimposed white globe over both field represents the groups worldwide operational commitment. The light blue dexter field and darker (Air Force) blue sinister field represents the group's 24 hours-a-day (light blue day and dark blue night) operational commitment. The red bolts with yellow flashes radiating from the sword and extending over the horizon and to the white darts represents the combat communications, navigational support and radar control mission of the group.

19th Air Refueling Group



The prominent colors of blue and yellow represent the United States Air Force. The constellation of Pegasus is symbolic of celestial navigation, while the winged sword represents the tactical striking force of the organization.

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. A divided shield of red and blue denote the unit's World War II heritage. The indented partition line reflects the Wing's quick action and rapid striking power. The links of chain symbolize the Wing's unity of purpose within the mission of the Air Force.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

- 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 fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

STREAMING VIDEO

FULL STREAM AHEAD*

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

- John Anderson explains Pine Oaks Golf Course renovation
- Weapons of mass destruction exercise tests base, community emergency response procedures
- Government, private industry leaders attend Georgia International Lean symposium

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

ROBINS REPORT

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

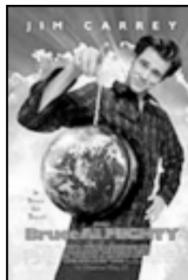
The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday
7:30 p.m. — **Bruce Almighty** — Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman

At the end of the worst day in his life, Bruce angrily ridicules and rages against God - and God responds. He appears in human form and, endowing Bruce with all of His divine powers, challenges Bruce to take on the big job and see if he can do it any better.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual content, & crude humor) 99 minutes



Saturday
7:30 p.m. — **The In-Laws** — Albert Brooks, Michael Douglas



When prospective fathers-in-law Steve Tobias and Jerry Peyser meet for the first time to celebrate their children's upcoming marriage, the cake hits the fan. As far as Jerry's concerned, letting Steve into his family takes "til death do us part" way too literally. Before he can say the wedding is off, Jerry suddenly finds himself embroiled in the chaos that follows. Rated PG-13 (suggestive humor, language, some drug references and action violence) 98 minutes

Rising stars



U.S. Air Force photo by Angela Trunzo

Robins Air Force Base children perform the play "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" Friday afternoon at the Smith Community Center before an audience of family and friends. The children attended a week-long theater camp where they auditioned for roles and rehearsed their parts. The Missoula Children's Theatre, a touring theater company, organized the production.

MUSEUM FILMS

The Museum of Aviation will be showing patriotic films each day at 11 a.m. in the Vistascope Theater during the month of July.

God is My Co-Pilot, July 1-5

Based on the autobiography of Col. Robert Lee Scott Jr., a decorated Flying Tiger fighter pilot, God is My Co-Pilot chronicles Scott's heroic actions during World War II and what role faith plays.

The Spirit of St. Louis, July 6-12

James Stewart recreates the struggles and success of Charles A. Lindbergh, or "Lucky Lindy," in Billy Wilder's uplifting film.

Bataan, July 13-19

Robert Taylor and Desi Arnaz star in this grim but exciting motion picture that realistically portrays the darkest days of World War II.

Bombers B-52, July 20-26

A suspenseful aerial drama set during the Cold War-era, Bombers B-52 centers on a grizzled airplane mechanic (Karl Malden), a hot-shot pilot (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.), and a sergeant's daughter (Natalie Wood).

Twelve O'clock High, July 27-Aug. 1

Brigadier General Savage (Gregory Peck) is commandeered to boost the shattered moral of a bomber group in England, toward the end of 1942.

For more information, contact Alicia Kennon, at the Museum of Aviation at 926-6870.

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.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Friday 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

Tuesday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC Annex.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8:30 - noon, in Building 905, Room 141.

Interviewing basics

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

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop is July 14-16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center Ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within

the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Community tour

The FSC is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, July 16, 8:30 a.m. - 1p.m. Meet at the Family Support Center.

Interviewing strategies

The Transition Assistance program is offering a class on Interviewing Strategies, July 17, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 905, Room 139.

Topics include: Arriving for the interview, how to conduct yourself during the interview, post interview evaluation, and follow-up, including responding to rejection.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Club Scholarship Contest

Need money for college? Air Force Clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. Six scholarships will be awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs.

Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay. All entries must be submitted to the base Services Director by July 15.

Current Air Force Club members and their family members, e.g., spouse, son, daughter, stepson, and stepdaughter, who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2003 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible.

Ask for rules and entry forms when visiting the Officers' or Enlisted Clubs Air Force Club. To find information online, go to www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.

This is the seventh year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to

members. First USA, MasterCard, and Coca-Cola make this program possible through their sponsorship. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

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 Shrine Park in Macon. Adult tickets are \$10 and children's tickets are \$5.

■ Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

Library 327-7380

Children may participate in the "Take Flight" summer reading pro-

gram at the Base Library with story time on Mondays from 9 - 10 a.m. for children ages 5 and younger and program time from 10 - 11 a.m. for children ages 6 and older. Children must read at least seven age-appropriate books and attend four meetings at the library to be eligible for the special drawing to be held at the ice cream social on July 29. To register, visit the Library, Building 905 or call 327-7380.

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

Summer reading program soars



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The summer reading program "Take Flight" runs through July 21. Kids have to read seven age-appropriate books and attend four meetings. There will be an ice cream party July 29.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Jerri McGirr, library assistant, reads to the children during storytime at the base library.

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Above, Nicole Pierce, 2, and her mother Anita pick out some books for Nicole to read. Right, Brian and Alyssa Spencer, 6- and 4-years old respectively, read during storytime at the library June 23.



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U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Bill Waterman, medical services analyst with AFRC/SG(Command surgeon), shows off his Atlanta Braves collection. 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.

Braves fan's cubicle home to memorabilia

By Sue Sapp

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When Bill Waterman talks about the Atlanta Braves, he explodes with enthusiasm.

Waterman, along with fellow base employees Dave Brown and Jim Sigmon, provide the fireworks at the Brave's home games.

One of the three is always on hand to shoot the fireworks out of the 42-foot tall Coke bottle and four cannons atop Turner Field after home runs and game wins.

His cubicle is filled with hats, bats, balls, bobble head dolls and literally thousands of photographs of the players, announcers and the fireworks displays.

Waterman recalled taking his grandson, John, when he was 5 to a game where the child was able to see inside the coke bottle, play the stadium organ, and catch a ball from Chipper Jones. After the game, they decided to try to get Cal Ripken's autograph. Ripken



Waterman's collection of bobble head dolls.

took the ball out of a disappointed John's hands, signed the ball and handed it back to the young boy. Later, in the car, John said he was glad he got his ball back but, "He (Ripken) wrote on my ball."

Waterman said the things in his cubicle are overflow from home that his wife made him bring to work.

"My co-workers get a kick out of it. It's like I'm on the tour when anyone comes in the building."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

922-4415

The Civilian Recreation walking program is 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.

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.

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.

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Base telephone operators keep Robins connected worldwide

Got a story idea? Call the Rev-Up at 926-2137.

By Holly J. Logan

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Operators answer phones - but more importantly, they connect people with people.

Take for example, Maj. Greg Scheer, a pilot with the 19th Air Refueling Group. While deployed in support of operations in the Middle East, operators at Robins made sure Scheer was able to talk to his family.

And he wasn't the only one.

In a small room of wall-to-wall cubicles, nestled in secure Building 214, Shannon Reinke and Robins' nine other operators answer calls 24 hours, seven days a week, providing telephone assistance for service members and Defense Department workers.

"We work in three eight-hour shifts," she said. "No matter what time it is, day or night, we're here helping people with directory assistance calls, official business conference calls and morale calls for military members deployed overseas."

Reinke, who previously worked night shift, said hearing nothing but the sound of ringing telephones can sometimes be an uncomfortable feeling.

"Before I came on day shift six months ago, I worked our midnight shift," she said. "Even though we have a camera in our office that allows us to see who is at the front door of the building and a control box that lets us unlock the door from our desks, it's scary being here by yourself sometimes," she said. "One night, a guy came in our building unan-



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Shannon Reike, a base phone operator since 2001, enjoys getting people connected.

nounced, and ended up getting frisked by base police."

Amidst routine calls, operators also manage the Base Emergency Telephone

System, where incoming calls report emergencies base wide.

"Each organization has a BETS phone," she said. "If their power goes out or their phone lines are down, they can call us on this phone, and we can connect them to civil engineering or whoever they need."

Using a computer-based program with numbers listed in Robins' phone book, Reinke helps people get connected in record time.

"All of our calls have to be under 20 seconds," she said. "They're timed and logged to make sure we are

helping people get the numbers they need as quickly as possible, by looking them up in our system and connecting them through a standard

phone. Sure, people could look up these numbers, but we're here if they can't find what they need."

As Robins' reorganization continues, many numbers and office symbols have changed - creating an added challenge.

"It's a mess," she said. "They're reorganizing, but they're not going into the system and making changes to their

information to reflect that. If telephone control officers in the organizations don't update their organization's information in the system when someone moves or has a name change, it's like try-

ing to find a needle in a haystack."

While time limits and discontented callers can sometimes make a workday stressful, Reinke said having at least one person's appreciation makes it all worthwhile.

"It's nice to be appreciated," she said, relating the time Scheer came by the office when he got back from deployment bearing a gift from the heart. "He brought us pizza and told us how great we are for helping him call his family while he was gone. He's a wonderful man."

People helping other people is one thing that makes the operators at Robins unique.

"Most bases have automated phone systems instead of operators," Reinke said. "A lot of military members call us to get help placing morale calls using phone cards while they're deployed overseas. They can't get that help from a recording."

On hectic days, when lunch means a quick meal at her desk, Reinke said she finds comfort in the experience that surrounds her.

"We help people get their jobs done and help military members go on another day with morale calls when they're deployed," she said. "Sometimes, it gets a little crazy, but having a great, close-knit staff helps. We share on-the-job stories with each other, and that helps us to laugh and not feel alone when we have a bad day."

No matter how many calls she takes in a day, Reinke said she's always ready to help one more person.

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