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Russell Parkway Gate road work begins July 18

Due to road construction, the Russell Parkway Gate/Gate 14 will be one lane in each direction from 6 p.m., July 18 to July 20 and from 6 p.m., July 25 to July 27.

Personnel should consider using the Main Gate/Gate 2 during these hours.

For questions or concerns, contact the 78th Security Forces Squadron at 926-2186 or 926-2187.

— From staff reports

Robins needs entertainers for 2003 Air Show

If the highpoint of your day is entertaining others and making them smile, then the Robins Air Force Base Open House and Air Show Sept. 6 and 7 is the perfect place for you to showcase your talent.

According to Maj. Sam Simpliciano, air show director, volunteer entertainers from surrounding communities are being sought for the two-day event.

"We are looking for singers, dancers, bands and other family-type entertainers," he said. "The Open House and Air Show promises to be a great weekend, so please consider sharing your talents with the community."

He said last year the event also showcased a Taekwondo exhibition and clowns as entertainment.

Simpliciano said the open house emphasizes the daily activity of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in partnership with the Middle Georgia community. Previous Robins' open house and air shows were extremely successful and popular. However, this year promises to be better than ever.

"We expect over 250,000 people to attend each day and want to have the best entertainment available," he said.

The program includes military and civilian aerial demonstrations, static displays, exhibits, and ground demonstrations. The highlight of the show will be the aerial demonstration of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds.

If you would like to participate in the entertainment portion of the Open House and Air Show, contact Burl Jimmerson at 926-1449. Applicants will be asked to complete a questionnaire by Aug. 1 so an audition may be set up.

There will be no monetary compensation for entertainers.

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'Mapping' new terrain



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Phillip Myers, electronics mechanic, works on a ground map antenna. The radar system maps out terrain for Special Operations Forces units.

Team aims to Lean antenna work flow

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Teamwork was a key factor for a recent Lean event involving workers in the Precision Attack Radar/Gyro Branch of the Avionics Division, the Special Operations System Program Office and representatives of the 919th Maintenance Squadron out of Duke Field, Fla.

In a value stream map event in May the Lean team gathered to see what would improve the process of repairing the AN/APQ-122 (V) 8 "Mapper" antenna, used by special operations forces for precision ground mapping.

Mike Doubleday, section chief of the

branch, and team lead for the event, said several changes to the current process were discussed to improve the process, shorten work flow days and help reduce repeat work significantly. "Right now, it takes about 60 days to strip down an antenna to bare bones and rebuild it," he said. "We're trying to get to 20 days, or a 66 percent reduction in flow days."

"This radar system maps out the terrain for (Special Operations Forces units) and lets them know what's coming up ... trees, mountains ... and maps the ground for them to show them the contour of what they are flying over," Doubleday said.

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New LM Directorate stands up

Directorate seeks to simplify and strengthen war fighter support

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Clay

The new Armaments and Specialized Management Directorate provides one-stop shopping for war fighter support, said Col. Thomas Clay, its new director.

LM provisionally stood up July 1, along with the new Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate, known as LX. The organizations' official stand up is due Oct. 1.

Clay said LM, which combines the air-to-air superiority munitions division of the Space and Special Systems Directorate (LK) and the Specialized Management Directorate (QL), would simplify armament support for the war fighter.

"Our new organization brings together a one-stop shop for armaments support of the war fighter," he said.

While the merge means few physical changes for its more than 200 employees spread throughout Buildings 300, 301 and 350, it brings a new vision for the Center and those it

serves, said Clay. "This gives us an enterprise-wide focus on armament support for current and new systems that spreads

across all activities, including our counterparts at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. and Air Combat Command," he said. "It gives the same war fighter customers one organization to deal with, breaking down the stovepipes so the people at Robins and the other activities can learn the best business practices from each other."

The two organizations that create LM previously supported gun systems, bomb racks, small armaments and air superiority missiles individually, they now work together in support of various aircraft.

"We have a great team," Clay said. "The people coming together from the

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Murray: 'Airmen want good leadership'

During a recent visit to Robins, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray sat down to discuss some of the issues facing the Air Force today.

During his three-day stay, Murray also served as guest speaker at Airman Leadership School graduation dinner, visited all the major units on base

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and had frank discussions with Robins enlisted members during a base enlisted call.

The following questions and answers were taken from an interview Murray conducted with Public Affairs.

Q: What are some of the concerns that you came across during your visit to Robins?

A: When you talk about total force, the total force is here with the mix of active duty, Guard, Reserve, civil

servants, and contractors, the multiple major commands and the variety of missions represented here. If there is one place in the Air Force that you can go to get a snapshot and a feeling for how combat operations and support is viewed in our Air Force, and how people view our Air Force, it's right here.

What I find here, as I am finding across our Air Force, are people who are extremely motivated, who are absolutely intent on performing the mission and making sure we accomplish it, and we accomplish it well.

It was interesting as I talked

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Robins employee sentenced for making bomb threats

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A base civilian employee was sentenced to imprisonment, probation and a fine in federal court Tuesday after pleading guilty to charges of making a bomb threat on base.

Yolanda Aparicio, a wage-grade employee in the C-5 Maintenance Division, was sentenced to two years confinement in a federal facility and three years supervised probation. She was also ordered to pay restitution of \$786,680.

An indictment against

Aparicio was handed down in July 2002 by the U.S. District Court for the Middle Georgia District in Macon. Aparicio pleaded guilty in February. Her sentencing was delayed pending an evaluation.

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, said appropriate punishment in such a case carries greater weight given recent national events.

"Bomb threats are serious matters, particularly in light of the attacks that have taken place against the United States," Wetekam said. "Our

greatest concern is the safety of the work force. We must do everything within our power to provide a safe environment where employees can concentrate on the extremely important work they do in the war on terrorism. We do not take these kinds of incidents lightly."

Base officials are taking appropriate actions regarding Aparicio's employment based upon the sentencing. She was placed on indefinite suspension - non-duty, non-pay status - on Aug. 8 pending resolution of the criminal

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New 'Black Knight' boss



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Raymond J. Rottman took over as commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group "Black Knights" in a change of command ceremony here Wednesday. Rottman, formerly deputy director of the Secretary of the Air Force Executive Action Group, is a master navigator with more than 2,500 flight hours. He replaces Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, who will command the 375th Airlift Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm
90/74

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm
91/73

Sunday
Mostly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm
91/70

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"The MC-130E is usually coming in at tree-top level for an assault landing. They open the cargo doors, the guys run out and deploy, and the plane takes off. This is typically done under the cover of darkness," he added.

Doubleday explained the process to emphasize the need for the radar system to be working correctly.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Campbell, one of the 919th members to attend the event, said he was well pleased with the event. He had the chance to talk with the technicians as well as management. He was able to let them know how vital it is that each part be in good repair.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, we have had to change out this particular part - the map antenna - for real world war missions in some very austere conditions at some of the most undesirable locations in the theater. The last thing the technician wants to discover is the replacement part is not working," Campbell explained.

"The antenna is a complex piece of equipment," said Doubleday. He explained that it sweeps back and forth or rotates 360 degrees as well as up and down to remain level with the horizon.

"There are only 14 aircraft that use this antenna and all are located at Duke Field," he said. This led to the invitation of the Duke Field representatives to attend the Lean event.

Campbell admits he was hesitant about the event until he got here. "After going through the Lean event, I have to say, it was awesome," he said. "The key players were all involved—from the technicians to management to the user. (The Lean event) allows the customer and the technician to communicate, which usually does not happen."

Campbell further



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jerry Elsberry, equipment specialist, runs tests on the ground map antenna.

explained he appreciated the open and frank discussion that was part of the event.

"We felt comfortable saying what had to be said to find solutions to problems without others acting as if you were pointing fingers or placing blame. It was all done in a very professional manner," he said.

As a way to further the communication and understanding between the groups, the Duke Field team has invited the Lean team members to fly with them on a training mission. This will help those working the parts here at Robins appreciate the need for the system to be in good working order on its return to the 919th.

One big improvement Doubleday and his staff are looking forward to is the possibility of performing live-fire testing of the equipment in house. Currently the radar system is tested at the outdoor range facility under simulated conditions, when possible, or by the team at Duke Field when it is returned to the field.

The Lean team hopes that the work area within their building may be modified so that a test system may be installed. This would put an end to systems being released from maintenance unless they were completely operational.

"If we can obtain the live

fire up here, we can save time," said Doubleday.

William Pickney, a technician within the branch, agrees. "(With the live fire up) we'll be able to let it set in and make sure we don't have any problems."

A second initiative the group is using involves a new shipping package for the antenna. The old packaging makes it difficult for the technicians to work on the radar.

The new system includes a stand on which the antenna is mounted on one big arm. The technicians can then rotate the equipment on the arm so they can perform the work needed.

All of these steps are aimed at cutting flow days and making the customer happier, Doubleday explained.

"Right now, it takes about 60 days to strip down an antenna to bare bones and rebuild it," he said. "We're trying to get to 20 days, or a 66 percent reduction in flow days."

Phillip Myers, also a technician within the branch, said he enjoyed participating in the Lean event and looks forward to the improvements planned for the area. "If we can implement some of those changes it will help a lot with the work that we do. Also, being able to get together to talk freely with the group was a big help to us."

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two directorates are very dedicated and very capable of providing superior support to the war fighter. This organization will improve overall mission support at the Center and gives a global view of armament systems now and in the future."

George Falldine, Center Plans and Programs director, said the recent reorganizations fall in line with the Center's focus on providing capabilities-based support of the war fighter.

"As with other recent reorganizations, these organizations were created based on the capabilities they provide to the war fighter," he said. "ISR combines information gathering and intelligence capabilities, and the Armaments and Specialized Management Directorate combines missile and gun capabilities. The reorganization process is like dumping a box of crayons and grouping the like colors to create the best picture."

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Center Plans and Programs director

While the LX Directorate's mission of managing the U-2, Distributed Common Ground Station, Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System and the new ICE2 contract differs from LM, Col. Joe Chang, LX director, said the new organizations combine their assets to create a stronger war fighter support network.

"Individually, these areas have a lot of merits," he said. "Bringing them together will add greatly to the Center's support of the end product."

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charges.

According to the indictment, Aparicio was charged with willfully threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction, a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2332a(3), and for maliciously conveying false information

regarding the bomb threat. Aparicio was accused of making a written threat May 14, 2002, indicating there was a bomb in Building 125. The second charge is a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 844(e).

The incident was investigated by Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 105, which handed over the findings to the U.S. Attorney's Office since the incident involved a civilian employee.

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to a cross-section of airmen at Airman Leadership School yesterday. I asked them to specifically comment on what they liked, disliked, what they saw as positive and negative aspects of service today. One of the things that continued to come up was that they took great pride in deploying. The thing that they constantly brought up as one of greatest stressors of service today is the long work hours and the time away from family. I find the same concern across the Air Force today. We value our service, we value what we do, we know the American people value what we do, but we know also that it comes with sacrifices and strain.

One of the things I've taken from General Jumper and one that young airmen ask about most is face-to-face leadership. Sometimes they complain that maybe their supervision and leadership is not in touch with what they need, or what would help motivate them, or make them better in our service. With all of our needs from supplies and assets to the aging aircraft fleet and the need to modernize our force, I still find that people just want to be treated fairly, to have people who will care about them and to have supervisors who are being good role models for their people.

Q:What quality-of-life initiatives are you currently pushing for?

A:Quality of life issues are always at the forefront of our decisions and part of maintaining the morale the readiness of our force. We've had some tremendous successes in the past few years in the way of our pay, benefits and compensation, and we look for that to continue. We will continue to fund, at least this year, 100 percent tuition assistance for those to be able to go to school in their off duty time. Add to that, we will see in 2004 another targeted pay raise that will range from 2 percent for our airman basic up to 6.25 percent for some of our Senior NCOs.

Another area is housing where we have increased square footage of housing. We've increased military construction and privatization efforts to build new housing and improve our family housing. We've initiated a new standard for dormitories called 'dorms -4-airmen,' which is a cluster of four rooms around a common living area that will provide



U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Palmer

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray speaks at an Enlisted Call at the base theater June 30.

more square footage for our airmen. Each will have a single bedroom, walk in closets, and bathrooms around a common area that gives them a full kitchen area. This is one of many initiatives to improve our quality of life and to compensate our people adequately and fairly for what they do in our service.

Q:Some career fields have huge bonuses every year and still, retention is bad. Is there anything new being done to help retention?

A:Each career field has its own stressors that contribute to the reasons for selective reenlistment bonuses for those career fields. We are constantly evaluating those reasons. They range from competition in the civilian sector, to the demands of service. People make decisions to separate or do something else based on the stresses of the job and their families. So we constantly assess that. Of course SRBs (Selective Reenlistment Bonuses) are based on retention, but we don't only look at retention. In fact, this year we have had the most significant rise in retention in the past five years. Much of isn't attributed to bonuses. What we have seen on SRBs this year is one of the most significant in years; 100 of our Air Force Specialty Codes were decreased or dropped off the SRB list; 40 were increased. We evaluate this twice a year to make sure we are keeping a fresh, consistent look at our Air Force career fields.

Q:It seems like the Air Force loses a lot of experience and ability when a senior NCO leaves, especially when they're still able to contribute so much. Is there any chance the number of years enlisted people can serve is going to be increased?

A:Well the opportunity to serve in our Air Force is a very essential part of maintaining the strength of our force. In fact, in January we increased the high year of tenure dates to allow our

senior master sergeants, master sergeants, tech sergeants and senior airmen to serve up to two years longer. Now senior master sergeants can serve up to 28 years; master sergeants, 26 years; tech sergeants, 24 years; and senior airmen now stay in up to 12 years. We certainly value the experience that our people have and actually encourage them to stay in the service as long as they are able. At the same time we have to have a personnel system that allows for a renewing of that experience and also allow upward mobility. The promotion system is fair and consistent system that people feel is adequate to meet not only the Air Force's needs, but the individual's needs as well. So if we make those adjustments, keep the balances right, we will be able to retain some great people.

Q:It seems like certain career fields are always getting hit for Stop Loss when a conflict starts. Is there anything being done to help increase the manning in these career fields?

A:We are working to balance the force. That is one of our main initiatives right now to identify our combat requirements and our expeditionary requirements. We are moving authorizations from less stress career fields into higher stress career fields. That was part of the initiative of our retraining efforts in balancing the force. But Stop Loss is not exactly tied to the balance of the force or steady state requirements. Stop Loss is set for specifics of the operations that we're in. We may be balanced and may have the right amount of people in a steady state of our force, but depending on what the requirements are in a conflict or an operation, we may need to hold specific individuals or people in Air Force Specialty Codes to be able to do that. Stop Loss will always be looked at and evaluated from an operational standpoint.

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Exercise care when accepting military discounts

By Lt. Col. Mark Strickland

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Recently, an off-base business advertised a "Military Appreciation Day," indicating that active duty members of the armed forces would receive discounts or other special incentives in return for purchasing their products.

For the most part, military members and their families are welcome to take advantage of such special offers from supportive vendors within the Warner Robins community.

However, the old adage "Caveat Emptor," or "let the buyer beware," always applies.

In this particular case, military members wishing to take advantage of the special offer were asked to provide personal information such as home address, telephone number, and personal e-mail address.

Subsequently, representatives from another business contacted these members and encouraged them to meet at another location.

The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the military member to participate in a questionable profit-making scheme.

These representatives offered gift certificates or cash in exchange for listening to the sales pitch. To add credence to their efforts, they falsely claimed to have the approval of the Robins Air Force Base Legal Office.

The Legal Office does not authorize or approve off-base business activities. Furthermore, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center does not officially endorse off-base business activities. Period.

Robins has the good fortune of enjoying strong, positive relations with the local community.

There is virtually no end to the reservoir of good will between the base and the community, as evidenced by the

What to know

Further information about consumer protection for military members and their families is available from the "Military Sentinel." This Web site "is a project of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense to identify and target consumer protection issues that affect members of the United States Armed Forces and their families." The Military Sentinel is found at <http://www.consumer.gov/military>.

numerous incentives offered businesses. Center leaders to military members by local make every effort to keep their

people informed of such incentives (without official endorsement).

It is unfortunate that some individuals seek to take advantage of the mutual trust developed over the last several decades.

While the vast majority of businesses catering to the military community deserve our attention, we must always be watchful for those who bear us ill intent.

In particular, military members and their families must be

very careful when revealing personal information.

Be especially careful of those who claim to have the official endorsement of the command.

In addition, beware of money-making schemes which offer something for nothing; if it sounds too good to be true, it is.

We can all enjoy the hospitality of the Warner Robins Community while protecting ourselves from those who would take advantage.

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AFAS's loan program helps military members in dire financial straits

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Airman 1st Class Joy Hamilton is one of more than 500 service members the Air Force Aid Society helped through its loan program during last year.

AFAS provided more than \$800,000 in zero interest loans for emergency financial support for members of all service branches, during the past two years.

"If an AFAS loan is the right solution for a military member's problem, a check is made to cover the expenses, whether it's an electricity bill, rent or any other emergency need," said Janice Barnes, AFAS officer at the Family

What to know

To obtain a loan application, go to www.robins.af.mil, and access the link on the Family Support Center's page. Bring completed application and proof of need when arriving for a loan appointment. For more information on how to obtain an Air Force Aid Society loan, contact Janice Barnes at 926-1256.

Support Center. "We work out a repayment plan based on the person's budget, and the money is repaid by an allotment. If it would create a heavier financial burden on the member to pay the money back, we can work alternative payment arrangements with the person."

Hamilton, an administrative assistant with the 116th Computer Systems Squadron, got a loan that helped with financial obligations, when she took custody of her 15-year-old sister last October.

"When my sister first came to live with me, I hadn't received dependency pay yet, and it was hard to make ends meet," she said. "Having the loan helped me pay things like rent and electricity, so I could have money to pay for other bills."

The young airman said the allot-

ment arrangement makes repaying the loan more convenient and less of a burden on her checkbook.

"It's good because I don't have to remember to send it in, and I'm not having to worry about big chunks of money being taken out of my check at one time," she said. "I'd rather get help on base with a reasonable loan arrangement than to have to pay outrageous interest rates off base."

Master Sgt. Ken Kozak, Commando Control Superintendent at Robins, who has used the program twice, said AFAS helped him with his family's recent loss.

"When my father-in-law passed away in January, AFAS gave me a loan to help us pay for the trip to attend his funeral," he said. "They gave us money to cover travel, lodging and food. They helped us when we needed help right away."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Janice Barnes, left, goes over a loan application with Airman 1st Class Joy Hamilton. She is one of 500 military members who have received financial help from AFAS loans.

While it's not a requirement for military members using the program to notify their first sergeants, Barnes said she highly recommends it to strengthen airmen's support network.

Chief Master Sgt. Henry Leopard, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron first sergeant, who has referred airmen to the AFAS program since 1988, agreed.

"AFAS has always been great at stepping up to help airmen," he said. "As first sergeants, we're a

good clearing house for AFAS and Red Cross contacts. Sometimes, people aren't sure if what is going on is a true need. We're there to be a sanity check for them and help them validate whether or not whatever is happening is a true need."

AFAS is supported through airman donations through the Air Force Assistance Fund Drive. Within recent years, Robins has received more than \$8 dollars in Air Force Aid Society support for every \$1 dollar Robins' community has donated to the organization.

Top three loan categories for 2003

Vehicle repair

\$35,830.37

Shelter

\$21,805.75

Emergency travel and leave

\$16,671.79

Troops to Teachers representative set to visit Robins Wednesday

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Experience is said to be a good teacher and so are veterans, according to Bill Kirkland, Troops to Teachers program representative. Kirkland, who makes monthly visits to Robins to speak to those interested in the program, will be at the Robins Education Center Wednesday.

The program, which is a cooperative between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense, provides referral and placement assistance to service members who are seeking a second career as educators in public schools. It's administered by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, or DANTEs.

According to Kirkland, there are currently more than 4,000 veterans teaching across the country with more than 230 of those in Georgia. He said the program has been in existence since 1994 and began as legislation originally sponsored by Sen. Sam Nunn.

"There was super progress at the start," he said. "Then the program went through a period of about eight years where funding was not available. This year, under the No Child Left Behind Act, funding was again allocated to the program, so it has been reenergized."

The goals of the program include providing second careers for veterans, providing role models for students and helping to alleviate teacher shortages.

"I think there is no greater calling in life than a teacher," said Kirkland. "There is certainly a definite need for teachers in America today, and I think the military, retired military specifically, have a lot of talents they can transfer to the teaching field.

What to know

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Wednesday, Building 905, Suite 113, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the program. For more information, contact him at 800-745-0709 or by e-mail at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

For more information about the Robins briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at the Base Education Office at 327-7325.

Kirkland said it's exciting to be able to assist people who desire to teach.

"It's surprising the number of people who I talk to who have always thought they would like to teach, but didn't know how to get there from where they are," he said. "This program really helps them to chart that course."

Kirkland said for those who participate in the program, a stipend of not more than \$5,000 is authorized to assist in attaining their teacher certification. A \$10,000 bonus is authorized for participants who teach in a high needs school.

"Those participants who accept the financial aid commit themselves to three years of teaching," he said. "Those who accept the \$10,000 bonus must teach at least three years in a high needs school."

Kirkland said though he is here once or twice a month giving information on the program, he is not here to recruit people.

"I am here to help people who have a desire to become teachers," he said.

More than 200,000 parents receive pins

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Your Guardians of Freedom, the Air Force's grass-roots outreach information and recognition program, has touched the lives of more than 200,000 parents of airmen, a Pentagon official has announced.

The program began in 2002 as a way for Air Force leaders to personally recognize the employers of reservists and guardsmen who were called to active duty to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Employers who were nominated by their airmen employees received lapel pins emblazoned with the Air Force logo and the letter "E," and a personal letter signed by the Air Force's senior leaders.

The recognition program expanded in May to include parents. Nominated parents received a letter and lapel pin with the letter "P." All active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve airmen may participate in the program, officials said.

About 110,000 of the nearly 590,000 uniformed airmen have nominated their parents for recognition, according to Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, program director.

"That's a huge number," he said. "We've gotten an exceptional reaction to the program from the individual airmen and incredibly emotional responses from their parents when they've received their letters and pins."

The general said the program was so well received in its first few days that technical overload initially hampered the project.

"There was such an onslaught of people signing up, so we had some problems," he said. "We jammed the Web site to where it was virtually impossible to get in."

The program also endured a

What to know

The Your Guardians of Freedom program began in 2002 as a way for Air Force leaders to personally recognize the employers of reservists and guardsmen who were called to active duty. The program expanded in May to include parents.

Airmen may request up to two parent pins and letters to be sent to either their parents or people they view as parental figures. To participate in the program, visit www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.



short-lived identity problem, where some airmen mistakenly thought the program was a fraud because of its dot-com Web address.

"We are 'non-standard' in many ways," Tonini said. "The standard Web sites people in the military are used to dealing with for official business is dot-mil, and we're dot-com. A lot of people thought this was a hoax, so we had to throw water on that fire quickly. This program has both the endorsement and full support of the secretary and chief of staff."

Tonini brought a network administrator, Senior Master Sgt. Jack Gruber from the California ANG, to his team to work out the technical issues, and it has been smoother sailing ever since, he said.

"The site has had more than 29 million hits," Tonini said. "That's pretty staggering. We're working with new technology — we're one of the first Air Force sites to use 'dot-net,' which is an Internet operating system that is very leading-edge."

A team of six people works the program, managing the technology and "customer service" liaison between the airmen who request pins and the parents who receive them -- as well as the thousands of letters and pins sent to employers.

The program will soon inform family members, employers and community leaders during times of military deployment, Tonini said.

"The overall YGOF program will be tied to air and space expeditionary force deployment schedules," he said. "When people are scheduled to deploy, we will press very hard to make sure they have the communications and outreach support they need in order to be successful."

"In its broadest terms, it's an outreach program," Tonini said. "The message we give is, we consider each of the constituencies as our partners. We can't do our job without their support. They are full partners in the global war on terror."

The work is important because without support from the home front, deployed airmen face a domino effect of issues that may lead to those airmen separating from the service, Tonini said.

"The program is working and it does what we were looking for it to do," Tonini said. "We know there are parents out there who proudly wear the pin to church, the store or meetings, and every other time they have an opportunity to brag on their son or daughter. That represents a swelling support for the work of the Air Force all over the world."

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Airmen's Professional Development Course

Robins' Network 56 is hosting its second Airmen's Professional Development Course Tuesday and Wednesday. The course is designed to "blue" airmen with at least 24 months and no more than 36 months TIS. Noncommissioned officers from Network 56, the base organization for E-5s and E-6s, place their focus on the development of these young airmen. In this course, airmen will learn about dress and appearance, communication, customs and courtesies, core values and discipline, financial considerations, roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, followership and leadership, career progression and tools of suc-

cess. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Stephanie Jones by e-mail at Stephanie.Jones@robins.af.mil.

Consumer's Advisory Council meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Healthcare Consumer's Advisory Council meeting, hosted by Col. George P. Johnson, 78th Medical Group commander, will be Thursday 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.

Hail and Farewell

The next Hail and Farewell will be July 18 at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club Ballroom.

AFRC golf tournament

The Air Force Reserve Command will be hosting a fund raising golf tournament July 18 at the Landings Golf Club. Format is 4-person scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$45 per person, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and two beverage tickets. Lunch will be served at

noon. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund the annual AFRC Family Day event. For more information, or to sign up, contact Master Sgt. Jeff Swartwood at 327-2184.

CGOA golf tournament

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 today. To register or for more information, call Lt. Snyder at 926-9425, Lt. Ward at 926-1195, or Lt. Simons at 926-3292.

Office closing

The 78th Medical Group will close at 2 p.m. July 30 for an official change of command function.

ROA golf tournament

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.

OSA bowling league

The Officers' Spouses Club fall bowling league will start Sept. 2. To join the OSC bowling league as a regular or a 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.

HONOR ROLL

John E. Shawhan, chief, B-52 Electronic Warfare

Logistics Support Branch, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate, is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center



Shawhan

Supervisor of the Quarter for January-March 2003.

Maj. Timothy Nesley, deputy branch chief of the Engineering Branch for the Avionics and Instrumentation Division of the Maintenance Directorate, has been selected by the Air Force Association National Awards Committee to receive the Individual Storz Award.

Barbara Loyd, inventory manager in the LR Directorate, was recently selected to receive the LG Trainer of the Quarter award for the second quarter of fiscal year 2003.

Benjamin Hambrick, inventory manager in the LN Directorate, was recently selected to receive the LG Trainer of the Quarter award for the second quarter of fiscal year 2003.

Lindsey Robertson, production management specialist for the LN Directorate, was recently selected to receive the LG Trainer of the Quarter award for the second quarter of fiscal year 2003.

Marvin Lucas, production management specialist for the LE Directorate, was recently selected to receive the LG Trainer of the Quarter award for the second quarter of fiscal year 2003.

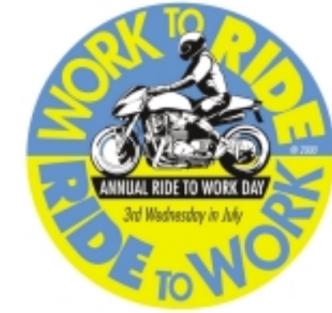
Riders rev up for Ride to Work Wednesday

This year's annual Ride to Work Day event takes place Wednesday.

Motorcycle riding participants include tens of thousands of employees and workers at companies, government agencies and hundreds of motorcycle rider groups.

Riding to work Wednesday demonstrates to the public and to all officials that motorcycling is more than a stimulating and invigorating recreation.

For many people, riding is a socially responsible form of personal transportation that saves energy, reduces congestion, adds parking spaces, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefits. Ride to Work Day dramatically shows that motorcyclists



come from all walks of life, work in all occupations, and range in age from teenagers to grandparents.

The American Motorcyclist Association and many other worldwide rider organizations have actively encouraged all motorcyclists to

ride their cycles to work on the third Wednesday in July each year to show that motorcycling is a social good.

Global participation in the yearly demonstration is estimated to be several million riders. Today there are more than 220 million cars and light trucks crowding American roads and 7 million registered motorcycles.

If more motorcycles become a regular part of the transportation mix, it will help make urban parking easier and traffic will flow better, according to Ride to Work, a non-profit advocacy organization.

Studies have shown that urban motorcyclists reach their destinations faster and are more invigorated and refreshed upon arrival than those using automobiles. In advanced

countries like Japan, Germany and England the advantages of motorcycling for transportation are widely appreciated.

In the United States, a smaller percentage of the seven million registered cycles are used for everyday transportation and commuting.

On this year's 12th annual Ride to Work Day, motorcyclists worldwide seek employer recognition and support for motorcycling, and greater public and government awareness of the beneficial values of motorcycling.

For more information about Ride to Work, visit www.ridetowork.org or call Tech. Sgt. Vic Salisbury at 327-3026.

— From staff reports

Workplace violence gets redefined

Workplace violence is making national headlines again — this time at the Lockheed Martin plant in Meridian, Miss., where six people died and nine were wounded Tuesday.

And although Robins has always had a zero-tolerance policy on workplace violence, the perception of what constitutes workplace violence has been redefined since Sept. 11.

The term "workplace violence" brings to mind physical attack or assault.

However, now conversation that was once considered "shop talk" is no longer appropriate.

Supervisors at this installation have the responsibility to set the standard for their employees by not engaging in or condoning the use of threatening language or acts which may have been considered acceptable

What to know

Anyone who hears comments or witnesses actions that convey threats or violence should immediately report these actions to their supervisor, or dial 911 if danger appears imminent.

"shop talk" in the past.

Workplace violence is now defined as any specific acts, words, comments or conditions that would lead a person to reasonably believe a violent act will occur.

The Center takes the protection of personnel and property very seriously.

Actions or threats of violence will not be tolerated and will be dealt with appropriately.

According to JoAnn

Hutchison, Workforce Effectiveness Branch Chief, incidents involving threatened or actual violence continue to be taken seriously as evidenced by disciplinary actions, in some cases even removal from employment, taken for violence-related incidents.

The level of discipline warranted depends upon a number of factors that include, but are not limited to, the work history of the employees involved, the victim's perception of the incident and the severity of the employee's action.

"All of us at Robins must take threats of violence seriously" Hutchison said. "It's not appropriate to joke about guns or bombs or vocalize intent to harm another, even in jest. If you engage in this type of behavior, you should expect to be questioned by your supervisor or Security

Forces personnel and potentially disciplined."

The Center policy on workplace violence states every person employed at Robins deserves a safe working environment.

In order to ensure this, all WR-ALC employees, regardless of rank, must refrain from making comments — even in a joking manner — which imply violence and which may cause anxiety among co-workers.

Anyone who hears comments or witnesses actions that convey threats or violence should immediately report these actions to their supervisor, or dial 911 if danger appears imminent.

Additional information may be found in RAFBP 36-102, or by contacting your employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

— From staff reports

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 the 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.

— From staff reports

Do you have a story idea?

Contact the Rev-Up staff at 926-2137, or by e-mail at robins.revup@robins.af.mil.

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Fifty-six who risked it all for freedom

By Col. Ken Smith

47th Flying Training Wing vice commander

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — This is a story about 56 very brave Americans who risked everything on a dream.

These were ordinary men with an extraordinary vision.

They were lawyers, merchants, doctors, plantation and landowners, ministers, a scientist, a teacher, a musician and a printer.

They ranged in age from 26 to 70 years old.

These courageous men were as different in personality and family history as you and I, but they were bound by a commonality, a common purpose, which would forever change the face of the world.

All 56 were members of the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia June 7, 1776.

This collection of men, driven by years of oppressive British rule, made a bold commitment for independence.

Before a three-week recess, the Congress established a "Committee of Five" to draft a statement to present to the world: the colonies' case for independence.

The committee was composed of two New England gentlemen, John Adams of Massachusetts and Roger Sherman of Connecticut; two men from the middle colonies, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert Livingston of New York; and one southerner, Thomas Jefferson.

They unanimously selected Jefferson to create the first draft.

Even Adams, long known for his oratory skills, conceded that Jefferson was the most qualified to write the draft.

With only a few minor editorial changes from Franklin and Adams, and a few added flourishes from Congress, the draft declaration, this Declaration of Independence, was ready.

On July 1, 1776, 12 of the 13 colonies

voted to adopt a resolution for independence.

Using the document crafted by Jefferson, late in the afternoon on July 4, the Declaration was officially adopted.

Interestingly, not a single signature was added on that day. While most of the 56 names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the document until 1781.

One of the 56 members, Dr. Benjamin Rush said, "Stepping forward to sign the Declaration was like signing your own death warrant."

They had all committed treason against the

crown of England, a crime punishable by death.

In fact, of those 56 signers, nine were

killed, five were captured and brutally tortured by the British, and 18 lost their homes and all they owned in the seven-year war of independence that would soon follow.

July 4th was the day singled out to mark the event.

John Adams, who went on to become our nation's second president, later wrote his wife, "I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival ... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other."

Fifty-six very brave men.

They stood tall and unwavering as they pledged, "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Let us not forget the roots of our freedom.

Let us not forget these 56 brave Americans.

Let us forever carry their torch of freedom.

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.



The Declaration of Independence

Don't look at progress with Western eyes

By Spc. Jim Wagner

109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — A couple hundred yards outside the perimeter here, loudspeakers blasting Afghan music permeate the night air.

Faintly, the sounds of laughter and shouting come from the compound housing the local Afghan militia force there.

For the past three hours I've been stretched out on my cot, tossing and turning and trying to sleep despite the noise.

It's now 1 a.m., and my first thought is, "Man, in the States they'd be getting a visit from the police for partying like this."

Then, upon reflection, playing loud music — any music for that matter — would have resulted in a lot more than a \$100 fine two years ago in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime.

In fact, a ticket would be a

blessing in a country that only two years ago was ruled with an iron fist.

Lying there, I considered how my "Western" eyes looked at everything going on in the country right now, especially the progress of coalition forces to bring peace and stability to a region that in many ways came to a stop decades ago.

It's easy to look around and say Afghanistan today is exactly the same as it was 100 or even 500 years ago: a living, breathing time capsule in the middle of a world of technological and social advances.

Most Afghan cities don't have decent plumbing, electricity or adequate housing.

Most women still walk about town in full abaya and won't speak or look at anyone but their husbands or immediate families and wouldn't even think twice about baring their faces or any part of their body, despite the lifting of

Progress is taking shape in Afghanistan — incrementally, but it's coming. According to many experts, true progress will take at least a couple of generations, or about the generational difference between my grandparents' 'talking picture box' in the living room and my MTV.

that ban by the central government.

Despite having their own standing army for the first time since the 1960s, in many remote areas regional commanders still rule over their tribes or regions.

Progress doesn't seem to have come to the country, despite the time and effort coalition forces have put into stabilizing the region so far.

But that measure of progress is seen through the eyes of a Westerner and doesn't necessarily apply here.

Exactly 100 years ago, the Wright brothers conducted their

first airplane flight.

It would be another 17 years before the first commercial radio went live, 24 years before the first television and 36 years before the first digital computer.

I can remember like it was yesterday when I first saw cable TV and its whopping 36 channels; my parents remember when they saw the first color TV broadcast; my grandparents remember the first TV; my great-grandparents remember a time before both TV and radio.

More than one-third of the past 100 years in Afghanistan has been

spent in constant warfare.

When it wasn't civil war, it was the Russian invasion and occupation, or the Taliban rule that drove off or murdered most of the intellectual elite in the country.

It's no wonder they are behind the curve when their progress is measured against Western standards of today.

Progress is taking shape in Afghanistan — incrementally, but it's coming.

According to many experts, true progress will take at least a couple of generations, or about the generational difference between my grandparents' 'talking picture box' in the living room and my MTV.

Outside, the Afghan militia force compound has grown quiet and the music has stopped.

It's reassuring to know I and all the soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors here have played a part in making sure progress hasn't also stopped.

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

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



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

Commanders' Action Line

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



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

Explain rules for employee transfers

I'm currently assigned to MANRS and I along with 10 others are being permanently transferred to MANRW. My concern is the way that management selected the draftees. They went by shops with the least amount of work and drafted the employees by service career dates. Our problem with that is we thought that when you are drafted to another organization, management had to go by service career dates as a whole unit, not just selecting a few people from one or two shops. Is this legal?

Gen. Wetekam replies: Thanks for sharing your concerns. Reassignment of personnel is guided by a mutually agreed upon Product Directorate Reorganization Memorandum of Agreement between the Center and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 987. When it is necessary to reassign one or more employees to another position at the same title, series, and grade, consideration is first given to employees volunteering for such reassignments based on

qualifications, as well as the type and level of skills required. In your situation, there were insufficient volunteers for the reassignment. When there are insufficient volunteers for the reassignment, inverse order of service computation date is used in conjunction with qualifications, type and level of skills required. In your case there was a decrease in workload within the Structural Repair Section (MANRS) resulting in your shop being overstaffed and an increase in the workload in F-15 Wing Repair Section (MANRW) resulting in this shop being understaffed. Therefore, employees were reassigned from MANRS to MANRW in accordance with the procedures outlined above.

Traffic on Robins Parkway and Third Street dangerous

During the peak traffic hours, morning and afternoon, Robins Parkway and Third Street become an accident waiting to happen. What are the chances of getting some kind of traffic control at that intersection during these hours?

Col. Smoot replies: Let me take this opportunity to address some of the traffic problems at Robins Air Force Base. Since 9-11 and our need to conduct 100 percent ID checks as well as road construction on base, it has become a challenge at times to get to our destinations. Although it may seem a simple fix to add traffic lights, effects on other traffic flow have to be considered. Robins Parkway is a major thoroughfare across the base and traffic lights are placed only at the major crossroads to provide the most effective use of the main artery. Thank you for your concern in improving the traffic on Robins Parkway and Third Street. Currently, Civil Engineers are conducting traffic studies at multiple intersections and roadways. Your request has been forwarded to our traffic engineer to assess the traffic patterns at this intersection. Due to traffic counter limitations, the study for the intersection in question will not be completed until July. In the meantime you may want to alter your route and use Warner Robins Street to Peacekeeper/Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/Richard Ray Boulevard. Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Capt. Eric Queddeng, 926-5820 ext. 279.



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Officer dismissed for drug use

By Air Force News

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — An officer here has been dismissed from the Air Force and will serve four months confinement after being convicted of several drug-related crimes in a general court-martial.

Second Lt. Bryce Terpstra of the Air Force Safety Center pleaded guilty to using and possessing methamphetamine and possession of Clonazepam without a prescription.

Clonazepam is a controlled substance experts say is commonly used to counteract the negative side effects of methamphetamines.

Terpstra was charged after he tested positive for methamphetamine use during a random urinalysis in September, according to Capt. Mark Trujillo of the 377th Air Base Wing staff judge advocate office.

Court records indicated that special agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations searched Terpstra's off-base residence Sept. 25.

Trujillo said the search found a small black case containing a broken glass pipe specifically used for smoking crystallized methamphetamine, a pink pill later determined to be Clonazepam and a white straw.

Both the broken glass pipe and the straw tested positive for methamphetamine residue.

The search also found an additional glass pipe, an at-home drug testing kit and an intestinal cleansing solution.

"Terpstra had recently graduated from the Air Force Academy and had been on base less than two weeks when he tested positive for illegal drugs," Trujillo said.

Terpstra elected to be tried by a military judge alone. During his guilty plea, Terpstra admitted to using methamphetamine on one occasion before leaving Colorado Springs, Colo., Trujillo said.

Fellow academy graduates and other officers portrayed Terpstra as a model officer, Trujillo said.

During sentencing arguments, defense attorneys asked the military judge to forego a dismissal based on the amount of support received by Terpstra.

The prosecution focused on Terpstra's betrayal and breach of the trust that the public and the Air Force had placed in him as an officer, Trujillo said.

The prosecution recommended a dismissal and seven months confinement.

The military judge sentenced Terpstra to a dismissal and four months confinement.

Dismissal of an officer is the officer equivalent of a dishonorable discharge, Trujillo said.

"As a result of the dismissal, Terpstra is subject to recoupment of a prorated amount of his educational benefits obtained at the Air Force Academy," Trujillo said.

Circuit trial counsel in the case was Capt. Michael Coco and assistant trial counsel was 1st Lt. Jeremie Lipton.

"This was a tragic case

What to know

Robins Air Force Base and the 78th Medical Group offer programs to educate military members, their families and civilians about the effects of alcohol and drugs.

Demand Reduction Program

The Air Force Demand Reduction Program is a consolidation of several programs, having similar goals into one office. The program serves to do what its name says - reduce the demand for drugs. The government has, for years, been investing millions of dollars in drug intervention, air and sea surveillance and location and destruction of drug crops. This is supply reduction. The 2001 National Drug Control Strategy included focusing on shrinking America's demand for drugs, through prevention as one of its tactics. Other strategies include drug treatment and attacking the supply of drugs through law enforcement and international cooperation. The goal also is to deter active duty military and civilian employees from using drugs. This ensures a safe work environment and a healthy and ready force.

For more information, contact Vera Seales, Demand Reduction Program manager, at 327-8408 or 327-7669.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program

The ADAPT program offers the following services and resources:

- Substance abuse awareness seminars
- Substance abuse treatment - outpatient
- Referral process for civilian employees
- Warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse
- Physical effects and dangers of drugs
- E-5 and above alcohol education
- E-4 and below alcohol education
- For more information, call 327-8398.

Source: 78th Medical Group Web site

where an officer threw away his career by choosing to use drugs," said Lipton. "He betrayed the trust of all members of the U.S. Air Force and disgraced the officer corps. This sentence shows that even one-time use and possession of drugs absolutely will not be tolerated in the military regardless of rank."

Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service.

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OPTIONAL RETIREMENTS

Optional retirements for the end of June and the first of July (as of July 7):

Arnett, Larry L.
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Aiming for improvement

Robins' Charles E. Thomas III Fire and Pistol Range provides skills to combat the enemy

Air Force weapons training requirements

U.S. Air Force service members' weapons training requirements for qualification are categorized as follows:

Category A - needs 25 out of 40 successful hits on target to qualify. Fire multiple times in a year.

Category B - needs 20 out of 40 successful hits on target to qualify. Fire 15 times a year.

Category C - needs 15 out of 40 successful hits on target to qualify.

To earn expert qualification by U.S. Air Force regulation, one must have 35 out of 40 successful hits on target with the M-16, or have 36 successful hits with the M-9 pistol.



Master Sgt. Michael Stewart looks on as his instructor Staff Sgt. Michael Simon gives him pointers.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Ranges are clearly marked with signs, red flags and streamers during weapon firing.

What to know

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts its night fire training from 3 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. during July-December. Robins' firing ranges are adjacent to the base horse stables, and are off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near this area. Ranges are clearly marked with signs, red flags and streamers during weapon firing.

Army weapons training requirements

U.S. Army soldiers training for qualification on Robins' fire and pistol range train solely on the M-9 pistol.

Qualification is based not only on firing accuracy, but also on timing.

To earn the Army qualification 'marksman,' one must obtain 24 out of 28 successful hits from the following positions: standing, kneeling, crouching and prone (flat on stomach).

For sharpshooter qualification, one must make 29 - 35 successful hits out of 40, with a score of 120 - 159.

For expert qualification, one must make 36 out of 40 successful hits on target, with a score of 160 - 200.

Members are allowed 10 rounds for practice and 50 for qualification.

By Holly J. Logan
holly.logan@robins.af.mil

Three hundred days a year, from morning to midnight, soldiers, airmen and Marines man the line at the Charles E. Thomas III Fire and Pistol Range, fine tuning shooting skills that could some day save their lives.

Combat arms experts at the Robins 15-acre firing range train more than 5,000 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and reservists in weapons skills to prepare them for battle, any time, anywhere.

"We train on the range anywhere from 7:30 a.m. until midnight, teaching them how to effectively fire M-9 pistols and M-16 rifles," said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Pofahl, combat arms instructor for the 78th Security Forces Squadron. "Heaven forbid someone would have to use their weapon, they need to be able to use it day or night."

Named after the son of Robins' first base commander, who was accidentally shot and killed at the original range site, the firing range has a straight up vertical danger zone of 1,650 ft and a surface danger zone of 14,190 ft, which helps protect against any flight interference or other safety hazards in the vicinity.

To ensure the safety of those firing, members wear two sets of special ear protection and ballistic eyewear when on the line, and an aboveground baffle system made of several layers of plywood and reinforced steel captures fired ammunition, preventing it from leaving the range area.

In an effort to make the range more envi-

ronmentally sound, the 78th SFS and the Environmental Management Directorate will install a modern bullet trap containment system, designed to withstand multiple rounds from a 50 caliber machine gun.

"It's going to enhance our training, by giving us a better idea of how much lead we put into the backdrop," said Pofahl. "We'll be a test base for other military installations and commercial industry to follow. Now the lead from our firing will go in this system, and we know it will not be in our drinking water."

Pofahl and others in the 78th SFS, train more than 100 members a week on weapon systems, including the M-9 Beretta pistol, M-16 rifle and the soon to be added SF M-4 rifle system. The squadron manages more than 4,000 of weapons combined.

"We train our enlisted members on the latest, greatest version of the weapon, the M-16 A-2, and it's standardized throughout the Air Force" he said. "We do the regular Air Force qualification course during the first part of the year. June and December are our slowest times, when we inspect more than 3,000 rifles."

Category A members, mainly 78th SFS members, fire special rifle courses at the range from 4:30 p.m. until midnight on the 25-meter range. This also includes M-16 and M-249 and 240 BRAVO rifle training with gas masks, in case of chemical warfare.

"We train for whatever can come our way," Pofahl said. "If we ever come into a chemical environment, we're prepared to hit the target without having to worry about taking casualties."

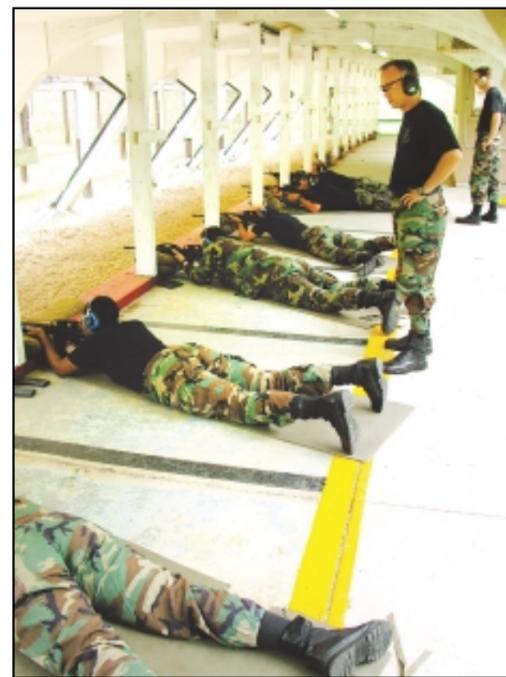
Members receive not only hands-on training at the firing range, but also gain valuable knowledge in classroom training about the weapons they're firing.

Master Sgt. Kurt Bond, depot aircraft structural maintenance craftsman for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, earned expert qualification on the M-16 rifle in 1989.

"This training is not only valuable to the mission, but it's a valuable asset to our safety as we complete the mission," he said. "The skills we develop in this training helps us defend ourselves, our peers and assets during wartime. It helps us ensure our safety so the mission can continue."

Sgt. James Lyons, unit supply sergeant and automation non-commissioned officer who handles networking for the 116th Air Control Wing, said Robins provides a state of the art training facility that serves members well.

"Our nearest Army installation where we



Tech. Sgt. Ray Kelly, firing range instructor, watches over target practice. Members wear two sets of special ear protection and ballistic eyewear when on the firing range.

could train is at Fort Gordon in Augusta," he said. "It makes more sense to train our people here than to send them on temporary duty for the same training."

Troubleshooting a weapon on the field is one of the most valuable skills taught here. You don't lose valuable time if you're fast enough."

According to Pofahl, the number one mission on Robins' rifle and pistol range is to ensure service members have the skills to combat the enemy.

"Qualifying on these weapons systems means having the ability to defend ourselves and those that serve the mission," he said. "It's all about keeping the mission alive."

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653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron



Robins is the test base for a bullet trap containment system, shown above, that will be installed by the 78th Security Forces Squadron and the Environmental Management Directorate. The bullet trap will help prevent the lead from the firing range from going into the ground.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.

■ Sharon R. Kornegay, WR-ALC/LSANI. The point of contact is Betty Henderson at 926-6033.

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.

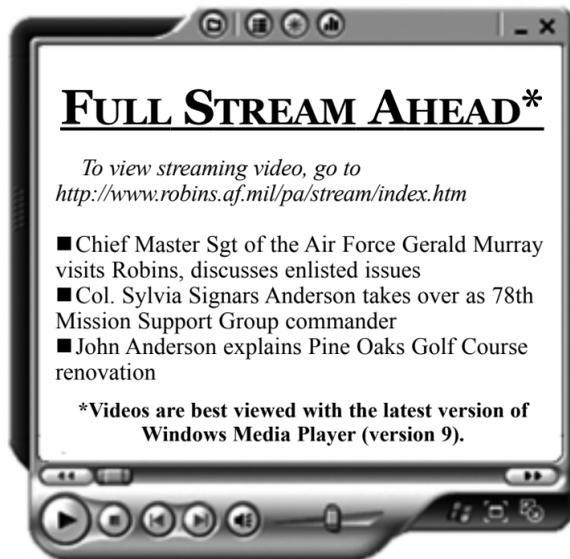
ROBINS CLUBS

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

■ Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-1185.

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 by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

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 Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. 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

Friday
7:30 p.m. — **The Italian Job** — Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton

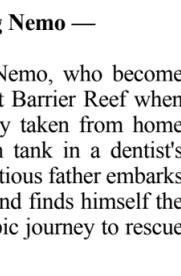
A band of thieves, led by Charlie Croker (Wahlberg), pulls off the ultimate heist by rigging the stoplights of the city of Los Angeles so that they can drive right out of the city with a carful of gold (in a safe that they're stealing back after Croker's double-crossing ex-partner, played by Edward Norton, stole it from Croker first), with nothing but green lights, while everyone else gets red lights, thus keeping the roads plugged with the largest traffic jam in L.A. history, and the police from pursuing them.

Rated PG-13 (violence and some language) 101 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. — **Finding Nemo** — Animated

Marlin and his son Nemo, who become separated in the Great Barrier Reef when Nemo is unexpectedly taken from home and thrust into a fish tank in a dentist's office. The overly cautious father embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero of an epic journey to rescue his son.

Rated G 101 minutes



Football fever



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

2nd Lt. LaShean Lawson, left, checks out the Atlanta Falcons football schedule with Information, Tickets & Travel director Tammy Nolan. The Falcons home game tickets can be purchased at ITT on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$15 per ticket with a 15-ticket limit per person. There will be two pre-games: Aug. 9 vs. Greenbay Packers and Aug. 16 vs. Baltimore Ravens. Games will be held Sundays at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta: Sept. 14 vs. Washington Redskins, Sept. 21 vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Oct. 5 vs. Minnesota Vikings, Oct. 19 vs. New Orleans Saints, Nov. 2 vs. Philadelphia Eagles, Nov. 23 vs. Tennessee Titans, Dec. 7 vs. Carolina Panthers, and Dec. 28 vs. Jacksonville Jaguars. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

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.

TAP workshop

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

or retirement dates.

Community tour

The FSC is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at the Family Support Center. The tour includes a "windshield" of Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present.

Training Day

The FSC is undergoing a transformation process to better serve our customers. In order to become proficient, the FSC will be closed for routine business every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you have an emergency,

there will be an individual at the front desk in Building 794, or at 926-1256 to take your information and pass it to the appropriate FSC staff member. If you have concerns or questions, direct them to the FSC director, Christine Parker at 926-1256.

Federal resume writing class

The Center's Transition Assistance Program will conduct a Federal Resume Writing class Thursday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 139. Advanced registration is required.

Interviewing strategies

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

SERVICES BRIEFS

Enlisted Club 926-4515

■ Take a bite out of crime and let McGruff and Staff Sgt. McCleskey fingerprint your kids July 26 at 5 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. Also enjoy family night dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. with five free game credits in TechWorld. Member kids eat free, 13 years old to adult, \$4.95, nonmember kids, \$2.95 and nonmember adults, \$6.95.

■ The Drifters will be making an appearance Aug. 23 at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

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.

■ Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway are on sale for the Oct. 25 and 26 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the

gate, will cost \$40 per person for both races, with seating in the east turn section of the stadium.

Library 327-7380

Children may participate in the "Take Flight" summer reading program at the Base Library with story time on Mondays from 9 - 10 a.m. for children ages 5 and younger and 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

The OSC, CGOC and the officers' club will host a pool party and cook-out Saturday at 6 p.m., open to all officers' club members. Cost is \$10 per person for food, swimming and entertainment. Call Lt. Kurtz at 926-7963 for reservations.

MUSEUM FILMS

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

The Spirit of St. Louis, today and Saturday

James Stewart recreates the struggles and success of Charles A. Lindbergh 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, centers on a grizzled airplane mechanic (Karl Malden), a hotshot pilot (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.), and a sergeant's daughter (Natalie Wood).

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

Brig. Gen. 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.

Camp Robins offers mock deployment for children

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

When reservists and guardsmen get deployed, their families, especially their children, often have no idea of what they do while they're away from home.

An upcoming camp for 11- to 14-year-old children of reservists and guardsmen seeks to solve that problem. Camp Robins will provide the children with an opportunity to experience aspects of life on a military installation.

The five-day residential camp is being offered by the 78th Services Division at the Robins Youth Center beginning July 28.

Carolyn Stevens, chief of family member programs in the 78th Services Division, said the camp is established on the premise that youth of Guard and Reserve units have limited exposure to daily life in the military.

"Family separations are never easy, but youth of full-time active-duty parents may be better prepared to deal with these separations because they live on or near a military installation, use base facilities frequently and

often hear conversations about the daily occurrences of their parent's active-duty jobs," she said.

Camp Robins represents a partnership involving the Services Division, the 116th Air Control Wing, the Air Force Reserve Command and the Integrated Delivery System agencies comprised of Family Member Programs, Family Support, the Chapel, Life Skills, and Health and Wellness.

The Camp Robins program has established the following goals:

- To help familiarize youth of AFR and ANG with basic aspects and customs of military life

- To assist all military youth in dealing with stress from deployments and family separations

- To establish on-going contacts with youth peers

Attendees of the camp will sleep in the Youth Center, shower at the Fitness Center and eat most of their meals at the dining facility and be supervised by a combination of paid staff and volunteers.

All staff and volunteers will complete local security clearances prior to working with the youth.

Dixie Crows provide education scholarships

■ The Dixie Crows have established a scholarship program for enlisted personnel. Assistance is available for college-level courses in technical majors applicable to the field of electronic warfare or information superiority that are reimbursable under the Department of Defense tuition assistance program. Scholarship awards will be made for the cost of out-of-pocket expenses for eligible courses. For an application, go to www.dixecrow.org.

■ The Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows has recently established a \$250 civilian tuition

assistance grant. The grant is for civilian personnel stationed at Robins in a permanent or over hire status who are pursuing a degree related to electronic warfare or information superiority. This assistance is applicable toward college-level courses in those technical majors relating to logistics, information technology, electronics engineering technology, and computer science that are reimbursable under the government tuition assistance program. Applications may be picked up at the Base Education Office, Building 905.

— From staff reports

JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton

The Yard of the Month award, presented from June to September, encourages military housing residents to help beautify Robins. The housing areas are divided into four sections, with five awards given monthly - three to noncommissioned officers and two to officers. Above, Col. Henry Brinkman, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the 78th Air Base Wing commander, left, presents the Yard of the Month award for June to Staff Sgt. Richard W. Gray's family who live at 305 Gwinnett Dr. Other Yard of the Month winners for June include:

Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Richard O. Whittington
570-B 6th St. Cir.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. David L. Fontenot
1210-B Hawkinsville Ter.

Capt. and Mrs. Mark C. Miller
692 Lakeside Cir.

Col. and Mrs. Thomas R. Clay
491 Officers Cir.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

922-4415
Earn up to three free T-shirts with the walking program now underway through Civilian Recreation. Participants may call, write or e-mail Civilian Recreation for maps detailing different routes around their work area. Categories include "Walking to Macon" (20 miles), "Walking to Atlanta" (100 miles) and "Walking Across Georgia" (250 miles). Each time participants walk, they record their mileage on a tracking sheet. The sheets must be turned in and certified by Civilian Recreation. For more information, e-mail lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

Fitness Center

926-2128
Air Force Materiel Command Women's 2003 Softball Championships will be held July 25 - 28. Opening ceremonies will be July 25 at 9 a.m. on field #2.

Youth Center

926-2110
Youth fall sports registration will be held Saturday through July 19 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, fall soccer and in-line hockey. Registration will be Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prices vary from \$55 - \$75. To register visit the Youth Center in Building 1021.

Tiger Woods is airman's e-mail pal

By 2nd Lt. Erin Dorrance
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Finishing first four times this year on the PGA tour while ranking fourth on the money list, people hardly ever see Tiger Woods without a golf club in his hand.

Recently though, Tiger may also have been seen with a laptop, as he participates in the Jocks to GIs Direct program, run by ESPN.com.

Jocks to GIs Direct is a program

that matches professional athletes with deployed troops in an e-mail dialogue, posted on ESPN.com.

Capt. Eric Demmitt, a logistician deployed to Central Command's area of responsibility, linked up with Woods.

"It is really cool having Tiger Woods as a pen pal," said Demmitt. "Coincidentally, Tiger and I both went to college at Stanford during the same time frame. I didn't know him personally, but we had a few mutual friends."

Tiger found out about the program through his relationship with the Walt Disney Company, the parent company of ESPN.

"I thought it was a great program and it did not take me long to say that I would participate," said Woods.

Receiving e-mails from one of golf's greatest while deployed has helped keep Demmitt's morale above par.

"I have really enjoyed learning about his busy life," said Demmitt.

"On the flip side, I have been able to answer some of his questions and educate him on deployed military life."

Woods' e-mails to Demmitt were full of words of encouragement to the troops fighting the war.

"I strongly support all of our troops and my thoughts and prayers have been with them and their family from the outset," said Woods. "I'm extremely happy to have been able to be a part of this program to help the morale of the troops."

Lunch and Learn program aims to educate

By Lanorris Askew
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They say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and Robins Civilian Recreation along with the Health and Wellness Center want to make sure everyone has the information they need to weigh in on health issues.

In order to keep the population fit and informed, they have come up with a relatively new program called Lunch and Learn where participants get information while enjoying a meal.

Lynne Brackett, civilian recreation manager, said Services' goal is

to generate programs like this one that are new and different as well as informative for the people of Robins.

"We started the program in April," she said. "Even though we haven't had great turnouts yet, it's a great way to provide information."

Though the crowds have not

been large so far, Brackett said the speakers have been exceptional.

"Our latest topic was 'Diabetes: Do we have an Epidemic?' and was hosted by Sandra Brenner of the Houston Healthcare Complex," said Brackett. "She was a very good speaker. She made you want to say



What to know

Lunch and Learn are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes lunch.

Registration must be made by the Monday before the luncheon by calling Lynne Brackett at 923-4415.

The November luncheon will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

"I don't eat that badly. Do I?"

Bridget Zimmerman, HAWC director, said the idea behind this program is to introduce people to

subjects that will help to improve the health of people at Robins.

"What we are trying to do is help people improve the quality of their lives," said Zimmerman. "No one is guaranteed quantity, but people can have a definite impact on the quality of the lives they lead."

Many of the luncheon topics will center on health issues, and according to Brackett this is what is needed right now.

"The program gives people the chance to learn about something new," said Brackett. "If they find it is something they are interested in, then they can follow up."

Future topics will include stress management, prostate cancer and breast cancer. The next luncheon topic is Aug. 6 "Starting an Exercise Program" with exercise physiologist James G. Martin.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team (win/lose)

116th ACW 9/1	116th ACW/MXS 5/5	116th MXS HYDRO 3/7	CGOA 1/9	78th CS 6/3	330th CTS 3/4	5th Mobb B 1/6
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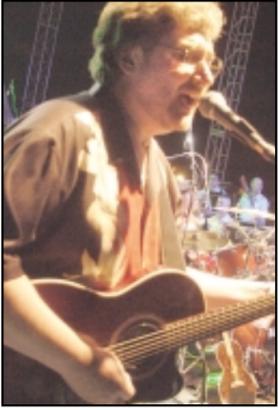
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Independence Day Concert



Photos courtesy of Ken Hackman

Chart-topping country group Restless Heart plays at the Independence Day concert at McConnell-Talbert stadium July 3. The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve also performed at the 20th annual event. The crowd enjoyed fireworks after sunset.



Above, Restless Heart guitarist Greg Jennings entertains the audience. Right, the Houston County Honor Band plays before a crowd. The concert was hosted by Mary Therese of television station WMAZ and Gerry Marshall of radio station WDEN.



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