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Wage grade employees receive pay increase

Wage grade employees at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will be seeing an increase in their paychecks.

The increases will become effective Monday and will range from 3.09 percent to 3.40 percent depending on position. Average hourly wage adjustments are as follows:

Non-Supervisory - 3.40 percent or \$.5593

Leader - 3.41 percent or \$.6160

Supervisory - 3.09 percent or \$.7563

Unrestricted Schedule (WG) - 3.18 percent or \$.5300

Schedules can be found on the Civilian Personnel Management Service website at www.cpms.osd.mil (under CPMS Divisions, go to Wage and Salary Division).

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U.S. Air Force photo Lima Lima, the only six aircraft civilian formation aerobatic team in the world, perform at the Chicago Air and Water Show. Catch the team at Robins' Air Show Sept. 6 and 7.

Robins Air Show acts announced

The following performers will be featured at the Open House Air Show Sept. 6 and 7:

- Morning teasers
- Wings of Blue
- P-51/Zero
- Dan McClung
- Lima Lima
- F-117 Fly-by
- KC-135 Demo
- Rescue Demo
- E-8 Demo
- PT-17
- LC-130
- T-Bird Ground Run
- 421 QM CO
- Wright Flyer
- Ed Hamill
- WR-ALC Fly-by
- F-104 Starfighters
- F-15 Demo
- Wings of Blue
- Thunderbirds Prep
- Thunderbirds Ground
- Thunderbirds Show



Transforming to meet the future

What to know

Seating for the symposium is limited to 200 participants. For more information, contact George Falldine at 926-2183 or by e-mail at george.falldine@robins.af.mil.

AFA educates Air Force, private industry on transformation Aug. 15

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One of the most outspoken advocates for transformation will be a keynote speaker at the Air Force Association's 'Transforming to Meet the Future'

Symposium here Aug. 15. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, will address the symposium via video teleconference. The symposium, at the Museum of Aviation from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., will also feature future Air Force Materiel

Command Commander, Gen. Gregory Martin as the symposium luncheon keynote speaker. Panelists with various transformation experiences will discuss the past, present and foreseeable future of the transformation process.

The symposium will help further Robins' and the Air Force Association's efforts in educating people on transformation's importance to the U.S. Air Force and private industry, said George

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Ready, set, teach

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Few students ever forget the way to Dot Ammons' classroom, but if they do it's really simple to reach. Take Red Highway west to Yellow Avenue, hang a left, count two doors down and there you are. When you enter, pull up a chair and get ready to learn.

Days before Robins Elementary School opened its doors for the 2003-2004 school year, Ammons and her peers were busily making sure everything was ready for the big day.

"I like to get their names on everything, get my bulletin boards up and prepare lots of lesson plans," she said. "The secret is to keep them busy at all times."

After teaching for 36 years, 29 of which have been at Robins, this kindergarten teacher knows the ropes and says she's certain she has found her calling.

"If they ever ask me to leave kindergarten, then I know it'll be time for me to retire," she said.

"It's so neat that they come in and they are all self-centered in their own little worlds wanting your attention," she said. "And as the year progresses, they become little students."

The children learn the basics like reading and writing, but Ammons said



Dot Ammons straightens Beary Nice's bow tie in preparation for the new school year. The bear is Ammons' classroom mascot. She has been teaching for 36 years, 29 of which have been at Robins.

she does her best to make sure they learn much more.

"Some of the students come in shy, but there has never been one that I haven't been able to bring out," she said. "It's so rewarding to see such a

change in a year's time." Preparing for the big day is always exciting for the children, but Ammons said she gets just as wound up.

"I never sleep the night before school," she said. "I toss and turn because I am

so excited to get here."

Arriving nearly as early as the school custodian each morning, she said she has no regrets.

"This is the most

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5th wins 9th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

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The 5th Combat Communications Group received its ninth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award when Air Combat Command officials recently announced its top units.

"This award shows the men and women of the 5th are the nation's premier communications warriors," Col. David Cotton, 5th commander, said. "This battle-tested unit is the first called, first to respond, and is always successful."

This is the group's ninth AFOUA in its 39-year history. The group was one of only 18 units in ACC to receive the award. The award period was from June 1, 2002 to May 31.

During the award period, the group deployed more than 700 airmen to 30 separate deployment locations in four different theaters of operations. However, the group's documented success during Operation Iraqi Freedom is what dominated the award-winning package.

During OIF, one of the group's successes was creating and fielding three Small, Light, Initial Communications Element, or SLICE, packages. SLICE provided

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'Fit to Fight'

Robins, Air Force warms up for new '04 fitness standards

By Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness program, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running 1.5 miles.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to Jumper.

Jumper cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around the world as the impetus for the change.

"The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture," he said. "It's time to change that."

Details will be released soon that will get airmen

back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said.

The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fitness.

"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, center, and Col. David Cotton, right, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, join 5th MOB members for physical training Wednesday morning. A new, more demanding, Air Force military physical fitness program is scheduled to kick off Jan. 1.

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

Today Mostly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm



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Saturday Partly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm



90/70

Sunday Partly cloudy with chance of p.m. storm



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Robins Elementary gets new superintendent

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Dr. Dell McMullen will be the new superintendent for Robins Elementary this year. She has been the superintendent at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. for the past 10 years, and also lead Fort Rucker and Maxwell Air Force Base schools after a consolidation last year.

This year, with the addition of Robins she

will have 11 schools and more than 5,000 students.

Although her office will be located at Fort Benning, she plans to visit each site every two weeks.

"Our purpose is to serve military families and to give them the best we have to offer," she said. "I feel we are uniquely qualified



McMullen

because we understand the military family and know what they need. I see really good things here."

McMullen is looking forward to working with all four sites and sharing ideas among them. All teachers from Benning, Robins, Rucker and Maxwell will meet at Ft. Benning for an in-service training day with Dr. Mary Howard, a national reading expert, Sept. 18.

Goals include a continued reading focus

and a commitment to make sure every child can read by the end of third grade.

There will also be focus on math problem solving and math communication skills. Staff training will be directed to those two areas.

McMullen, from Crawfordville, Ga., is married to Dr. Ray McMullen, a past superintendent of schools at Fort Campbell, Ky. for nine years. He is now acting superintendent in Puerto Rico.

Back to school safety tips for children and parents

With the beginning of the school year today, the National Safety Council offers safety tips regarding the school bus. For some 22 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many children are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

School bus transportation is safe. Even so, last year, about 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. School bus related crashes killed 164 persons and injured an estimated 18,000 persons nationwide in 1999, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System and General Estimates System. Over the past six years, about 70 percent of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 20 percent were pedestrians. About 4 percent were school bus passengers and 2 percent were school bus drivers. Of the pedestrians killed in school bus related crashes over this period, about 77 percent were struck by the school bus.

Of the people injured in

school bus related crashes from 1994 through 1999, about 44 percent were school bus passengers, 9 percent were school bus drivers, and another 43 percent were occupants of other vehicles. Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or discharge passengers, children should not rely on them to do so.

Remember these safety tips:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness.

- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway. Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed. Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.

- Keep aisles clear — books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your belongings together.

- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus.

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver. Make sure that the driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross. When the driver signals, walk across the road.

- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

- Be aware of the street traffic around you.

The Council also suggests that parents review with their children the correct way to cross the street.

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across the road.

- If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them, and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Dot Ammons, a Robins Elementary School kindergarten teacher for 29 years, prepares her classroom for students that who return to school today.

Operation Save-a-Child events offer screenings for children

The 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and the Robins School System will sponsor the 11th annual Operation Save-A-Child program for the 2003-2004 school year.

The State of Georgia and the Department of Defense require all new students entering the school system to have hearing, vision and dental screenings, as well as needed immunizations.

The Operation Save-a-Child program offers a "one-

stop" shopping concept as a way to help your children get ready for school. Services provided will include hearing, vision, dental, blood pressure, height and weight, and scoliosis screenings, immunizations, photo ID and fingerprinting for ID cards.

McGruff, the crime prevention dog, and Alex the Alligator, the 78th Dental Squadron mascot, will be on hand to greet children.

For new Robins Elementary School students,

these services will be available Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Robins Elementary School. For all other new students, these services will be available Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Base Clinic.

If you have any questions, call Capt. Justine Tompkins at 327-8080 or Diane Betz at 327-8053.

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rewarding occupation I can think of," she said. "My favorite part of the job is teaching the students to read, and the love they give me.

"In kindergarten they all love the teacher, and I love the little people," she added.

Gloria Wheeler, who has been in education for 23 years, agreed. And although she says many of her college classmates are making big salaries, her reward comes from her students, not her paycheck.

"Knowing that a child has finally gotten something they've been working on, and seeing that light come on is the most rewarding

part of this job," she said. "That and the little hugs that you get at the end of the day."

Wheeler said she, too, comes in well before school starts to make sure her room is ready for the first day.

"Since I have over 20 years of experience, it's not as overwhelming as it used to be," she said. "But it's still somewhat overwhelming."

Wheeler said she tries to make sure everything is fresh and new for her students as well as herself.

"I hate doing the same things over and over," she said. "You really work on your room all through the summer finding things that might make good themes for the room."

This year she will be combining the summer's theater blockbusters "Finding Nemo" and "The Hulk" to welcome her students.

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Falldine, Center plans and programs director and symposium chairman.

"Certainly, we at Robins, like other military installations across the state and around the nation are actively engaged in translating the secretary's vision of transformation from the top policy level to what it means to us in terms of our operational activities," said Falldine. "We're very happy to host this event, and hope it will help us educate Robins and the community on how we should approach transformation."

The event is sponsored by the Carl Vinson Memorial chapter of the AFA and hosted by Robins.

Lynn Morley, vice president of the local AFA chapter, said with seating limited to 200, participants will more than likely be able to gain a better understanding of concepts.

"We wanted to have a more intimate interview type arrangement for the panelists to interact with the people at the conference," she said.

Topics include: Affecting Transformation at the Unit Level, Total Force Transformation - Partnership and Integration and Transforming the Air Force - Views from the Top.

Falldine said the upcoming symposium presents an opportunity to gain a glimpse into Air Force is transformation.

"Transformation is not just change - it's fundamental and profound change," he said. "And just as the geopolitical and technical threats have profoundly changed since the Cold War era, so must our military fundamentally change how it prepares to respond to those threats. This is what 'transformation' is all about."

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field commanders a light and lean first-response element that provided initial communications. Five-man teams set up the SLICE package at Tallil and Kirkuk Air Bases in Iraq, providing initial communications until larger groups of airmen with equipment that could handle more users reached the two locations.

The group also sent larger, follow-on theater deployable communications equipment to Southwest Asia. Each of the four mission squadrons deployed and the group pulled remaining people to form a blended squadron at Kirkuk.

Group airmen providing air traffic and control landing systems directly supported more than 6,000 combat flying hours and 2,300 sorties at Tallil and Kirkuk. They supported combat flying operations for more than 150 different combat aircraft and coordinated movements for nearly 1,000 military and civilian aircraft.

That's the ticket

Nolan helps Robins make dream vacations a reality

By Holly J. Logan

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Tammy Nolan helps people at Robins escape the pitfalls of a life of all work and no play, by giving them the ticket to get away.

Nolan, manager of the Information, Tickets and Travel Office here, has helped military members, civilians and their families plan vacations throughout Georgia, Florida and Tennessee for 11 years.

"I help people get discounted tickets for amusement parks, cruises, and other vacation trips - and also provide discounted airline tickets to help people get to these vacation spots," she said. "If they want to go somewhere other than the three states we cover, we get in touch with people there that can get them what they need."

While some may see this 41-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa. native's job as more fun than work, Nolan said she and part-time assistant, Frank Hardan, work hard to make sure Robins' families are having fun.

"Our office is here to help boost employee morale," she said. "People work more efficiently and tend to be more productive when their morale is high. We're here to provide the resources that lead to rest and relaxation."

Nolan travels on temporary duty to places like Six Flags, Disney World, and other popular vacation spots to research vacation plans and network with others in her field to get Robins' employees the lowest prices.

The
BIG
picture



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tammy Nolan, Information, Tickets and Travel office manager, assists a customer with travel plans. The ITT office is the place to go for discounted travel tickets.

While glamorous vacations may not balance well with everyone's bank account, Nolan said she can almost always help people find a vacation that fits.

"It's hard sometimes when I have to tell a family that they can't afford the vacation they've had their hearts set on," she said. "But I always try to find one they can enjoy, without going broke in the process. One of the best parts of this job is helping people plan these vacations, and having happy families come back to see us."

ITT customer, Senior Master Sgt. Tharren Printup, with Air Force Reserve Command headquarters, said when it comes to the service at

ITT, Nolan always scores.

"Words alone can't describe the services I've personally received from Tammy and her staff," he said. "She has been more than accommodating in providing our group with tickets to the Atlanta Falcons games for the last six years, and in ensuring (everyone at Robins) is aware of ITT specials. She and her staff earned an A plus a long time ago."

With several base jobs going hand-in-hand, Nolan said everyone has a part in making Robins' mission successful.

"So much of what we do here is interrelated," she said. "Our jobs work like a chain. If one or more links are missing, it's not as strong."

What to know

The Information, Tickets and Travel Office is located on the first floor of the Smith Community Center in Building 767. Military members and Defense Department civilians may obtain discount tickets to well-known entertainment and vacation venues, both near and far, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the ITT Office at 926-2945 or visit them at www.robins.af.mil/services.

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Lighter, faster and better: The evolution of GPS receivers



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Lt. Col. Timothy Ondracek, chief of the GPS branch, holds the two DAGR models being considered for use by the Air Force.

By Lanorris Askew
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Fifteen years ago, the only version of a handheld military-rated Global Positioning System receiver weighed a whopping 17 pounds and cost an estimated \$34,000 per unit.

Today, however, innovation and technology has transformed the receiver into a lightweight 2-pound device, costing less than \$2,000.

Known to the GPS community as DAGR, the Defense Advanced Global positioning system Receiver may well be the wave of the future for war fighter navigation and is bringing together subject matter experts from across the country to discuss its capabilities and the status of its fielding.

Members of the integrated logistics support-working group came together July 30 and 31 to discuss DAGR logistics support.

"The DAGR will soon replace the Precision Lightweight GPS Receiver, or PLGR, which is now being used in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Willie Jackson, of the Army GPS section.

In order to make this replacement, the plan was to field an affordable modernized handheld GPS receiver with increased anti-jam and anti-spoof capabilities to the Department of Defense to replace legacy equipment and significantly lower costs.

1st Lt. Thomas Cooke, of the Space and Missile Command GPS User Equipment Branch Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. said that currently two contractors have been awarded first article production con-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
From left to right, Airman 1st Class Dalford Corley, Staff Sgt. Matthew Law, Airman 1st Class Ronald Yarnell, Master Sgt. Jay O'Neil and Capt. Mark Robey, GPS committee chairman, compare the two DAGR models.

tracts for the DAGR.

The award was made last November and the first lot of 180 units per company was delivered May 30 for government testing.

The second lot will be delivered Monday with a final contractor selection to be announced in September.

Capt. Mark Robey, DAGR ILS manager, said the purpose of the DAGR integrated logistics support working group and the conference was to get all of the support players

together to talk about supportability issues.

"GPS subject matter experts from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Joint Service System Management Office as well as from the Space Warfare Center in San Diego, Calif., came together to discuss issues like the logistics schedule, impacts on the program as well as the importance of logistics in fielding these to the end user," he said. "This shows the joint nature of the DAGR

program."

He said the Army spearheaded the program, and the Air Force took over the reins as far as program management and specification development.

"What we see today is the joint team has come together to make sure this product can be supported when it is fielded and the user gets the best product possible," he said.

"When we leave this conference our goal is to make sure we end up with the best

product for our war fighters," said Jackson. "That's what's near to my heart, being one who has worn the uniform."

The Global Positioning System is a highly accurate system, using satellites to provide worldwide, continuous, real-time, all-weather precision positioning and velocity information to users operating equipment in a passive mode. The main factors in choosing a contractor are cost, ease of navigation, sensitivity of antennae and first fix time.

Fit to fight



What to know

The Robins Fitness Center offers a number of programs to help people get in shape. Everything from free weights to water aerobics is available. The fitness center is open Mondays through Fridays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 926-2128 or go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/>.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Top, 2nd Lt. William Byrd leads airmen in a set of crunches. Above, Tech. Sgt. James Miller does push-ups. Under the new fitness program, beginning Jan. 1, airmen will be required to do push-ups, sit ups and a 1.5 mile run. Units on base are already gearing up for the change.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Above, airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group do cardiovascular exercise during fitness training Wednesday. Below, the group runs around Luna Lake during their 2.8 mile run.

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training) in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," Jumper said.

"I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he said.

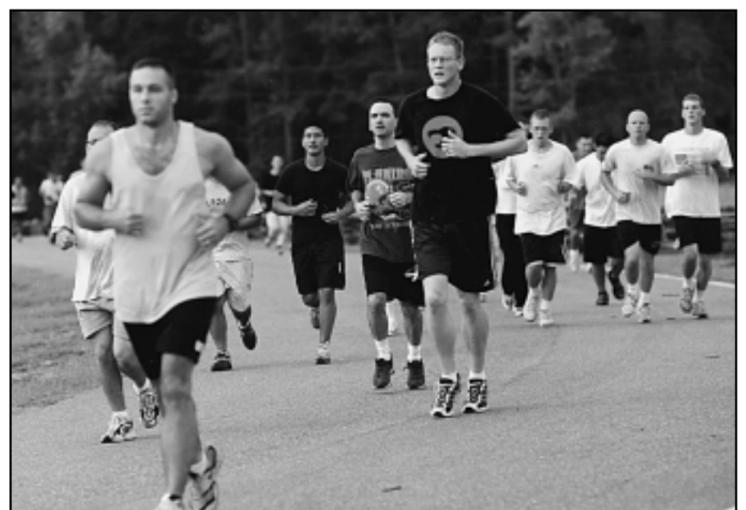
"I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard."

The program will begin Jan. 1.

Jumper said he plans to lead National Capitol Region Air Force general officers in a fitness test during the first week of January.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray will lead area command chiefs later in the week.

"I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force," Jumper said. "Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them." January 2004 is the date," he said. "Be ready."



'Safety is an attitude – get one'

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Last year, I wrote an article about motorcycle safety titled, "What were they thinking?" I should have called it, "Why weren't they thinking?" For as many years as I have been a rider, even longer, I have been concerned about motorcycle safety.

Two months before I bought my first bike, a motorcycle passed me on the right as I was turning right. As his bike crashed into the side of my parents' 1970 Chevy pickup, everything began moving in slow motion. He flew 30 feet through the air right over the hood of the truck. Two other motorcyclists waiting to turn at the intersection watched in dismay as this human projectile hurled toward them and his mangled bike careened their way.

He landed face-up and unconscious underneath the nearest bike and his right leg had a gash so severe I thought it had been severed. Pulling the bike off of him, I looked at his helmetless head. His face, cut by my rearview mirror, was lacerated from the top of his forehead to the tip of his nose. Blood pooled over his closed eyes.

His motorcycle ended up in the

ditch 10 feet away. The Hamms beer that had been between his legs as he began his impatient pass was in the grass near my parents' truck. His name, I had learned, was Ricky Hicks, and he was alive.

I met him, under better circumstances, about a year later. It had taken about 300 stitches to fix his wounds and he almost did lose his leg. He told me it wasn't my fault. He was drunk and had done a stupid thing. Why wasn't he thinking?

I was 18 years old. I am 42 now, and I can remember that wreck like it happened yesterday.

Between then and now, I have logged tens of thousands of miles on motorcycles. I have taught motorcycle safety at eight sites in two states to more than 650 people. I have written countless articles, conducted workshops, inspections, and demonstrations in an effort to stem the red tide of Air Force motorcycle deaths and injuries. But it hasn't worked.

On April 10, two riders were on a divided highway with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour – that is about 31 mph. Rider No. 1 zipped between two cars at a high rate of speed. As he entered a gradual curve, his motorcycle began to lose control. He skidded for 198 feet, hit the median, was ejected from the bike and collided

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with an on-coming vehicle. He was dragged 30 feet and tumbled another 103 feet.

Rider No. 2 watched his friend die.

Rider No. 1 had just picked his bike up from the shop where it had been in for brake problems resulting from a result of a previous mishap. He had attended motorcycle safety training about 18 months earlier. Why wasn't he thinking?

Another Air Force rider and his buddy were out for a ride May 24 on a new road. There were no street lights, minimal street markings and neither rider had driven it before.

At a speed in excess of 60 mph – posted 45 mph – an unannounced curve sneaked up on them. Rider No. 1 applied his brakes hard. Rider No. 2 swerved around rider No. 1 who then struck the curb and

went airborne.

Two hundred twenty two feet later the dust began to settle on the mangled bike. This rider No. 2 also watched his friend die.

Neither rider was wearing the required protective gear. Why weren't they thinking?

On June 1, an Air Force motorcyclist with a passenger was doing about 120 mph in a 60-mph zone down a divided four-lane highway. Approaching a curve, the front tire left the pavement edge. They crashed in the grass median and were launched about 500 feet.

The operator lived but the passenger suffered traumatic head injuries and later died. They had been at a party, then went on a beer run while the designated drivers were taking people home. Neither wore the required protective gear. Why didn't they think?

I would recount more of these tragic losses, but it makes me sick to read them, to envision their final realities.

Last year, we lost 16 airmen in fatal motorcycle crashes – Class A mishaps – Air Force wide. This year, we have already lost 19.

Unfortunately, more will die. I have realized there is no panacea, no cure-all to eliminate the deaths of Air Force motorcyclists.

As involved in their rider's lives as supervisors and commanders can be, they can't make the decisions. It is on the rider.

For when riders decide to straddle their bikes, start them, shift into gear and roll onto the road, they have accepted the risk and the responsibility for whatever may occur.

Their split-second decision to speed up, slow down, swerve or not to ride after a drink of alcohol is in their hands – or, rather it is in their heads.

Some people think we motorcyclists have an attitude. I think they are right. I just wish the attitude every one of us had was the same as that of Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, "Safety is an attitude – get one!"

If they did, they would probably live to ride a lot longer.

Pictures worth more than a thousand words

By Sarah Anne Carter
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – I, Sarah Anne Carter ...

The pictures are considered stock photography by most news organizations now. News organizations use the photos today to emphasize a news event, usually involving terrorism or, most recently, the release of the report about how U.S. intelligence acted prior to that day.

Yet, every time I stumble upon a picture from Sept. 11, 2001, I pause. The pictures still effect me.

... having been appointed to government civil service in

the United States Air Force ...

My current position doesn't quite show how loyal to the Air Force and my country I am. People I've met in this professional environment often joked that I'm blue through and through.

I was born on the U.S. Air Force Academy to a young airman and his wife. I grew up on military installations across the United States in several foreign countries.

My family bonded through the experiences of moving, separations due to schools and the countless TDYs. And now that I've grown up, I'm now working for the Air Force.

... do solemnly swear (or

affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ...

My first day of permanent civil service, I took the oath. And it truly meant something. I had seen enemies attack my country several months before.

On Sept. 11, 2001, when I went to work, evil men were plotting to destroy the lives of hundreds of innocent people. I was in shock with the rest of America when the Trade Center towers were attacked.

And then the terrorists got personal. They hijacked a

plane and directed it straight toward the Pentagon - where my father was sitting in his blue uniform serving his country.

... that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. ...

Many hours were spent that morning wondering how many members of my family would be alive at the end of the day. One of my brothers and I were relatively safe in Omaha, Neb., although when the president landed at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., I'm sure that city became a target.

My mother and my other brother were in Washington, D.C. I received several panicked phone calls from my mother who was not only wondering where her husband might be and when her son might be able to get home from a local high school, but if she should evacuate her housing at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., after she heard a loud explosion.

... SO HELP ME GOD. Each minute that morning seemed to last forever. And then the phone rang and I heard my father's voice.

The day ended and all five of us considered ourselves immensely blessed to still

have an intact family. So many people that day did not have the same ending.

All five of us pause when we are reminded of that day, whether it's when we see the pictures on the news or hear conversations about that day. On Sept. 11, 2003 - two years later - I plan to walk in to work at an organization where I'm serving my country and my father will walk into the Pentagon wearing his uniform proudly.

My mother and brothers will count their blessings. And I know that sometime during that day, we will all take time to pause.

Sept. 11, 2001 - we will never forget.

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



Commanders' Action Line

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

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



e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, Bellsouth etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins Air Force Base homepage. 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.

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Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
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Housing Office.....	926-3776

Happy trails to you

The newly extended Pine Oaks Trail is great. Kudos to the crew who completed the work in this hot, humid weather. The full circle trail is an appreciated addition to Robins Air Force Base.

Col. Smoot replies: We are very pleased you are enjoying the completed fitness trail. This project is just another example of the fine work of our multi-talented base civil engineers and especially the CE crew of Master Sgt. Tommy Guyton. The horizontal and heavy equipment shops within civil engineering planned and executed the entire project in-house, with outstanding results. If you get a chance please join me and thank these

hardworking folks. We all will benefit from their efforts.

Can family members use the gym?

I would like to bring my wife to the gym during off peak hours. She has a badge to get on base. Can she come with me? If not, I would like to see that rule changed. Families doing things together is promoted at Robins Air Force Base and families are allowed to enjoy many things and activities on base. We would love to be able to walk the gym's upstairs track together where it is climate controlled.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for providing me the opportunity to explain our civilian usage policy at the fitness center. If

we could, we would open the facility to all eligible users, but we don't have the space. The size, scope and manpower of our facility is driven by active duty population. In the case at Robins, Department of Defense civilians outnumber active duty by approximately four to one, so demand clearly exceeds capacity. To help us manage this process, we allow 500 civilians in our fulltime membership category and 600 in our non-peak category from a workforce of more than 13,000. All other interested civilians must go on the waiting list. We would only consider opening up to DoD civilian family members if we were able to provide fitness benefits to all currently employed civilians first. We apologize if this creates an inconvenience for you and your family members.



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78th MG, 653rd host change of command ceremonies

Col. Richard G. Griffith took over as commander of the 78th Medical Group July 30. Griffith, formerly the 92nd Medical Group commander at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., completed a family practice residency in 1978.

He replaces Col. George P. Johnson, who will become the 60th Medical Group deputy commander, David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

In a separate change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. Paul R. Wood took over as commander of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron in a change of command ceremony July 29. Wood, formerly 363rd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudia Arabia, entered the Air Force Jan. 27, 1982. He replaces Lt.

Col. Stacy M. Boudreaux, who become the course director for the Maintenance Group Commander's Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



Griffith



Wood

Martin to assume AFMC command Aug 22

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - At 10 a.m. Aug. 22 in the Air Force Museum, Air Force Materiel Command people get a new leader as Gen. Gregory Martin assumes command from Gen. Lester Lyles.

Martin relieves Lyles who has commanded AFMC since April 2000 and is retiring with 35 years of service. Before coming to AFMC, Lyles served as vice chief of staff of the Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Martin is currently commander of

U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Allied Air Forces Northern Europe and the Air Force Component Commander for U.S. European Command at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He entered the Air Force in June 1970

with a commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Martin

In addition to flying 161 combat missions in Southeast Asia, Martin has commanded the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron, the 479th Tactical Training Wing and the 33rd and 1st Fighter Wings. He also served as the Joint Staff's J-8 vice director and the Air Force's director of operational requirements.

Before assuming his current position, Martin was the principal deputy with the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. He is a command pilot with more

What to know

Gen. Gregory Martin assumes command from Gen. Lester Lyles at 10 a.m. Aug. 22 in the Air Force Museum.

than 3,800 flying hours in various aircraft, including the AT-38, F-4 and F-15.

— *Courtesy of AFMC News Service*

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The end of an era

C-141 employees reminisce about an old friend



U.S. Air Force photo

Cargo is off-loaded from a C-141B Starlifter, assigned to the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, while parked on a runway of ice at McMurdo Base, Antarctica.

The C-141 Starlifter, once the mainstay of military airlift, will be phased out of the Air Force inventory in 2006. The aircraft, which has seen duty in operations from Vietnam to Operation Iraqi Freedom, was first delivered into the Air Force inventory in October 1964. The following is the account of several Robins' program depot maintenance line workers who have made careers out of keeping the weapon system flying.



Culpepper
37 years

By Lanorris Askew
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Thirty-seven years ago a bond was forged between man and machine, a bond that has endured the test of time, but which will soon be only a memory.

As the weeks fly past heading toward the farewell flight of the last C-141 Starlifter from Robins Air Force Base, employees of the C-141 program depot maintenance line are not short on stories to tell about what they've termed an "old friend."

Joel Culpepper, C-141 deputy section chief, began his career with the C-141 bright-eyed and fresh out of high school in the summer of 1966. He worked on the very first Starlifter to come to Robins, and hopes to see the last one go.

"I have really enjoyed my time with the old bird, and I've seen a lot of changes over the years," he said.

From the stretching of the aircraft in 1979 and 1980 to the glass cockpit modification in the mid '90s, his 37 years have been filled with great moments.

"There will probably be some silent tears shed on that last day," he said.

As for the future, Culpepper said he still has to work a few more years before retirement and will be moving to the C-5s.

"It's good that we have a place to go," he said. "In private industry, you'd just be out of a job or pink-slipped."

Of all the things he'll miss, Culpepper said the people stand out most.

"They have become like family to me," he said.

Steve Sheffield also spent 37 years in the world of the 141 beginning work at Robins a few weeks after Culpepper. Their working relationship has lasted longer than many marriages. He said because he was planning to retire this year, he sees this as a good end for him.

"I started with the 141s in 1966, and worked on the very first one that came through," he said. "I'm retiring this year, so it's a good dropping off point for me. I hate to see it go, but it's one of those things, and good things must come to an end. It's time to press on to another life."

The 55-year-old deputy section chief said he plans to stay around until October to see the last one out.

"I've enjoyed the work on this aircraft, and I'm going to miss this type work," he said. "This is all I've ever done, all of my life. It's going to be a great change moving out and doing something else."

Some of his proudest moments were seeing the T-tail of the C-141 on television



Sheffield
37 years



Latimore
37 years



Collins
26 years



McGaffey
1 year

bringing out wounded or taking in supplies to devastated areas.

"It made me proud to say I worked that one when I saw tail numbers,"
According to the group, 285 C-141s were built, but only 67 remain in the Air Force inventory. The first plane to bring the wounded out of Iraq was one worked on by Robins between December 2002 or January 2003.

Gary Collins, first line supervisor, said he owes a lot to the C-141.

"I started as a single guy, and now I'm married with two sons in college," he said. "I owe it all to the 141— my house, my truck, my car, my family— all of that."

Collins, who started in January 1977, said he is set to become an Eagle keeper working in the F-15 division when the 141 mission ends in October.

One of the moments that stands out in his memory is when a couple of the aircraft arrived after just hauling the dead out of South America following the Jim Jones tragedy.

"You couldn't hardly stand to get on those things when they landed ... they smelled so bad," he said. "The 141 gets called for everything. It hauls generators to earthquake or hurricane ravaged places, brings out survivors and the dead; the aircraft is really an all-purpose tool."

James Latimore spent two years in the Army, followed by 39 at Robins, 26 of which were spent in the Air Force Reserve. He has worked on F-15s, C-130s and the C-141. He, too, has been here since the beginning of the C-141 workload.

"Winding down is almost like losing a brother or a mother really," he said. "It's been the backbone for the Air Force, and the backbone for me earning a living and supporting my family. I'm gonna miss it."

He said although he hates to see it go, he knows that as life goes on, things change.

"Things have to go away," he said. "This just happens to be one of those things that has gone away in my lifetime. After it retires, I will most likely be retiring a few months after that."

Latimore said he had planned to retire before the end October, but decided to stay and see the end of the depot maintenance on the aircraft.

"I will miss seeing them take off and land out here," he said. "Although they will fly only until 2006, there will be a memory that will be with me always."

Dan McGaffey, an aircraft mechanic and the new kid on the block, has been with the C-141 for nearly two years.

Beginning his aircraft maintenance career with the Navy in 1992, he worked on the CH and MH 53 helicopters.

"I am the newest guy on the 141, but I will

miss it too," he said.

The C-141 is the biggest plane he has ever worked on, and the joke around the hangar is that he went from the Navy to the Air Force and from a chopper to a real airplane.

He said he has considered joining the Air Force as a pilot if age permits after he receives his aeronautical science degree.

"I will miss my buddies," he said. "The older, more experienced guys have really helped me a lot."

Col. James Gutchenritter, chief of the C-141 Production Branch, has had less than a year with the C-141, but said it is a sad day for the weapon system.

"Drawing down anything is not fun, it's hard," he said. "There's a lot of history, tradition, customs and memories here."

He said many have come and gone, but for these guys their whole careers have been 141s.

"There are people out there where that's all they've done forever," he said. "That's all they know. We know that things wear out, but it's hard to let that go. I think about all of the hard work that has been put into these airplanes, and they are going to the boneyard."

He went on to say how the backs to basics and Lean scheduling improvements have made great improvements in the C-141 area and that's another reason that it's hard to say goodbye.

"These guys have been working on these things for two or three years, and when it finally comes to fruition, it's taken apart. Friendships, camaraderie and the machinery - it's being dismantled. It's like taking my old truck to the junkyard. It's being parted out, and it's tough watching that."

History shows that once upon a time, a weapon system only lasted a few years before it was gone. But now it's common to work an entire career on one.

"It's not uncommon to fly a 40-year-old aircraft," said Collins.

The first C-141 was built in 1961 and the last in 1967. With a five-year PDM schedule, this group has seen the planes on average about a dozen times each.

"Aircraft tail number 177 which brought POWs out of Vietnam in 1973 also flew POWs out of Iraq," said Culpepper.

"It has been a good ride, and we've enjoyed it."

With only seven to go, the last aircraft, tail number 248 received Dec. 9, 2002, is scheduled for flight test Sept. 8. The aircraft is due out Oct. 7.

As they toil diligently and with tender loving care on the last Starlifter they will ever service, C-141 production branch members are taking a piece of it to add to their collective memory. That piece of the bond they forged will never be broken.

A look back at the C-141

2000s

2006
Last C-141 retires.

Oct. 7, 2003
C-141C serial number 65-0248 scheduled to depart Robins.

Dec. 2, 2002
C-141C serial number 65-0248 last depot input arrives.

1990s

Late 1990s
Robins modifies 63 C-141Cs with Global Positioning Satellite Enhanced Navigational System with Global Positioning Satellite/System capabilities.

July 31, 1993
C-141 Directorate begins work on the Weephole Project.

December 1992
Robins wins center wing box repair workload for 113 C-141B Starlifters - worth \$62 million - the biggest competed between private and public bidders at the time.

1980s

June 29, 1982
Stretch Modification Program officially ends.

1970s

Dec. 4, 1979
First C-141B roll-out occurs.

Sept. 14, 1978
HQ-AFLC assigns logistics management responsibility for the C-141 A Stretch/Aerial Refueling Modification to WR-ALC.

Late 1960s and early 1970s

C-141A flies thousands of supply missions to Southeast Asia along the "pipeline," a route from Robins to California or Alaska and on to Japan and, finally, Vietnam or Thailand.

1960s

January 1964
C-141A begins operations.

Aug. 28, 1963
Air Force accepts first Starlifter.

March 13, 1961
President John F. Kennedy authorizes development of C-141.

Feb. 8, 1961
Robins Air Force Base selected as Logistic Support Manager for C-141A.

Sources: History of the WR-ALC FY01, Time Capsule, Reworking the Workhorse: The C-141B Stretch Modification Program

General characteristics of a C-141

Primary Function: Cargo and troop transport	Four Pratt & Whitney TF33-P-7 turbofan engines	feet	inch; length, 93 feet 4 inches; width, 10 feet 3 inches	Speed: 500 mph (Mach 0.74) at 25,000 feet	Unlimited with in-flight refueling	paratroops, 103 litters and 14 seats, or 68,725 lbs of cargo	Crew: Five or six: two pilots, two flight engineers and one loadmaster and one navigator (added for air-drops).	Aeromedical teams of two flight nurses and three medical technicians each are added for aeromedical evacuation mis-	sions.
Contractor: Lockheed-Georgia Co.	Thrust: 20,250 pounds, each engine	Length: 168 feet, 4 inches	Height: 39 feet, 3 inches	Ceiling: 41,000 feet at cruising speed	Maximum Takeoff Weight: 323,100 lbs	Unit Cost: \$42.3 million (fiscal year 1998 constant dollars)			Date Deployed: C-141A: October 1964; C-141B: December 1979.
Power Plant:	Wingspan: 160 feet	Cargo Compartment: Height, 9 feet 1	Cargo Door: width, 10.25 feet; height, 9.08 feet	Range:	Load: Either 200 troops, 155				Source: USAF Fact Sheet

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

■ Donna L. Stewart, 78th MSG/DPCEB. The point of contact is Tina Miller 926-0677, ext. 159.

■ Christen Matthews, WR-ALC/JA. The point of contact is Dorothy Bramblett 926-3961, ext. 115.

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

Calling all Robins clubs. The Rev Up needs your inputs. To have your club or group's information included here, submit it to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

STREAMING VIDEO

FULL STREAM AHEAD*

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

- Robins signs partnership agreement with Lockheed-Martin for C-130J support
- Camp Robins lets children of military families experience life on deployment
- Robins remembers Bob Hope

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

ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

Friday — 8 p.m.

Sunday — 1:30 p.m.

Monday — Noon

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. Protestant 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. — 28 Days Later — Cillian Murphy, Naomie Harris

A virus that locks those infected into a permanent state of killing rage, is accidentally released from a British research facility. Carried by animals and humans, the virus is impossible to contain, and spreads across the entire planet. Twenty-eight days later, a small group of survivors are trapped in London, caught in a desperate struggle to protect themselves from the infected. As they attempt to salvage a future from the apocalypse, they find that their most deadly enemy is not the virus, but other survivors.

Rated R (strong violence and gore, language and nudity) 108 minutes



Saturday
7:30 p.m. — Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle — Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore

The sequel reunites Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines. In the Angels' new adventure, the captivating trio once again demonstrates their expertise at espionage, martial arts and disguise.

Rated PG-13 (action violence, sensuality and language/innuendo) 119 minutes

Summer Bash celebration Saturday

“Let’s Celebrate” Summer Bash will be held Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Robins Park. Activities will include a petting zoo, two 24-foot rock climbing walls, giant slide, merry-go-round, spinout ride, mini passenger train, carnival games and entertainment.

Visitors at the event with base IDs, 18 years and older, will have a chance to win prizes by completing entry forms at Summer Bash.

A grand prize package will include a trip to Kissimmee/St. Cloud, Fla. for two adults. Participants need not be present to win the grand prize. Other prizes will include a retreat with two tickets to the High Museum of Art and one-night hotel accommodation at the Westin Hotel in Atlanta, a one-year family membership to the Michael C. Carlos Museum, T-shirts, Sandy the Dog and Robby the Robin beanie animals, DVD player, two portable DVD players, Centennial of Flight patches, backpacks, Xboxes and Game Boy Advances with a game.

A \$4 wristband gives Summer Bash visitors access to all games and amusements.



U.S. Air Force photo

A child receives a hug from Sandy the Dog at last year’s ‘Let’s Celebrate’ Summer Bash.

Added features for 2003 will be a car show and fireworks. Anyone wanting to display their car must have a base I.D. Also they will need to present vehicle registration and insurance paper-

work to the Visitor Center if the vehicle does not have a base sticker. The vehicles will be on display in the parking area west of Robins Park. Vehicles must be in place by 3 p.m.

“Entertainment will certainly be a highlight of the event,” said Cheryl Dollard, Smith Community Center director. “Vocalists will include Beth Fransiolo, and Southern Charm. The ever-popular AFRC Reserve Generation band will perform from 5 to 6. And a new addition this year will be “Planet Graham” from the 116th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, performing from 7 to 9 p.m. A large variety of carnival-style food and snacks will be sold by base private organizations.”

A “Let’s Celebrate” Summer Bash online coloring activity page is located on the Services Division Web page. The first 50 kids, 10 years and younger, to bring it to Summer Bash will receive a prize. Limit one entry per person.

“To conclude this fabulous community event, fireworks will be launched from the ballpark across from Robins Park at 9:20 p.m.,” said Dollard.

For a complete listing of Summer Bash rules go to the Services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services

— From staff reports

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. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center Ballroom. Personnel leaving the mili-

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

Volunteer resource information

The Relocation Assistance program will conduct an informational class on Volunteer Resource Information, Tuesday, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC Annex.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8:30 to noon, in Building

905, Room 240.

Community tour

The FSC is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the FSC.

Applied suicide skills training

A workshop on Applied Suicide Skills Training will be conducted on Aug. 20-21, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Base Chapel annex.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

922-4415

■ Register by Sept. 10 for singles and doubles fall tennis leagues to begin Sept. 15. Open to anyone 16 years and older in the Robins community to include active duty, retired, reserve military DoD civilians, contractors and immediate family members. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information call Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

■ Family night bingo will be held Aug. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. All kids receive a prize when they arrive. Cost is \$3 per pack.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

■ The Air Force club membership campaign will be held Aug. 18 through Oct. 31. New and current club members will be eligible to win up to \$5,000 worth of travel vouchers to

redeem at Information, Tickets and Travel. For more information, call the Officers’ Club at 926-2670 or Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

■ The Drifters will perform Aug. 23 at 9 p.m. Advance tickets for members are \$10. Tickets for nonmembers and at the door are \$15. Light hors d’oeuvre will be served.

■ A Sunday Brunch will be held Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Brunch is free for primary members and for their children ages 5 and younger. Cost is \$5.95 for members’ children, ages 6 - 12, \$8.95 for guests and children 13 and older and \$11.95 for nonmembers.

Outdoor Recreation 926-6527

■ Join Outdoor Adventure on a deep sea fishing trip off the shores of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Sept. 4 through 6.

Cost is \$205 per person and includes trip, fishing and lodging. Transportation departs Sept. 4 at noon and returns Sept. 6. Register at equipment rental by Aug. 21. For more information call 926-6527.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center is offering 25 percent savings on select mementos to include personalized engraving and 40 percent off on Burt’s Bees Gift Kits. Two ounce acrylic paints are on sale for 99 cents each.

Wynn Dining 926-6596

A Deployed Family Appreciation meal will be Thursday from 3:30 to 6 p.m. A nominal fee will be charged per person. For more information, call Shirley Sexton, dining facility manager, at 926-6596.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center 926-2112

Fall leagues are forming now and play will begin in September. Registration will be held during normal operating hours.

Golf Course 926-4103

Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings. Cost is \$99 per person and includes eight hours of instruction, free-range punch cards and three golfing experiences. Register now for fall classes.

Hockey

All youth age groups are needed for open inline hockey Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m., and youth ice hockey players are needed to form Robins teams for the winter ice hockey league. If enough are interested, there's a possibility of organizing USA Hockey sanctioned travel teams. For more information, contact Chief Frey at 926-3788 or Master Sgt. Bolish at 926-2221.

ITT 926-2945

NASCAR tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 Busch Race Oct. 25 and the Georgia 500 Winston Cup Race Oct. 26 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Cost for both races is \$45.

Airmen 'lift' up for military championships

By Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

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Two Robins airmen placed first in their weight class and another finished fourth during the American Athletic Union Military Nationals Powerlifting Competition July 12.

Jym Bourgeault, a first lieutenant from the 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, and Joe Whitcomb, a staff sergeant from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, placed first respectively in the 181 and 198 pound weight classes. Todd Nerlin, a captain from the 52nd Combat Communications

Squadron, finished fourth in the 181 pound weight class.

"I had no idea what to expect," Whitcomb, a first-time contestant, said. "I was hoping to place and didn't know until the very end that I had won."

Powerlifting is a three-pronged event, adding together weight lifted in the squat, bench press and dead lift for an overall score. Bourgeault lifted 507 pounds during the squat, 363 pounds during the bench press and 518 pounds during the dead lift for a combined weight of 1,388 pounds. Whitcomb lifted 451 pounds during the squat, 358 pounds during the bench press and 502 pounds during the dead lift for a total

Record-setting trainer shows lifters the ropes

All three can trace their success to one man: Gene Bell. Bell, a master sergeant at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, has set more than 20 world records and owns two dozen national and international powerlifting titles. He also won his weight class at the championships, lifting a total weight of 1,841 pounds. Bell helped train Nerlin and Bourgeault at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., when they were all stationed there and Bourgeault has helped mold Whitcomb

using Bell's expertise.

"It was awesome to learn under him," Bourgeault said. "I had a good knowledge already, but he helped put me over the top. I attribute all my success in competition to him."

For more about Bell, see the American Strength Legends Web site at <http://www.mcschane-enterprises.com/ASL/Default.html>

— Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

weight of 1,311 pounds. Nerlin lifted 402 pounds during the squat, 303 pounds during the bench press and 435 pounds during the deadlift for a total of 1,140 pounds.

Bourgeault, 29, and

Whitcomb, 34, have been training together since May for the competition. Bourgeault started weightlifting as a sophomore in high school after a football teammate dragged him into the weight room and has been

powerlifting competitively for three years. Whitcomb previously trained as a bodybuilder.

Bourgeault and Whitcomb advanced to the AAU World Meet starting in late October in Richmond, Va.

AFMC Women's Softball Tournament standings

2003 Air Force Materiel Command Women's Softball Tournament standings

Winner: Robins Air Force Base
Second: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Third: Tinker Air Force Base

Team (Wins/Losses)

Robins AFB 5/1
Tinker AFB 5/1
Wright-Patterson 4/2
Eglin AFB 3/3
Hanscom AFB 2/4
Edwards AFB 1/5
Hill AFB 1/5

Peaches make a pit stop



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Macon Peaches center fielder Chris Van Rossum, left, and pitcher Jeff Swayze, right, sign autographs for Gwendolynn Nixon at the base restaurant July 29. To see this story in streaming video, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>.

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Updated rules for sponsoring guests

By 78th Security Forces Squadron

To assist you in making your planned event a success, the 78th Security Forces Squadron would like to provide you with the most current information for sponsoring an event.

All social functions on Robins involving non-DoD guests require the approval of the 78th Mission Support Group commander.

If your planned event has six or more guests requiring a sponsor, a guest list must be submitted with the request for approval for the event. A request for approval and a

guest list must be submitted to 78th Security Forces, police services branch, no later than two weeks prior to the date of the event.

The sponsor of the event must take the request, guest list, and a valid ID card to the 78th Security Forces Squadron in Building 263.

Once a Security Forces representative has reviewed the guest list, it will be submitted to the 78th Mission Support Group commander for an additional review and approval.

Security Forces will not accept approval requests and guest lists without five copies of the following information:

What to know

If your planned event has six or more guests requiring a sponsor, a guest list must be submitted with the request for approval for the event. For questions about the guest list and social event approval process, call the Security Forces Squadron at 926-2118.

■ Start/end time, date, location and type of event

■ Last name, then first name, in alphabetical order of

all individuals on the list.

■ Name of the individual sponsoring the event with a contact phone number.

Beginning Aug. 21, if event requests and guest lists are not submitted to Security Forces prior to the two-week suspense, then normal sponsorship procedures will be required for each guest.

In addition, all visitors are subject to identification background checks and are required to access the installation through the main gate.

For questions about the guest list and social event approval process, call the Security Forces Squadron at 926-2118.

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Optional retirements

Optional retirements as of Aug. 4

William E. Brett, LGMH
Don M. Chambers, MABPC
Dawson Drew, MAIBP
Joanne L. Gassman, MAMBD
Sylvia E. Gibbs, AFRC/DPCC
David L. Greenway, LBRS
Carl L. Hansen Jr., MABBA
Robert J. Holeman, TILPB
Kenneth E. Johns, MAIBR
Frances H. Lupo, MA-2
James E. Morgan Sr., LGRTF
Rocco Paranzino Jr., LEE
Melvin C. Redmond, LGRA
Carolyn R. Rozar, LGRTF
Dwight F. Stone, MASA
Dennis E. Thompson, MABFP
Charles C. Trent, LESVA
Mary G. Urdialez, LASS
Juan Vasquez, MABWW
Michael V. Williamson, LESVG
John W. Wish, MAIBR

Lending a hand



U.S. Air Force photo by Marilea Butler

Maj. Jeff Gates, WR-ALC/CCE, formerly a 339th FLTS flight test engineer, hands a training harness to Master Sgt. Bryan Lloyd while flight surgeon Maj. (Dr.) Wilfredo Nieves sits on the side of a 20 man life raft. The 339th Flight Test Squadron's water survival training was held at the NCO pool July 25.

Do you sit next to a sports fanatic? Let us know - they could be featured in the paper. Call the Rev-Up staff at 926-2137 or e-mail us at robins.revup@robins.af.mil.

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Air Force Reserve Band performs free concerts

Members of the Band of the Air Force Reserve will perform free concerts during August at the Museum of Aviation. The Band of the Air Force Reserve travels in excess of 100,000 miles per year performing over 500 concerts throughout Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi as well as many overseas locations, including Russia, Italy, Turkey, Portugal, Antigua, Panama, Germany, Australia and the Caribbean. Concerts start at 7p.m. in the Vistascope Theater in the Eagle Building. Admission is free. For more information, call Tonya McClure at the Museum of Aviation at 926-6870.

August concert schedule:
Monday, Dixie Express
Aug. 18, Brass Chamber Group
Aug. 25, Southern Aire

Troops to Teachers information session

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program, will be at the Robins Education Center in Building 905 Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. to meet with interested military members.

Individuals may want to visit the Troops to Teachers website, to link to the homepage and review the eligibility for this program. For additional information, members may contact Fran Sheridan, guidance counselor, at 327-7325 or visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

AFRC golf tournament

The Air Force Reserve Command will be hosting a Golf Tournament Aug. 15 at Waterford. The format is 4-person scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. 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. Debbie Smith at 327-1683 or 1st Lt. Levi Spires at 327-1383.

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.

Women's Equality Day luncheon

The Women's Equality Day luncheon, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Committee, will be Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. Mary Therese, WMAZ-TV anchor, will be the speaker. The celebration of Women's Equality Day commemorates women's right to vote. For more information, call Jeanette McElhaney 926-0856.

New metallic name tag

The new metallic name tag for wear on the service dress uniform and pullover sweaters became available for purchase in November 2002. Mandatory wear date of the new metallic nametag is Jan. 1, 2004. Contact your unit commander support staff for details on how to obtain one.

Olmsted Scholar Program

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides an opportunity for a combination of at least five USAF Academy, OTS, or ROTC graduates to study a foreign language at a university abroad. If you are a junior line officer interested, contact the Military Personnel Flight customer service at 327-7362. AFPC suspense is Oct. 15, 2003.

Special leave accrual

If you are active duty per-

sonnel having to use or loose annual leave who were recalled from or unable to take that leave as a result of duty assignments in support of contingency operations to include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, who were performing full-time training, or other full-time duty for a period over 29 days, for which were entitled pay, you may qualify to have your leave restored. Contact your commander's support staffs or the MPF customer service section for more details.

Used car lot's new location

The used car lot has moved to the parking lot adjacent to Building 641 on Oak Street. Cost is \$10 for 15 days or \$20 per month. A valid ID and proof of vehicle ownership is required. Call 926-4001 for more information or visit Outdoor Recreation, Building 941.

Firing range reminders

The Robins Air Force Base Firing Ranges are located adjacent to the horse stables and considered off limits to all personnel, unless scheduled for training or official business. Weapons firing is conducted every day of the week and on all Air Force Reserve and Guard weekends. If there are any questions, contact the Combat Arms Section at 926-5031.

Veterans History Project

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. A free instruction kit is available by calling 1-888-371-5848.

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Air Force unveils new uniform plan

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials announced Wednesday plans for the wear test of a new utility uniform to possibly replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three-hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

“Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

“We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform,” Jumper said. “In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance.”

Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

“We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions,” he added.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. – Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force's special security office, puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point here.

According to officials, the wash-and-wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering will potentially save between \$180 and \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the ser-

vice. In the late 1980s women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

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