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AF offers short-term enlistments

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Beginning in October, about 370 recruits will be able to sign up for a 15-month enlistment.

The program is designed to attract people who might shy away from a four- or six-year enlistment, according to Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Drogo, Air Force chief of enlisted accessions policy at the Pentagon.

The 15-months doesn't begin until after initial training, he said.

"The (clock begins) on the date they report to their first duty station," Drogo said.

Near the end of their enlistment, they can extend their active-duty commitment for 24 months, join the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve for the same length of time.

However, after the additional two years of service, they still have another four years to go.

That can be accomplished by re-enlisting in Air Force, extending their Guard or Reserve commitment, transferring to the Individual Ready Reserves, or participating in another national-service program.

Those in the program will be able to choose one of three special incentives for the program.

The incentives include a \$5,000 cash bonus, \$10,000 student-loan repayment for qualified loans, or education assistance benefits comparable to the Montgomery GI Bill.

The Air Force specialty codes open to 15-month enlistees are:

Airfield management, operations resource management, aircrew life support, fuels, maintenance data systems analyst.

Maintenance production management, supply management, traffic management, vehicle operations, air transportation, special purpose vehicle and equipment maintenance, general purpose vehicle mechanic.

Information management, communication-computer systems programming, heating, ventilation air-conditioning and refrigeration, pavement and construction equipment, utilities systems, fire protection, services, security forces, personnel, health services management, medical materiel mental health service, diet therapy, public health, dental assistant, chaplain assistant, financial management and comptroller.

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Center safe from virus

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A few decades ago when someone was hit with a virus the first call they made was to the doctor's office. Today virus has a whole new meaning, and for Robins, protection against technological pathogens begins in the

Information Assurance Office.

Bob Coleman, computer security specialist, said the job of the

Information Assurance Office is multifaceted, involving levels of protection against infiltration to the computer network. And with the latest threat to computer systems around the world expected to hit hardest tomorrow, IA cyber warriors are making sure Robins

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Robins employees are reminded to stay vigilant against cyber attacks. Information Operation Conditions were raised to Bravo this week.

Summer Bash



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Spectators watch fireworks at the 'Let's Celebrate' Summer Bash at the ballpark across from Robins Park Saturday. The display concluded an afternoon of food, games and musical entertainment, featuring vocalist Beth Fransiolo and Southern Charm. The AFRC Reserve Generation band and 'Planet Graham,' from the 116th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, also performed. For more Summer Bash photos, see page 9A.

Shoplift at Robins' BX, you'll pay

Shoplifters face \$200 administrative fee, loss of privileges and jail time

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Get caught shoplifting a \$12 CD from the BX, and it won't only cost you embarrassment and a loss of privileges; it'll cost you \$200.

Under its Civil Recovery Program, Robins' BX and other Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities pursue the loss of stolen merchandise and charge a \$200 administrative fee for every shoplifting incident.

If shoplifted merchandise isn't returned to the store - or is, but can't be sold - AAFES will demand the full retail value of the merchandise. If the stolen merchandise is damaged and can be sold, AAFES will demand the difference between the full retail value and the reduced sale value.

Military sponsors are responsible for their family members under the program. A parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of a minor who commits a shoplifting offense is liable to AAFES for damages and costs.

The store manager of the store where the crime occurred is required to send two demand letters for damages. If the debt remains unpaid for 30 days, the store manager is required to notify the unit commander.

But it costs offenders more than money. In addition to recovery costs, the military sponsor's check cashing and Military Star card privileges are suspended until the debt is either paid or waived.

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What to know

Robins BX security caught 46 shoplifters in 2002. Since January, they have caught 45. In the big picture, AAFES alone catches an average of 11,211 shoplifters each year.

Point system drives home base rules of the road

By Lanorris Askew
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Speeding on base can put you in a whole new category - pedestrian.

Staff Sgt. Gwen Thomas-Johnson, Security Forces non-commissioned officer in charge of reports and analysis, said a point system for moving violations dictates the rules of Robins roadways.

"If you get 12 points within

a one-year time period, you will lose your driving privileges for six months," she said quoting Air Force Instruction 31-204.

Example: If a driver gets a ticket for going 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, a ticket for failure to stop at a traffic control signal, and then gets a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt, that's a total of 12 points. Each of those offenses is a four-point violation.

An accumulation of 12 points in 12 months or 18 points within 24-months period will result in the loss your driving privileges on base for half a year

Thomas-Johnson said non-moving violations don't accumulate points, but accumulating parking tickets will result in a suspension of 30 days to one year.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Jermaine London uses a radar gun to deter speeding motorists. A point system for moving violations dictates the rules of the road.

Robins
3-day
forecast

Courtesy of 78th
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Today
Partly cloudy
and warm



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Saturday
Partly cloudy
with chance
of p.m. storm



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Partly cloudy
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Combating risks, protecting Robins' network security

Almost every day, computer network security is being challenged across the Department of Defense. In today's network environment, risk assumed by one is risk shared by all. Unlike most other military operations, a successful network intrusion in one area of responsibility may, in many cases, facilitate access into other AORs.

To help combat attacks, the

Defense Department recommends actions or Information Operation Conditions to uniformly heighten or reduce defensive posture and to mitigate sustained damage to the department's information infrastructure. That includes computer and telecommunications networks and systems.

The INFOCON system is administered through the Director of

Operations, Joint Staff.

The 78th Communications Squadron network control center is responsible for ensuring the Robins network is ready to respond to any INFOCON change as well as for reporting any scanning, probing, or other suspicious activities against the network. INFOCON levels are similar to the Force Protection Level posted at each entrance to the base.

The levels are as follows:

NORMAL: No significant activity

ALPHA: A heightened threat of possible attack

BRAVO: Serious threat activity on-going; base is specifically targeted

CHARLIE: Limited attacks occurred against information sys-

tems with minimal success

DELTA: Successful information system attacks have impacted our operations

If you have further questions concerning the INFOCON system, contact the 78th CS Information Assurance office at 926-4843.

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VIRUS

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is protected.

"This particular vulnerability is being touted in the Internet world as the most critical severe vulnerability in Windows history because it applies to every Windows operating system all the way back to 95," said Tech. Sgt. Alex Nichols, noncommissioned officer in charge of Information Assurance.

Although gaining momentum and notoriety, this new vulnerability known as the Blaster Worm doesn't have IA warriors worried.

"We are definitely safe," said Nichols. "We have implemented the necessary countermeasures and safeguards and we are confident, with a high degree of certainty, that we will come out on top."

"We are doing what we have been directed to do and we have compliance from organizations from all over the base that they have taken the necessary measures," said Coleman. "All 18,000 computers on the base have the patch from Microsoft that protects against the vulnerability."

In the everyday line of defense against cyber threats, Coleman said the base has

several safeguards.

"Our first level of protection is the firewall," he said.

The firewall acts as a perimeter guard scanning the information coming on base through the computer network. The next level is the virus wall. Much like the firewall, it searches for extensions on e-mails that have previously been associated with viruses.

Coleman said the next levels of defense are the servers and workstations, which are equipped with anti-virus software.

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"Our anti-virus servers are updated automatically, and those updates are pushed out to the users," he said. "This eliminates the need to individually download their own."

Just last week a virus attempted to infiltrate the system through the e-mail server, but was thwarted. Out of an estimated 18,000 users, no workstations were infected, though some did receive an e-mail message, which had been stripped by anti-virus software.

"On a scale that hammers the network where we have to take immediate action,

we've only had three in the last six months, and that includes the Blaster," said Nichols.

On a routine basis, scanners and inbound filters catch attempts all day long.

"At times we have had a thousand viruses in a week that have all been caught," said Coleman.

Even old viruses float around and try to re-infect if the preventions aren't kept in place, which is why vigilance is key.

"The inbound virus walls for e-mail filters everything from profanity to viruses," said Airman 1st Class John Grant, information assurance analyst. "At any one time, they are not just being hit with viruses, they are being hit with Spam, inappropriate/unofficial language, pornographic content, etc. Those walls stop at least 150,000 Spam messages a day. So, when you put viruses on top of that, when a big one hits, it become a workload."

According to Coleman, threats to information systems don't always come

from the outside. They sometimes get in when people bring things into the network from home or from web mail accounts such as Hotmail or Yahoo.

He said this is why it is very important for users to be careful.

"They should install antivirus software on their home computers. They should also ensure their systems are patched with the latest updates," he said.

Coleman said it is also important to be vigilant

while using government owned workstations. He asks that users report anything that looks suspicious or out of the ordinary.

The current exploit (Blaster Worm) reboots the system," he said. "Don't think it's just a glitch."

When Information Condition levels change they are similar to force protection conditions and they depend on the threat that is out there.

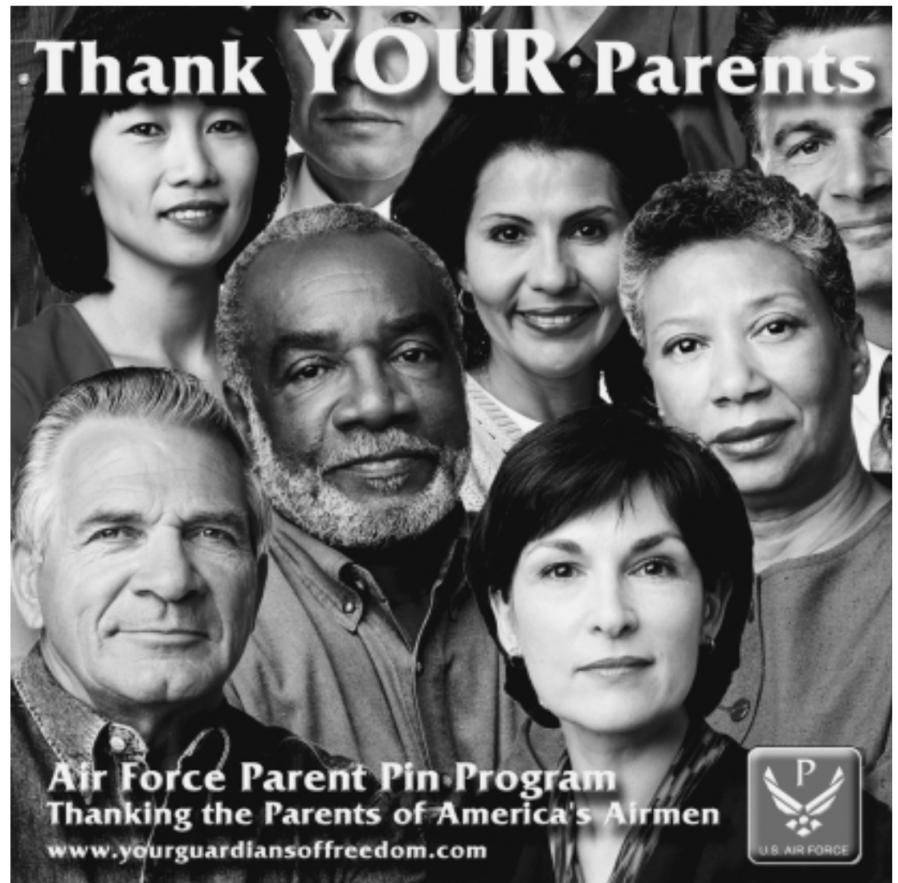
"The threat for the Blaster worm that is out there right

now is a dangerous one and poses a serious threat to AF networks" said Nichols. "We want to increase our vigilance, making sure that all our network resources are up to date with the latest security patches, our systems are backed up regularly, and we stand ready to counter any threat that comes our way."

It's just like the guards at the gate. We see more guards when the force protection goes up just in case something happens and that is what this is."



Grant



What to know

WORM- A subclass of virus. A worm generally spreads without user action and distributes complete copies (possibly modified) of itself across networks. A worm can consume memory or network bandwidth, thus causing a computer to stop responding.

VIRUS - A code written with the express intention of replicating itself. A virus attempts to spread from computer to computer by attaching itself to a host program. It may damage hardware, software, or data.

When you see something out of the ordinary on your computer screen contact your Unit Computer Security Manager who will relay info to Information Assurance office.

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Any person having any claim against the estate of Airman 1st Class Jason Holland should immediately contact 1st Lt. James Manns at 926-5514.

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Other examples of actions resulting in suspensions include not providing proof of insurance or not having insurance, which equals a six-month suspension. Driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license results in a two-year suspension.

According to Thomas-Johnson, Air Force Instructions make clear the rules and regulations of driving and parking while on the installation.

There are consequences when rules are broken such as illegal parking.

"Illegal parking contributes to congestion and slow traffic flow on the installation," said Master Sgt. Kermit A. Mack, Security Forces reports and analysis clerk. "Strong enforcement of parking rules results in better use of available parking while reducing traffic accidents and hazards."

Mack said rebuttals may be submitted when a ticket is issued.

To rebut, a letter must be submitted within 10 calendar days from the issue of the ticket.

The letter must be in writing and addressed through 78 SFS/SFAR to the chief, Security Forces.

People rebutting tickets should include the reason or reasons they believe the ticket should not have been issued.

Driving on base

Vehicles can only park in parking lots and spaces designated for parking. Parking on the grass on Robins is prohibited. All personnel are subject to having their base driving privileges suspended for the accumulation of points for moving violations and for receiving excessive parking citations.

Offenses resulting in suspension of driving privileges

Suspension of driving privileges will occur based on the following conditions in a 12-month period:

- Receiving three parking tickets will result in a 30-day driving suspension

- Receiving four parking tickets will result in a 60-day driving suspension

- Receiving five parking tickets will result in a 6-month driving suspension

- Receiving six parking tickets will result in a one-year driving suspension

- Illegally parking in a designated (general not personnel) "handicapped" parking space will result in a 30-day driving suspension for the first offense. A 60-day driving suspension for the second offense within any consecutive 12-month period

- A six-month driving suspension for any subsequent offense within any consecutive 12-month period

- Driving a vehicle without insurance will result in a six-month driving suspension

- Receiving 12 traffic points within any consecutive 12-month period or 18 points within any consecutive 24-month period will result in a six-month driving suspension or more (determined by the installation commander)

- Parking in handicap slots without the handicap placard being displayed

SHOPLIFT

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Forty six people at Robins were caught shoplifting in 2002, while 45 have been nabbed this year. The BX falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, and all adult shoplifters, 17 years of age and older, face prosecution in the Middle District Court in Macon, according to Dietlinde Dial, the special assistant U.S. attorney who prosecutes shoplifting cases here.

"All of the adult shoplifters we've prosecuted in the last 7 1/2 years have gotten some jail time," she said. "Not to mention fines, and probation and a criminal record for the rest of their lives."

She went on to say that those who have been caught have done the time.

"We haven't had an acquittal here in 7 1/2 years," she said. "But that goes more to the AAFES security than it does to us."

"And just let me say that

I don't make exceptions for how good a student you are or how good of a person you are," she continued. "You can be a pillar of the community and you will still be prosecuted - I believe everyone should be treated the same."

Juveniles, 16 and younger, who are caught shoplifting, may do community service on the base unless they are repeat offenders or the retail value of the item stolen is \$100 or more, according to Dial. In that case, their records are forwarded to the Houston County Juvenile authorities.

Shoplifting in the military exchanges annually cost service members millions of dollars. The expenses related to shoplifting, theft prevention and detection reduce the dividends available for the AAFES mission - to give back 100 percent of its earnings to exchange customers through quality of life programs and modern and convenient facilities to shop.

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Lyles talks of progress, challenges, future

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AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Air Force Materiel Command's top leader hangs up his blue uniform Aug. 22, ending more than 30 years of Air Force service.



Lyles

Effective communication, taking care of people and wholeheartedly supporting America's war fighter have been career-long themes for Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander. As the general readies himself and the command for a change in leadership, he offered a few thoughts:

Q: Under your leadership, what do you think have been the most significant accom-

plishments AFMC has made?

Gen. Lyles: Since our number one mission is to support the war fighter, I think one of our major accomplishments is making sure everything we do, whether it's in science and technology, research and development, sustainment or test, has the war fighter's requirements and war fighter's needs number one in our minds and focus.

I've tried to instill greater communication between us, our organizations, our people and the major commands. My old, personal motto of "communicate, communicate, communicate" is very relevant to this area. I think putting processes into place, putting organizational link-ups into place and in some cases putting key people into positions to stimulate that communication and to institutionalize it, has been the number one intangible thing I've tried to do - to set that as part of our culture in this

command.

The other is to ensure that we don't get so focused on the business aspect that we forget that we have a major role in supporting the war fighting mission. Our business initiatives are extremely important, but we have to blend and balance those with getting the mission accomplished for the war fighter.

Q: What do you believe will be the most significant challenges for this command in the next few years?

Gen. Lyles: There are two or three I think will be extremely significant. The first is to stay on guard and stay focused on the transformation initiatives we are currently working.

The second challenge is keeping our customer completely involved in everything we do.

I think the last challenge is not losing faith or being discouraged as we face the obvious things that are going to take place during the next cou-

ple years - some continued downsizing, (base realignment and closure). Leadership does understand and respect the people and the mission within Air Force Materiel Command. So, making sure that AFMC people feel that they're not second-class citizens will continue to be an extremely important challenge during the next few years.

Q: In your opinion, what are the top initiatives, practices and attitudes of AFMC people that define the characteristics of this organization - that determine who AFMC is?

Gen. Lyles: Our initiative that started off being called Year of the Family is now being institutionalized to make it a regular part of our personnel process. It looked at investments, modest although they may be, and initiatives to support our family members. That includes people in the command itself - military, civilian and the contractors who work

for us. Continuing that Year of the Family initiative, I think, is one process that will help us continuously.

The second is the enterprise approach that we've instilled for ensuring we are integrating interoperable capabilities, integrating air and space capabilities; that we look at everything in terms of integrated operations and no longer stove piped activities. The enterprise approach was praised recently by the chief of staff and it's going to be the way we do business all the time now.

A third is the sustainment focus we have, particularly the initiatives coming out of depot maintenance re-engineering and transformation. This will continue to set us on the right course for years to come. Part of that is our long-range strategic plan for our depots and the investments the corporate Air Force is putting in to the tune of \$150 million a year to modernize and ensure that our depots are world class.

Those to me are the top things that we've started and will continue for some time. They will change the nature of how we do business for many years to come.

Q: Any final message for the men and women of AFMC?

Gen. Lyles: I have been honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve with the men and women of Air Force Materiel Command and to lead them where I could. I can't think of any finer set of individuals, in every aspect, than our civilians, our uniformed members and our contracting community that supports us. It has truly been an honor to have been in this position.

I wish I would have had the opportunity to shake the hand and thank every one of the command's 80,000 plus members just to let them know how much I appreciate them. I will miss this tremendous honor of being part of them.

Interns leave Robins with valuable work experience

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Running test procedures and developing new methods and designs for Air Force weapon systems isn't how most college students spent their summer vacations, but three interns at Robins said they wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Living hundreds of miles away from family and friends in base billeting for nine weeks, Timothy Doughty, Melody Bruce and Melissa Mata all agreed that they left Robins with a sense of accomplishment.

Doughty, 19, an electrical engineering major from Louisiana Tech University, said he came to Robins with a limited knowledge of Air Force weapon systems and now has a much more detailed knowledge of how the software works.

"I really enjoyed the program," he said. "I would recommend it to anyone seeking a career in civil service or in the Air Force."

While at Robins, the interns were each assigned tasks that would use their natural talents and knowledge while exposing them to the type of work expected of an air logistics center engineer.

With dreams of becoming an Air

Force pilot someday, Doughty said developing and running test procedures on software for the AC-130H Gunship helped him learn more about Air Force engineering.

Bruce, a 21-year-old aerospace engineering major from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz., agreed.

She said she learned about the program from her husband who is a member of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp. Sensing it would be a good opportunity to learn more about the Air Force, she accepted.

Bruce was tasked with developing a new method to drill the top four attachment holes on a C-130 engine mount.

"A big positive was being able to communicate and see the problems through everyone's eyes," she said. "I talked with some of the mechanics on the flight line, discussed their issues, and took some of their suggestions to my supervisors and tooling engineers. There are no answers in the back of the book here. You see a more practical application of all of the things you learn in school."

The interns learned about the options offered by the Air Force such as the ROTC program and

Officer Training School.

"They are both great programs, but I haven't decided which one I like better," said Bruce. "Just from working the nine weeks I feel like I can be more focused and it makes me want to do better in school," she said.

Twenty-four-year-old Melissa Mata, also an aerospace engineering major from Embry-Riddle, was introduced to the program by one of her professors. She said she decided to apply and accept the position because she has always been fascinated with the military tradition and way of life.

"I thought this experience would be good for me to get an insight on how it (the military) works," she said. "It was everything I expected and more. I learned so much from being here."

Mata's task was to redesign the 105-millimeter cannon gun mount for the C-130 gunship.

"This past January there was a problem with cracking," she said. "So it was my responsibility to come up with a design that it could withstand its load without cracking." Mata said the greatest thing she is taking away is the importance of not only sitting in the office and improving something, but also seeing the interaction and experiencing the



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Clockwise from left, Melissa Mata works in the Engineering Directorate's Structural Analysis Branch, Timothy Doughty works in the SOF Operational Flight Program Branch, and Melody Bruce works in the C-130 Airframe Team.

whole process from conception to production.

Though still up in the air about what her future will hold, she said if she doesn't join the Air Force, she sees herself working directly with it as a civilian.

"In the beginning I dreaded the long nine weeks away from home, but it has flown by," she said. "I wish I could have stayed longer."

The interns' designs and proce-

dures could very well be used some time in the future. Mata said her design may be considered when the military is ready to purchase replacement parts.

Bill Schweinberg, engineering branch chief, said the interns worked out well.

"We had to be careful to pick projects that have a sense of closure because you can't pick a project that they can only do part of," he said.

A new Wyoming



U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Mike Pierson

Airman 1st Class Efen Gonzales-Evans, raises a new Wyoming state flag in front of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center headquarters building Aug. 5. Flag detail members Gonzales-Evans, Airman 1st Class Joshua Treddenbarger, Airman 1st Class Corey Hedger and Airman 1st Class Antonio Rivera agreed it was an honor to replace every state flag and the United States flag. The 78th Air Base Wing replaces the flags about every six months and donates worn flags to local Scout groups for ceremonial disposal.

5th MOB use 'airport in a suitcase'

By Senior Airman Maranatty Martin

407th Air Expeditionary Group

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq - Airmen and equipment from the 5th Combat Communications Group are providing essential airfield systems for forces fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The airmen are deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, where they are using Air Traffic and Control Landing Systems, or ATCALs, to help aircraft land safely in low-visibility conditions.

The ATCALs consists of a tactical air navigation system, or TACAN, a mobile control tower and a radar system. It is providing air traffic controllers around the clock equipment they need to bring A-10s and dozens of aircraft daily from the Air Force intratheater airlift back to station contributing to successful combat operations.

Several dozen Army and Marine Corps helicopters use the navigational aides daily, which allows them to transport more than 17 million pounds of supplies and cargo.

About 60 percent of the flight had never used the training they acquired at Robins on a real world deployment before. They had less than a week's notice to pack up their "airport in a suitcase."

5th airmen were among the first Air

Force troops to step foot on Tallil when they arrived April 6. Before they arrived, combat operators were relying on a smaller, less efficient version of the TACAN. Air traffic controllers had to communicate with aircraft from an abandoned Iraqi tower until the mobile control tower arrived.

After the plane ride into Tallil, the airmen quickly began setting up the airfield site in hotter than 100-degree temperatures, doing everything from setting up their equipment, building tents, filling sandbags, laying concertina wire, spreading gravel, building tables and building shelves.

Living arrangements weren't set up for the airmen yet, so after working long hours, they still had to build their own living tents, shower and restroom. On one occasion, the airmen got a little creative with an old toilet reservoir tank that became part of a showerhead.

The entire airfield site needed to be set up quickly because of the daily sandstorms causing low visibility for the pilots. Before the airfield was set up at Tallil, four to five aircraft daily were being diverted to other bases because of the low visibility weather conditions. There was an incident one night where an F-18 had to perform an emergency landing because it had hydraulic problems. If the airfield were not set up, the F-18 would have

been diverted to another base becoming vulnerable to attack. According to air traffic controllers in the tower, the aircraft pilot told them with the amount of damages his aircraft had, he would not have been able to make it to another base.

"During sand storms or dark hours we relied on the TACAN and radar stations to navigate our path back to home base," said Capt. Joshua Lechowick an A-10 pilot from Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

The equipment has also benefited the users.

"The old tower was a very spartan existence with bare base essentials for communications," Master Sgt. Gary Thomas, air traffic control superintendent, said. "With the mobile control tower and the radar system, we are able to provide better air traffic service."

Overall, the team has provided a huge boost to safe flying operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The airfield team arrived here with one job to do, ensure aircraft could safely navigate and land in and around Tallil," Maj. Craig Wilcox, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander, said. "They have done this job better than anyone else in Iraq, maintaining superior system up-time rates, and handling more aircraft than any other site."

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Lyles thanks Reservists for contributions

By Gen. Lester Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Our Air Force Materiel Command Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve warriors are having a tremendous impact on our ability to successfully accomplish our mission.

We in AFMC have embraced the Total Force concept and have more than 660 reservists supporting the Global War on Terrorism and providing unprecedented capabilities to the war fighter.

I recently received a report documenting more than 50 outstanding achievements of our Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen. Those remarkable contributions are prime examples of why America's war fighters know AFMC people deliver Proactive Rapid Integrated Dominant Effects - PRIDE. Let me provide just a few



Lyles

vignettes to highlight our team's significant accomplishments.

Take Senior Master Sgt. Myron Cutrell for example. He transformed the Warner Robins Air Logistic Center's C-130 directorate parts storage area at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., into a first-rate, highly organized facility. He constructed all new storage racks, organized parts by aircraft and computerized storage locations for easy identification.

His initiatives significantly improved tracking and accessibility for more than \$10 million worth of C-130 parts. And if that wasn't enough, he also wrote and coordinated new branch maintenance operating instructions to make sure parts were stored safely and securely.

And then there is Maj. Darryl Sanchez an IMA assigned to the boost-phase ballistic missile defense program with the Airborne Laser Technologies Branch at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. He made what industry experts said is the most important innovation in the Airborne Laser industry in 10 years.

He designed and developed two novel techniques for improving the Track Illuminator performance.

That is the Airborne Laser's aiming system. That led to a 40 percent improvement in tracking accuracy.

Sanchez is currently leading the eight-man team that is preparing the technology for incorporation in the 2008 ABL aircraft.

When the 412th Test Wing deputy operations group commander at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., received short-notice permanent-change-of-station orders, another IMA came to the rescue. Lt. Col. Victoria Babb volunteered to fill this essential position until a qualified active-duty replacement could be found.

She used her years of flight test experience to oversee all aspects of the group's operational engineering. Her efforts ensured flawless continuity in staffing, training and budget requirements, as well as test packages and safety reports.

Yet another IMA designed and implemented a program that gives military and civilian engineers first-hand, operations-oriented experience. Lt. Col. Mark Koch, an IMA assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., worked with the 33rd Operations Support Squadron and the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron to create a program that

combined both briefings and simulator flights to help our researchers and designers better understand the war fighter's needs and limitations.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Keabler, an IMA with the 88th Security Forces Squadron at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is another example. He recently saved an accident victim's life with no regard for his own safety.

Getting help from a by-stander at the accident scene, Keabler pried the wrecked car's door open and removed a semi-conscious victim from the burning vehicle. He then performed emergency CPR, saving the victim's life.

Another enlisted reservist, Master Sgt. Matthew McDonald, saved the experts at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., nearly 60 manhours of overtime by inventorying 11 of the center's tool cabinets, accounting for more than 8,000 tools and identifying discrepancies and monetary losses. Additionally, he built 10 flightline tool kits, making sure A-10 wing refurb program contract field team workers had the necessary tools to produce airworthy A-10 wings for future reinstallation.

And finally, our reservists are able to serve because other great Americans - their employers - are willing to make whatever sacrifices are required to ensure no one comes close to our great Air Force.

Maj. Tony Johnston, for example, serves as AFMC's Air and Space Expeditionary Force reporting tool manager at Wright-Patterson. He has a doctorate degree in Enology and Viticulture and is an associate professor in the School of Agri-Business and Agri-Science at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

What makes his story so compelling is Tony serves because his employer has gone above and beyond to make every possible accommodation and to engineer workarounds for core and prerequisite courses that Dr. Johnston ordinarily teaches.

Our warrior reservists have risen to the occasion and augmented the AFMC workforce whenever called upon. Along with our talented and dedicated active-duty officers, enlisted members and civilians, our Reserve corps truly makes AFMC "One Force, One Team." And to you all, I say a heart-felt "Thank you."

Museum of Aviation: It's free, it's fun and it's yours

By Paul E. Hibbitts Sr.
Director, Museum of Aviation

The Museum of Aviation strives to increase the esprit of the Robins Air Force Base community by making them aware of the tradition of excellence that the base has established.

Through this model of excellence, we continue to make our Museum a focus for the State of Georgia in the role of aviation - particularly military aviation - and its significance to national defense and the area's economic prosperity.

For months, many of our staff have been working very hard on our Phase I construction project, and I am proud to say that it's at Headquarters U. S. Air Force for approval. Phase I will consist of a new 87,500-

square-foot World War II hanger next to the Century of Flight Hangar, and a 65,000-square-foot hanger which will house the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.

After approval, we also have plans in the immediate future to begin construction on an authentic flight line that will not only be a nice education tool, but will help us move aircraft around the Museum grounds and be a useful space for our school programs as well as many base and community functions.

From exhibit openings to symposiums and summer camps, the first half of 2003 has been packed full of wonderful programs and activities. In celebration of Black History Month, we showcased the traveling exhibit, "American Profiles: African Americans in Space Science" in Hanger One during the month of February. The exhibit, sponsored by NASA, OAI and the Ohio Space Grant Consortium, not only provided real-life mod-

els for students, but also addressed literacy, geography, social studies, science, mathematics and technology careers in an integrated approach.

In honor of the Centennial of Flight and Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, Jr.'s 95th birthday, in April we premiered The Flying Tigers: An Illustrated History, an art exhibit showcasing the talents of artist Joel Naprstek who tells the story of the AVG and Scott.

At the 2003 American Association of Museums annual meeting and museum expo, the Museum won the Gold MUSE Award for our Web site in the category "Promotion of an Institution." The Museum Web site also received the "Best of Show" ADDY Award and Gold ADDY Award at the Central Georgia Advertising Federation's annual awards banquet in Macon. The ADDY competition recognizes and rewards creative excellence in advertising and marketing.

During a short ceremony in June, we reopened the Heritage Building to visitors and children participating in our education programs. This building and the exhibits housed within are vital to our mission and will remain open for future generations to learn about the early inhabitants of this area.

We opened Freedom Park July 17. With the help of Gen. Lyles and a Year of the Family grant, and tremendous support from local businesses and base personnel, we rebuilt our picnic area complete with five pavilions, new playground equipment and a restroom. Christened "Freedom Park" in remembrance of the more than 1 million men and women who have purchased freedom with their lives, the World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, and the Desert Storm and Beyond pavilions are a constant reminder that freedom isn't free.

The fundamental purpose of a museum is to collect, preserve and display the her-

itage of a civilization or an organization. Museums also foster education. Museum education programs are all designed to educate and excite students about math, science, technology and humanities.

These award-winning programs, meticulously planned to correlate with objectives of the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum, have served more than 200,000 children since their inception. Along with our already established programs, Starbase Robins, MissionQuest and the Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, we've added a new field trip program beginning in September. In addition to those programs, the Museum also hosts a number of educational activities throughout the year including tours, specialized programs and group classes, workshops, academies and staff development units for teachers. As you can see, we're not just another fun field trip. We're an extension of the classroom - providing students

throughout Georgia experiences that might otherwise be unobtainable.

Not only are we focused on education, we continue to strengthen Air Force relations within our local community. We are blessed to have a community that gets involved with the wants and needs of the base; a community that shows how much it cares through its actions and deeds.

I'd like to commend our wonderful volunteers and staff for the outstanding jobs they're doing at the Museum. I've received a number of letters from visitors and community leaders applauding their efforts. They're the backbone of what we do every day to make this the best Museum in the country.

As always, we invite everyone to come by and visit with us. It's free. It's fun. And it's yours. Take pride in what you, your base and your community have built - a place that's living up to its vision of being the best aviation museum in America.



Hibbitts



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



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

Commanders' Action Line

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 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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This action line call should be a reminder to everyone who uses a phone on Robins Air Force Base. The person initiating the call should identify themselves and the office or directorate they are calling from, prior to requesting information. Some callers have a tendency to get upset if you ask who is speaking. Even if the information they are seeking is for official use

only, or higher, identifying oneself is common telephone etiquette and should be done for security reasons as well.

Col. Smoot replies: Good phone etiquette goes a long way. In today's society, information is readily available to those who want it or need it. A good rule of thumb is to identify yourself, speak distinctly, make your conversation brief, and identify the activity and the individual to whom you are speaking with on the phone. Never give out information to someone if you don't know who they are or why the information is needed.

If the information is Privacy Act or For Official Use Only, you cannot provide that information unless you verify the person you're speaking with has an official need to know. Discussing classified (top secret, secret, confidential) information on an unsecured line is a security violation and should be reported to the employee/member's supervisor and/or security manager. If you have any other concerns contact your supervisor or if you know of classified information being disseminated over an unsecured line contact your security manager/supervisor.



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Summer Bash's a smash



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Clockwise from above left:
A 'Let's Celebrate' Summer Bash crowd walks from tent to tent sampling carnival-style food and snacks at Robins Park Saturday. The bash also featured a car show and musical acts.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Three-year-old Grace Bailey eats some cotton candy.

Victoria Gonzales and Alison Gordon stop to pick out a balloon.

Olivia Morris, 2, and her dad, Rob, take a turn on the merry-go-round.

Che Cruz-Howard, 10, eats a hotdog.



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STAFF SERGEANT LIST

The Air Force selected the following Robins airmen first class for promotion to staff sergeant Wednesday:

5th Combat Communications Support Squadron

Evans, Nichole E.
Flatford, Wendell C.
Turnbach, Steven M.
Williams, Tyrus L.

51st Combat

Communications Squadron

Ammons, Jeremy W.
Chisenhall, Stephen
Haisten, Heather R.
Medders, Brian K.
Metzger, Jason F.
Powell, Jason R.
Scaif, Jason

Spencer, Katherine
Vasquez, Jonathan M.
Wells, Sidney J.

52nd Combat

Communications Squadron

Land, Matthew R.
Najar, Stacey M.
Olsen, Brett C.
Whitten, Heather L.

53rd Combat

Communications Squadron

Henry, Brian M.
Oliver, Christopher

54th Combat

Communications Squadron

Cullen, Eric W.
Pearce, Jason L.
Plowman, Corey N.

Pollock, Justin P.

Smith, Decarlo L.

116th Air Control Wing

Gibbons, Brandon S.

12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Allenbaugh, Aiden H.

Campbell, Micah D.

Collier, Kristen M.

Field, Jay D.

Harnett, Michael

Iskandar, Pierre A.

Martin, Timothy C.

Meagher, Jeremy W.

Rainbolt, Rustin P.

Weimer, Shaun J.

16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Badillo, Shawna M.

Farrand, Michael J.

Gibbs, Clayton F.

Jessup, Scott A.

Martini, Shanna L.

Miller, Benjamin K.

Rodriguez, Lino Jr.

Smith, Patrick A.

Ticer, Russell L.

116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Banner, Sekou L.

Brackett, Charles E.

Carnahan, Eric S.

Daehne, John J.

Dean, Kennisha L.

Duffney, Michael J.

Fisher, Gregory R.

Greer, Bobby L., Jr.

Henning, Jacob W.

Medalis, Carl D.

Melton, William M.

Meracle, Phillip P.

Oleal, Matthew L.

Perez, Juan C. III

Perry, Casey N.

Prudhomme, Jonathan

Stevison, Lee E.

Sullivan, Shaun R.

Vance, Robert K., Jr.

116th Computer Systems Squadron

Bertolotti, Diana L.

Burger, Erik Jon

Davis, Kevin J.

Humes, Niko M.

Mccall, Melody B.

116th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Dozier, Lakeysha N.

Holley, Tamara A.

Mitchell, Harold I.

Moreno, Luis A.

Perkins, Christina

Rodriguez, Sanchez

116th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Harvey, Javier A.

Haines, Mark D., Jr.

Myers, Keisha F.

116th Maintenance Squadron

Adams, Bronwyn E.

Bratton, Phillip D.

Bryant, Enoch D., Jr.

Gardner, Michael T.

Heiser, Paul R.

Inigo, Phillip A.

Lanier, Mario E.

Lasko, Paul T.

Lucas, Keith L.

Meek, Shaun P.

Moore, Mark D.

Phillips, Christopher

Reid, Michael L.

Sharbutt, Billy F., Jr.

Singleton, Anwar B.

Sliwoski, Richard W.

Whitaker, Kenneth J.

116th Operations Support Squadron

Barnes, Elizabeth L.

330th Combat Training Squadron

Rhine, Tawoina L.

Rodriguez, Dian C.

AFRC staff sergeant selectees

AFRC Band

Collins, Rebecca L.

Thorson, Kara L.

19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Banks, Shunthany J.

Bartek, Adam R.

Blake, Garrett A.

Brown, Trenell L.

Calhoun, Brandon J.

Casto, Rocky H.

Dana, Jessica C.

Ehrhart, Nicholas A.

Foley, Charles A., Jr.

Gutierrez, Pedro II

Jones, Maurice L.

Lambert, Thomas W.

Laurie, Demon L.

Mackey, Amy Marie

Parrish, James C.

Ross, Eddie B.

Yeager, Joshua S.

19th Maintenance Squadron

Pierce, David J.

19th Operations Support Squadron

Dunn, Natalie J.

Haskins, Charlie W.

Mckinney, Mitchell

Padilla, Jose M.

Pierce, Tasha D.

99th Air Refueling Squadron

Bremer, Jason M.

WR-ALC

Hill, Chrystal D.

Wright, Cecilia F.

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Gerberick, Jeremy B.

Gordon, James H., Jr.

Harp, Aaron J.

Henderson, Jason S.

Hill, James D.

Hollis, Fabian F., Jr.

Johnson, Margie A.

Jones, Dana R., Jr.

Rollins, Randy D.

Sherwood, David P.

Trupe, Heath D.

Victor, Jude

Williams, Wali A.

78th Air Base Wing

Hutchins, Damion S.

78th Mission Support Group

Jackson, Carrie A.

78th Mission Support Squadron

Montjoy, Timothy D.

Ledent, Karrin D.

78th Civil Engineer Group

Bridges, Quentin J.

Lecik, Michael P., Jr.

778th Civil Engineer Squadron

Berumen, Felipe R.

Mcintire, Frank C.

78th Civil Engineer Squadron

Anderson, Bryan P.

Daniels, Misty N.

Defibaugh, Matthew

Harrison, Tyler W.

Keck, David W.

Lamb, Derrick C.

Livingston, Taffina

Mitchell, Derrick D.

Moraes, Fabio V.

Ray, Corey D.

Smith, Tiara M.

Tripp, Johnathan D.

White, Cornelius J.

Widar, Matthew J.

Wilson, Dorian J.

78th Communications Squadron

Hufstetler, Alton J.

Jackson, Jessica R.

Nicholson, Beverly

Oliver, Steven M.

Salge, Cynthia G.

78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Brooks, Marc K.

Gergen, Christopher

Grayson, Rasheena M.

Redmon, Carla M.

Soczek, Diane M.

Starling, Daniel E.

Tregle, Daniel J., Jr.

Williams, Stafford

78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Carter, Michelle L.

Erskine, Melissa A.

Everett, Monica D.

78th Medical Operations Squadron

Bonner, Regginald L.

Cantey, Lakendra M.

Dubas, Jessica L.

Mansfield, Kathleen

Robinson, Reta Z.

Stephens, Stephanie

Wallace, Chanel L.

Wilder, Juan M.

78th Medical Support Squadron

Higham, Kevin P.

Davis, Patrice M.

78th Dental Squadron

Mckay, Sherry R.

78th Security Forces Squadron

Albury, Joseph D.

Blackmon, Christopher

Gomez, David C.

Grimme, Perry R., Jr.

Hall, Travis R.

Hutton, Jason S.

Jackson, Christopher

Jackson, William M.

Jacobson, Scott R.

Kennon, Jeremy M.

Krampe, Jennifer L.

Manka, Jacalyn L.

Martin, Fredrick D.

Meagher, Nathanael

Reavis, Chad L.

Russ, Kristopher R.

Sanchez, Joseph

Santiago-Warren, Stephanie

Scott, Marcus J.

Williams, Rachel S.

78th Operations Support Squadron

Landt, Sarah L.

437th Aerial Post Squadron

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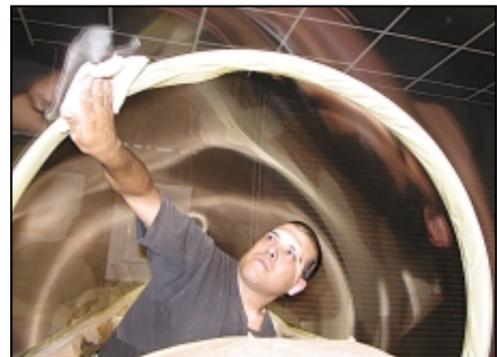
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Clearly making a difference

F-15 canopy shop technicians buff and polish canopies into visual perfection



Airman 1st Class Stanley Acevedo, from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., polishes a canopy during his training session here at Robins.

By Lanorris Askew

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F-15 test pilot Maj. Fritz Heck said even the slightest scratch in an F-15 windscreen can keep a pilot from seeing the enemy.

That is why technicians in the F-15 Canopy Shop work diligently overhauling the acrylic bubbles to give fighter pilots a clear advantage.

Literally starting from scratch, the sheet metal mechanics of the canopy shop use a finely tuned process born a little more than a decade ago to save canopies and windscreens from the scrap heap saving millions of dollars in new purchases.

"From an operational fighter pilot perspective, seeing the threat is everything," said Heck, an F-15 test flight pilot here. "I have flown with damaged canopies and windscreens operationally and have seen the condition of some of the ones that come in here to depot. When the jets come back out for flight test before going home, they are nearly as pristine as the brand new canopies I see when I test jets coming off the production line at Boeing in St. Louis."

Back at the shop

Peter Wellman, who has been a sheet metal mechanic since 1992, said when pilots fly the F-15, their helmets, clipboards, sand and other matter may impact the glass causing scratches.

"As time goes on the number of scratches becomes an impediment to the pilot's view of targets or where he or she is going," he said. "Our job is to eliminate that damage and maintain the original optics as near new as possible. That is the paramount function of our job."

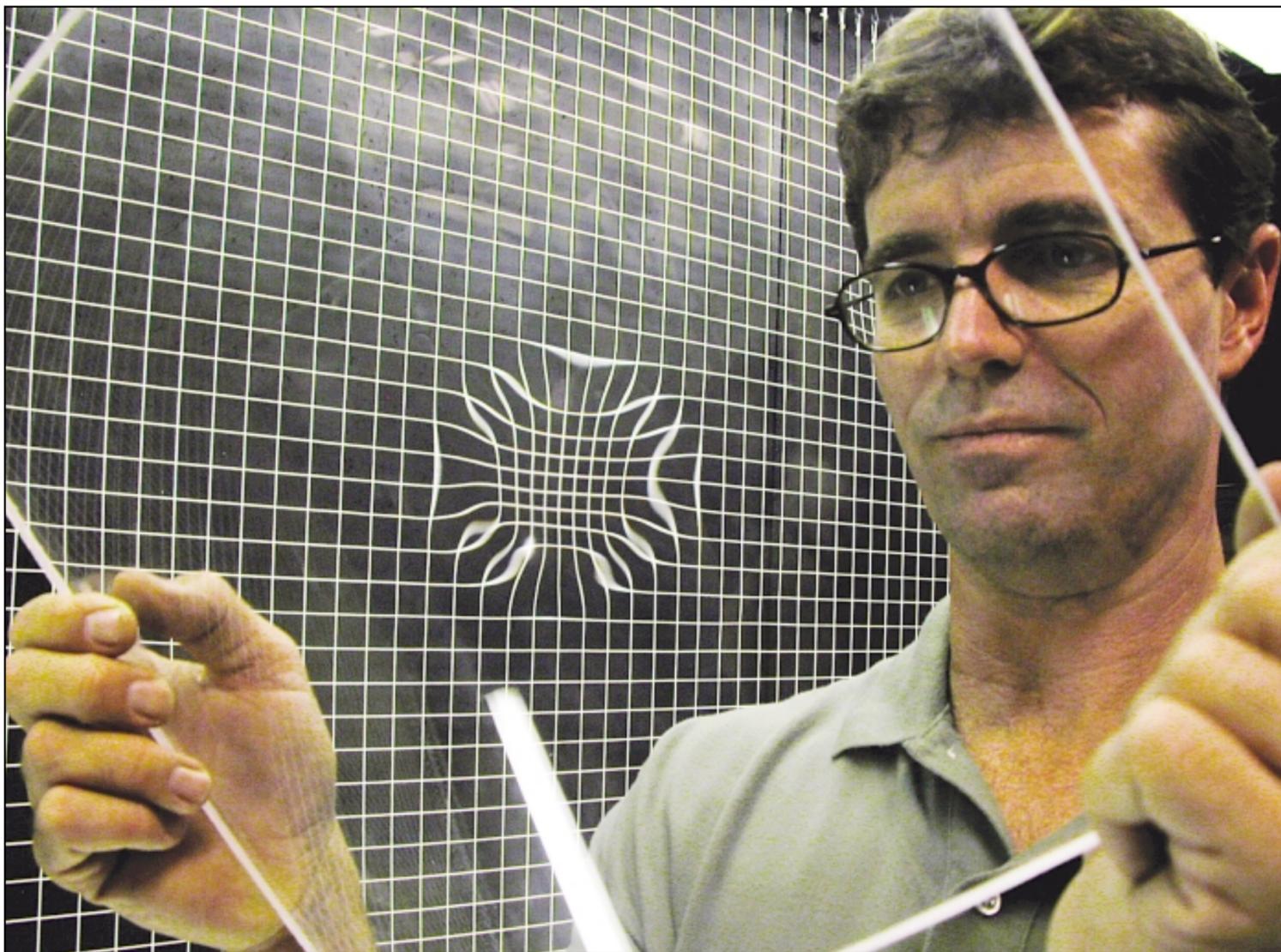
Performing sheet metal write-ups, sealant checks and acrylic overhauls on the canopies and windscreens, the members of the F-15 canopy shop are clearly making a difference.

Wellman said it was not that long ago that canopies and windscreens were discarded when they sustained damage.

"Windscreens were once replaced 100 percent of the time and canopies at least 50 percent of the time," he said.

With a cost estimate of \$160,000 for a two-seat canopy, \$85,000 to \$90,000 for a single seater, and \$40,000 to \$50,000 for windscreens, the amount of money spent on the acrylics was astronomical.

Enter the Technology and Industrial Support canopy



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Peter Wellman, MAN, holds a piece of F-15 canopy in front of a grid board that shows an illusion, or improper field repair. Imperfections like these have to be fixed in order to give pilots an unobstructed view of the horizon. Below, Maj. Fritz Heck, 339th Flight Test Squadron, exits an F-15. He praised the craftsmanship of the F-15 canopy shop.

"From an operational fighter pilot perspective, seeing the threat is everything."

Maj. Fritz Heck, F-15 test flight pilot

overhaul shop - now known as MAN.

A little ingenuity

In 1990 the overhaul shop employees came up with a process that would

allow the acrylic items to be refurbished and returned to the plane as good as new.

Using a polishing and buffing technique, which uses specially textured paper called Tri-m-ite, the process quickly became the wave of

the future.

Wellman said the papers, which are graduated down from 30 microns to 2 microns becoming finer at each level, remove nicks and scratches from the acrylic "like a dream."

"We used to do the repairs of the windscreen on the plane and were limited in reach in what could be done to the inside surface," said Wellman. "With our new design it is much better."

The new design, known as the advance design windscreen, unbolts in panel form and rotates on a rotisserie fixture allowing better access to the inside and outside of the screen.

Cheryl Robinson, sheet metal mechanic, said the new design came about a year ago and the difference between when the canopies and screens arrive and when they leave is remarkable.

"The canopies, they come in pretty trashed," she said. "But it's such an amazing thing to be able to take pretty deep damage out. That becomes even more amaz-

ing when you realize that to get the damage out they first put more damage in."

When the items come in, the damage is spread out over the entire surface using the buffing technique and Tri-m-ite papers. The acrylic surface goes from having scratches and nicks to a completely frosted appearance. When it is all said and done the product is perfectly clear.

Sharing a wealth of information

Wellman said in order to share their skills with other units, the canopy shop has offered a training course for individuals from other bases to learn how to make repairs at their own units since the mid '90s. About 100 people have graduated from the course. Students learn what can be taken out and what can't, as well as the process of how to do it.

Airman 1st Class Stanley

Acevedo, from the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., structural maintenance shop, said the course was amazing.

"It saves us a lot of money and down-time learning this process here," he said.

It (the course) was a lot more extensive than I thought it would be. I thought we would just be learning to spot repair but we learned how to repair the whole canopy."

He said the instructors were good and he hopes they keep up the training program.

"I am sure there is a lot more we could have learned but we are limited to two weeks."

From a pilot's point of view

Heck said pilots are taught from the beginning that an invisible threat is impossible to defeat, with the help of the F-15 canopy shop threats are seen crystal clear.

"The job our canopy shop does is phenomenal," he said.



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

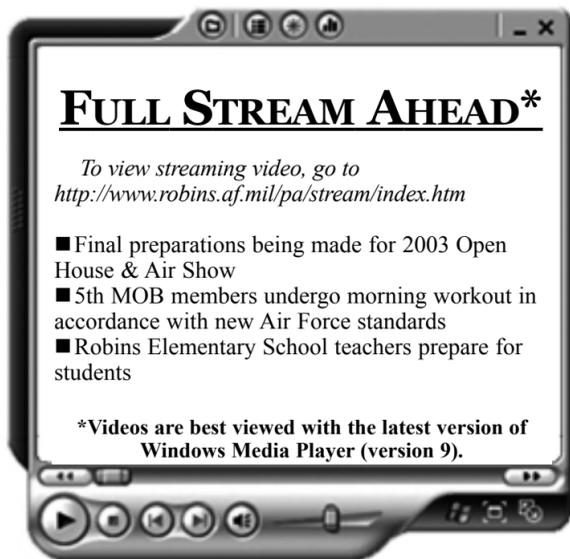
LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

■ 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.

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

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

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday
7:30 p.m. — **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** — Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl

Arnold Schwarzenegger returns in this third installment of the popular sci-fi action saga as a cyborg from the future once again becoming involved in the affairs of twentysomething John Connor and his first battles with the SkyNet machine network.

Rated R (strong sci-fi violence and action, and for language and brief nudity) 108 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. — **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** — Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field

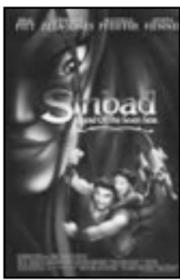
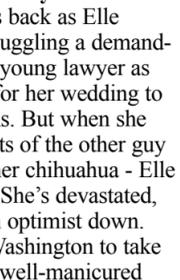
Reese Witherspoon is back as Elle Woods. Now Elle is juggling a demanding career as a rising young lawyer as well as preparations for her wedding to the man of her dreams. But when she stands up for the rights of the other guy in her life - Bruiser, her chihuahua - Elle is fired from her job. She's devastated, but you can't keep an optimist down. Ms. Woods goes to Washington to take matters into her own well-manicured hands.

Rated PG-13 (some sex-related humor) 94 minutes

Sunday
2 p.m. — **Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** — Brad Pitt, Catherine Zeta-Jones

This movie follows one of the many adventures of the Arabian sailor, Sinbad. The adventure starts when Eris, the goddess of Chaos, steals the "Book of Peace", and frames Sinbad for the crime. Setting out to prove his innocence, Sinbad travels to the realm that Eris resides in, where he is challenged by monsters. Even if Sinbad can defeat all of these monsters, he also has to deal with the effects of Eris' "Apple of Discord", which has the ability to turn friends into enemies.

Rated PG (adventure action, some mild sensuality and brief language) 85 minutes



Thunderbirds headline Robins open house and air show Sept. 6 and 7

By Faye Williams
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In less than a month, spectators will be able to see the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, as they headline the base's open house and air show Sept. 6 and 7.

The Thunderbirds will fly upside down in high speed inverted passes, do numerous aileron rolls and picture perfect formation flying powered by 100,000 pounds of engine thrust.

The Wings of Blue demonstration team from the Air Force Academy will feature 12 parachutists exiting the jump aircraft in four separate maneuvers at altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 11,000 feet above ground level.

The civilian aerobatic acts will be just as inspiring. Dan McClung's Red Eagle performance is a blend of low-level precision aerobatics featuring inverted flat spins, inside and outside loops, multiple snap rolls, tail slides and torque rolls. Another act, the F-104 Starfighters, is the only fully operational civilian owned supersonic jet team on the U.S. air show circuit.

Ed Hamill, pilot of the Air Force Reserve Above & Beyond Aerobatic



U.S. Air Force photo

The U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds, known for their daring aerobatics, will headline this year's air show.

Show, features a tribute to three eras of aerobatics. This performance includes low knife edge passes, snap rolls, tumbles, the double hammerhead and torque rolls.

Spectators can experience even more history through the Pat Phillips air show. Phillips flies the only stock Stearman aerobatic show in the U.S.

This PT-17 flown air show demonstrates various maneuvers including the country loop, vertical snap roll, octagon loop, hammerhead turn and super slow roll.

"This year's air show has so much to offer," said Maj. Sam Simpliciano, air show director. "It is going to be outstanding. From the awe-inspiring Thunderbirds to the myriad of modern and vintage military and civilian acts, our crowds are going to be thrilled. I encourage all to come out and see our spectacular air show."

Other military flying includes the Lima Lima Flight Team demonstration team, the F-15 demonstration, static line jump demonstration and fly-bys by the KC-135, F-117, C-141, C-130, C-5, C-17 and E-8 aircraft.

The air show is free with gates opening at 9 a.m. The opening ceremony starts at 10 a.m. Flying starts at 11 a.m. and will end each day at approximately 5 p.m. For updated information on the air show, call 926-2137 or visit the air show Web site at www.robins.af.mil/airshow

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

Reserve band performs free concerts

By Lanorris Askew

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A toe tapping, finger snapping good time was had by all Monday evening at the Vistascope Theater as a crowd of Dixie fans gathered for twilight tunes from the Dixie Express, a division of the Air Force Reserve Band.

Clad in red vests and bowties, the five-member band thrilled the crowd with selections ranging from Duke Ellington's "Squeeze me" to Steve Collins' "Is you is or is you ain't my baby."

According to Staff Sgt. Charles Anderson, master of ceremonies, the concert featuring old-fashioned New Orleans style Dixie land



U.S. Air Force photo by Lanorris Askew

The Dixie Express performs at the Museum of Aviation Vistascope Theater Monday evening.

music was a way to give back to the community.

"This is a community relations concert reaching out to the members of Team

Robins Plus to say thanks for the support they give us throughout the year," said Anderson.

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What to know

The band will perform free concerts Monday and Aug. 25 at the Museum of Aviation. Concerts start at 7 p.m. in the Vistascope Theater in the Eagle Building. Admission is free.

member Band of the Air Force Reserve performs 500 concerts a year throughout the Southeast as well as overseas in Russia, Italy, Turkey, Portugal, Antigua, Panama, Germany, Australia and the Caribbean. Since October 2002 the Dixie Express has performed 122 of those.

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.

Training Day

The FSC is undergoing a transformation process to better serve 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. In case of emergencies, there will be someone 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, call FSC Director Christine Parker at 926-1256.

Community tour

The FSC is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members Wednesday from 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 Wednesday and

Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Base Chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

Starting a business

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a Starting a Business workshop Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, Building 905. Information covered will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, acquiring financing, legal requirements, license and tax information, resources available for your use, and more.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

922-4415

■ Family night bingo will be held Aug. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per pack.

■ 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, including 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.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

■ Tour the World On Us, an Air Force club membership campaign, will be held Monday through Oct. 31. New and current club members will be eligible to win up to \$5,000 worth of travel vouchers to redeem at ITT. 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 mem-

bers are \$10, and \$15 for nonmembers. Tickets will be \$15 the night of the entertainment. Light hors d'oeuvre will be served.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

A yard sale will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 6. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

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 the trip, fishing and lodging. Register at equipment rental by Thursday. For more information call 926-6527.

Prism VI Survey

Prism VI survey has arrived and

Robins personnel may be receiving a survey through the mail. If you are mailed this survey, complete it and mail it back promptly. Data from these surveys are used to improve Services facilities and programs for Air Force families and DoD civilians. If you have questions, call Linda Hinkle, marketing director, at 926-6662

Skills Development

Center 926-5282

The skills development center is offering 25 percent savings on select mementos including 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 Retiree Appreciation meal will be Thursday from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Selections may be made from the short order line or full entrée line. 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.

■ Practice makes perfect. Bring your league sanction card and bowl for \$1 a game to keep in form for fall leagues.

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 in-line 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.

Uplifting



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump

Joe Whitcomb, a staff sergeant from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, lifts the leg press while Jym Bourgeault, a first lieutenant from the 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, spots during a workout. The Robins airmen placed first in their weight class and another finished fourth during the American Athletic Union Military Nationals Powerlifting Competition July 12. They do leg presses to strengthen the muscles, which helps during the squat and dead lift portions of power lifting. Each of the weights on the machine are 45 pounds. They advanced to the AAU World Meet starting in late October in Richmond, Va.

2003 Air Force Academy football schedule

Aug. 30 Wofford

Sept. 6 at Northwestern

Sept. 13 at Northwestern

Sept. 20 Wyoming*

Sept. 27 at Brigham Young*

Oct. 4 at Navy

Oct. 11 UNLV*



Oct. 16 at Colorado State*

Oct. 25 open

Nov. 1 Utah*

Nov. 8 Army

Nov. 15 at New Mexico*

Nov. 22 at San Diego State*

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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. Concerts start at 7 p.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, Brass Chamber Group; Aug. 25, Southern Aire.

Technology Show

The Robins Technology Show will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. This event is free to all personnel. Technology companies will demonstrate the latest, fastest and "best of show" computers, related hardware and accessories. This is the perfect forum for IT users, buyers and planners to discuss requirements and future IT challenges with knowledgeable federal sales representatives. For more information, call 1-888-282-2262 or

go to www.atc-expo.com/shows.

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 shot gun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person with the proceeds to benefit the local Junior ROTC. 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 McElhany at 926-0856.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion ceremony will be Aug. 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center main ballroom. Col. Marvin T. Smoot Jr., 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the ceremony. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to

attend. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia or Senior Airman Jessica R. Jackson at 926-0792.

Science Under the Stars lock-in at museum

The Museum of Aviation will hold its first Science Under the Stars Lock-In Sept. 5. Open to students in grades sixth through eighth, participants will experience hands-on science activities, rocket

building, time in the portable planetarium and, weather permitting, outside viewing of the constellations. There will be shuttle service over to the Robins Air Force Base Open House and Air Show. Class size is limited, and participants will be registered on a first-come, first-serve basis when a completed pre-registration form and a \$40 fee are received. For questions or registration forms, contact Martha Lockhart at 926-1769.

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Above top, Jackie Warnock reads a story to her first grade class. School started Friday for Robins Elementary School students.



Above, kindergarten teacher JoAnne Tillman puts a name tag on Trace Spring. Right, second-grader Zoe Brown concentrates on her teacher's directions. Far right, Amanda Moreland leads her second grade class in an exercise.



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