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Using old things in new ways

The picture of an Air Force forward air controller riding a horse through Afghanistan sticks in the minds of people thinking about transforming the military.

Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence Stephen Cambone referred to the way special operations personnel, riding horses and camels through the Afghan deserts called in airstrikes on enemy positions during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Transformation is not always about new things," said Cambone, filling in for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld who was originally scheduled to speak. "Transformation is sometimes about using old things in new ways."

Cambone appeared via video teleconference at the Air Force Association's Carl Vinson Chapter Transformation luncheon in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar Aug. 15.

About 300 military and civilian attendees heard Cambone and Air Force Materiel Command commander Gen. Gregory Martin define what transformation means to them.

"It's hard to understand what transformation means when it means something different to everyone," Martin said. Martin added that he explains transformation by asking how the Air Force can transform from "the excellent Air Force we are now" to a better Air Force in the future. We first have to define how the Air Force got to where we are today, he said.

Martin outlined how the Air Force learned lessons from past conflicts including the need for better coordination among the services and with our allies.

He applied these lessons to the current global war on terror, emphasizing that our enemies have been studying the way America fights.

"The enemy we face today," the former fighter pilot said, "is our test. They are an enemy without borders and with global reach."

The American public and private industry have a big role to play in transforming American military capability to meet these threats, said Cambone, who was director for Strategic Defense Policy from 1990 to 1993.

"Private industry needs to be more agile (to get products) from the drawing board to the market faster," he said. "Our enemies adapt faster than we do; so we need (industry) to be more responsive."

— Maj. Mike Pierson

Robins open house and air show countdown: 15 days

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Hello baby



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Suzzane Pamplin, 19th AMXS, pneudraulic systems apprentice, celebrates with one-year-old daughter Kaylee Aug. 15 after after more than three months in the desert.

Robins welcomes home Black Knights

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Amid waving flags and eagerly waiting families and friends, 26 maintainers and aircrew members from the 19th Air Refueling Group triumphantly returned home Aug. 15 after more than three months in the desert.

Leaving behind intense heat, MREs and a yearning for home, these men and women disembarked from the unit's hallmark, a KC-135, to a hero's welcome.

Airman 1st Class Suzzane Pamplin, pneu-

draulic systems apprentice, said it feels great to be back in the states and all she wants to do is spend quality time with her family.

"The hardest part of the deployment was being away from them," she said. "Now I want to make up for lost time by spending as much time as I can with them and loving on them."

Pamplin's family includes a daughter Kaylee, who turned one year old during her absence, a son William, 2, and husband Cody.

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Air show safety and security top concerns

By the Center Office of Public Affairs

What to know

Although fun and festivities are planned for all during this year's Centennial of Flight open house and air show, base officials have placed safety and security at the top of their list of concerns.

Initial searches will be conducted at each of the bus stops using magnometers followed by walk through metal detectors at each of the air show entry points. All hand carried items will be subject to opening and search. Visitors are strongly urged to leave any unauthorized items at home; if found, they will be confiscated.

Safety concerns related to the presence of aircraft will severely restrict where people will be allowed to smoke at the air show. Smoking is prohibited in the air show area, near any aircraft, and in close proximity to aircraft hangers. Anyone refusing to follow posted rules or to be searched won't be allowed to enter the base, according to Security Forces.

A parking and bus transportation plan have been developed to assist visitors attending the air show. Parking will be allowed in three locations on and around the base.

The first area will be on Robins Air Force base. Entry locations for these parking areas will be Gate 1 (Green Street), Gate 2 (Watson Boulevard), and Gate 5 (MLK Boulevard). Gate 4 will be used for distinguished visitors and handicapped persons. Once on the installation, base personnel will direct visitors to parking locations. People parking at locations between 1st and 3rd streets will be able to walk north to the air show, or use bus transportation located on

To ensure an incident free air show, the following policies will be enforced. To keep a safe environment for all attending the air show, the following list of items are prohibited.

- Knives, box cutters, razors, or any other sharp items
- Firearms, blunt objects, or any other objects considered a weapon
- Large coolers, backpacks, briefcases, large bags, or packages
- Alcoholic beverages
- Drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Glass containers
- Pets (Animals assisting handicapped will be allowed)
- Bicycles, skateboards, and roller blades
- The following items will be allowed to enter Robins Air Force Base, but will be subject to search prior to entering.
- Small handbags, fanny packs, camelbaks and diaper bags (when accompanied by young children)
- Small coolers holding six to twelve pack drink size
- Strollers, wheelchairs, and electric carts for handicapped
- Lawn chairs

3rd Street. For people parked between 3rd and 5th streets, there are three bus stops.

The second parking location will be at the Museum of Aviation located on Ga. Highway 247 just south of Robins. Once parked in the main lot, you will walk east

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What new runners should know

By Senior Airman Cat Trombley
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea – Running long distances can be an intimidating task, especially to airmen who have not stepped foot on the track since basic training.

But, for those who want to start running, there are ways to start a program so runners

can meet their target distance and time without injury.

"There are many methods to follow when starting a program," said Capt. Huey Latham, 8th Medical Operations Squadron physical therapist and marathon runner.

"Most people do 'walk and run' in which they walk a distance, then run a certain distance. Another method is to

run for a specific time and then walk for a specific time."

Latham said when runners make changes to their routines, they should only step it up slightly.

"When people are starting a training program they should follow the 'FIT' principle," Latham said.

Please see **RUNNERS, 3A**



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

5th MOB airmen run as part of the unit's physical fitness training recently. A new Air Force fitness program kicks off Jan. 1.

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today Cloudy with scattered t-storms



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Saturday Cloudy with scattered t-storms



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Sunday Cloudy with scattered t-storms



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"It feels great to have served my country, and I'm filled with pride," she said. "But, I'm glad to be back home."

Pamplin's husband said it's a big stress reliever having her home.

"They (the children) were quite a handful," he said. "I was counting every day until she came home. It makes me feel proud that she went over and served the way she did and I will always support her in whatever she does."

Master Sgt. Sheila Jordan, of the 622nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron also based at Robins, said she hitched a ride home with the 19th, and the first thing she plans to do is take a bubble bath. Unlike the others returning on this trip she was deployed for five months.

"It's an honor to serve my country," she said. "This wasn't the first time I have been gone for something like this. I am proud to have served."

When it comes to advice she would give others who may deploy in the future, she said she would urge them to remain flexible.

Maj. Phil Frazetta, Robins' detachment commander for the 340th Air Squadron, agreed and said just because you're stationed in one location doesn't mean you'll stay there.

With his desert hopping days behind him, he said a

nice, cool dip in the pool is his first stop when he gets home. His daughter Cayla plans to join him.

"It just feels great to be home," he said.

Although he's happy to be home, he said it feels great for the Black Knights to have shown their mettle.

"Everybody wants to train all the time and make it worthwhile, so it's good to go over there and prove to our home unit back here as well as the rest of the country that we are capable of doing what we train to do everyday," he said. "It's really fulfilling."

Airman 1st Class Vince Maiuri, boom operator, said he has a lot of things he wants to do now that he's home. And though sleeping out in the woods may sound like the last thing he'd want to do, camping is at the top of his agenda.

"I'm going out of town camping," he said. "Anything to see woods again - forests, trees real life."

Col. Raymond J. Rottman, group commander, said while there isn't much he can do for his troops while they are in theater other than preparing them before they leave, he plans to honor those who have returned for the service they have given.

"We are very proud of this group," he said. "We stand with their families today welcoming them home and thanking them for a job well done."

"It feels great to have served my country, and I'm filled with pride. But, I'm glad to be back home."

Airman 1st Class Suzzane Pamplin
19th AMXS
pneudraulic systems apprentice



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Master Sgt. Tony Ennis kisses wife Melissa, as daughters Amber and Jessica wipe away tears. Below left, Maj. Phil Frazetta leans out of the cockpit to greet his children Phillip and Cayla accompanied by a 19th member. Below right, Black Knights go through the mobility processing line.



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Gen. Martin offers thoughts on commanding AFMC

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Air Force Materiel Command's fifth commander officially took the stick today during change-of-command ceremonies at the Air Force Museum.

Gen. Gregory Martin, former United States Air Forces in Europe commander, assumed command from Gen. Lester Lyles who retires after more than three decades in uniform.

Martin spoke to AFMC News Service before assuming command regarding his leadership philosophy and initial expectations.

AFMCNS: What kind of leader is Gen. Gregory Martin?

Martin: It's hard to capture a concept like that; I care deeply for the people. I care just as deeply for the mission. In the end, probably the most important feature is that I rarely have the answer to any problem I face by myself. It usually comes from a thorough and detailed review of facts and opinions from many others associated with that issue or problem. Then I try very hard to make sure that the path chosen is one that all of those involved will understand, internalize and execute with a sense of ownership and determination.

AFMCNS: Do you think your experience in operational commands will help you as AFMC commander?

Martin: I hope so. Going into this command, I know there are many aspects of the Air Force Materiel Command mission that I'm not well versed in. But, by the same token, there are many activities that are important to our Air Force, and in which AFMC plays a major role, that I am familiar with. I hope that between my operational perspective and this command's acquisition and logistics perspective, we'll find new and important areas to make the command even more effective and efficient than it has been in the past. And that "even" is very important. I must also tell you that as a war fighter I have been the beneficiary of AFMC's work, most recently in major support roles for two major



Photo courtesy of Danny Gilleland

Gen. Gregory Martin, the new Air Force Materiel Command commander, speaks at the Air Force Association's Carl Vinson Chapter Transformation Symposium luncheon in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar Aug. 15.

conflicts - Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. AFMC delivered every time and should be extremely proud of the support it provides to the war fighter, specifically the men and women on the front lines of the world's greatest Air Force.

AFMCNS: What can we expect from you as commander?

Martin: First of all, I have great admiration and respect for the leadership Gen. Lyles has already provided this command. I hope to continue the positive direction he set out for this command. Along the way I think we'll find, as is true in any organization, some loose ends and areas where I'll be able to provide

my operational perspective and leadership and make improvements to a command that's already carrying huge responsibilities for our Air Force. Specifically, I think we have a golden opportunity to reconnect our command and the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition organization in a way that will provide tremendous energy and improvement to our acquisition cycle times and credibility. I will look for ways to continue to improve the speed in which we deliver the latest science and technology innovations to our weapons systems. I will continue the focus Gen. Lyles has had on creating the expeditionary culture and mindset within this command. And everywhere we can, we'll try to become,

as Gen. Lyles has stated, more efficient and effective in everything we do.

AFMCNS: What do you expect from us?

Martin: I hope that I'll receive the same sense of dedication and loyalty from the officers, enlisted and Air Force civilian members of this command that were so obvious to me as a war fighter in the field during the Global War on Terrorism. And I hope that when we see a better way of doing the job or we make a change in either the structure or the relationships of our organization, that we pursue those changes with enthusiasm and the attitude that will allow them to be successful.

AFMCNS: What are your initial plans and expectations for AFMC?

Martin: I think first and most important is for me to learn as much as I can. I have the initial schedule of orientation briefings from the different directors on staff and have just finished the initial look at a base visit schedule to visit each of the major installations in AFMC so I can better understand the people, mission and the concerns they have, whether it be concerns with the structure, facilities or resources. So, the first thing is to learn as much as I can from the organizations and from the bases. From that, we'll begin to work with the directors and commanders on those initiatives that can make a difference in improving the capabilities of this command. The problem during any orientation is that there's never a moment that a command such as AFMC is ever stationary. So while I'm learning, I'll have to be dealing with issues and challenges as they come forward. It's my hope that I'll get the orientations and introductory briefings done as quickly as possible, but nonetheless I'll rely very heavily on the professional people of this command to guide me during that orientation, while I'm dealing with the issues and challenges as they come forward.

AFMCNS: Is there anything else AFMC people need to know as you begin your command?

Martin: I think it's important for them to know that I don't have all the answers to the concerns and issues and all the challenges that face this command, but that's new. I didn't have it all squared away when I went to USAFE and I didn't have it all squared away when I went to SAF/AQ or in any other job I've ever had. I depend on the people to help guide me as I learn and then to execute the decisions that we make along the way. Throughout my career that has served me well and the people have never let me down. I know that will be true at AFMC. As I said in the beginning, I am excited to be here doing this!

RUNNERS

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FIT stands for frequency, how often you run; intensity, how hard you run; and time, length of activity, Latham said.

"Only one of these variables should be increased in a week, and the increase should not exceed 10 percent of what you were doing the previous week," he said.

"Cross-training can be done on off-days and supplemented with a non-pounding aerobic activity or weight training. Learn to listen to your body, and if it feels tired or fatigued, take a rest day," Latham said.

New runners have to be especially careful not to cause injury. Accelerating a running program too quickly can cause a number of injuries, he said.

"Too much, too soon, too often causes overuse injuries. The most common injuries are muscle pulls of the lower extremities - more often the hamstrings, quadriceps and the calf muscles," Latham said.

Some of these injuries include: Runner's knee, pain around the kneecap caused by tight tissues on the outside of the knee and weak muscles on the inside; Iliotibial Band Syndrome, pain on the outside of the knee caused by running downhill or on banked curves, like on the side of the road; and Shin splints, pain in the lower leg caused by excessive pounding.

"Adhering to the FIT principles is the best way to avoid injury," Latham said.

If injured, rest, increase flexibility, medicate, ice, maintain strength and

endurance of leg and hip muscles, and gradually return to activity with respect to pain.

These are the best ways to treat an injury, Latham said.

Almost any runner will tell a "wannabe" runner, having the right shoes is important.

Go to a running store to find running-specific shoes. Some base exchanges have a chart about running shoes and shoes on display. Spend 30 to 40 minutes at the store. Take time to look at all the shoes and prices. Wear the kind of socks you are most comfortable running in. The wrong socks can alter the fit of the shoes.

Selecting a running shoe is based on three basic foot types: flat feet, normal- and high-arched.

"Shoes should be bought to accommodate the foot type," Latham said. "Shoe

designs come in motion control, stability and cushion.

"Runners with flat feet tend to (land on the outside edge of the foot and roll inward) and need a motion-control shoe. Most people have a normal arch and need a shoe providing stability. Runners with high arches need a cushioned shoe," he said.

If the sole of the shoe is straight, it is for flat feet and motion control. If the sole is semi-curved, it is for normal arches and provides stability. If the sole is curved, it is for high arches and provides cushion.

By following steps to ease into a running program and having the right gear, a new runner should be able to get to their target distance and time, injury-free. - Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service

SAFETY

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through the buildings to the bus stop located next to the Century of Flight hanger. From there, a bus will provide transportation to and from the air show.

The third parking area will be at Anchor Glass factory located on Highway 247 across from the muse-

um. There will also be bus transportation to and from the Air Show from this location. You will be directed to parking spots on the grass field in front of the factory.

With cooperation and adherence to safety policies and procedures the base will be able to provide a safe arena in which to enjoy the festivities of the weekend.

Submit honor roll

information to Angela Trunzo in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 111, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. For more information, call 926-2137.

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Privatized housing a boon to Robins

Huntington Village, Family Housing work to make a close-knit community

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Huntington Village's privatized housing offers the luxuries of off base housing without the long commute.

Since its inception, Huntington Village has provided quality housing for active duty military members, Defense Department retirees, civil service civilians and others, maintaining a 90 percent or better occupancy rate in the 670 houses managed - and that rate is increasing as more military come to Robins.

"The military is growing, and privatized housing is filling the gap, by helping the

"You spend so much time at work on base ... privatized housing allows them to separate work and home."

Angela St.Clair,
Huntington Village project manager

The Hills unpack bakeware in their new kitchen Monday. They used to commute 30 minutes to work every day.



Family Housing Office provide quality housing for our military members," said Angela St.Clair, Huntington Village project manager. "When there's not enough space in base housing, or they don't have what the person needs at the time, we're here to pick up where they leave off."

For the past two years, the two offices have worked well as a team, creating a close-knit community, said Johnna Phillips, Family Housing chief.

"The feedback we've received from the residents has been great," she said. "People are getting new and fully-renovated homes that help them maintain a better lifestyle near base."

St.Clair, who recently moved to Robins from Newport News, Va., where she worked in privatized housing for the U.S. Navy, said her office has worked successfully with the Family

What to know

In addition to its numerous existing amenities, Huntington Village will be opening a new daycare center for its residents convenience by late September. For more information on Huntington Village, contact Angela St.Clair or Julia Crandall at 929-8988, or contact Johnna Phillips at the Family Housing Office at 926-3776, for a referral.

Housing Office to place members in convenient, affordable housing.

"You spend so much time at work on base," she said. "People like to be able to have time outside of base. And privatized housing allows them to separate work and home."

Huntington Village's location - across Ga. Highway 247 from the MLK Boulevard gate - helps residents like, 2nd Lt. Erica Hill, save time of getting to work.

"We had a 30-minute commute to work where we lived before," she said. "It's going to be nice not having to fight traffic."

Hill said having free lawn care service is just one of the many benefits of residence.

"We'll be paying the same amount of rent we were paying for a small, two-bedroom apartment, and we're getting more space," she said. "We get to have a nice lawn without the work. Now that we have a yard, we may even get a dog."

Capt. William Arp, 1177th



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

2nd Lts. Erica and Kevin Hill move into their new duplex in Huntington Village Monday. "The military is growing, and privatized housing is filling the gap, by helping the Family Housing Office provide quality housing for our military members," said Angela St.Clair, Huntington Village project manager.

Transportation Company commander, here with others in his unit since February, said Huntington Village has provided a great place to live

that is close enough to visit family members at their home post in LaGrange, Ga.

"It's been a great place to live," he said. "The living

arrangement and room assignments have given people a chance to get to know others. It's almost like having housemates back in school."

Good observation



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ron Neubauer, aircraft maintenance support specialist, monitors weather observations in the newly remodeled maintenance operations center, which provides a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week centralized monitoring point for the Maintenance Directorate. The center was named after Col. James T. Danielson, aircraft division chief, during a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday.

Parents can teach fire safety

By the Fire Prevention Branch

Every year children are victims of serious injuries and death due to fire. Parents have an important role in educating their children about fire safety.

Parents can cover the following with their children:

■ Stop, drop, and roll - If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll until the fire is out.

■ Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH) - There's no time for planning during a fire emergency. Family members should make a plan for escaping a fire and know at least two ways out, agreeing on a meeting place outside your home. Make sure your smoke detector(s) are working by testing them monthly.

■ Fire prevention in the kitchen -

Never leave cooking unattended. With smaller children, keep the cooking area safe by enforcing a "kid free" 3-foot area around your kitchen range. Keep potholders, dishtowels, curtains and other combustibles away from the range.

Turn pot handles in. To smother a grease fire slide a lid over the pan and turn off the stove burner. Never use water on a grease fire and be careful when discharging a fire extinguisher at a pan of burning grease. If anything catches fire inside a microwave, keep the door closed and turn off or unplug the unit.

■ Keep matches and lighters away from children.

■ Portable heaters - Keep children and pets away from heaters, and turn them off when you leave home or go to

sleep. Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet from combustibles.

■ Fire reporting - Teach your children how to use the 911-telephone system. Stress to them that this number should only be used to report an emergency. The alarm room operator will ask you to stay on the line and give your name, address, call back number, and nature of the emergency. Teach your children to stay on the line until the operator tells them it is ok to hang up the phone.

■ Burns - Should a burn occur, run cool water over the burn for approximately 15 minutes, never apply ointments or other greases to any burn. Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, contact the fire prevention branch at 926-2145.

Museum of Aviation to gain ground

Proposed \$30 million expansion includes War World II Hangar to open by 2005

By Holly J. Logan
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As part of a proposed decade-long expansion, the Museum of Aviation will open a World War II hangar that will allow visitors to experience its aircraft through numerous exhibits.

The hangar, expected to open August 2005, is one of six proposed building additions included in the anticipated \$30 million expansion project paid for through the Aviation Museum Foundation's fundraising efforts during the next 10 years.

Paul Hibbetts, Museum of Aviation director, said the 87,500-square-foot hangar, located next to the Century of Flight hangar, will offer visitors a better view of the war's aviation history.

"It will bring together

some of the new and existing displays we currently have - like the Flying Tigers, the Hump Pilots, the Tuskegee Airman and the 483rd Bomb Group," he said. "This walk through history will reveal how great aircraft like the B-17, B-25, B-29, P-40, P-51 and others helped bring an end to the shattering experience of World War II through some realistic exhibits."

Eighty-eight-year-old World War II veteran, Bert Schwarz, said the hangar will enhance community education about the war.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "People are forgetting more and more about World War II every day. Maybe having this hangar will help the younger generations learn more about the war and appreciate its history."

Also included in the pro-

posed expansion is a 1,500 feet long by 50 feet wide simulated flight line to be located in front of the Century of Flight hangar.

Museum officials expect Air Force approval on the project to come no later than mid-September.

The project will be funded by the Museum of Aviation Foundation, with in-kind support from the Environmental Management and the Civil Engineering Directorates.

The museum, along with the EM Directorate, cleared nearly 5 acres of trees on land designated for the museum's future growth, in order to make the expansion possible.

Bob Sargent, EM's conservation team chief who oversaw the timber removal portion of the project, said he and other state environmen-

tal agencies are ensuring the project will have little environmental impact on the surrounding area.

"To do a large project like this, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1976 calls for an assessment to any Air Force project that may have significant environmental impact," he said. "A contracted environmental firm is assessing the cultural and archeological resources affected and potential for contamination of the land. If any negative information is found, they will make recommendations, and we'll work to minimize the problems."

Money generated from selling the timber is used for future forestry projects at Robins and other bases, according to Sargent.

Clearing the land adds five acres to the museum's



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Paul Hibbetts, Museum of Aviation director, stands where the new hangar will be located. The hangar, set to open August 2005, is one of six proposed building additions included in the anticipated \$30 million expansion project.

What to know

The proposed \$30 million expansion will include a World War II hangar, measuring 87,500 sq. ft., which will house several aircraft that played a key role in the war. The hangar is expected to open by August 2005.

existing 43-acre area. The land will temporarily be used as a site for support equip-

ment and exhibit materials, in order to make space for this and other new building.



U.S. Air Force submitted photos

Above, Julio Rodriguez stands in front of the same C-130 he flew on 30 years ago. Right, Rodriguez steps out of "842."

Two old friends reunite

An unplanned reunion brought two old soldiers together recently.

This is Julio Rodriguez's story.

When I was an airman 3rd class (1 Striper) in 1963, I was assigned to the 516th Troop Carrier Wing at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

In August, I was introduced to my first C-130 aircraft. She was a gleaming, 1962 E model with very large numerals on the forward fuselage, and it was brand spanking new.

It would take me to places I had only heard of...like the Panama Canal Zone, Iceland, Norway, Spain, Germany, Cuba, California, Hawaii, Midway Island, Niwetok Atoll, Kwajelien Atoll, Guam, Philippines, south Vietnam and old Formosa (Taiwan).

We didn't have the cargo handling systems we have today. Everything had to be pushed and shoved and rolled on Johnson Bars - not fun.

But when you're 18 years old, it was all a new experience.

I still have a piece of coral that I brought back from Kawajelien in 1964 when we were on our way to the Philippines in support of an F-100 fighter squadron from Clovis, N.M., destination... DaNang Air Base, Vietnam, just after the Gulf of Tonkin issue.

It was "842" that carried it back for me.

Recently, I was fortunate to be able to see my old

"842" once again, still hacking the mission after 40 years.

Her gleaming skin is now painted, but for a few minutes I felt that old twinge of joy at seeing the aircraft that took me to many places in the beginning.

I retired from Active Duty after 21 years in the Air Force and began working at Robins as a civilian.

I was always wondering if I would ever see "842" again. I figured that surely she would have been crushed a long time ago or had been a casualty of war or corrosion.

I've been to 78 countries around the world, but I bet "842" has been to most of

the countries in the world during its tour of duty.

I wish to thank Lockheed Aircraft Company for building 62-1842.

I also want to thank the folk's who brought it to Dyess so that this "Old Sarge" would have some fond memories years later.

I also want to thank the Air Force for taking care of it all these years, and allowing me to place my hand on its radome once again.

As a person ages, fond memories are seldom experienced again, but for A3C Julio Rodriguez August 2003 was just like August of 1963.

And it doesn't get any better than that!

Civilian personnel process gets Lean

By Connie Crow
DPCCB

What to know

Robins civilian personnel, in partnership with the Directorate of Maintenance, is making the civilian personnel system more responsive to management's need to fill jobs as quickly as possible with the highest quality candidates available in the labor market.

And it's not just for filling positions locally by the Robins personnel office, but also those sent to the Air Force personnel center to be filled through assorted career programs.

They're being able to accomplish this by applying Lean processes.

It began with a value stream mapping event in late March identifying and eliminating waste and designing an improved future state.

A second event in late April analyzed flow time for each area of the process and a prototype 'cell' capable of the improvements identified during those two events.

Team members for the events included representatives from personnel as well as from various areas of MA and other areas of Robins.

The types of actions to be worked inside and outside the cell were determined.

Workload data was reviewed to determine manning requirements for this MA cell which will be in Building 215.

The actions worked inside that cell are those that put an employee on the job, including details, reassignments, promotions and external appointments.

Actions worked outside the cell include actions such as retirements, resignations, terminations, deaths, awards and suspensions or disciplinary actions.

Cell members include classifiers, staffers, position control and records assis-

Revised phone listings showing room numbers are being distributed to each organization and are available on the civilian personnel Web site. In the interim, personnel customer service can be reached at 926-3805, ext. 350.

tants, and MAA resource advisors.

Other support functions like manpower, career counseling, employment office, DEU, education and training will be virtual members available as the need dictates.

DPC continues to work and partner with MA and other customers to accomplish the Lean recommendations.

Their hard work resulted in significant and positive changes for DPC and its customers.

A second cell will stand-up around October and will be responsible for servicing the rest of the organizations at Robins.

Affected organizations will be requested to provide input on cell structure versus non-cell work and process for insuring they are able to provide resource advisor support to this cell to facilitate filling their jobs quickly.

Streamlining the personnel action process to more efficiently meet the customer's needs has resulted in significant office changes within personnel.

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AFMC establishes new test and evaluation center

AFMC news service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Air Force Materiel Command officials announced Wednesday that a new developmental test and evaluation enterprise will stand up Oct. 1 that combines several AFMC test and evaluation functions under one commander.

Similar to the previous Air Force Research Laboratory restructuring that brought many labs under a single structure, the Air Force Development Test and Evaluation Center will bring Arnold Engineering Development Center, located at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., and the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., under one organizational roof.

Additionally, two test facilities currently reporting to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., but physically located here – the Landing Gear Test Facility and the Live Fire Test Facility – are included in the new organization.

The new organization will come under the command of Brig. Gen. Perry Lamy and is initially slated for a one year trial.

Lamy is currently AFMC's director of operations and will retain those duties along with the new responsibilities, according to Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander.

“We are establishing an Air Force Development Test & Evaluation organization that program managers will view as part of the development team and that the warfighter will see as an ally,” Lyles said. “This is a deliberate attempt to create a test enterprise that enables us to focus a greater percentage of our people and resources on value-added work for our test customers.”

Lamy said there are many benefits AFMC and the Air Force will obtain from this

new organization. First, test experts at Edwards, Arnold, Eglin and the headquarters sometimes do the same work, such as strategic planning, four different ways.

“With this new organization, we'll all be pulling on the same rope,” Lamy said.

Additionally, Lamy said all three test centers have different procedures to follow in how they calculate cost rates for customers.

This new organization will

help not only standardize the procedures, but help decision makers get a comprehensive perspective on what is included in the test, how much it costs and what the charge will be.

“I know all of our centers have different test missions, but we should conduct the business of testing in a coordinated way,” Lamy said. “The price to fly an F-15 test at Edwards should not be more than at Eglin.”

Lamy said creating this new organization is the first step of a multi phase plan integrated with changes that go well beyond simple organizational alignment.

“Change of this importance is best served by an iterative approach that allows us to maintain current support and reduce the risk of seriously impacting a major customer program,” he said. “It also allows us to make course corrections to the

overall transformation effort, which might affect the scope and timing of further organizational changes in subsequent phases.”

Lamy said the objective of this first step in transforming Air Force developmental test and evaluation is to learn what works and what is required to make test and evaluation more effective in supporting acquisition and sustainment of Air Force capabilities.

At least one more phase is planned to incorporate remaining units. However, part of the task of phase I will be to define the content and timeline of future phase(s).

“Air Force Developmental Test and Evaluation will continue a process of transformation to achieve fully integrated capability and better support rapid and effective delivery of new combat capability to the operational Air Force,” Lamy said.

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Lyles: Difficult to depart AFMC

By Gen. Lester Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – We have all wished at some point that time could stand still. How great it would be if we could enjoy just a little longer a child's innocent and funny remark, a colleague's surprise at some good fortune, or the company of a friend who will be moving far away.

That is what it's like for me as I step down as commander of Air Force Materiel Command and retire from the United States Air Force. All of you who do the work of this great organization we call AFMC have made it difficult to depart. I wish I could have just a little more time to shake hands and



Lyles

personally thank every one of this command's 82,000 men and women.

When I began wearing a fourth star, I found it came with a lot of "accessories," you might say. People do things for you without being asked.

You get invited to some great events, where you meet incredibly interesting and accomplished people. And for some reason, everybody you meet is especially polite!

Well, that's nice, of course, but it's not what really matters most. What I have appreciated above all is my relationship with you who are AFMC. I have met some tremendous people with expertise in an amazing number of disciplines and positions on whom I relied for information, analysis and recommendations in making crucial decisions. I have seen people latch on to tough problems like bulldogs and thrash out solutions. I have observed people showing remarkable consideration of their colleagues, and families making great sacrifices as their loved ones

traveled to support the mission.

When I assumed command of AFMC three and a half years ago, I was impressed with how much the command was accomplishing. Its concept of cradle-to-grave service for everything we create for the Air Force had come a long way since the command's inception in 1992.

As our military commitments expanded, you stepped up to the challenge of supporting our warfighters in Bosnia, Kosovo and locations around the world. Yet even as demands increased and manpower stretched thin, you executed the difficult business of closing two bases and transitioning another to Air Force Space Command.

We also undertook logistics and sustainment improvements, sought to elevate quality of life for all AFMC people, advocated for stronger support of science and technology, and tackled tough challenges in the acquisition arena. Our operational tempo, like that of the rest of the Air Force, remained high.

Rather than standing still, time sped up for us on Sept. 11, 2001, and it has been accelerating ever since. I began this command in one era, and find I'm ending it in another.

It is not clear if the world has changed forever, as some have suggested-the world is always changing. But I do know the challenges this nation faced post 9/11, and will continue to confront for the foreseeable future, are unprecedented. And these have focused the military, the Air Force and AFMC on the need to transform at a rapid pace. The AFMC mission is absolutely vital to the success of the Air Force, and to that end, we have embraced numerous initiatives in a continuing journey to provide the world's best warfighters the world's best support.

If there is one thing I hope I have done well, it is to have been of service to the people of AFMC in a significant way. A commander must lead, but I have always believed it equally important that a commander know how to serve those he leads.

Let me just say by way of goodbye that I cannot imagine any finer assignment to close out my Air Force career than serving all of you who make AFMC what it is! I admire your dedication and resourcefulness in providing our nation's warfighters everything they need to root out tyrants and terrorists, deliver humanitarian aid, advance democracy, and protect our nation, our interests and our liberty.

I know you will continue, under General "Speedy" Martin, to advance in service to the warfighter, to our nation, and to each other. He brings a warfighter's operational perspective, as well as great intelligence and an infectious enthusiasm for the command's mission. I am pleased AFMC will have this superb leader's stewardship as it works through transformation and reaches new heights.

Good luck, and may God bless all of you, as Mina and I have been blessed to be proud members of this AFMC family!

Lean transformation: Focus on the mission

By Lt. Col. Jimmy C. Bailey
CPL Innovation and Transformation Division, Plans and Programs Directorate, WRALC

What's the mission? It's a simple question, but one we don't ask often enough. Every day thousands of people, military and civilian, show up for work at Robins.

Each of those people has a job to do - every one of them important - in support of the mission. It's also important that we do those jobs the best we can to meet the challenges of our mission.

That's what transformation, and transformation through Lean, is all about.

But what is the mission? In football, players are reminded to keep their eye on the ball. Why? Because while every player's position is important, what really matters is the ball. Getting the ball into the end zone is the goal - the focus - the mission.

One way of understanding the mission is to think of the North Star - the one star in the sky that stays constant while everything else moves around. It is the guide. It's what keeps us on track.

Transformation is a journey, and our transformation journey has

already begun with our implementation of Lean.

Lean events are spreading all over the base, from maintenance to the Air Base Wing, and that is good. But every once in a while, it's also good to stop and remind ourselves where the journey is headed. Every job is important, and every Lean event has a purpose, but they must stay focused on the mission. So - what is our mission? Last April, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam clearly stated our mission. It's simple. It's clear. It's direct. "We provide combat capability for DoD war fighters and our allies through superior acquisition and sustainment." It serves as a constant reminder of our purpose and fundamental reason for existence; it establishes our foundation and charters our future direction. It is our "North Star." It follows the guidance of the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, who has made it clear that "we are engaged in building a culture of continual transformation, so that we are always several steps ahead of any potential adversaries."

There are threats in the world today that require a change in the traditional way war planning is performed. Our purpose in being is to put combat capability in the hands of the war fighters. We are doing that through our vision of PRIDE - Proactive, Rapid, Integrated, Dominate, Effects to the war fighter. Our measure of success for deliver-

ing combat capability must be based on the war fighter viewpoint. Our pass or fail test will depend on how we answer the following questions as we deliver combat capability to the war fighter: does it perform better, is it more available, is it more deployable, is it affordable, and is it survivable?

Those five capabilities really address "why" we should seek improvements, and make what we do "real" in terms of how we affect the war fighter. Everyone has a specific job or task and it is important to understand how your job impacts the missions that are executed. Our sons and daughters need and deserve our very best efforts. Our support to our war fighters must continually evolve and change as their environment changes. Transformation affects all military, DoD civilians, and our contractor team members from the Secretary of Defense to the newest recruit. One of our three Center objectives is to create a world-class logistics center through Lean and Benchmarking. Lean offers a systematic method for the identification of waste and the removal of waste in all our four key mission areas: Depot Maintenance, Product Support, Supply Chain Management, and Mobility & Deployment Support. As a Center, we are diligently working toward transitioning from implementing a Lean program to becoming a Lean organization. There are many

positive indicators highlighting our progress: the number of full-time core team members assigned to firm authorizations, the number of events led without external assistance required, the start of linking Center-wide "the enterprise" functions, and the level of excitement of individuals participating in Lean events.

The results of Lean have demonstrated significant improvements in the areas of cost, quality, and scheduling. Successes have been reported numerous times such as work-in-progress on C-5 pylons dropping from 20 to eight; F-15 horizontal stabilizer flow days being reduced from 90 to 23; sheet metal repair building identifying 7,000 square feet of available floor space; and 68 percent of radome shop personnel redeployed to meet other workload requirements.

The following are key examples of the type of successes we are starting to see. Last year at this time, the C-5 aircraft Program Depot Maintenance delivery record at Robins was 17. Currently 18 aircraft have been delivered, and they are on pace to set a record of "23 in '03." That's significant because many people thought it would be impossible.

Also, the Logistics Directorate led a vital standard work event to address the Equipment Repair Requirements Determination process (DO-39). Before the event, the following conditions persisted: lack of standardized equipment repair requirement deter-

mination process, various methods of reporting requirements to Logistics Support Review, lack of tools for validation of unserviceable assets and unit sales price, and lack of training.

The event improved quality of equipment repair requirements by establishing customer informed funding decisions, standardization of tools and training, and reduced process cost. As a result of this event, accurate requirements will ultimately provide the customer a more affordable budget and increase availability to the war fighter. Those successes are clear examples supporting a transformation toward mission success.

As we continue the journey of transformation, we must keep our eye on the "North Star." We must stay focused on the mission. Changing all the aspects of the way we do business will provide for our longevity and continued workload, and we must have a roadmap to get us there.

But we can't be successful unless our whole enterprise is engaged. We are part of and support an expeditionary Air Force; we provide Depot Maintenance, Product Support, Supply Chain Management, Mobility & Deployment Support and so much more. At Robins, everyone is important and plays a vital role, but we do so for a reason. Every once in a while take the time to stop and ask yourself, "What's the mission?" Capability for the war fighter - don't forget.



Bailey



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

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Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
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Squadron runs need to keep safety in mind

I work in Building 1400, Pave Paws. Recently several hundred military members (not sure what squadrons) converged on our parking lot for some sort of exercise program. I arrived at work at 7 a.m. with traffic backed up because these people were walking in the street and refused to move. When I finally did arrive at our parking lot there were no parking spaces left. Cars had completely overfilled the parking lot and the side of the street for quite a distance which caused a parking problem for the people who work in Building 1400. When they finally started their run, they ran directly into traffic in the middle of the street. The parking

problem is bad; however the safety issue for these people is more of a concern. There is a 5th MOB training facility up the street a short distance from Building 1400 with a big field which could be used for parking; however I am not sure what the solution is to the safety issue. The current procedures are extremely unsafe for drivers and runners. Appreciate your attention to this matter.

Col. Smoot replies: You're right. Two large groups unknowingly planned physical training formations for the same place, date, and time overwhelming the parking lot in front of Building 1400. Recent Air Force emphasis on physical fitness will likely result in increasing numbers of physical training activities around Robins. To minimize conflicts, the

base fitness center is developing a program to locate and schedule adequate PT sites for base organizations. Your safety concerns are also valid. Although we have adequate running paths for individual and small groups of runners, larger units will continue to use the roads in more remote areas of the base. We will put the word out to the commanders and first sergeants to reemphasize safety controls and guidance during unit PT. Formations and PT on military bases is not uncommon and drivers approaching or passing formations should slow to 5 miles-per-hour. Again, thank you for bringing this to our attention and your concern for the safety of our people. We also appreciate your patience and support as we keep our Air Force "Fit to Fight."



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AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE HEAD OF THE LINE AT PASS & REGISTRATION

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Hurry up and wait isn't a phrase you'll hear at Pass and Registration.

Leanne Langston, the supervisor there, said one of the goals they have for their customers is to decrease the time it takes to get served. And after two weeks under new operating procedures, they may well be on their way.

"Our average wait in the past has been anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour and at times even longer," she said. "We are trying to cut that down by at least 50 percent."

Much of that time will be shaved off due to a new position known as the triage desk. According to Langston, that person, seated at the front of the office, signs customers in and lets them know what information they will need depending on the service they want.

"A lot of people come in without the right credentials they need, like insurance cards or registration when they need a vehicle decal," she said. "When they are screened by a triage person, the customers don't wait unnecessarily."

Langston said she is confident that when all the processes are automated, a trip to Pass and Registration will be a five-minute affair once a customer reaches a clerk.

Langston said the number

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What to know

Pass & Registration is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and is open Wednesday from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. They are located in Building 263, 250 Peacekeeper Way. For more information, call 926-3583.

of clerks has been lowered from six to three.

Seth Cohen, who was visiting the office for the first time, said customer service was excellent, and he only had a 15 to 20-minute wait.

Victor Funck, of the Center Transformation office, said Pass and Registration affects everyone's access to doing their jobs at Robins, and Lean Change Agents Anthony Boles and Rowdy Yates and supervisors Master Sgt. Omer Trudeau and Langston are helping to make it easier.

According to Funck, the 78th Security Forces Squadron used a series of tools from value stream mapping, time studies, 6S and spaghetti diagrams to analyze the entire Pass and Registration customer ser-



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Airman 1st Class Candice Dearing takes a photo for an ID card. Below, Master Sgt. Jason Swift checks in a customer at the front desk. The new check-in procedure should decrease the average wait for customers.

vice activity.

"Future Lean projects and do-its will look at partitions for photo shoots, printers and copiers at each clerk's position, flat screen computer monitors for space savings and standardization of each clerk position for improved work flow," he said.

A signaling system to notify the triage position that a clerk is available for the next customer is also in the works, as are computer automation between the contracting office, contractor security and Pass and Registration.

Trudeau said that potential customers must make the effort to bring the right documents with the right signatures by calling ahead or visiting the Robins Web page.

By the numbers

- 6,970 Number of contractor badges issued
- 2,328 Number of civilian IDs issued
- 24,409 Number of vehicle registrations issued
- 7,071 Number of vehicle passes issued
- 1,329 Number of fingerprints taken



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

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

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

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

Protestant 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.

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

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

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

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

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday
7:30 p.m. — The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen — Sean Connery and Peta Wilson

Based on the acclaimed comic books by Alan Moore, a legion of superheroes the likes of which the world has never seen, with little preparation and no time to lose, must save the world. But, the members of the League enter their union with inherent suspicion toward one another.



Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of fantasy violence, language and innuendo) 110 minutes

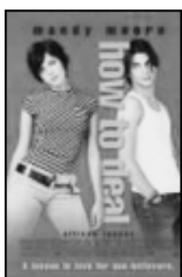


Saturday
2 p.m. — Johnny English — Rowan Atkinson and Natalie Imbruglia
 Johnny English is bumbling British agent sent to rescue the crown jewels and save the monarchy from the scheming frenchman Pascal Sauvage. All of England's hopes are resting on Johnny English. Rated PG (comic nudity, some crude humor and language) 88 minutes

7:30 p.m. — How to Deal — Mandy Moore and Allison Janney

Halley is disillusioned with love after seeing the many dysfunctional relationships around her. All these have combined to convince her that love is ridiculous impossibility. But when a tragic event in her life leads to a romantic encounter with a young man, she realizes the possibility of true love.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content, drug material, language and some thematic elements) 102 minutes



Outdoor Rec offers inexpensive cure to the travel and recreation bug

By Geoff Janes
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The kids may have gone back to school, but there's still time for one last fling before summer ends.

The Equipment Loan and Rental Center, at its new location on the east end of Building 914 - the old Base Exchange - has everything needed for a camping trip, fishing trip or other excursion for the upcoming Labor day weekend.

And once the weekend has come and gone, the folks in the center can plan trips for your family throughout the year with its the Outdoor Adventure Program.

"With Outdoor Adventure we do paintball, whitewater trips and deep sea fishing," Derek Glisson, the center's manager, said. "Anything you can do outdoors that you can reach from Middle Georgia, we can do out of here."

Alan Ray, former chief, Community Support Flight, said as the program evolves, there are a number of new activities in the works.

"We continue to add new activities into our Outdoor Adventure Program with day and weekend trips to

Stone Mountain, Cumberland Island, and Savannah," he said. "We are also working to improve unit and squadron cohesiveness by providing and offering trips that either partial or whole military units can participate as a group."

Glisson said when it comes to the equipment that's rentable through the center the cost is nominal.

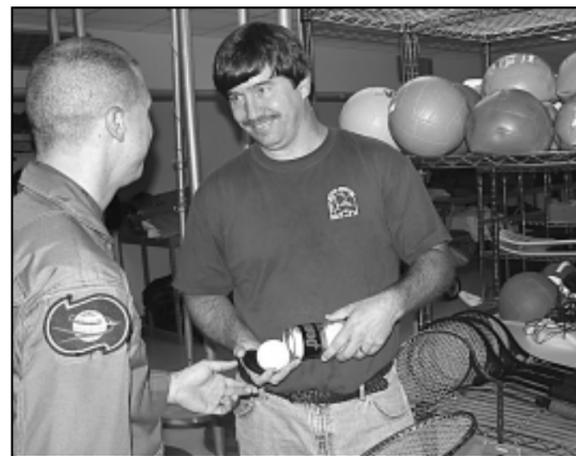
"We beat the devil out of anyone's prices," he said. "No one else can touch us. For example, we have a six-month-old camper that sleeps six, has an air conditioner, toilette shower and stove for only \$55 a night. We will always be cheaper. If not, we'll make up the difference."

Managed by Services, the center carries rental items in three different categories - sporting goods, camping and boating supplies, and lawn and garden supplies.

For the boating enthusiast, the center carries boats that range from one-person kayaks to canoes, bass boats and even six-person pontoon boats. Ranging in price from \$8 a day for a canoe to \$65 a day for the pontoon boat, a day at the lake is only a safety class and a stone's throw away.

If fishing is the order of the day, the center also offers fishing equipment and base fishing licenses.

"It doesn't matter if you're active duty, retired,



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Derek Glisson, right, Equipment Loan and Rental Center manager, assists a customer with renting sports equipment. Below, lifejackets are one of many items that can be rented.

Guard, Reserve, civilian employee or a contractor," he said, "if you can come on base, you can use our equipment."

In the sporting arena, Glisson said there are flag football, softball, volleyball, badminton and horseshoe kits available.

For those who would like to till a garden, aerate their lawns or spread some fertilizer, the center offers equipment for those projects as well.

Glisson said there are a couple of ways to make a dollar stretch even farther at the center.

"If you rent a boat or a camper on Friday, and return it on Monday, you don't get charged for Sunday - it's a free day," he said. "We're closed on Sundays, so even if you wanted to return something on Sunday no one would be here to take it in."

He went on to say that if someone rents a camper from the center, and camps at the base's family campground, Outdoor Recreation can discount the price of the camper and the lot rental.

Glisson said the center is able to provide equipment at such low prices because of the volume of rentals and the low overhead.

"We're not mandated to have a high profit margin," he said. "The rental fees pay for the equipment, its upkeep and the five employees' salaries."

"We're taking care of the service members and their families," he added. "That's what it's really all about."

Ray agreed and said the center's new location only improves the employees' ability to do so.

"With the move, we are now in a better location," he said. "That will make it easier for the base population to find and use the center. It also includes a better interior layout for the customer, a covered maintenance area for repairs, and we aren't dependent on weather in getting items repaired and back in the customers' hands."

So, if you're looking for a weekend getaway, Outdoor Recreation may have just what you're looking for.

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.

Resume research and writing

A workshop on Resume Research and Writing is today from 9 a.m. to noon, Building 905, Room 139.

Bundles for babies and infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom. This course is for all active duty Air Force families

preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle that contains a stuffed bear with the AFAS logo and other baby items is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society.

The spouse's connection

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program offers the Spouse's Connection Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Building 945, FSC Annex. Let's "get together" for conversation, laughter, and refreshments. Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Family night bingo will be held Monday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. All kids will receive a prize. Cost is \$3 per game pack.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Tour the World On Us, an Air Force club membership campaign, is underway now through Oct. 31. New and current club members will be eligible to win up to \$5,000 worth of travel vouchers redeemable at ITT. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670 or enlisted club at 926-4515.

Outdoor Recreation 926-6527

Enjoy a gambling getaway in Biloxi,

Miss., Nov. 9 through 12 with Outdoor Adventure. The cost of the trip includes double occupancy for \$175. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required at sign-up. Register by Oct. 10. For more information call 926-6527.

Prism VI Survey

Robins personnel may be receiving a Prism VI survey through the mail. 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 at 926-6662

Smith Community Center 926-2105

A beginners Quilting 101 class will be held starting Sept. 3 for six weeks in

the community center ballroom. Cost is \$55. The class will be held Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Pre-pay is required before class begins. Students are required to bring quilting supplies. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

Teen Center 926-5601

Fitness night at the Youth Center is at 8 p.m.

Wynn Dining 926-6596

An Airmen Appreciation meal is scheduled Wednesday 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.

Strowder wins Women of Color Award for Professional Achievement Category

By Lisa Mathews
lisa.mathews@robins.af.mil

Jimetta Strowder opened a letter at work July 22 and got a surprise. She was informed that she had won the Professional Achievement Category of the Women of Color Award given by Career Communications Group Inc.

The announcement was really a surprise because Strowder, chief of the administrative operations office of the Aircraft Division of the Directorate of Maintenance, had not known she was being nominated. Doug Keene, deputy chief of the division, had sent in the nomination package in April.

"When I opened the letter and learned I had won this award I was ecstatic," Strowder said.

"It's nice to work for an organization that thinks enough of you to submit you for this type of award. Just having a management chain that allows you to exemplify abilities that bring something to the organization each day in a supportive manner is great," she added.

In his letter accompanying the nomination package, Keene wrote,

"It's nice to work for an organization that thinks enough of you to submit you for this type of award. Just having a management chain that allows you to exemplify abilities that bring something to the organization each day in a supportive manner is great."

Jimetta Strowder
Chief of the administrative operations office, Aircraft Division, Directorate of Maintenance

"(Strowder) is frequently given short-notice taskings, and she approaches each assignment with enthusiasm and an optimistic attitude that is unmatched in today's work force.

"She is a hands-on manager, never

reluctant to roll up her sleeves and do whatever is required to get the job done," he continued.

Keene also wrote, "She serves as a positive role model for aspiring young women, mentoring and guiding on a personal, spiritual and professional level. I cannot think of a woman in my work place or community who is more deserving of such recognition."

Strowder said because she was nominated and chosen without her knowledge, the award is even more special. She explained that for a supervisor to care enough about her work to go to the trouble to nominate her for the award, and to keep it secret, was amazing to her.

"I am extremely pleased that Jimetta was selected as a winner for the Professional Achievement Category for the Women of Color Award. She has been extremely valuable to the Aircraft Division and has been a major contributor to our organization," Keene said.

Strowder will travel to Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12 and 13, to attend the third annual Young Scientists and Women of Achievement Luncheon where she will be recognized.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jimetta Strowder takes a break from her job as chief of the administrative operations office of the Aircraft Division in the Directorate of Maintenance. She recently received the Professional Achievement Category of the Women of Color Award.

HONOR ROLL

Barbara Johnson, WR-ALC/LEAAD, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category II (GS-11 - GS-13 Non Supervisory), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2003.



Johnson

William (Bill) Mitchell, WR-ALC/LEAAA, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category III (Supervisor), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2003.



Mitchell



U.S. Air Force photo

The F-15 Automatic Test Systems Item Management Team, WR-ALC/LEACC, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category IV (Team), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2003. From left to right are: Bill Haberin, Phyllis Outler and Pete Rodriguez.

The U.S. Department of Labor inducted **Senior Master Sgt. George Hirner** of the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command civil engineer directorate into the 2003 Job Corps Hall of Fame July 23.

As a full-time Active Guard and Reserve reservist, Hirner serves as both the command aerospace expeditionary force functional area manager for civil engineering and the civil engineering command deployment manager. In this capacity, he is responsible for coordinating all levels of the command and acts as the point of contact for the command in these areas with his counterparts in active-duty major commands. He oversees the deploying of Reserve civil engineers to

annual tour training worldwide, Innovative Readiness Training construction project opportunities in the United States, which benefit Native Americans and other nonprofit organizations, Silver Flag training exercises, and heavy equipment operator training at regional sites.

Instituted in 1986, the Alpha Award is presented to former Job Corps members

for overall lifetime achievements. Hirner's selection was based on his involvement in the Job Corps from 1965 to 1967, his military service, which includes tours in the Navy, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve and his current position at Headquarters AFRC, civilian employment, career achievements, community service, and church and youth group service including the Boy Scouts of America.

Hirner hopes to advance to the rank of chief master sergeant before he retires from the Air Force Reserve. Hirner has also retired from his civilian job at Bethlehem Steel Corp.



Hirner

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SGLI beneficiary designations should be kept up-to-date

By taking some time to consider and name specific Servicemember's Group Life Insurance beneficiaries, members can avoid potential problems and exercise the power to control how this benefit is paid.

Members must periodically review and update beneficiary designations to ensure they continue to reflect their intentions.

SGLI is a contract between the member and the insurance provider. It's not controlled by the terms of a will or by a state's laws for distributing property in the event of death without a will.

By failing to name beneficiaries, a member gives up control of the disposition of as much as \$250,000.

Members have used the term "by law" to identify beneficiaries. This designation creates a significant risk of payments to unintended beneficiaries, of delays in payments, and of litigation by persons claiming the member intended they receive the SGLI proceeds or attempting to include themselves within the class covered by the term "by law."

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Falcons football team is primed to finish what it started last season

By Master Sgt. Tim Barela

Airmen Magazine

Entering his 20th season as the Air Force Academy Falcons head football coach, Fisher DeBerry is one victory away from 150 wins as coach of the cadets. It's a safe bet that victory will come early in the 2003 season.

But if there's one thing DeBerry has learned, it's to take nothing for granted.

Take last season for instance. Most prognosticators figured the Falcons wouldn't make much of a ripple. Coming off a disappointing 6-6 season in 2001, they were learning a new defense, starting a new quarterback, and were the youngest team in the nation with only seven starters returning.

The soothsayers were right in one respect. The Falcons didn't make a ripple; they made a wave.

They rode that wave to a 6-0 start and a national ranking of No. 15, before losing their momentum in a loss to No. 7 Notre Dame. The Falcons finished the season with an 8-5 record, a berth in the San Francisco Bowl and their sixth straight commander in chief's trophy by beating both Army and Navy.

Now as they enter the 2003 season, there are many indications this could be a special year for the Falcons.

■ They're coming off a respectable season that exceeded most people's expectations, and the 17 returning starters are the most in DeBerry's long tenure as coach.

■ They have a favorable schedule. Only three of the 12 teams they'll face this year had winning records last year (Colorado State, 10-4; North Texas, 8-5; and Division I-AA school Wofford, 9-3).

■ Quarterback Chance Harridge now has a year under his belt as a starter and is coming off a year that saw him set an NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Wright

Quarterback Chance Harridge raises his arms in celebration after throwing a touchdown pass during a 52-9 win against Brigham Young University. The 41-point spread was the second largest margin of victory during the 2002 season. The Falcons finished the year with an 8-5 record.

quarterback with 22.

■ Nearly the entire offensive line is returning, which may end up being the most important factor since most games are won in the trenches.

■ They now have a year's experience with the new defense.

"We obviously got off to a good start last year, but we didn't finish the way we anticipated," DeBerry said. "[In] the last two games we played, we ended the games inside the 5-yard line. So we need to learn how to finish games."

The team's motto this year is "Unfinished Business."

While expectations are high for the 2003 season, DeBerry knows successful seasons are never given. They have to be taken.

"We surprised some people last year, so they'll be more ready for us this time," he said. "We have a solid nucleus to build upon, and there's no substitute for play-

ing experience. So we just need to work hard, put it all together and finish strong."

Harridge will lead the offense in a potent attack they call the multiple option. Using this approach, Air Force averaged 307.8 yards rushing last year to win the school's first national rushing title.

Additionally, Harridge set an NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 22 and finished the season with 1,229 rushing yards to lead the team. The quarterback also became the 16th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for at least 1,000 yards each in a season. If he accomplishes that feat again this year, he will be only the second NCAA quarterback in history to do it two seasons in a row.

Complementing Harridge will be a stable of running backs that has DeBerry excited. "We're very deep at the halfback and fullback positions."

While rushing was an obvious strength, DeBerry said the team will need to improve its passing attack. Harridge completed 44 percent of his passes last year, which is "not that good," according to DeBerry.

Another weakness could be depth at quarterback. Right now the coach feels no one has stepped up and taken the backup quarterback job. That position was still a question mark at press time.

The defensive system, a 3-3-5 employed last season, made some strides, but is still a work in progress. In 2001, the Falcons allowed 32.2 points per game. That average dropped to 23.3 last year. If the defense continues to mature and evolve to complement its high-powered offense, the team will be in good shape.

However, the defense already suffered a major blow when its all-conference linebacker and leading tackler, sophomore Anthony Schlegel, transferred to Ohio State, the 2002 national champions. It will be hard to replace his 118 tackles.

Perhaps the biggest loss, though, was at defensive back, where the team lost three starters.

"Teams will target us," said senior cornerback and defensive captain Jeff Overstreet. "We'll look to have another fast start, but not let what happened last year happen again."

Special teams should be strong, starting with an outstanding kicking game.

Joey Ashcroft returns as the starting place-kicker. He finished last season 16 of 18 on field goal attempts. That strong showing made him a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award.

The Falcons also pride themselves on being able to cripple their opponents' kicking game. The team has blocked 79 kicks since 1990 to rank second nationally in that department.

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 until each league is filled.

■ 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 per person is \$99 and includes eight hours of instruc-

tion, free-range punch cards and three golfing experiences. Register now for fall classes. For details call 926-4103.

■ Dogfight Thursdays are \$3 per person plus normal fees. For more information, the Pine Oaks Pro Shop at 926-4103 or 923-7334.

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 at ITT 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 per person.

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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Wiccan Warriors study group

Wiccan Warriors will meet for a study group Monday at 7 p.m. at the Touch Of Magic on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carl Samples, Deacon SWC, Wiccan Warriors, at 256-6282.

Operation Save-A-Child program

The 11th annual Operation Save-A-Child program will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Base Clinic and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Robins Elementary School.

The program, sponsored by the 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and the Robins School System, offers a "one-stop" shopping concept for the following services: 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 more information, call Capt. Justine Tompkins at 327-8080 or Diane Betz at 327-8053.

Air Force Reserve Band performs free concert

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 more than 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 7 p.m. in the Vistascope Theater in the Eagle Building. Admission is free. Southern Aire will perform Monday. For more information, call Tonya McClure at the Museum of Aviation at 926-6870.

Robins Quarterly Awards ceremony

The Robins Quarterly Awards ceremony, hosted by Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Center commander, will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Show your unit's spirit and pride; come and join us in recognizing and congratulating our outstanding nominees and winners for the second quarter. For more information, contact WR-ALC/CCC at 926-0792.

ASMC Middle Georgia chapter luncheon

The ASMC Middle Georgia Chapter August luncheon will be Tuesday at 11:30 at Luna Lodge. The cost is \$7.50 for members, \$8.50 for non-members. Lynn Irvine, from the Employee Assistance Program Office Program, will present a program on stress management. To buy tickets, contact Kathy Piper 327-1410, Janet Herndon at 926-6713 or Betty Enge at 926-5485. Tickets must be purchased by today.

Women's Equality Day luncheon

The Women's Equality Day luncheon, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Committee, will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the

Enlisted Club. Mary Therese, WMAZ-TV anchor and reporter, will be the speaker. The celebration of Women's Equality Day commemorates women's right to vote. This year marks the 83rd anniversary of the 19th Amendment. For more information, call Jeanette McElhane 926-0856.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion ceremony will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Vistascope Theater. 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. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia or Senior Airman Jessica R. Jackson at 926-0792.

OSC bowling league

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

AFMC Family Day

Aug. 29 has been designated as family day. Commanders may authorize non-chargeable leave to non-

mission military essential personnel. Civilian employees who aren't mission essential can take annual leave, compensatory time or leave without pay.

Legal Assistance office closing

The Legal Assistance office will be closed Aug. 29 in recognition of Family Day. If you have any questions or need further assistance, call Lori Fox at 926-3961 ext. 109.

MPF closing

The Military Personnel Flight will be closed Aug. 29 in observance of AFMC Family Day. The MPF will resume normal business hours Sept. 2 at 7:30 a.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The second annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by Warner Robins Memorial Post 6605 and Auxiliary of the VFW, will be held Sept. 2 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Post Home, 1011 Corder Rd., in the ballroom (bingo room). Appointments are not necessary but are encouraged. Members of the Middle Georgia Stallions will be available for autographs, and, while supplies last, Sept. 11 Memorial Buddy Poppies will be given out. For more information, call Gary L. Hudgens at 923-8723.

Air Show and Open House child care

Child care will be available for those detailed to work the Air Show and Open House weekend. Cost is \$3 per hour, per child with a \$6 non-refundable deposit. Reservations should be made by Sept. 2 by contacting the Family Child Care

Coordinator at 926-6741.

CLEP testing changes

The CLEP, or College-Level Examination Program, general English composition with essay will be withdrawn early in October. This will be the last opportunity to take this test. Since this test requires special ordering, at least four weeks prior to administration of the exam; any military personnel needing to take this CLEP test must contact the appointment personnel in the Base Education Office, by Sept. 4. Also, several CLEP general and subject tests will not be available after Nov. 24, therefore, plan now for completion of the following exams: CLEP generals: Natural science, College mathematics, English composition; CLEP subjects: Principles of accounting, College level Spanish language, History of U.S. I, and History of U.S. II. For more information, stop by the Education and Training Office, Building 905, Room 113, or call Cathy Touey at 327-7322

Thunderbirds' practice

The USAF Thunderbirds will be practicing Sept. 5 from 4 to 5 p.m. Traffic will not be allowed to enter or exit on Beale Road. All traffic will be directed to the west side of the runway (Gate 1 and Green Street). Beale Road will also be closed for certain periods Sept. 6 and 7 during their air show performance. If you have any questions, contact Master Sgt. Edward L. Glover or 1st Lt. Keith Quick at 926-6410.

Hispanic Heritage Month Observations luncheon

The Hispanic Heritage

Month Observations luncheon will be Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez will be the keynote speaker. For more information, call Joshua Peacock at 926-5485.

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. Participants will launch their rockets Saturday morning. Afterwards, there will be shuttle service over to the Robins 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. Registration forms and acceptance letters will be sent to the applicants of the academy. The lock-in starts at 6 p.m. For questions or registration forms, contact Martha Lockhart, Starbase Robins, Museum of Aviation, at 926-1769.

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.

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All in a day's work



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■ Vernie Browning ■ Cashier - Robins Commissary

"I work full time, 40 hours a week, Tuesday through Saturday. I've been here 20 years. I tried another job for about four months once, but I came back to be a cashier. We stay pretty busy most all the time, and when it gets crowded you just have to go along with it.

I like people. I've met a lot of different people, lots of friends. I enjoy seeing my regular customers. I've also seen a lot of people come and go.

I just enjoy my work very much."

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Mark your calendars!

Tuesday – 19th Air Refueling Group will host the Robins Air Force Base Single Airman's Dinner at the base chapel at 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 29 – Air Mobility Command down day

Sept. 6 and 7 – Robins Air Force Base air show, featuring a fly-by with the 19th ARG's KC-135 aircraft.

Farewell

The 19th ARG bids farewell to Lt. Col. Tim Rose, Master Sgt. Mihae Brown and Lt. Col. Joe Rohret. The entire Black Knights team will miss them.

Promotions

19th Operations Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. George Thomas

Staff Sergeant Selectees

19th Operations Support Squadron
Natalie J. Dunn
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Thomas W. Lambert
Demon L. Laurie
Amy Marie Mackey
James C. Parrish
Eddie B. Ross
Joshua S. Yeager

19th Maintenance Squadron
David J. Pierce

Award Recipient

Master Sgt. Chris Campbell, of the 19th Operations Support Squadron, received the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Month Award, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

News brief submission guidelines

Anyone interested in submitting news briefs or story ideas can contact Holly Logan by e-mail at holly.logan@robins.af.mil. Since space is limited, briefs will be printed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Black Knights receiving a new home



U.S. Air Force photo illustration

The new 15,827 square foot Operations Building is scheduled for completion by fall 2004. The facility, to be located adjacent to Building 2079, will bring the 19th Air Refueling Group staff, 99th Air Refueling Squadron and most of the 19th OSS under one roof.

New Operations Building to open late 2004

By 2nd Lt. Edward E. Woodward
99th Air Refueling Squadron

Army Corps of Engineers, is scheduled for completion by fall 2004.

What started out as a work order request for new facilities has turned into the \$7.8 million-dollar project to build the Black Knights' new Operations Building.

The new 15,827 square foot building, designed and architecturally engineered by Atlanta-based architectural design firm, The Pond & Company, and coordinated with Air Mobility Command headquarters, the 78th Civil Engineering Group and the

Lt. Col. Michael S. Smith, 19th Operations Support Squadron commander, said the new facility, to be located adjacent to Building 2079, will bring the 19th Air Refueling Group staff, 99th Air Refueling Squadron and most of the 19th OSS under one roof.

"Having this building will bring the Group's buildings up to the Black Knights' standard of excellence," he

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Sports program helps Knights stay in shape

By 2nd Lt. Michael Irwin
19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The 19th Air Refueling Group's Intramural Sports program is helping Black Knights stay fit to fight.

To help reinforce U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper's improved fitness program to begin January 2004, Black Knights are encouraged to participate in the 19th Air Refueling Group's Intramural Sports program.

According to recent Air Force statistics, more than 400 a year face separation from service due to poor physical levels. But Black Knights are working to lower that number by getting fit and staying fit.

Col. Raymond J. Rottman, 19th ARG commander, said physical fitness is not only a priority for Jumper - it's a priority of the Black Knights.

"From the top down, the importance of physical fitness is being re-enforced throughout the Air Force," he said. "Our Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, stresses the importance physical fitness as an essential element of our warrior culture ... The bottom line about intramural sports is they're fun - they keep us fit - and by doing so they help us complete our mission."

Staff Sgt. Derrick Bennett, a jet engineer specialist with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said it's time Black Knights step up to the challenge of staying in shape.

"Intramurals help you stay in shape year-round," he said. "Intramurals develop cohesiveness among our unit. When I came in [service], I thought everyone would be in shape. It's important. I know if I weren't in shape, I'd have a much more difficult time in my chemical gear."

Airman 1st Class Roman Montalvo, 19th AMXS crew chief, agreed.

"This new program will help bring people out to the intramural sports and gym that don't necessarily have good enough motivation to do it on their own," he said. "Besides, it will give them a chance to meet other people they may not have otherwise ever met."

While some may view the U.S. Air Force's fitness program as the easiest among all branches of service, Jumper's fitness program will give the Air Force's fitness program a complete overhaul, by

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U.S. Air Force photo

Members of the 737th Training Group at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, get fit to fight by participating in a physical fitness program.

Diary from the deployed

Master Sgt. Anthony Wallace shares his war experience

By Master Sgt. Anthony Wallace
19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

If you are in the Air Force, chances are you will deploy sometime in your career, and if you are lucky enough to be a Black Knight in the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron - chances are you will deploy more than most.

Some of us deploy to exotic places with little flying to keep us busy, while others travel to places that experience a high operations tempo in somewhat austere conditions. Chances are no deployment will be as busy, as confusing, or as exciting as the one my fellow Black Knights and I just returned from.

This deployment began as many do. The excitement to get underway is accompanied by the uncertainty of what adventures and obstacles lay ahead. Our unit anticipated this particular deployment for a couple weeks. Even with the preparation and extensive training for deploying, getting the execution order for such a deployment still causes a thrill among the troops. Upon receiving the final word to go, our unit performed flawlessly. The transition to replace the Tennessee Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom was a success mainly due to the professionalism and outstanding training of our troops. Because of the level of our capability, the Tennessee Guard unit was able to leave two days ahead of schedule, leaving the Black Knights to accomplish OEF refueling missions.

In the first two weeks, we flew 31 missions and offloaded 1.5 million pounds of fuel. All was accomplished while we awaited orders to perform our ultimate mission to aid Special Operations Forces in opening the Northern Front in Iraq.

Those orders came one morning well before sunrise; however, they were not the orders we were expecting. Accomplishing the new orders was how the Black Knights made the impossible look easy. Not only did we still have to support OEF, but we also had to pack up the entire squadron and move to a classified location outside of Turkey. Still not good enough? We had to do this within 36 hours! At first, it



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Raymond J. Rottman, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, greets returning military members Friday.

seemed like an impossible tasking, but again, the extensive training and high level of professionalism found in every Black Knight allowed for this mission to be accomplished in record time. We packed up and were ready to go 24 hours ahead of schedule! Upon recovering the last three OEF missions, we left for our new location. Within 27 hours after receiving our orders, we generated the last three aircraft and joined the rest of the team at the classified location. After our arrival, we learned that within 12 hours the Black Knights would be flying their first combat sortie of the war. And, so, another Black Knight feat was entered into the record book. As our acting commander would later say, "We made the impossible look easy."

Through constant communication between the Operations Support Squadron and maintenance supervision, our team of outstanding professionals was able to accomplish an amazing feat of 319 combat missions, offloading over 13 million pounds of fuel. All this was done while maintaining an unbelievable 99 percent mission effectiveness rate. Furthermore, we led Air Mobility Command with the highest KC-135R aircraft maintenance effectiveness rate for the months of March and April.

Following the air campaign, we all thought we would be heading home for some well deserved rest. However, duty called once again, and the Black Knights rose to the challenge. Supervision feared that morale would plummet once the unit found out that it would be the last to leave the classified location. Remaining mission oriented, the professionals of the 19th Air Refueling Group met this challenge head on. We maintained the same pride and excitement about the mission until the very end.

Eventually, we packed everything up and got out of town just as flawlessly as we had left Turkey. All of our aircraft performed magnificently. We overcame a few small problems without missing a beat. We were the last ones to leave the classified location. We carried all our personnel and equipment, but left behind a ton of pride and a job well done. The 401st Expeditionary Operations Group commander expressed her amazement at the level of our professionalism and "how easy" we made the impossible look.

We successfully made it to our third location ahead of schedule without any problems. Most people would expect a temporary tour of duty of this

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A round of inspections slated for early fall, winter

By Maj. Carey Lee
99th Air Refueling Group

The 19th Air Refueling Group will put its initial response ability to the test, and participate in Robins' Ability to Survive and Operate Operational Readiness Exercise in early October and mid-February 2004.

Under Lt. Col. Ed Sienkiewicz, chief, 19th ARG

inspections office, inspections, the Group will embark on an aggressive exercise and inspection schedule to sharpen its war-time skills.

In October, along with other exercises, the Group will participate in Global Guardian, an annual exercise testing the command and control procedures of the entire nuclear triad. The Group will set up operations in the old Strategic Air

Command Alert Facility, and every facet of KC-135 operations, from recalling personnel to preparing aircraft for immediate launch, will be exercised.

In applying Gen. George S. Patton's philosophy of "make your plans fit the circumstances," both exercises will be geared toward training Black Knights to survive and operate in a nuclear, chemical and biological

environment.

"We're willing to pay top-dollar for our victory through our demanding training, exercise and inspection regime - for defeat is not an option," said Lt. Col. Michael Smith, 19th Operations Support Squadron commander.

In late June and mid-July, two additional OREs will take place in preparation for an Air Mobility Command inspector general initial

response inspection at the end of July 2004.

During these exercises, Robins should expect to see people performing their duties in chemical gear, as they simulate a contaminated environment, and test their proper response to enemy attacks.

Lt. Col. Creg Paulk, 99th Air Refueling Squadron commander, said while exercises may create a sore spot for

some, they are a necessity in keeping our forces ready for battle.

"Exercise and inspections may seem a little inconvenient when you're in the midst of one, but the foundation and habit patterns they provide are invaluable in times of crisis," he said. "We owe it to our airmen to best prepare them for any eventuality. That's part of taking care of our people."

From the round table



NAME: Tech. Sgt. Thomas Rice
ORGANIZATION: 99th ARS
AFSC: Q1A071
DUTY TITLE: Evaluator Boom Operator
TAFMSD: APRIL 5, 1989
MARITAL STATUS: Married
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 1
GOALS: Complete my degree and be the best father I can be for my son.
PERSONAL QUOTE: "It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny."



NAME: Amn Charles Maston
ORGANIZATION: 19th OSS
AFSC: 2G031
DUTY TITLE: Group Deployments Assistant
TAFMSD: July 9, 2002
MARITAL STATUS: Single
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
GOALS: To get my master's degree in architecture or mechanical engineering and to be a productive member in the Air Force.
PERSONAL QUOTE: "Don't dismiss your dreams ... to be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose."



NAME: Senior Airman Sarah Hughes
ORGANIZATION: 19th AMXS
AFSC: 2A651C
DUTY TITLE: Unit Deployment Manager
TAFMSD: Dec. 13, 2000
MARITAL STATUS: Single
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
GOALS: To finish my nursing degree through Georgia Military College and Macon State University.
FAVORITE QUOTE: "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - Mark Twain



NAME: Airman 1st Class William Dover
ORGANIZATION: 19th MXS
AFSC: 2A531C
DUTY TITLE: Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice
TAFMSD: Sept. 10, 2002
MARITAL STATUS: Married
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
GOALS: Bachelor's, officer training school and then pilot.
FAVORITE QUOTE: "I can do all things, through Christ which strengthens me."
- Philippians 4:13

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said. "I'm excited to explore the possibilities that our new facility will offer."

Black Knights in the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will remain at their current location, Hangar 2066.

The work order that began the multi-million dollar project initially went without funding, until AMC allotted 2002 budget resources to finance the building's construction.

According to Aubrey Abrams, construction company project manager, the building's structural steel frame and an exterior skin of brick veneer over concrete masonry was included in the construction, keeping force protection in mind.

"Force protection was a major consideration when designing this building," he said. "It will be set back 25 meters from the parking area, and there will be a secure access drive with drop gates, bollard sleeves and card control access. The complex will even be braced for seismic protection."

Tips for having a safe summer's end

Labor Day weekend marks the end of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign - but by following these tips, it doesn't have to be your last.

Driving

■ Don't overextend your weekend - Excessive speed will only increase the risk for accident. Plan your trip so that you will have adequate time to reach your destination.

■ Inspect your vehicle - Check fluid levels tires, brakes and hoses. Don't let a blown tire or brake failure wreck your weekend.

■ Rest up - Don't let fatigue turn you into a victim of highway hypnosis. Get plenty of rest before getting behind the wheel.

■ Don't drink and drive - It's never a good idea to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kind. Drugs, including alcohol, can inhibit clear thinking and send a person on a detour to death.

■ Drive defensively - Be aware of your surroundings - and watch out for other drivers.

■ Secure your family's safety - Always wear your seatbelt, and make sure children are secured using age and weight appropriate car seats. Remember, even a short drive to the store has potential for mishap. Always remember to 'click it.'

Boating

■ Staying afloat - Always wear approved personal flotation devices when aboard a watercraft or swimming. Don't let your summer splash end with a sinking feeling this Labor Day weekend.

■ Water and alcohol don't mix - The same alertness needed for safe vehicle operation is also necessary for safe fun on the water.

■ Follow established safety procedures for watercraft usage, and be sure to check the weather forecast before heading out on the water. Storms can make water fun an electrifying experience in a bad way.

Swimming

■ Don't go in alone - Swimming with a partner is more fun and safer for both.

■ Know your physical limitations - Only you know how long and far you can stay above water. Recognize your limits before you pass them.

■ Know what you're getting into - It's important to know the depth of water before taking a dive.

Biking and Roller-blading

■ Stay protected - Wear approved safety equipment to make sure your ride is fun and safe.

■ Road rules - Follow traffic laws.

Award winners



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Major Phil Frazetta, Senior Airman Lyndi Carney, Capt. Waynetta R. Gentry and 1st Lt. Clint Bremner (not pictured), all members of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, received the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Team Award, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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length and nature to be an unpleasant experience. However, the remarkable professionalism our airman demonstrated and the outstanding communication we kept among the entire team made this one of the best deployments I have ever experienced.

I recently asked Airman 1st Class Charles Dalton, one of the new airmen in our squadron, what he thought of this deployment.

"Being a new airman deployed in support of OEF and OIF was a great experience," he said. "When I joined the Air Force, my goals were to travel a lot and hopefully serve my country in a war, and in this trip I got to do both. My squadron traveled to three different countries and proudly supported the war to the best of our abilities. The conditions were pretty rough, but not as rough as it

could have been. The amount of skill I learned for my job in the time we were deployed was tremendous. I received so much training not only in my job but in other career fields as well. I learned just how vital everyone is to the mission and how we are all tied together. Teamwork is definitely the key. The fact that we were helping protect our country and help free the people of another country made this deployment worthwhile. I can now proudly join the ranks of the others who have faithfully served in fighting for what is right."

Dalton's views are widely shared by many of the dedicated professionals in the 19th Air Refueling Group who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We were part of an historic event and "we made the impossible look easy." I am truly proud to say I was part of the Black Knight team. Once a Black Knight, always a Black Knight.

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taking a "back to basics" approach, including, running, sit-ups and push-ups.

As part of the new program, active duty members will run and perform push-ups and sit-ups - while basic training military members will perform crunches, leg lifts, push-ups, flutter kicks and pull-ups, along with a weekly 2-mile run.

Col. Sharon Dunbar, the 737th Training Group commander at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, said fitness should be considered part of the war fighter's lifestyle.

"We're showing them that fitness is as much a lifestyle as it is an operational necessity," she said.

Intramural sports can be demanding, but without an active lifestyle and regular workouts, it may not be enough to keep airmen in shape.

Under the new physical fitness program, airmen would experience a six-day exercise regiment that includes, three days of aerobic activity and three days of muscular endurance training.

Bottom line - the Black Knights are leading the way in providing tanker support. Now, it's time to make fitness a priority as well.



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