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MPF extends  
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The Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. 905 will issue Common Access Cards on a first-come, first-served basis Monday through Sept. 26.

The office will issue the cards to those that haven't received them yet.

Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the period.

Retirees and dependents won't be issued common access cards. The military personnel office will issue CACs on a walk-in basis Sept. 29 and 30 during regular office hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

Contact master Sgt. Tammy Brown at 327-7370 or Master Sgt Lee at 327-7361 for more information.

End-of-year  
retirement  
procedures  
explained

Employees planning to retire the end of December through the beginning of January 2004, need to call their servicing Retirement Specialists soon.

Once retirement specialists are notified, employees will be provided a complete retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session.

Employees must bring their completed package to the session.

Due to a large influx of retirements at this time each year, all retirement group sessions for the end-of-year retirements will be scheduled Nov. 5 through 26.

To have your retirement application ready for one of the sessions, employees need to notify their retirement specialists no later than Oct. 15.

In submitting applications by this date, everyone is ensured ample time to process the retirement applications, greatly reducing the chances of a delay in retirement pay.

For more information, contact your organization's Retirement Specialist at 9265-307.

They are Ms. Vickie Lacey, Ms. Cheri Coklow and Ms. Delores Stephens.

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Robins Air Force Base,

## Center hosts Isabel evacuees

### Hurricane sends 30 helicopters, two presidential support planes to Robins

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As Hurricane Isabel stormed her way toward

North Carolina, the first wave of 30 Marine helicopters left New River, N.C., Tuesday bound for the safety of Robins Air Force Base two-and-a-half hours away.

Two Robins-bound Presidential support aircraft – a 747 and a 757 – from Andrews Air Force Base,

Md., arrived the next day.

"It's going off like clockwork," Jim "JR" Rhodes, chief of airfield management, reported Tuesday after he greeted the first H-53 crews to arrive.

The Marines are from four squadrons of Marine Air Groups from New River fly-

ing the H-46, H-53s, AH-1 and H-1s. About 150 crewmembers were expected from the helicopter and aircraft support units. They expect to be in Warner Robins until Friday.

Their safe haven and the series of events storms like Isabel trigger are detailed in a

base hurricane reception and evacuation plan -- the responsibility of the 78th Air Base Wing's Plans and Programs Office. The plan takes in several different elements of the 78th - airfield, billeting, transportation, fuels

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Crew members ready the U-2 "Dragon Lady" for its departure from Robins Sept. 9. The aircraft was here as part of the Open House and Air Show. Below, Col. Joe Chang, director of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate, has a word with Lt. Col. Nils Larson.

## Touch the Dragon

By Lanorris Askew  
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At 48-years old, the U-2 "Dragon Lady" is still in her prime and holding a steady reign as queen in the court of manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms.

During a royal visit to Robins for the recent Open House and Air Show, she allowed thousands of aviation buffs to sneak a peak at her sleek black frame.

Bob Perraut, U-2 F118-101 Engine Program Manager, said having one of the aircraft that he and other Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance directorate personnel work for was a rare event.



Although Robins manages the U-2, none are operated out of the base, and the air show was as close as some employees have ever gotten to it.

"We have a complete cadre of support personnel

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## Military motorcycle fatalities increasing

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Figures don't lie, and right now, statistics are saying that motorcycle fatalities are on the rise.

In fact, according to Bill Morrow, Center Safety Office safety and occupational health specialist here, during this year's

101 Critical Days of Summer, motorcycle-related deaths in the Air Force more than doubled, rising from seven last year to 15 so far this year.

During the 2001 campaign, only three motorcycle fatalities occurred over the 101 Days.

And it's speed, night driving and the lack of experience - not alcohol - that are the main culprits, he said.

"Automobile accidents have gone down slightly, with speed and alcohol as major contributing factors," he said, "but there's just no explanation for the increase in motorcycle accidents."

Morrow said the Defense Department started officially training motorcyclists in

### What to know

Motorcyclists who need to take the motorcycle safety course can contact the Center Safety Office at 926-6271 or visit the Safety Office Web site on the Robins homepage.



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## Austria to Robins, employee chases American Dream

By Lanorris Askew  
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Andy Gross may not be the most famous Austrian to ever grace America's shores, but he's definitely in the running as one of the most interesting at Robins.

From his humble beginnings living in a refugee camp in Salzburg, Austria, to becoming a National Football League offensive guard for the New York Giants, the 57-year-old Robins employee has quite a story to tell.

Today he works to continuously improve Robins and its way of doing business in the Center's Transformation office, but 57 years ago he was in a whole different world.

According to Gross, his parents and siblings were in the process of fleeing Romania during the war with Russia when his mother went into labor. Luckily they were able to get a room for a few hours and he was born just miles from their destination, a nearby refugee camp.

For the next four years, Gross and his family lived in that camp.

Crowded conditions weren't favorable, but their one-time home was now a dangerous place to be.

When he was four years old, the family finally got the chance to come



Gross

to America. Sponsored by an aunt who married an American soldier, they jumped at the chance, entered the country and set up residence in Elizabeth, N.J., where Gross lived until he received an athletic scholarship to play football for Auburn University.

Majoring in industrial engineering, Gross received his degree and began his first job.

But it wasn't with an engineering firm, it was with the New York Giants football team.

"It was a fun job but back then it was not a very highly-paid job," he said. "This was before there was a player's association, and before players had agents. At that time,

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Courtesy photo

Andy Gross, who works in the Robins transformation office, played for the New York Giants.

Robins 3-day forecast  
Today Partly cloudy



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Saturday Partly cloudy



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Sunday Partly cloudy



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## U-2S

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here who keep the airplane flying day-to-day," he said. "Not often do they get to go out and see one. So, to bring one in here and allow all of the workers and their families to see it was very special indeed."

What was once a top-secret weapon, famed for its top-notch surveillance capabilities, is now a whole new bird, which still has the might to strike fear in the hearts of the enemy.

Jim Cheeley, Lockheed Martin U-2 program deputy director, said the U-2S is a different aircraft than the one people remember from the Gary Powers days.

"The U-2 today is 40 percent larger and is the only high-altitude multi-sensor aircraft that collects reconnaissance flying today," he said.

According to Cheeley many of the air show's aviation buffs weren't aware the aircraft was still flying.

"We let them know the aircraft is still here, and seven days a week there's a U-2 flying somewhere in the world," he said.

Perraut said the U-2 has undergone several upgrades in the past to include a new engine, upgraded electrical power system as well as a new glass cockpit more technologically advanced than any other current aircraft.

"Over the last 15 years the Air Force has invested \$1.4 billion into the U-2 to upgrade the aircraft and it's being utilized out there today with all of the new sensors," he said.

The first production run of the U-2, then a top-secret aircraft, was in the 1950s, which created a fleet of 55 planes. The second production run was completed in the 60s. The final run took place in the 1980s with the final aircraft leaving the production line in 1989.

"It's relatively a new aircraft," said Cheeley. "An aircraft structural integrity program was done on the U-2S that found that the actual airframe of the aircraft has another 50 years of life left so the aircraft is definitely capable of flying for a long time."

### The Robins connection

Perraut said the ISR directorate at Robins handles the program management, sustainment and the upgrade of the sensors and aircraft which includes modern avionics, improved data-links, better fiber-optic electronics, and the new General Electric F-118-101 engine

"We were the package deal that managed and upgraded the airplane," he said. "A lot of planned effort goes into upgrading the technology on this aircraft and we've taken every advantage to build off of that to get to the additional capabilities the users and war fighters are asking for."

### Not your father's U-2

The role of the U2S has greatly expanded

from the days when it was just a 1950s picture taking reconnaissance platform.

"Two major upgrades were made during the 1960s production run," he said.

Known for its ability to capture crystal-clear film images brought back after flying missions, the old U-2 had to have its film processed, developed, analyzed and interpreted by intelligence specialists. Though that capability still exists, the U-2S has upgraded sensors and the ability to download data in real time via satellite to multiple ground stations located around the world, which transmit the data directly to war fighters.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Lt. Col. Nils Larson, U-2S pilot, suits up with the assistance of Joe Johnson. U-2S pilots wear pressurized suits to protect them at high altitudes.

### Suiting up

A ride in a U-2S is the ride of a lifetime, but a ride that has its dangers.

Nick Patel, flight test engineer, explained that the pilot of the U-2S must wear a pressure suit much like NASA astronauts because the plane flies at such high altitudes.

"Divers have the same problem," he said. "Nitrogen bubbles expand and contract in the body causing them to have the bends. So prior to flight the pilot pre-breathes oxygen so he won't have the bends or other physiological sickness."

In addition to the pressure suit he must also get his body ready by ingesting a diet high in protein and a lot of water. Food tubes, made by the Gerber Company, are his nourishment while in the air.

When the show was over, Lt. Col. Nils Larson, U-2S pilot, suited up and took her home to Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

The pilot is limited to no more than 14-hour flights, though 10 is the average and permission must be obtained to fly 12 – the five-hour flight to Beale Air Force Base was a breeze for Larson.

## FATALITIES

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the early '80s and there was a long period of time where the number of accidents held constant. But beginning in the early '90s, those numbers began to drop until 2001.

"Last year was the first bad year we've had in about 15 years," he said. "(All the services were showing a decrease in motorcycle fatalities), and then it increased threefold - and it wasn't just the Air Force, all the services saw a spike in the number of motorcycle fatalities."

In an effort to work out some of the bugs in the Air Force Instruction concerning motorcycle riding and safety,

Morrow is attending a motorcycle safety symposium at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., this week.

Morrow said that the purpose of the meeting is to benchmark existing initiatives and explore additional enhancements, while fostering rider responsibility and improving program accountability.

Those in attendance will discuss initiatives and training, behavioral-based mishap causes, and motorcycle mentorship, to name a few.

"The mentoring program would be similar to pilot training where an experienced rider would be paired with an inexperienced rider," he said. "There has been talk about that for a few years."

Retraining after a specific

period of time is another prospect. The United States Air Force Europe recently adopted a three-year renewal for motorcycle safety courses.

Morrow said sports and recreational accidents stayed about the same this year.

Sports and recreational accidents aren't in a vehicle category, but involve activities such as swimming, boating, rock climbing and other outdoor activities.

Water-related fatalities are the third leading cause of fatalities in the Air Force behind the two types of motor vehicle mishaps.

Furthermore, the total number of fatalities for the 101 Critical Days of Summer was up five to 35 from 30 last summer. The total for the year is down 11 from 87 to 76.

## DREAM

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everyone was pretty much on their own to negotiate their own contracts."

Gross' negotiating skills got him a \$2,500 signing bonus and, assuming he made the team, which he did, \$15,000 for his first year's contract. That was 1967.

"I grew up watching the Giants from the time I was in kindergarten until I graduated from high school," he said. "Elizabeth, New Jersey, was Giants country."

From 1967 until 1969 he served as an offensive guard for the team.

"My big distinction at the time was that I was the smallest lineman in pro football," he said. "Even though they listed me as bigger I was 6'0" 220 pounds."

After his three-season stint on the football field, Gross decided to give the health club business a go.

"I opened up my first club in Opelika, Ala.," he said.

At the time health clubs had a bad reputation selling memberships and not living up to the contracts and other things. So to self-regulate that industry a meeting was held in Torrance, Calif.

At that meeting Gross met Arnold Schwarzenegger who had won a few bodybuilding competitions and had an interest in what was going on. The two began talking

about their backgrounds and had a photo made together.

After seven years in the health club business, he wound up back in industrial engineering, which landed him a gig at Robins.

"Of all of the places I have been, Warner Robins has been home," he said. "I have been here longer than any other place and my four children grew up here. They all graduated from Warner Robins High School."

Mirroring the words of famed Russian comedian Yakov Smirnoff, Gross said he loves this country.

"Where else would I have had the chances to do all the things I have done," he asked.

Now he is on the Lean train to success and leader of the Red horse team, tasked with advising various organization on base on how to improve through Lean.

"Lean is one of the most important things that we have done, and it's going to have a lot to do with the future of this base," he said. Arnold taught me to be lean, and that's what we are doing here."

Though he doesn't keep in contact with Schwarzenegger he thinks his chances for being California's next governor are good.

"I think he'll probably win," he said. "He's a good business man and very intelligent. People may think that he is just a body builder who has some great one-liners, but I think he's accumulated some experience and background that will help him do very well in politics."

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

A Marine Corps CH-53E helicopter lands on the flightline at Robins Tuesday afternoon. It was one of 30 aircraft that landed here to avoid Hurricane Isabel. The aircraft evacuated approximately 150 people.

## ISABEL

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operation, security and food - and this time, the 116th Air Control Wing, which offered its former B-1 apron to park the helicopters and its buildings to receive the crews.

Hours before the first helicopters landed, the planners and others including the Robins Command Post, 116th Wing Operations Center and Transient Alert ticked through a list of items evacuations cover. The entire group showed up within an hour's notice.

"We wanted to be sure everyone was reading from the same page," said Theresa Lee, a program analyst with 78th Plans and Programs.

With maps spread out on a long conference table, Rhodes, who works from the 78th Operations Support Squadron's Airfield Operations Flight, traced the traffic flow and discussed landing sequences. The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's transportation representatives already had buses, vans and sedans planned.

They had started a vehicle recall Monday afternoon and received 35 vehicles from 15 units to support the evacuation. Logistics Readiness' fuels operation was ready to refuel the aircraft on arrival. The Services Division had downtown lodging arranged for the most of the more than 180 crew members expected.

Master Sgt. Michele Milush, Robins tower chief controller, said she was there to "provide the best service to those who need us." The tower provided instructions for landing sequences and departure control. She praised the 116th for jumping in with an offer of parking space and use of its facilities - a "great" example of teamwork.

Rhodes said airfield teams planned for arrivals in 30-minute intervals, but knew that schedule changes were probable.

Maj. Jamie Wittmeyer, one of the two pilots flying an H-53 to Robins, said the weather was "beautiful" when they left home and that the trip had been uneventful.

A commercial pilot and Reservist called to active duty because of Operation Iraqi Freedom, said he was glad for the down time at Robins.

"It takes a hurricane to get a day off," he quipped.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Brian Phillips secures the rotors on a CH-53E Sikorsky helicopter Tuesday after arriving at Robins from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

# Three from 5th MOB receive Bronze Star

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Three 51st Combat Communications Squadron senior noncommissioned officers received the Bronze Star Tuesday for their work in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Master Sergeants Robert Burrell, Kevin Kern and Clifford Walton received the medals during a group commander's call at the base theater.

"It's an honor to recognize these three men for what they did," said Col. David Cotton, 5th Combat Communications Group commander. "They did a fantastic job and it's a representation of the great work our folks did."

However, each said teamwork made it possible.

"It's a lifetime achievement, but it's really due to teamwork," Walton said.

Fellow recipient Burrell said he had an excellent crew and Kern added, "we're receiving these medals because of a lot of effort by a lot of



Walton

people."

Although each of the medals varied in content, each showed a clear pattern of leadership during the war in Iraq.

Burrell served as the power production element chief at a classified location in Southwest Asia from Jan. 5 through May 10. Burrell was responsible for all power production and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems supporting command and control communications and air traffic control systems for two air bases in the theater of operations.

He was one of the first to deploy from the group, leaving earlier than the main group to be on a site survey team responsible for establishing a plan to set up communications at the base.

Because his team arrived before the civil engineers, he served as the base lead power production authority, installing and maintaining all the power and HVAC systems.

He led a 52-member flight maintaining more than \$34 million in equipment, and over the course of his stay, the systems had a 99.9

percent operational reliability rating.

Kern was also deployed to a classified location in Southwest Asia, serving as the network control center chief from Jan. 14 through May 10.

Kern was responsible for orchestrating the installation and activation of a new communication hub supporting 75 combat aircraft from two different countries.

He led a 36-person team in distributing communications equipment and cabling over ten square miles of terrain to establish communications that provided coalition war planners, intelligence analysts and combat operation members with real-time data and video feeds.

These included several dozen wartime circuits to other bases in the theater, Europe and the United States.

Kern also implemented a plan to verify more than 400 computers actively connected to the network were loaded with approved software and compliant with Air Force standards.

Walton served as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the

Weather Systems Support Cadre at Camp Doha, Kuwait March 11-May 15. He supervised, directed and prioritized the WSSC, which provided weather equipment support for 21 Coalition Forces Land Component

Command combat weather teams, comprising 125 team members.

His team installed a high-resolution satellite imaging system that strategic and operational weather centers used to provide accurate weather forecasts to weather members in the theater.

Walton also commanded the first WSSC team in Baghdad, installing weather equipment used by Army and Air Force units, and directed the setup of the first tactical weather radar in Iraq. He also helped the Iraqis to rebuild their weather network.



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# 653rd CLSS honors flag at Retreat ceremony

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The soft clicking of metal against metal as fifty flags waved gently in the breeze was the background melody as a mass formation of more than 100 members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron prepared for a show of pride, tradition and respect during a recent Retreat ceremony.

Marking the end of the military day and honoring the American flag as it's lowered, the Retreat ceremony is a time honored tradition steeped with history.

According to Dr. Bill Head, Center chief historian, the Retreat ceremony dates back more than 1,000 years, and has been a part of American military tradition since the beginning of the military itself.

"The Retreat paid homage to comrades who may not have returned from the day's battle," he said.

During the 18th century, Command Retreat was a daily occurrence, not to honor the flag but as a signal for units to call the roll as a final accounting before reveille the following morning. The ceremony remains a tradition in today's military.

Head said like the Tattoo ceremony, Retreat was also a process to retire after a long day and was very important during times of war.

Those who participated in last week's ceremony said they left with a feeling of being a part of something much bigger than themselves.

"It makes you see the big picture," said Staff Sgt. Stanley Scott, aircraft structural maintenance craftsman. "This is a part of my job being a military member. A lot of people come to work, do their job and then go home. They need to know that the upkeep of this tradition is also a part of their job."

Scott said it's also an opportunity to show the younger troops what this tradition is all about.

Although the squadron doesn't have a regular schedule for Retreat, Scott said when they take part in



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Left, the 653rd CLSS marches into position for their Retreat ceremony Aug. 28 in front of Building 125. Below, Staff Sgt. Norberto Loeravaszquez holds the folded flag. The Retreat ceremony dates back more than 1,000 years, and has been a part of American military tradition since the beginning of the military itself.

the ceremony, he feels like part of a big family

Master Sgt. John Petain, superintendent of the commander's support staff agreed.

"It's an opportunity to pay respect to the flag as well as keeping the time honored military tradition alive," he said.

According to an article on [www.dcmilitary.com](http://www.dcmilitary.com), the term Retreat is taken from the French word "Retraite," and refers to the evening ceremony. The bugle call sounded at Retreat was first used in the French Army and dates back to the Crusades. Retreat was sounded at sunset to notify sentries to start challenging approaches until sunrise, as well as to tell the rank and

file to go to their quarters. Today, the observance of Retreat signifies retirement of the colors from the day's activities.

The observance of Retreat required the rendering of some common courtesies by all personnel, including military, civilian employees and civilian guests. The same courtesies apply to Reveille, which is the ceremonial raising of the colors in the morning.

Military in uniform - Face in the direction of the flag (or direction from which the music emanates if flag is not in view), and stand at attention. After the cannon fires and the first note of "To the Colors," render hand salute. Hold this position until the last note of music has played.

Civilians and military wearing civilian clothes - Face in the direction of the flag, remove any headgear with right hand and stand at attention. After the cannon fires and the first note of "To the Colors," hold the headgear over the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Of course, if no headgear is worn, simply place the right hand over the heart. Hold this position until the last note of music is played.

These customs are required by anyone outdoors who can hear the sound of the Retreat music. It applies also to those in cars, who



should safely pull over to the side of the road, exit the vehicle and render the appropriate honors.

Those who leave a building and

hear the Retreat music should stop and render honors - not quickly turn around and duck back into the building.

653rd members salute during the national anthem and the lowering of the flag.



## Master sergeant makes sure Robins is ready for anything

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When disaster strikes Robins, Master Sgt. Kevin Treas is on the scene - and ready to respond.

Treas, readiness operations superintendent for the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron Readiness Flight, is charged with overseeing the flight's daily operations, including preparing base personnel for natural disasters and weapons of mass destruction attacks at Robins.

He also trains about 100 people per week on chemical warfare training.

Additionally, the 41-year-old Denver, Colo. native trains all base agencies full-spectrum disaster control operations, which involves helping individuals set up checklists and effective ways of managing staff members during a disaster and teaching them how to assist Robins in recovery.

"One of the things we do is train units how they can protect their personnel and property so there is minimal dam-

age," he said. "Base infrastructure representatives - civil engineering, transportation and medical - come together to make up the Disaster Control Group. It's our job to minimize loss of life and property during these events. We even assist the local community in these areas in some instances."

Treas assists the 78th Communications Group in maintaining the base alert system that helps keep people informed in case major events occur at the installation.

When he's not gearing Robins up for possible emergency scenarios, Treas, who has been at Robins nearly two years, is mobilizing up to 75 people for each air expeditionary force deployment schedule.

"The best part of my job is meeting new people, and having a hand in establishing sound response plans,"



Treas

"We train people to do their wartime mission," he said. "I set up monthly training days for these people, where they do nothing, but their wartime missions."

That includes training with the M-16 rifle, runway repairs and water sampling and purifying techniques. Treas also trains forward-deploying people, not only from the Air Force, but all branches of service and deploying civilians as well.

Long work hours don't stop Treas from enjoying his contribution to Robins' mission.

"The best part of my job is meeting new people, and having a hand in establishing sound response plans," he said. "It's a good feeling to be able to inform our base personnel and their families how they can make their tour at Robins an enjoyable experience."

## Deployed or mobilized servicemembers get break on loans

By K.L. Vantran

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Service members who have been deployed or mobilized are not required to make student loan payments during their absences.

Federal regulations require lenders to postpone the student loan program payments of active-duty servicemembers. This applies to the National Guard and ready reserves who have been called to active duty, as well as to active-duty people whose duty station has been changed as a result of a military mobi-

lization.

"Many of the brave men and women serving our nation right now have put their personal lives on hold to answer the nation's call to duty," said U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige. "As they defend the freedoms we cherish, our (servicemembers) should not have to worry about their student loan obligations and resuming their studies."

He encouraged the higher education and lending communities to be flexible and provide assistance to servicemembers, so they can "easily resume their studies and financial obligations after they complete their tours of

duty."

The regulations apply to student loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loan programs. The law also requires that active-duty people who have not begun the repayment period on their loans continue to receive a grace period (generally six months) before repaying their loans. Students who were in school at the time of mobilization must also be given a reasonable period to resume school before lenders request payments.

Colleges will not be required to collect

financial-aid funds that active-duty students were given to pay for books and living expenses. Additionally, Education Department officials encouraged colleges and universities to either fully refund tuition and other institutional charges or give comparable credit against future charges to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations. Additional information is available by calling 1-800-433-3243 or visiting the Department of Education Web site at <http://www.ifap.ed.gov>. (Information obtained from an Education Department news release).

# 'Operation Save a Child'

Got news? E-mail us at [Robins.Revup@robins.af.mil](mailto:Robins.Revup@robins.af.mil)



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp  
Robins Elementary School students recently took part in 'Operation Save a Child' in the school gym. The program offered free dental, vision and hearing screenings, as well as fingerprinting and photo identification cards. Clockwise from top left: Deja Horton gets a lesson on properly brushing teeth. Staff Sgt. Chris Navarro fingerprints Thomas Clay. Airman Samuel Adeleye goes over the eye chart with Hunter Henry. McGruff the Crime Dog visits with the students.



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## Transformation: It's about the mission

**By Dr. Marvin Sambur**  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMNS) - It was a truly extraordinary gathering that should give hope to all who are eager to join us in taking Air Force acquisition and sustainment to ever-higher levels of excellence.

On Sept 12, we met in Washington with virtually all the senior leaders in acquisition. The program executive officers, product and logistics center commanders, acquisition capabilities directors, and logistics and science and technology leaders from the Pentagon joined us to begin mapping the implementation of the reorganization of our PEO structure.

Details will be announced soon

as we continue to deal with the details that surface when a large organization retools itself.

Clear messages came out of the meeting:

- Everything we're doing has one aim: to make the Air Force better. That means delivering what we promise, when we promise.

- Our focus is the mission. In order to do so we must, we must ensure we have embraced the concept of Agile Acquisition characterized by speed and credibility.

- The leadership of SAF/AQ and Air Force Materiel Command are united as never before in charting the course ahead. There will be no "pride of authorship" on good ideas. Attempts to divide us into camps won't be tolerated and will fail. There's one, joint agenda and we'll move forward together with a single focus and single purpose. We are convinced that this reorganization will facilitate several important goals.

Among them are:

- Improved support to the war fighter in terms of acquisition and sustainment.

- Increased collaboration between SAF/AQ and AFMC.

- Better alignment of accountability. As the PEOs are dual-hatted as product center commanders, they'll have the responsibility and control of resources necessary to do the job.

- More clearly focused roles: PEOs will focus on execution of acquisition. Logistics center commanders will focus on sustainment.

- Streamlined management with clear chains of command.

At our meeting it was clear we don't have all the answers. We need to better define when our systems pass from being acquisition programs into being primarily sustainment efforts. Also, we have work to do to more fully integrate our great science and technology capabilities into the entire acquisition and sus-

tainment life cycle.

We have defined a top-level implementation strategy as a two-phased approach. Under Phase 1, all acquisition programs will be assigned to and be the responsibility of a PEO.

Phase 1, via an initial operational capability, final operational capability construct, begins Oct. 1 with the first realignment, and we have set Jan. 31, 2004 as the target completion of FOC.

Phase 2 will align the management of our weapon systems according to core competencies. There is no doubt this is a challenge, but we can make this happen.

Finally, we need to do more to reach outside the acquisition community to our users - the war fighters.

None of this will be easy. As Gen. John Jumper, our chief of staff, says about complex plans, "There is a 0 percent chance that we'll get this 100 percent right."

But that's OK. We simply can't wait to act until we have all the answers. Instead, we've started down the path that looks the most promising and makes the most sense. We'll constantly evaluate our progress and won't be afraid to make mid-course corrections.

The results of recent operations in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq are just the most visible examples of what we can accomplish.

Everyone involved in Air Force acquisition and sustainment should know this: We're not reorganizing out of some sense of desperation. We all are rightly proud of what we accomplish.

As this transformation moves from planning to execution, we'll do our best to keep everyone informed of our expectations and plans for future steps. For now, our chief expectation is that everyone, no matter where in the acquisition chain they work, will remember this: "It's all about the mission."

## POW/MIA: Let's not forget their sacrifices

**By Gen. Greg Martin**  
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMNS) - Numbering more than 93,000 and dating to the first World War, they came from different states, walks of life and social status. Despite their differences, they were sworn to the same cause - freedom - and suffered the same fate.

You can find their names listed in the Defense Department's Prisoner of War - Missing in Action files. They're the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who gallantly went into harm's way and have yet to come home.

I don't know these men and women personally. I'm not sure if they were married, had children or exactly what their lot in life was. I do know these warriors are listed as missing in action from World

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for news of their loved one's fate - any shred of information. Did they suffer? Was it quick? Could they still be alive? We'll never know how great the load they bear.

On Sept. 19, National POW-MIA Recognition Day, we should take time to show the family members and former POWs we remember and are thankful for the sacrifices made for the cause of freedom, and that we'll not settle for anything less than a full accounting of those souls still unaccounted for.

POW-MIA recognition ceremonies will be held throughout the nation and around the world. I encourage each of you to take time away from that day's business to reflect and honor the sacrifices made by former prisoners of war and their families.

It is my hope and prayer that all those still missing will someday be accounted for. Until that day comes, let us not forget.

War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and all other conflicts where American service members were involved.

Many Americans made the ultimate sacrifice in those conflicts, and others were captured and taken as prisoners of war. These heroes endured torture, suffering and pain simply for being Americans.

Some of them have been scarred for life. Others may have come home with less permanent trauma.

But for the thousands whose remains have not been returned or are unaccounted for, the situation is worse. Many families still wait



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

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



### Commanders' Action Line

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

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



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

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins Air Force Base homepage. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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### When can civilians use gym?

I recently read an article on usage and membership of the base fitness center and find this very interesting in light of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command vice commander letter on the Physical Fitness Program, that states "traditional civil service and Air Reserve Technicians" can use three hours per week "while on official duty status" for physical fitness activities.

It further states that base facility must be used. The newspaper article stated membership is limited to 500 civilians. My questions are: Has the base gym reached its 500 civilian membership limit? If so how will this affect the AFRC policy? If not do we need to "officially" join the fitness center.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for the opportunity to answer your questions about the civilian physical fitness program. Currently, our Fitness Center is at full capacity with all 500 full-time and 600 non-peak Department of Defense civilian memberships. With the anticipated influx of participation from mandatory active duty physical training, there is no proposed increase for

civilian members. We applaud AFRC's policy and the Fitness Center staff is teaming with Civilian Recreation to design programs for civilians outside of the Fitness Center.

We will announce the programs offered through the Rev-Up and other base media. Also, we reviewed the AFRC policy and it is a purely voluntary program; there is no mandate or suggestion to use the base facility. If you are interested in joining the Fitness Center or being placed on a DoD civilian waiting list, please contact Roger Braner, Fitness Center director, at 926-2128, or email [roger.braner@robins.af.mil](mailto:roger.braner@robins.af.mil).

### Why is Robins' commissary closed on Mondays?

I would just like to know why the commissary isn't open on Mondays? Other bases where I have been stationed or visited have Monday hours. It sure would benefit the customers to have hours to meet their needs.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for this opportunity to pass on the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) operating

hours policy. Commissary operating hours are based on sales volume and customer counts. Of the 78 stores in DECA's Eastern Region, 16 are open seven days. Those store have sales volumes exceeding \$3 million per month. At this time our sales volume averages \$2.2 million per month. Our goal is operate during hours when our patrons need us. We are open until 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Our weekend hours are being expanded effective Oct. 4 until 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. DECA periodically reviews and analyzes sales patterns and adjustments are made as needed.

### What's the policy for wearing new ID cards?

I have noticed on several occasions that both civilian and military members are wearing their badges or new ID cards around town and in the airports. Is this prohibited?

On base, we remove all badges when taking photographs (official or unofficial) and when in a video teleconference, yet wearing them in public is okay?

Could you please re-publish the rule for display of badges or ID cards in public? What

the proper etiquette when telling someone that their badge or ID card is improperly displayed?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for your concern. You're right. Restricted area badges must be removed when leaving restricted areas and will not be worn outside restricted areas in accordance with Air Force Instruction and Robins Air Force Base Instruction 31-101, Installation Security. However, there are no instructions providing guidance for the new ID card, known as the Common Access Card. Air Force Personnel Center has recommended a change to AFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance, to allow wearing of the CAC card in Department of Defense facilities, and directing it be removed when not in a DoD facility or when in exchanges, commissaries or other morale, welfare and recreation type facilities.

If you have any further questions regarding CAC, please contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service desk at 327-7361. If you have any further questions regarding line badges please contact 78th Security Forces Squadron Pass and ID at 926-3583.



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# No alcohol policy for dorms begins Sept. 26

By Lanorris Askew

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Beginning Sept. 26, airmen at Robins Air Force Base will no longer be able to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in or around base dormitories.

According to a memorandum released Wednesday by Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam, the general order prohibiting the possession, consumption, introduction or control of alcoholic beverages is a way to help ensure and maintain good order and

discipline in the dorms.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Mast said another reason for issuing this order is to protect our airman.

"Many dorm residents will want to know why they are losing the privilege of having alcohol in the dormitories," she said. "The reasons include an increase in alcohol-related incidents such as underage drinking, damaging government property and an increase in the number of times that Security Forces responded to disturbances in

the dormitories."

According to Mast the order will remain in effect until the dormitory council, which is comprised of residents from all the dormitories, come up with a plan on how they can prevent some of the problems that have been occurring.

"Once they come up with the plan they will have the opportunity to present the plan to Gen. Wetekam," she said. "If he finds it acceptable, he may consider rescinding the order."

The order applies to all current

and future residents, visitors and all others who are present in the dorms in any capacities. Military personnel who violate this order are subject to disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilians may face federal prosecution and or other adverse administrative actions.

Until the effective date, a period of amnesty is in effect to allow personnel the opportunity to remove and dispose of any item that may violate this order.

Alcoholic beverages that violate

this order include, but are not limited to beer, ale, porter, stout and other similar fermented beverages of any name or description containing one-half percent or more of alcohol volume. It also includes wine of not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol volume, distilled spirits of any type or spirits of wine in any form.

Group commanders, unit and section commanders, first sergeants and supervisors will ensure all military personnel are briefed on the rules and regulations of the order.



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CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

More than just horse and rider, Louie Barrientes and Regalo are...

# Dancing partners

By Holly J. Logan  
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Sixties TV star Mr. Ed may have had all the right words to say, but Regalo has all the right moves.

Regalo, a half Spanish-Andalusian half American quarter horse stalled at Robins' Pine Oaks Riding Stables, can spin, shake hands, count by stomping his left front hoof, say hello by raising his front right hoof, throw kisses and even answer simple "yes or no" questions with a nod or shake of the head.

Louie Barrientes, equipment specialist for the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, got the 12-year-old horse he fondly calls his "soul mate" in 2001.

"I had heard through a friend that a lady named Bennie Foss in Boerne, Texas (about 25 miles northwest of San Antonio), who originally owned Regalo, wanted to get rid of him," he said. "He had developed a bad habit of bucking, and she couldn't break him of this. She didn't want to sell him. She just wanted to find someone who could work with him and give him a good home."

The 51-year-old equestrian and Regalo had a rocky beginning, but given time, they became as close as brothers.

"When I first got in the corral with him, he came at me and made me jump the corral fence," he said. "He was just so mischievous. Ms. Foss said if I could get on him and stay on, I could have him for free."

When Barrientes entered the corral a second time, the two clicked.

"I wasn't giving up on him," he said. "I got back in the corral and started talking to him in a soothing voice and played with him a bit until I calmed him down. I mounted him right away and began to ride him. I knew if he were going to do something, he'd do it out in the open. I held on, waiting for him to explode, but he never tried to buck me."

But when Foss saw the connection Barrientes and Regalo had, with tears in her



Louie Barrientes uses a riding crop to prompt his horse Regalo, a Spanish Andalusian, to dance. He has also taught the horse to count, answer simple yes and no questions and say hello.

eyes, she seemed to have second thoughts about releasing the horse.

"When I saw her crying, I told her she could keep him if she wanted to, but she insisted that I have him," he said.

After nearly a year of working with Regalo on a daily basis, Barrientes had successfully taught the not-so-old horse some new tricks - and earned the trust of a hoofed friend.

"He was a little hard headed at first, but once I showed him what I wanted him to do by using different signals, there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for me," he said.

Jose Diaz, Barrientes' long-time friend from Jalisco, Mexico, became his mentor, and taught him the ropes of horse training.

Using a technique known as "negative reinforcement," Barrientes gently poked Regalo in various places, such as his neck, leg and chest to generate desired responses such as nodding and shaking his head and leg raising. After some time of using the painless training technique, Regalo learned to perform his talents on cue. Each time Regalo successfully performs, Barrientes generously rewards him with a carrot - one of his favorite treats.

A native of San Antonio, Barrientes discovered his passion when he was a young teen-ager, and it led him to train more than 30 horses in his lifetime.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said. "My parents used to take us to the drive-in theater, and we'd see all these old Mexican cowboy movies in the golden area of Mexico. I loved the outfits, the silver, saddles and how they'd

train the horses."

While horses have been a part of Barrientes' life for many years, none has captured his heart the same as Regalo.

"He loves me unconditionally," he said. "I spend about an hour with him every day. Every morning when I come in to feed him his breakfast, he'll stick his head out of the stall and start whinnying. He's my soul mate. I couldn't imagine life without him."

## By the numbers

Hispanic/Latino is no longer a reportable Ethnic group for military members. However, members have the opportunity to identify themselves as such by indicating their preference using Hispanic/Latino Designation.

### Air Force-wide

**Hispanic officers**

2,507

**Enlisted Hispanics**

20,756

**Civil servants**

10,281

### At Robins

**Hispanic officers**

34

**Enlisted Hispanics**

197

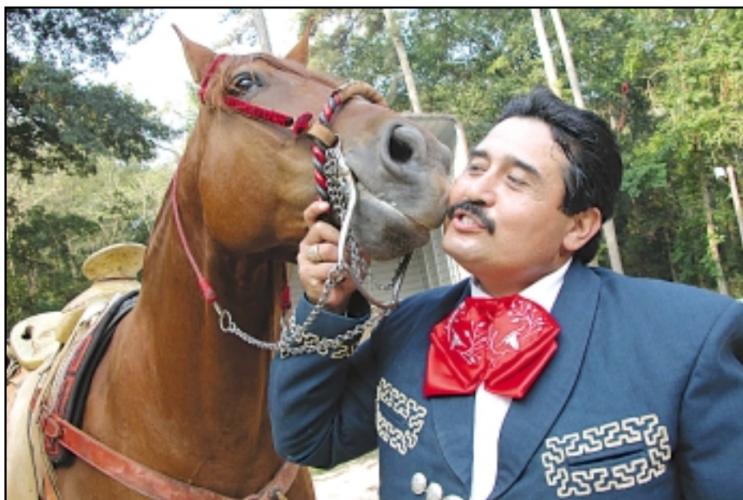
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\* Air Force demographics provided by Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base Texas



Barrientes shares a laugh with his horse Regalo at the Pine Oaks riding stables.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above: Louis Barrientes gets a kiss from Regalo. Right, Barrientes shows off his trick roping skills. Barrientes has owned Regalo since 2001, when his original owner was having problems training the horse.



## What to know:

Hispanic Heritage Month runs throughout the month of September. Currently, Hispanics account for 7.2 percent of the Air Force workforce. The next Hispanic Heritage Month event is the "Orgullo Hispano" - Our Proud Hispanic Symposium. It will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom.

## ROBINS CLUBS

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

## STREAMING VIDEO



## ROBINS REPORT

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

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are held 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 building 905.

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

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

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

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
**7:30 p.m. —**  
**Uptown Girls: PG-13: Starring: Brittany Murphy and Dakota Fanning**



Molly is the toast of the New York social scene until her inheritance is stolen by her accountant. As her party comes to an abrupt end, she is forced to do something she's never done before -- get a job. Molly lands a position as nanny to Ray, the daughter of a high-powered music executive. (sexual content and language) 93 minutes



**Saturday**  
**7:30 p.m. —**  
**Freaky Friday: PG: Starring: Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan**

In this Disney remake of the 1976 original, Ellen and her daughter, Annabel wish they could exchange bodies so that the other could see what it's like, and then somehow it happens! Complications arise as Ellen worries about Annabel getting too close to her future stepfather, while Annabel must fake knowing her mom's job as a doctor. (mild thematic elements and some language) 97 minutes

**Sept. 26 — 7:30 p.m. — Grind: PG-13: Starring: Mike Vogel and Adam Brody**

While the rest of his high school graduating class is heading to the college grind, skateboarder Eric and his best friends have one last chance to get noticed by the professional skateboarding world (crude humor, sexual content and language) 100 minutes

## 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.**

### Family Support Center closed for training Thursday afternoon

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 writing class

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 class

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) in the Health and Wellness Center 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.

### Employment assistance

There is a Georgia Department of Labor Veterans Service Specialist in the Family Support Center to assist veterans or personnel who are within 180 days of leaving the military with their job search. Contact Jack Tooley, 929-6801.

### Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Oct. 1, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club. The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

### Personal financial fitness

Introducing the multimedia, interactive CD-ROM training package on Personal Financial Management.

The Personal Financial Management Training Series materi-

als have been developed to educate military personnel, their spouses, and youth on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. This self-paced series will provide you with the basic financial tools to function in today's society.

The following lessons are covered in this six-CD package: principles of personal finance; using credit wisely; large purchases; fixing financial problems; saving and investing; consumer scams, bad habits, and getting help; getting insurance; pay, allowances, and benefits; banking and checking accounts; planning and budgeting; and relocation.

Call FSC at 926-1256 for a computer time to check out this program.

### Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he/she is located, to the family member.

The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. The standard telephonic morale calls may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call.

Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

### Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) has in place a four-step Job Search program for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military. The program begins with attending a pre-TAP information program 18 to 36 months prior to separation; attending a Resume & Writing class around the 10 month point; attending the 3-day Department of Labor TAP workshop at the six-month point; and attending Interviewing Program at the five-month point.

These programs are offered throughout the year. Additionally, personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-Separation and individual transition plan counseling appointments with a TAP representative.

### Relocation assistance

The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) at the Family Support Center has base brochures on many Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard bases.

They also have base videos on many AF installations around the world available for checkout.

A variety of services are available for Team Robins and their eligible family members on all aspects of relocation including: Brochures on many Air Force bases and other service branches; base videos on many installations; Smooth Move Workshop; Jr. Smooth Move for children 6-12 years old; auto maps; civilian and military sponsorship training; sponsor, welcome and temporary duty packages; and self-help resources.

Child care for permanent changes of station (active duty), local school/community information, as well as a base and a community tour.

Members should also take advantage of AF Crossroads, [www.afcrossroads.com](http://www.afcrossroads.com), which provides essential information, giving you first-hand knowledge, of military installations and their local surroundings.

RAP also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service program that has information on all military installations worldwide.

In order to better serve our customers, please call 926-3453, to order a SITES booklet.

Base videos and brochures may be checked out for 48 hours.

For additional information contact the Relocation Assistance program at 926-3453.

### 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

### Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses, when the military member deploys on assignment for over 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force member's serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment.

This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member's remote tour, TDY/deployment.

If the safety inspection at the service Station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest free loan, if the family budget cannot absorb the repairs.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the Family Support Center.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Prism VI Survey

Prism VI survey has arrived and Robins personnel have received it through the mail. If you have been mailed this survey, please complete it and mail it back promptly.

Information from these surveys is vital and used to improve Services facilities and programs for Air Force families and DoD civilians.

If you have questions, please call Linda Hinkle, marketing director, at 926-6662

### Civilian Recreation

922-4415

All kids will receive a prize when their families attend the Family Night Bingo Sept. 29 at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack.

### Enlisted Club

926-4515

Travel the World on Us and Win Cold Hard Cash, the Air Force and Robins AFB combined club membership campaign, is underway until Oct. 31.

New members will receive six months free dues and a chance to win \$2,000, \$1,000 or \$500 in the Cold Hard Cash drawing. New and current club members will be eligible to win up to \$5,000 worth of travel vouchers to redeem at Information, Tickets and Travel.

For more information about membership and its benefits call the Officers' Club at 926-2670, Enlisted Club at 926-4515 or go to [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) and click on the Cold Hard Cash icon or either club page.

### Family Child Care

926-6741

The Robins Child Development Centers, Youth Center and Family Child Care announce the sponsorship of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food program.

Nutritious meals are available, at no separate charge, to children enrolled in each program without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For more information, please contact Josie Carter, USDA Food Monitor for Family Child Care. Anyone believing they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va., 22302.

### Fitness Center

926-2128

The Health and Wellness Center will host a listen and learn session conducted by James G. Martin, exercise physiologist, who will speak on "Sedentary Lifestyles in Older Adults" Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Call the HAWC for reservations at 327-8480.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

926-2945

The Georgia National Fair will be held Oct. 3 - 12 at the Georgia National Fairground in Perry, Ga.

Advance admission tickets are available at ITT. Cost for ages 11 years and older is \$5.50 or \$6 at the gate; those under 10 years of age are admitted free.

Advance ride sheets are \$10 at ITT or \$18 at the gate.

### Smith Community Center

926-2105

A Parent's and Tot's play group will be held Sept. 29 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Parents and children ages newborn through five years are invited to share ideas and have fun with their children. Children's activities include crafts, singing, dancing and other activities.

Reservations are not required. Call Veronica Griffin at 327-8427 for more information.

# Pine Oaks front nine to open by mid-October

By Phil Rhodes

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Temporary greens will be a distant memory at Pine Oaks in mid-October when the front nine opens for play, according to John Anderson, director of golf here.

Anderson is also certain the back nine will be ready for play in time for the Oct. 30 Product Directors tournament. He plans on a grand opening weekend Nov. 1 and 2 with a dogfight, causal fun day events and giveaways as a way to reward the club's membership for their patience during the nearly six month renovation.

The partial reopening the golf course in mid-October is dependent on a number of factors, primarily how well the weather cooperates.

"I'll sleep better at night if the temperatures stay above 60 degrees," he said.

He hasn't slept well. Weather is playing havoc

with the grass growth rate on all 18 holes and practice greens, sprigged with TifEagle, a hybrid Bermuda grass that does well in hot climates.

Most of the greens on the front nine holes are "75 to 85 percent covered, depending on the hole," he said. The back nine, sprigged nearly a month ago, aren't doing as well. "They're in the 40-percent covered range, so we're going to over-seed for the winter and go through growing pains with the TifEagle next summer."

Anderson said there wasn't enough time left in the growing season for the TifEagle to catch. The summer's typical morning showers or overcast skies slowed the growth process, however he is confident that the course will bounce back and be ready for next summer.

Course Superintendent Tommy Stinson and his crew are working hard to meet the mid-October target reopening date. Over-seeding with Poa Trivialis, a common rough bluegrass, will begin at month's

end. In the mean time, in the last phase of the nearly \$1 million renovation, the greens are being cut, top dressed with a light coating of sand, then rolled to smooth out the still soft green surfaces.

"We don't want to give the impression that the golf course is in perfect shape. It's going to take at least two years for that to happen. When we reopen next month, the greens will be playable, a little rough and little bumpy, but playable," Stinson said.

Another project to add and rebuild the forward tee boxes is also nearing completion. Anderson said he is excited about the new women's and seniors' tee boxes. "Pine Oaks has always been one of the harder courses for women in this area, and these new tee boxes will make the course more enjoyable for them," he said. Anderson thinks the course will play one and a half strokes harder on the front nine and one and a half strokes easier on the back nine.

Hopefully, by November, Pine Oak's faithful will get the chance to see for themselves.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center 926-2112

No-tap bowling is scheduled Saturday from 6 – 9 p.m. Nine pins will count as a strike during this event when a bowler bowls six games of no-tap for a chance to win special prizes. Cost is \$15 per bowler.

### Fitness Center 926-2128

Thirty-minute body assessments to measure body fat, strength, endurance and flexibility will be available today. Call the fitness center to make an appointment.

### Archery season 926-4001

Robins is expanding its archery-only hunting into three large woodlots located at the south end of the base.

Deer and feral hog activity has been increasing in those areas, causing an increased risk of automobile collisions with wildlife, as well as damage to natural resources.

Robins features four hunting areas, two of which are restricted to archery hunting only, located primarily along the base's eastern boundary.

A four week archery season, starting this weekend coincides with the statewide archery hunting season in Georgia - Sept. 13 through Oct. 10 - and hunters are required to abide by rules as defined in Robins Air Force Base Instruction 32-7064.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 926-4001.

# Experts say exercise alone won't improve health

By 1st Lt. Mae-Li Allison

Air Armament Center Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Exercising is only one of several elements needed to live a healthy lifestyle.

So said Staff Sgt. Cristina Saguin, noncommissioned officer in charge of nutrition programs and diet therapy craftsman at the Eglin Health and Wellness Center.

"Exercise alone cannot improve a person's health," Saguin said. "Unfortunately, there are those who think that if they exercise, it's a license to eat whatever they want."

Saguin said this thinking leads to poor eating habits like skipping meals, not eating from all the food groups during the day and fad diets.

"Skipping meals can slow the body's metabolism," said the 12-year nutrition career field veteran. "Later, they'll overeat, typically on the least healthy of foods."

Saguin recommends that people write down everything they eat during the day and when they eat as the first step in improving eating habits. This allows people to assess their current eating habits and see what they can change.

Additionally, people should eat

small meals and snack throughout the day, making sure the meals and snacks encompass all the food groups, Saguin said.

Snacks should include whole-grain breads, cereals, rice and pastas, plenty of vegetables and fruits, low-fat dairy products and lean meats. Products made from refined sugar or those loaded in fat, such as pastries, candy bars and sodas should be eaten in moderation, she advised.

"Eating the appropriate foods help to give us the energy we need for daily activity and additional fitness activities," Saguin said. "Those frequent small meals or snacks go a long

way in helping us perform our normal duties and enabling us to exercise, too."

Experts at each base's health and wellness center can provide further information on nutrition and fitness, including directions about weight, cholesterol and blood pressure management.

Additionally, dieticians at the base hospital can also give effective tips on how to make lasting changes towards healthy eating habits.

For more information on dieting and proper exercise, call the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

# Air Force wins 2003 Armed Forces women's softball championship

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Busch

Air Armament Center Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) -- The Air Force team won the 2003 Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship held here Sept. 8 to 10.

"Our goal was not to go undefeated; it was to win the gold," said Air Force head coach Master Sgt.

William Hardy, from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

This is exactly what happened. The Army team defeated the Air Force 4-3 the first day of the tournament.

The 10-run rule came into play for the airmen when they defeated the Navy team 16-4 in the last day of the tournament.

The airmen dominated the entire game and pulled out of the sailors'

sight in the top of the sixth inning when Staff Sgt. Alicia Pagan, from Ramstein AB, Germany, hit a long ball out in left field, bringing in three runners to make the score 13-4.

The sailors were unable to retaliate and were shut out early in the bottom of the sixth inning with a final score of 16-4.

The soldiers finished the tournament with a record of 4-5, while the sailors took third with 3-6 and the

Marines wound up in last place with 3-6.

At the conclusion of the tournament, sports directors from each service named an all-tournament team.

They picked 15 players from all four services to represent the armed forces at the Amateur Softball Association Women's East Open Slow Pitch Championships in Auburn, Ala., Sept. 18 through Sept. 21.

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## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

### Officers' Hail and Farewell

A standup Officers' Hail and Farewell, conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will begin at 4 p.m. today in the Officers' Club ballroom. Spouses are invited to attend the event and fellowship. For more information, contact Capt. Bernabe F. Whitfield, WR-ALC/MA, at 926-3703, or by e-mail at Bernabe.Whitfield@robins.af.mil.

### Hispanic heritage informational symposium

The "Orgullo Hispano" - Our Proud Hispanic Heritage Informational Symposium will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. The symposium will feature Dr. Gabriel Rincon-Mora, senior design engineer, inventor and author; Liz Garcia, Director of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; Hector Hernandez, chief engineer, Avionics Management Directorate/Avionics System Engineering Division; and Master Sgt. John A. Maldonado, chief, maintenance support, Leo Marquez Award winner.

### FMA golf tournament

The Federal Managers' Association will host its' annual golf tournament at Waterford Golf Club Oct. 3 at 1 pm. Cost of participation is \$40 per player and

includes green and cart fees, lunch and prizes. The tournament is open to both DoD and non-DoD persons.

The format is a four-person scramble.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund college scholarships for high school graduates in the surrounding community.

All WR-ALC employees are encouraged to participate and invite other members of the community to join in the fun.

Entry deadline is Sept. 29. To sign up or for more information, contact Tena Dominy at 926-0793.

### 78th ABW Enlisted promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion ceremony, hosted by Col. Marvin T. Smoot Jr., 78th Air Base Wing commander, will be Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center main ballroom. 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.

### Scholarship applications

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nutgeren Scholarship applications are being accepted for the academic year 2003-2004. The scholarship was established in 1998 by the Middle Georgia Affairs Committee to honor the service of

Nutgeren as commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. A scholarship for \$750 will be awarded to a military or civilian employee of Robins Air Force Base.

To be eligible, the individual must be enrolled in one of the educational programs conducted on-base. Applications are available at the base college offices and the Education and Training Office.

Applications must be completed along with supporting documentation and submitted to the Education and Training Office by Oct.

3. For more information, contact the Base Education and Training Office, Building 905, Suite 113, or call 327-7304.

### Robins Thrift Shop taking donations

The Robins Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. Baby items to weight equipment can be sold. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and the shop will be open Oct. 4.

For information, call 923-1686.

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# BRAC e-mail story deemed a hoax

By Tech Sgt. David A. Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – An e-mail hoax has been circulating through inboxes. The e-mail contains a spoofed Air Force Print News story about proposed base realignment and closure actions allegedly affecting all services.

Air Force public affairs officials were alerted to the hoax by a military officers' association in California. The e-mail takes a legitimate Air Force Print News story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignments," published July 23, and adds a fake list of Department of Defense installations for "closure or realignment."

Officials immediately dismissed the e-mail as a hoax, citing that the ongoing BRAC process is nowhere near complete.

They have not made any assessments, decisions or recommendations for closures and realignments to the BRAC Commission, according to Nelson Gibbs.

He is the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

As part of the budget justification, defense officials must submit a number of reports and certifications to justify the need for the BRAC 2005 round, Gibbs said.

"This will occur in the February 2004 time frame," Gibbs said. "As such, recommendations (now) would be premature and not in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC law."

The law establishes procedures that must be followed step by step to develop infor-

mation, studies, plans and reports needed for such recommendations, he said.

"While we have done much, we are still in the early stages of the formal BRAC process," Gibbs said.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act prescribes a sequential process officials must follow before they can legally make recommendations for potential closures and realignments of military installations.

DoD officials must submit a force-structure plan based upon an assessment of probable threats to national security through the 20-year period beginning with Oct. 1.

The plan includes probable end-strength levels and major military-force units needed to meet these threats. Units include Air Force wings, Army divisions and Navy carrier and major combatant vessels.

Officials must also submit an installation inventory to comprehensively list the number and categories of military installations worldwide, both by military department and by active and reserve forces.

The secretary must further submit a description of the inventory necessary to support the force-structure plan.

The description also includes excess infrastructure and infrastructure capacity, and an economic analysis

of the effect of potential closures and realignments.

If the secretary determines a further round of BRAC is needed, he must certify that an additional round will result in annual net savings for each military department beginning no later than fiscal 2011.

On a parallel track, BRAC law also requires by Dec. 31 the secretary to propose for public review and comment the selection criteria DoD plans on using to make recommendations.

The criteria must at least include:

- Military value as the primary consideration.
- Extent and timing of potential costs and savings.
- Economic analysis of the impact on local communities.
- Ability of community infrastructure to support current and expanded missions.
- Impact of specified environmental costs.

Department officials must finalize the criteria by Feb. 16 and publish them in the Federal Register.

Questionnaires used to obtain the base data will be adjusted for service-unique functions and common business-oriented functions.

Services' and joint cross-service groups' representatives will then assess the data

and make recommendations to the secretary of defense. He then makes an independent review and assessment. The secretary must send his recommendations to the BRAC Commission and Congress by May 16, 2005.

Through this process, each base will be treated fairly and equally, according to Gibbs.



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# Sam Lyons art exhibit opens



U.S. Air Force photos by Gary Cutrell

The Museum of Aviation opened Timeless Flight, an art exhibit by world-renowned aviation artist Sam Lyons Sept. 4 during a short ceremony in the Art Gallery of the Eagle Building. The exhibit, featuring aviation art, will be on display until Nov. 3. As a fledgling artist, Sam Lyons, right, began his career experimenting with various painting techniques and media. He searched for a unique style he could call his own and eventually found his mode of artistic expression, and the result became immensely popular. The pieces of art, top, appearing in Timeless Flight show airplanes both in the heat of battle and in the cool of the day. Lyons' show will feature 40 masterpieces depicting all aspects of aviation.



## Thunderbird crashes at Idaho air show, pilot escapes injury

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho (AFPN) – Just one week after the Air Force Thunderbird demonstration team performed at the Robins Open House and Air Show, obnecrashed during an air show here Sept. 14.



The pilot, Capt. Chris Stricklin, ejected safely from his F-16 Fighting Falcon. He

was treated and released by military medics. The Thunderbirds are based at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. At the time of the accident, Stricklin was performing with the team as part of Mountain Home Air Force Base's air show, Gunfighter Skies 2003. A board of officers will investigate the accident.



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