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Alarm Green is the normal condition of readiness in wartime. There is no active threat of attack present. NBCC threat hazards from previous attacks may be present.

Alarm Yellow indicates an attack is expected within 30 minutes. Surveillance indicates aircraft or missile attack is imminent or that an enemy ground force presents a direct threat to the base. Implement pre-planned protective actions appropriate to threats. Individuals not performing mission essential tasks report to assigned shelter or seek best available cover.

Alarm Red, missile or air attack indicates the air-base is, or will soon be, under missile or aircraft attack. Implement pre-planned actions for threats. Terminate current missions as safely as possible and take cover. Direct aircraft to launch-to-survive or taxi into the nearest protective shelter. Report attacks and resulting damages to unit control centers.

Alarm Red, ground attack indicates the airbase is or will soon be under attack by a ground force. Implement pre-planned actions for ground attack threats. Terminate current missions as safely as possible. Assume assigned defensive positions or take cover. Report enemy activity and support security forces operations.

Alarm Black indicates an attack is over and initiates base recovery. NBC hazards are likely to be present, but may not yet be marked or reported. Remain under overhead cover until directed otherwise; perform necessary self-aid and buddy care and immediate decontamination. Specialized and unit teams begin surveys when directed by the commander. Implement pre-planned actions to recover primary mission capability.

— Master Sgt. Roger A. Smith II

Robins colonel selections

The following people have been selected for the rank of colonel:

- Mariano Campos
- John Eunice
- Kevin Foley
- Eric Sillery
- Melissa Weydert
- Keith Yaktusz



General Wetekam

Wetekam to pin on 3rd star

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The Air Force announced Thursday the U.S. Senate confirmation of Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam, Center commander, for the position of Air Force deputy chief of staff for Installations and Logistics and promotion to the grade of lieutenant general.

As a result of this confirmation, General Wetekam replaces the former deputy chief, Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, at the Pentagon, Washington

D.C., who retired Jan. 1.

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Collings, current director of Maintenance and Logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., will assume command of the Center in a ceremony next month.

General Collings is the fourth successive commander out of the Air Combat Command Maintenance directors' position to come to Robins.

This is also the third time he has succeeded General Wetekam.

What to know

Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam's new position will make him responsible to the chief of staff for leadership, management and integration of Air Force civil engineering, communications operations, services, supply, transportation, maintenance and munitions policies, and resourcing to enhance productivity and combat readiness while improving quality of life for Air Force people.

Braving the cold

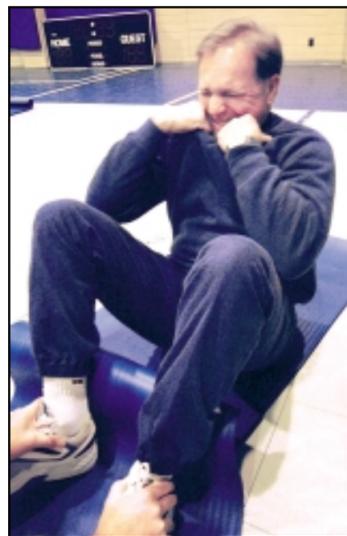


U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Robins' senior officers braved the cold to participate in the Air Force fitness test Wednesday morning. Under the standard, fitness evaluations now include body composition, strength and aerobic fitness measurements. The evaluations also represent the culmination of more than a year's worth of work in developing a new fitness standard for the Air Force. The service had been using the same gauge of fitness – the cycle ergometry test – for more than a decade. The new evaluation is more fitting of the demands put on airmen in today's expeditionary climate, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said during a recent interview. To view the fitness charts, go to www.af.mil/news/USAF_Fitness_Charts.pdf.

Above, senior officers begin a 1.5 mile run for their fitness evaluation.

Right, Col. James T. Danielson, Maintenance Directorate Aircraft Division chief, does a sit-up.



Center Leans into training work force

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Approximately 650 years of management and training experience gathered in the Park's British Aerospace conference room in Warner Robins this week for the first ever Center-wide Lean event.

The four-day event, which ended Thursday, focused on finding ways to improve processes to provide efficient and effective training in all organizations.

According Mr. Ken Wallace, event lead, the event is one of five Center-wide processes identified in November by senior leadership and re-emphasized in the Lean Corporate

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Canned C-5s a thing of past

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC Public Affairs

For the past 30 years C-5 maintainers at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., have borrowed parts from what they called a canned bird while ones they've ordered made their way through the Air Force supply system.

That practice, known as cannibalization, involves having a dedicated jet available so maintainers can pull parts to get operational aircraft airborne while they're waiting.

But now, thanks to Air Force Materiel

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Flight chief named engineer of year

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Ms. Nancy Manley said becoming the first woman to ever receive the Federal Engineer of the Year Award took her by surprise.

National Society of Professional Engineers President Ms. Terry Helming presented Ms. Manley, Engineering Flight chief for the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron, with the 2004 award during the 25th annual FEYA banquet at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Jan. 15.

The 52-year-old Fort Smith, Ark., native said she learned about the award years ago, but never imagined she'd earn it.

"I was in shock," she said. "There were 10 finalists up there. I figured one of them would get it, because there are so many other good engineers out there."

Ms. Manley may be modest about her achievement, but Lt. Col. Joe Ballard, 778th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, said



Ms. Manley

What to know

The National Society of Professional Engineers is a national group of professional engineers from all disciplines that promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure and enhances the images and well being of its members. For more information, visit www.nspe.org.

he sees it as well-deserved.

"Nancy is a great engineer and has done a very effective job managing over \$150 million in design and construction work this past year," he said. "She has a staff of about 60 engineers who move mountains at Robins. Nancy's recognition just epitomizes what we take for granted every day here – we have a super team."

Twenty-six engineers from several federal agencies competed for the highest level of recognition of its kind.

Candidates were evaluated on engineering achievement, getting engineering projects designed, awarded and constructed in a timely manner, and other engineer career areas.

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Robins IG accepts a top Macon post

Col. William Saunders has been selected for a top position in the Macon, Ga., city administration, the Macon Telegraph reported on Thursday.

According to the Telegraph, Macon Mayor C. Jack Ellis announced Saunders as his choice for the Chief Administrative Officer position.

Colonel Saunders on Thursday said he has accepted the position; however, it is contingent on his retirement from the Air Force, "some time this summer." The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Inspector General said his immediate concern is the upcoming Air Force Material Command

Operational Readiness Inspection. "My focus right now is on the Air Force and the ORI," he said.

Robins is to undergo a war-readiness inspection in May. "I want to make sure Robins Air Force Base does well [in the inspection]. Not just well," the colonel said. "We want to do exceptionally well. We want to be outstanding."

— Mr. Phil Rhodes



Colonel Saunders

Robins 3-day forecast
Today Mostly cloudy
56/35

Saturday
Partly to mostly cloudy
56/32

Sunday
Cloudy with light rain
50/40

What's inside

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DFAS clarifies retro civilian pay raise

ARLINGTON, Va. – The additional 2.1-percent pay raise for civilian employees authorized by the president Jan. 23, will be retroactive to Jan. 11. However, before it can take effect, an executive order must be issued addressing how the increase will be split between base and locality pay, said Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials.

After the executive order is issued, the Office of Personnel Management will publish new salary tables based on that guidance.

These tables must then be integrated into the personnel system before any retroactive pay adjustment processing can begin, officials said.

Once the adjustments are processed by the personnel system, calculation of employee pay increases by

payroll systems can begin.

As in 2003, not all employees will receive the retroactive part of the pay increase at the same time.

Because of transaction volume, payroll processing of this change must take place over the course of multiple paydays, DFAS officials said.

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78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, hosted by Col. Tom Smoot, 78th ABW commander, will be at 3:30 p.m. today 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 Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

LOA luncheon

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Logistics Officers Association will have a membership lunch meeting today from 11:30 a. m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club atrium. The Eglin Air Force Base Emerald Coast Chapter will be the guest and will provide a mission brief. Current members and interested new members are encouraged attend. Military retirees who wish to be active in the chapter are a valued asset and are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Michael Mistretta at 926-4079.

NCMA luncheon

The National Contract Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Officers' Club ballroom. There will be a "go through the line" luncheon, with a presentation by Mr. George Falldine, WR-ALC Plans and Programs director, at 11:45 a.m. He will discuss new Air Logistics Center transformation initiatives. Notify your NCMA division representative by close of business Feb. 17 if you plan to attend. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mr. Gerald Brunson at 926-7086.

Zero Overpricing Program

Be a partner with the Air Force in reducing tax payers' expense by participating in the Zero Overpricing Program.

The program aims to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. It serves as the

vehicle for all Air Force material users to participate in the efficient utilization of funds.

If the current catalog price for an item is incorrect and may reflect an overprice to the government submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098.

Partnership benefits are recognition and a cash award.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, contact Ms. Cassandra Tharpe, WR-ALC/PKPB, at 926-7118 or visit <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/pr/pkpb.htm>.

Museum art exhibit

The Museum of Aviation will feature Georgia artist Mr. Marc Stewart in the final art exhibit celebrating the anniversary of the Centennial of Flight in the Eagle Building art gallery. The exhibit, entitled A Celebration of Heroes, features over 30 general aviation themed pieces. The exhibit will be on display through March 12.

AFAS education grants

Spouses and dependent children of active duty and retired military members at Robins who are working toward undergraduate degrees have an opportunity to earn \$1,500 grants from the Air Force Aid Society. Eligible recipients may apply for the grants for the 2004-2005 school year from now until March 12. The grants are for full-time undergraduates in colleges, universities or vocational or trade schools whose accreditation is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in federal aid programs. A limited number of forms are available at the Family Support Center and also is available at www.afas.org. Follow the education link to the form.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Robins Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. Everything from baby items to weight equipment can be sold. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and the shop will be open Saturday.

C-5

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Command experts improving the supply chain and making C-5 parts more readily available, that practice is a thing of the past at Travis. In fact, Al Fatkin, Center strategic airlift directorate deputy director here, said many parts that used to take weeks to get are either on the shelf or arrive in a matter of days, making C-5 reliability rates higher than ever before.

Due to AFMC's efforts, operations officials at Travis launched their cannibalized jet into operational status more than nine months ago - a first since the aircraft's initial bed down in 1969. In addition to the Travis success, fleet-wide C-5 Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts, or MICAP, hours - the total time aircraft couldn't fly due to parts or maintenance issues - have declined from 1.8 million in January 2001 to 300,000 as of November 2003, he said.

Additionally, the fleet cannibalization rate, measured by the number of cannibalized items per 100 sorties across the Air Force, has reduced from 55 in fiscal 1998 to 22 in fiscal 2003, he said.

"For more than 30 years, a dedicated C-5 cannibalization jet was universally accepted as a necessary evil," said Lt. Col. Dennis Daley, 60th Maintenance Group deputy commander at Travis. "Most people would agree that during the 1990s when spares availability reached some of its lowest points, the possibility of operating a C-5 base without a cannibalization jet was impossible."

Colonel Daley said that in 1999, Travis' annual C-5 fleet cannibalization rate was 59.7 cans per 100 sorties, compared to today's 3.8. The achievement represents a major accomplishment not only for Travis, but for dedicated Air Force logisticians stretching from Corridor Two in the Pentagon to repair benches at Robins to maintainers on the flight line.

Maintainers, and their logistics readiness squadron counterparts, adopted an attitude

change that fostered innovation and a desire to help themselves instead of just relying on the system to provide parts, Colonel Daley said.

Further, a series of funding, policy and programming initiatives at Air Force headquarters, AFMC and the Defense Logistics Agency provided the foundation for improved spares readiness.

In AFMC's role, Mr. Fatkin said command experts' better understanding the supply chain for the C-5's 74,000 stock listed components led to reduced backorders and MICAP, or mission impaired capability awaiting parts, targets. For the 2,500 parts C-5 System Program Office experts manage, they've arranged long-term repair and buy contracts for major components.

"We also developed overhaul kits to replace worn components vice repair on demand for 27 flight control components," Mr. Fatkin said. "And we've initiated an intense effort to increase contractual coverage and supportability of low-demand items."

Colonel Daley said officials at Air Force headquarters, DLA and AFMC developed a coordinated strategy to arrest the readiness decline of the 1990s. Air Force officials successfully developed one-time supplemental funding totaling \$904 million in spares in fiscal year 1999.

With funding and policy changes, spares availability increased, he said. The C-5 fleetwide total Not Mission Capable for Supply rates improved 34 percent between 1996 and 2003.

With the improved spares posture, the stage was set for a Travis attempt at eliminating their cannibalization jet. While the higher headquarters initiatives got Travis to "third base," Travis' teamwork and an innovative attitude brought them "across home plate."

"A close working relationship with Warner Robins ALC further improved the response to potential show-stopper MICAP conditions. And the excellent relationship between the active duty Travis maintenance team and its reserve associate wing greatly improved local repair capabilities," Colonel Daley said.

LEAN

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Council as a priority for process improvement. The Lean Corporate Council is composed of Robins' senior leaders and representative from each base organization.

While previous training events involved several organizations - primarily the Maintenance Directorate - this is the first to involve the entire Center.

Event participants provided their organization's existing training processes including problems and concerns.

They worked as a team to focus eliminating waste and creating future action plans.

Mr. Victor Funck, Transformation Division Lean marketing and communications representative, said training affects everyone at the Center and, therefore, every part of the mission.

"These improvements will provide better training, more opportunities; increased work force knowledge, skills and abilities; and better training funding and budget execution," he said. "The downside is change takes time and energy, and improvements aren't often seen or experienced as

quickly as we would like. This change is good - good for the entire workforce and the success of the Center."

The participants in this event included subject matter experts, training administrators and managers responsible for organizational training functions.

Mr. Wallace said following the event, the participants should have left with a better understanding of the complex process of providing training to the work force. He also said they should be empowered to improve the training process within their organizations.

ENGINEER

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Earning awards like the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers' Engineer of the Year Award, Government Engineer of the Year and

others, the 15-year Robins employee is no stranger to achieving excellence.

Ms. Manley led the Engineering Flight to three consecutive wins as Air Force Materiel Command's Engineering Unit of the Year - the first-ever consecutive win for any engineering unit.

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System allows LE to support field customers

From staff reports

The Support Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance Directorate completed a one-year trial of a system that uses e-commerce to support the repair requirements for customers in the field.

Repair turn-around time was reduced from weeks and months to hours and days, saving the government approximately \$400,000 in administrative costs.

"A typical method using contractor repair is to stack up some quantity of broken assets until money or inventory constraints drive the start of

the repair process," Mrs. Tammy Parkerson, Automatic Test Systems Acquisition and Services Section contracting officer, said. "In the cases where available inventory simply doesn't allow this approach, assets can be repaired on an individual basis. That is a much more labor intensive process requiring administration of individual contracts or purchase orders. This method is also very time consuming and costly for both government and contractor administrators. In general, it's a slow response to customer needs."

In an effort to improve that

method, a two-part system was developed in-house by using available resources.

Part one is a contract which provides fixed prices for parts and factory repair services on a contractor logistics support contract.

Part two is a Web-based application that puts managed controls in the hands of program managers, government and contractor team members, which gives field customers the ability to order repairs and field-replaceable spare parts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We designed this system to support our interim contrac-

tor support and CLS programs that were not fielded with adequate spares," Mrs. Parkerson said. "It minimizes the paperwork and funding hoops we have to jump through each time a system breaks in the field. It also connects the customer to the repair source and tremendously improves the overall response time. The discipline in the process invokes business rules on the contractor, the customer, and the government program office. The system has improved customer ability to forecast their requirements, and it allows them to provide information that improves the

ability of the contractor to respond. The end result is an easy-to-manage contract, good value for the Air Force, and a very happy customer."

The system was the brainchild of Mrs. Parkerson and a software engineering team that included her husband, Mr. Michael Parkerson and Mr. Craig Howell, both from the Acquisition and Technology Branch.

"We're really fortunate that management had confidence enough in us to let us venture off and be creative," Mr. Parkerson said. "The first system took us about four months to design and build, and we

had to roll up our sleeves and learn a lot about Web technology and the business process to be able to apply one to the other. Looking back, this is all about making useful tools that capture, process, and control the flow of data to improve our business practices and to provide better support to our men and women in uniform."

The system is deployed now and is being expanded to support two different types of contracts and two different types of automatic test equipment systems.

For more information, call Mrs. Parkerson at 926-7679.

Picking up the pace



Submitted photo

Lean has changed the way the F-15 Production Branch operates. Work is broken up into a cell-flow system, where planes move through eight cells within the hangar. The mechanics develop a high level of expertise in that cell's specific work, but are rotated among the cells periodically to maintain proficiency in other skills.

F-15 Mod Doc travels the long road to Lean

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Workers in the Maintenance Directorate's F-15 Production Branch have been traveling a long and winding road to Lean their processes. Still, with the ups and downs, mechanics and supervisors agree it's a journey they are committed to complete.

Mr. Jeff Golmitz, Lean change agent for the Aircraft Division's process improvement group, said before the Lean concept was implemented, the job was done by a tail crew responsible for cradle-to-grave work on a number of aircraft.

Following a value-stream mapping event in October 2001, a new system was put into place that allowed one plane to move into the hangar and one plane to move out every 2.3 days.

Inside the hangar, the work was broken up into a cell-flow system, and now each plane moves through eight cells within the hangar.

Crews who used to do everything now work in individual cells, where according to Mr. Golmitz they develop a high level of expertise in that cell's specific work. The mechanics are rotated among the cells periodically to maintain proficiency in other skills.

The new system also solved the problem of mechanics competing for, and tracking down necessary tools.

"Before, we might have had to wait on a crane or dolly. Now those parts are only needed in certain cells," Mr. Barry Swafford, an aircraft electrician work leader, said. "We're working as a team when, before, we were working in competition."

Mr. Mark Johnson, F-15 Weapons System Support Center chief, joined the WSSC just as the Lean cell flow was ready to be implemented.

"I sat down and looked at the process, and I was very impressed," he said. "The production worker on the floor shouldn't have to chase and beg for parts and technical data they need."

Mechanics and technicians are encouraged to write comments, concerns and suggestions on resolution boards, located around the hangar. Lean agents and WSSC personnel collect and track them. Also, supervisors go over the comments at least twice a week, Mr. Johnson said.

"This is the first time, in the 20 years I've been here, that anybody has ever asked the mechanics what their input is," said Mr. Bill Cox, an aircraft

mechanic. "I give them a big thumbs up for that one. A lot of the procedures we're doing now are a result of a mechanic saying, 'hey, this is the way we need to be doing this.'"

While supervisors and mechanics agree Lean is the way to go, they also agree they have had their share of problems implementing the process.

"We've set it up, but we're still in our infancy. Any corporation that has implemented Lean has learned that it takes three to five years to establish," Mr. Golmitz said.

One thing everyone agreed on was the Lean process made problems visible, right away.

"We knew when we worked aircraft cradle-to-grave that we had problems, but they were harder to identify," said Mr. Scott Brown, an aircraft mechanic. "Everything was all together instead of being broken up in subsections."

"Parts and manning are issues we're working through, but we're close. Once we work through these issues, we're going to have a better airplane in the end," he added.

Mr. Brown said the mechanics have been able to come up with a template to predict workload and the materials needed to complete it.

On the WSSC side, Mr. Johnson agrees with the mechanics about the parts.

"We move the planes every two days, and when a part's not available, it's immediately a problem," he said. "From the WSSC side, this has caused us to be a lot more proactive. To look down the road to try to preclude problems, we've got to be a lot more reactive to keep these problems from happening."



Mr. Golmitz



Mr. Johnson



Mr. Swafford



Mr. Cox

C-130 Production Branch going '6-10' to meet goal

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The people in the C-130 Production Branch have shifted into overdrive to meet their goals for the year.

As of Jan. 12, the work force has been pulling 10-hour-shifts, six days a week because, according to Branch Chief Mr. Johnny Jones, the branch is on tap to sell a total of 64 aircraft for the year. In order to reach that number, they have to move 30 aircraft by the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2004, which is March 31.

So far they have sold 13.

Mr. Jones said it isn't a common

occurrence to have a slow start, and the branch has done everything possible to date, but extended work hours are what it's going to take.

"People are handling going to the extended day pretty well," said Mr. Keith Hamilton, first-line supervisor. "They're coming in and trying to get the aircraft out. With the way things are now, you can't help but be proud. I've got people who have family (in deployed locations), so they're going to give their best for them."

In a letter published in the branch's newsletter, the Herky Herald, Lt. Col. Michael Neeley wrote, "The reason this is so important is the customer who deploys

these aircraft to Iraq and Afghanistan. There are units out in the field that are down below their combat requirements because of aircraft in depot status," he continued. "You are the right folks to do this, and I'm impressed daily by the obstacles you overcome to get the job done."

Management and mechanics alike are aiming to prove the colonel correct in his faith in their abilities.

"Anytime you accelerate people's time in the workplace it creates conflicts with families," said Mr. Ronnie Strickland, chief of the C-130 Weapons System Support Center. "However, we understand the C-130

is a war fighter plane, supporting the war fighter. We also understand we have Americans on foreign soil dying defending our freedom. The C-130 personnel will do whatever it takes to put the aircraft back in the hands of the war fighter with the least amount of down time."

Mr. Jones said the branch will review the status of the production in March to determine if the extended work schedule will continue past the end of that month.

Ms. Denise Bryant, supervisor of the production support section, has already seen results from the extended shift.

"We are making some headway,"



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Workers in the C-130 Production Branch pull 10-hour-shifts, six days a week because the branch is on tap to sell a total of 64 aircraft for the year.

she said. "It's very important that we get our ramp population down to 20 or 24 aircraft so we can make the aircraft flow through the cells as they are planned to flow."

Rewards of military lifestyle evolve

By Lt. Col. Jeff Kubiak
86th Flying Training Squadron
commander

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) – Like many of us, I have spent my entire adult life in an Air Force uniform.

At several points throughout my career, I've made the decision to stay in the military when offered an opportunity to leave. I have to admit there were occasions when I made the decision to stay without really knowing why.

With a few more years behind me, however, I think I more clearly understand. When weighing the demands of the military lifestyle against the rewards, the rewards won.

The demands placed on individuals and families by the military lifestyle are predominantly exter-

nal, relatively constant, and easily understood by even those not in the military: hazardous duty, deployments, frequent moves, and long hours.

The rewards of a military lifestyle change over time. Entering the Air Force with the promise of valuable training and a secure paycheck may be enough to offset the demands of a young career. The long-term rewards, those that keep people re-enlisting tour after tour, are somewhat more subliminal and personal.

The ongoing sense of service to the community and nation is a very powerful reward. However, I think the greatest reward of a military career is the opportunity to cross paths with a tremendous number of really high-quality people. These high-quality people show up in hundreds of different places.

"I think the greatest reward of a military career is the opportunity to cross paths with a tremendous number of really high-quality people. These high-quality people show up in hundreds of different places."

They include an amazingly human immunization technician who touched so many lives that when he died, there was not a dry eye in the packed chapel during his memorial service.

They are doctors who make house calls to tend to your sick child in the middle of the night.

They are neighbors who come to your house when you are up to

your eyes in boxes to offer a loaf of homemade bread or to watch your children while you continue packing or unpacking your life.

They are people who are there to console you when tragedy strikes and there to help you celebrate life's most special occasions.

At each stop in my Air Force career, my family and I have had our lives vastly improved by peo-

ple willing to give us the shirts off their backs. In more than 19 years and seven assignments, we have accumulated several lifetimes worth of good friends and good times.

Moving every couple of years is still painful. However, in addition to sincerely missing the friends we have made and are forced to leave, we also have learned to look forward to meeting the great people who will make our next location a home.

I can't imagine what our lives would be like, or who we would be, without the supportive, caring, quality humans we share our lives with. Although we eventually are separated from our new friends, our lives are permanently connected to theirs, and that's an incredibly powerful reward. It's all about the people.

Veteran's final choices show love for the blue suit

By Maj. John J. Thomas
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Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) – Reid S. Wyant is dying. His daughter called me the other day looking for help putting together the items so that he could be buried in his Air Force service dress uniform. He served 30 years as an airman. And it seems he's still one of us.

I got to thinking. What makes a person who has lived life as a civilian since 1980 want to be buried in his uniform?

I like to think maybe Service Before Self gets into your blood. After all, retired Senior Master Sgt. Wyant switched his cancer treatment

from Eglin Air Force Base not too long ago because the war was forcing them to cut back care, and he wanted the active-duty people to get taken care of first. "Always thinking of others," his daughter says.

His daughter – her name is Andrae Harris – is helping care for him even as he edges closer to the end. She helps him plan it all out. Arlington National Cemetery was overruled by his wife, who wants him for eternity closer to family. Details like that.

Andrae says she always knew her dad was a hero. He was awarded the Airman's Medal for saving three swimmers' lives "in front of my very eyes, without a care to his own safety." He almost lost his own life doing it, she

says. And that pales in comparison to his courage facing his cancer.

Sergeant Wyant might say it is the friends you find that make the Air Force something you want to be buried with. "I've never known anyone that did not like my dad," his daughter says.

A former commander, Col. Roger Andersen, still visits him at home. "They would both reenlist today," if they could, Andrae tells me.

Reid Wyant's life with the Air Force began when the young Air Force had been around for just seven years. "His uncle was a rear admiral and told him to join the Air Force," Andrae says. Seems his uncle was a smart man.

She says "He caught a bus to Pittsburgh and never

looked back."

I think he's looking back now. Looking back on the people he met as a munitions maintenance specialist and first sergeant. Born and raised in Kitanning, Pa., he served in North Africa, in the '50s; Cambodia, Viet Nam, Laos and Korea in the '60s. In 1971 he was in Thailand. And he was in plenty of stateside places in between. But no assignment was more important than the move from Denver to Bentwaters, England.

That's where a boy, dirt-poor and often mistreated by his grandfather, a guy who dropped out of school and put his kid brother through college – well, England is where he met his wife, Doreen. To hear Andrea tell

it, her mom's whole family fell in love with him. As much, it seems, as he loved the Air Force.

Upon retirement from his second career he moved from Dallas to near Eglin where he fried fish and chicken for squadron picnics. And where a couple of years ago they first treated him for cancer. And it was to Eglin that he went recently with his family to get all of his affairs together and prepare a final will.

I have never met Sergeant Wyant. But I have worked with people just like him every day of my 12 years in the Air Force. I have served with loyal members of every service. And I am off to Iraq soon to work again with the State Department and other agencies.

People tell me to keep my head down when I go to Iraq.

Instead I think I'll hold my head high, out of respect for people like Sergeant Wyant and all those he represents, like my own dad, and my father-in-law.

When Andrae asked him the other day "why the service dress uniform for the burial?" he said that is what he has always worn for important events, and he wanted his family to recognize him. His sense of humor is still healthy.

Maybe one day, I will ask to be buried in my service dress uniform, like Senior Master Sgt. Reid S. Wyant wants to be, "with full military honors."

In his case, the honor will be ours.

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



Commander's Action Line

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

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action



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

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Speeding on Eagle Street dangerous

Eagle Street near the ground support equipment maintenance area complex, Building 148, is one of the most congested streets on the base, and the issue of pedestrian and vehicle traffic has been a problem for some time. Vehicles consistently exceed the 15 mph speed limit and worse, recklessly pass slow-moving or stopped vehicles and equipment, paying little or no regard for the crosswalks. There are documented accounts of near misses. A hazard report and a 332 were submitted sometime ago, and crosswalks have been added recently, but the danger still exists, especially for the GSE contractor and the equipment that must be moved in the area. We are asking for security police to establish more of a presence during the peak morning, lunch and quitting hours, each weekday to prevent future incidents. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Col. Smoot replies: Speeding in this area is a long-standing problem, and we thank you for taking the time to update us on the issue. Security Forces will conduct random speed enforcement in the area you've identified as we continue our efforts to eliminate flagrant speeding on the installation. This area, along with several others, has been identified as needing increased speed enforcement.

Motorists need to remember several streets on the base pass through industrial areas that have reduced speed limits due to

the presence of heavy equipment and slow-moving traffic. Peacekeeper Way near Buildings 364 and 376 and the parking area near Buildings 280 and 282 are just two examples and are areas we have received reports of flagrant speeding. Speeding through these areas not only endangers personnel, but also jeopardizes high-value Air Force equipment assets. One of the best ways for everyone to support our Security Forces is to obey the speed limit in all areas. By our collective compliance, we show others the safe way to travel the base roads. When leadership by example fails, please contact the 78th Security Forces Squadron at 926-2118 to voice your concerns.

Pedestrian crossings

Recently I've had several near misses while crossing the streets here on base. I know the policy is to give the right of way to pedestrians, but lately it seems I'm the only one who knows that rule. Like most people on the base, I walk to various meetings on a daily basis, and I always cross at the designated crosswalks. Could you send out a refresher on this rule to the base via the Rev-Up? Believe it or not, I've even almost been hit by security forces personnel in their POVs. Thank you,

Col. Smoot replies: The laws governing pedestrians crossing the roadway are very clear. Georgia Traffic Code 40-6-91 states: "The driver of a vehi-

cle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching and is within one lane of the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning." ... "half of the roadway means all traffic lanes carrying traffic in one direction of travel." ... "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield." The law also says, "Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle."

On the other hand, Georgia Traffic Code 40-6-92 states: "If not within a marked crosswalk, pedestrians will yield right of way to vehicles unless the pedestrian has already, under safe conditions, entered the roadway." It goes on to say, "Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway if he uses the roadway instead of such tunnel or crossing."

Bottom line: We should all obey the laws and pay common courtesy to each other so we can all move safely through the base. Point of contact is Capt. Michelle Stringer at 926-2118.



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Used oil and the environment don't mix

Center Environmental Management Directorate

It takes motor oil to keep the vehicles and equipment at Robins running, but when that oil has done its job - whether from a car, lawnmower, or weed eater - there's a right and wrong way to dispose of it.

For Robins residents, disposal is a simple matter: Make sure the drained oil is placed in a clean, leak-proof container and taken to the recycling receptacle at the Robins Hobby Shop, Building 985. From there it will be recycled or re-refined.

"Motor oil should never be poured down drains, into storm sewers, on the ground or in refuse containers," said Ms. Linda Larson, Solid Wastes/Toxics Program manager for the Environment Management Directorate. "Getting rid of oil any other way than recycling runs the very real risk of causing ground water contamination or operational problems at our wastewater treatment plants."

The service at the auto shop isn't just for residents. Civilian workers, retirees and others coming on base are welcome to bring used oil there for proper disposal. Ms. Larson said similar services are also offered off-base by various automotive parts stores and garages.

Mr. Russ Adams, Water Quality Program manager, said discharging oil into waterways is a direct violation of state and federal water quality regulations.

"Awareness is key," Ms. Larson said. "Whether from residents or employees, knowing what to do, then being responsible to see that it's done, makes sense for our base community."



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Mr. Robert Willis, Auto Shop volunteer, pours oil into a receptacle for proper disposal.

What to know

Just one gallon of used oil can contaminate up to a million gallons of fresh water. For more information about motor oil recycling or other auto shop services, contact Mr. Frank Gomez, auto hobby shop director, at 926-2049.

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Man's best friend

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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It's almost 2 p.m., and the afternoon shift is about to begin. Fanny, a member of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, prepares herself for another day of patrolling. Slowly rising, she stretches and waits for her partner.

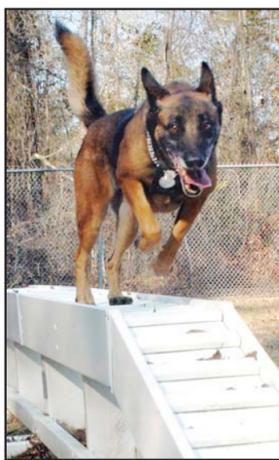
After working together for more than a year, Staff Sgt. John Grice knows Fanny like the back of his hand. He knows exactly where she will be waiting for him and how she will react when he enters. He knows she won't make a single sound, but she will watch him as he approaches.

They've formed a bond, one that can't be described with words, at least not Fanny's words. She's a German shepherd - a military working dog.

Fanny and Sergeant Grice are one of six teams of dogs and handlers in the 78th Security Forces military working dog section that call Robins home. From the front gates to the flight line, the teams help keep the base secure.

Sergeant Grice said he wouldn't trade Fanny for anything in the world and working with her is one of the highlights of his day. Though his shift officially begins at 2 p.m., he arrives daily around noon to get her ready for rounds.

"I feed her, bath her, brush her, whatever she needs," he said. "I like the companionship; it's like having a regular partner, but it's someone you can talk to who's never going to yell at you and lis-



tens to whatever you have to say."

When Fanny is ready, it's



Above, Staff Sgt. John Grice and his partner Fanny spend their shift checking buildings and cars at the gates. Bottom left, Sergeant Grice and Fanny demonstrate how they search a car. Top left, Rudy, a Belgium malinois, works out on an obstacle course at the kennel.

U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

About the handlers

All dog handlers must go through an 11-week training school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. An additional 6-week course is required to become a supervisor.

off to work.

"We check all of the high-threat buildings on base and

do random searches of cars coming in and out of the gates," he said. "We work great as a team."

Their jobs don't end there though; the teams also deploy.

Rudy, a 5-year-old male, Belgium malinois is a sea-



Sergeant Socey

soned professional, just back from a six-month long tour of duty in Iraq. While there, he lent his detection skills to clear election facilities and government buildings for the first free election in Kirkuk in 35 years.

An award is in the works for his dedication, said Tech. Sgt. Michael Socey, Kennel Master.

When they're at home, the team takes part in the special mission taskings for high-

About the dogs

The dogs are purchased from vendors around the world and shipped to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where they train in handler protection and learn to search for explosives or narcotics. Once the dogs meet those standards, they are sent to different bases and paired with handlers for continued training. Validation and certification standards are 95 percent for explosive dogs and 90 percent for drug dogs.

profile people like the president, vice president and former presidents.

In that capacity, they check all sites toured by the high-profile clients such as churches, speaking sites, museums and schools.

"We go down to see Jimmy Carter all the time and search for him when he goes to church," said Sergeant Grice said. "There are between 300 and 400 people who attend the church, so we go in and check the pews and bags before he goes in."

Searching churches is just the tip of the iceberg for the two. They recently returned from New York City where they helped secure the United Nations General Assembly.

"The whole job is amazing," said the Spring Hill, Fla., native. "The dog's abilities are unbelievable."

The handler also has to have some skill.

Sergeant Socey, who oversees the operation of the dog handling program said the handlers must be able to multi-task.

"The ability to do several things at once is a good skill to have in this job," he said. "Overall coordination and agility are also key."

Sergeant Grice, who was a member of the regular police force before cross training to be a dog handler, said Fanny is one of the best partners he's ever had.

"Once you get that bond with a dog it's like having a best friend," he said. "It's something really special. When I come to see her she gets excited. It really makes my day better."

Assault landing into Baghdad 'the real deal'

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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"You get a little anxious when it's time to really put on your flak jacket. You're like, 'wow this is the real deal,'" said Tech. Sgt. Kris Showalter as he recounted the assault landing into Baghdad International Airport earlier this month where his team deployed to repair a battle damaged C-5.

Fresh from the fray, he and five other members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron explained what it's like for aircraft battle damage repair technicians to deploy thousands of miles from home into uncertainty.

"The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron's mission is to take care of problems you hope never happen, but when they do, it's the most rewarding job I can think of," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Krimer, structural maintenance technician.

Sergeant Showalter, another structural maintenance technician, said the reality of their recent deployment hit home as the crew was being briefed just one hour before entering Iraqi airspace. The C-5 was damaged Jan. 8 during takeoff.

"The aircraft commander briefed us on what was going to take place and told us to prepare for a pretty aggressive ride into Baghdad with the possibility of small arms fire coming up at us," he said.

Capt. Mark Ford, chief of logistics operations, said the aggressive ride meant an assault landing, which pushed the C-130 to its limits. "Everything happened so fast, that reality

What to know

The C-5 Galaxy arrived at Robins Jan. 21 after a team of 13 aircraft battle damage repair specialists flew to Baghdad to make repairs on it. After the aircraft was ready for a one-time flight out if the war torn city, it was flown to a forward location where the team replaced the C-5's engine and engine pylon.

didn't set in for me until we were standing on the aircraft ramp in Baghdad," he said.

By that time it was too late to worry, and the team's training kicked in.

"We trained on engine pylons and it turns out that was the biggest part of what we worked on - pylons and flaps," he said.

The pylon holds the engine on and the flaps are part of the aircraft's wing.

Though danger was always a real possibility, the team focused on the work at hand.

"The compound where we stayed had had regular attacks in the past," said Tech. Sgt. David Calbillo, structural maintenance technician. "That was one of the eye-opening and troubling things we dealt with, but everything went smoothly."

Sergeant Krimer, structural maintenance technician, said doing their job on an actual aircraft was a new experience for him.

"Until this point we had only worked on parts of aircraft, we never actually worked on battle damaged aircraft," he said. "To actually see what battle damage looks like was really different."

That wasn't the only different thing they



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

From top to bottom, Aircraft Battle Damage Repair team members Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bullen, Tech. Sgt. David L. Perham and Tech. Sgt. Kris Showalter unload gear upon returning from Baghdad Jan. 21.

encountered. According to the team their only day of rest came during a rain storm where they discovered a new kind of mud.

"I had never seen anything like it in my life," said the captain. "It was like concrete."

Master Sgt. John Hanna, team chief, said the entire mission was a success and supported from Air Mobility Command headquarters all the way down.

While the team itself gets much of the glory, Sergeant Showalter said kudos goes out to everyone here who helped make the mission flow without incident.

"Our support flight, supply and Center maintenance workers were amazing," he said. "They worked extra time to get our gear ready and make sure we had all of the things we needed. The pylon and engine shop prepped parts in 12 hours so we could take those with us."

The team took everything they thought they needed based on photos of the damage.

Master Sgt. Dave Young, assistant team chief, said the deployment had personal rewards.

"It's a big sense of accomplishment and self satisfaction to go over and take something that has been hit by ground fire and put it back in the air," he said.

"Everything went extremely well, like clockwork, agreed Captain Ford. "I can't think of a thing we could have done that would have brought the aircraft out of there any faster."

After 11 days the battle damage docs were ready to return to Robins, riding in their latest patient.

The aircraft is undergoing engineer evaluations on the wing and parts which received Band-Aids are getting permanent repairs. The team will continue working on the aircraft to get it back to its owning unit.

Black History Month events

For more information, go to www.robins.af.mil/blackhistory.

Gospel concert, Sunday

This event will host a number of acts, including the Ultimate Choice, Men with Vision and the Middle Georgia Heritage Unity Choir, as well as praise dancers. It will be held at the Base Chapel at 4 p.m.

Health Fair, Feb. 10

Learn about causes and prevention of silent killers in the African-American community at the Health Fair Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Occupational Medicine Services, Building 207. The Health Fair will feature seminars and other informative services such as blood pressure screening and nutrition guidance. For more information, call Ms. Lula Harris at 327-7590.

Luncheon, Feb. 13

The luncheon will be Feb. 13 at the Enlisted Club at 11:30 a.m. The theme is "Brown vs. Board of Education," and the guest speaker will be retired Gen. Joseph McNeil.

Dinner theater, Feb. 20

With their dramatic spoken word performances and inspiring music, the contemporary jazz/R&B quintet, Five Men on a Stool, will perform Feb. 20 at the Enlisted Club. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Royal Rewards rolls out Sunday

By Ms. Linda Hinkle
78th Services marketing director

The 78th Services Division will unveil its Members First Plus Royal Rewards program Sunday.

"We will be increasing opportunities for our club members to win some fantastic prizes and continue to remind them to take advantage of additional savings by showing their club card when they use participating Services facilities," said Mr. John Flood, Services Division director. "Our transition from Preferred Plus! to Members First Plus and our 'Travel the World on Us' club drive were highly successful. During the drive we gained over 150 new club members and six of our members won travel vouchers with an accumulative value of \$10,500. Now we are going a step further to reward our club members who make the 78th Services Division facilities their number one choice on a routine basis and encourage those who don't, to use our facilities more often."

"It's easy to enter the contest. Just punch out the royal card inserted in your February Edge magazine and take it to one of any participating Services facilities," said Mr. Al Uroliia, Enlisted Club manager. "Every time you make a purchase of \$4 or more at the clubs or participating Services

facilities you will receive a crown to add to your royal card."

Members who collect 10 crowns can then fill out the backside of the card and drop it off at their membership club for a quarterly drawing. A winner will be selected at random from each club on a quarterly basis. Prizes include gifts such as home electronics equipment and an office lunch party.

There will be no limit to the number of cards a member turns in. Members who turn in 10 cards between Sunday and Feb. 28, 2005, will receive a \$10 dinner certificate redeemable at either club, Pizza Depot, Fairways Restaurant, On Spot Café or the Base Restaurant.

Other participating facilities, which will provide a crown for every \$4 minimum purchase and continue to offer special discounts, include the following:

Aero Club: 5 percent on flying hours, 10 percent for flying hours Sundays and Mondays, 10 percent on fuel, ground school and merchandise

Auto Skills: Receive free car wash tokens in lieu of 10 percent discount

Bowling Center: Open bowling, Thunder Alley bowling, shoe and locker rental, snack bar, pro shop merchandise and services such as



Submitted photo

Travel the World winners display travel vouchers with an accumulative value of \$10,500. From left to right are Mr. Gary L. Witter, Ms. Velma I. Martin, Mr. John Filler., business flight chief, Ms. Brenda K. Collier and Tech. Sgt. Stevie L. Weathersby.

drilling and private party packages (non organizational) **Information, Tickets & Travel:** Balloons

Outdoor Recreation: Trips and programs including Equipment Rental, FamCamp, picnic area, lodge rental, vehicle sales lot fees

Pine Oaks Golf Course: Daily greens fees, range tokens, lessons, car and club rental, snack bar, and pro shop merchandise with the exception of club purchases and repair services

Pizza Depot: All menu items

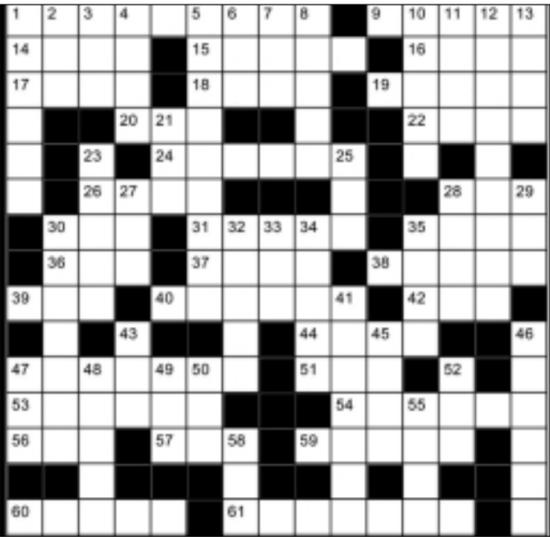
Robins Japanese Grill: All menu items, dine-in and carryout (not daily specials)

Skeet Range: Skeet and trap and supply sales **Skills Development Center:** Classes, laminating, silk screening, framing, engraving, heat sublimation and sales store merchandise at the center and Expressions

Vet Clinic: Over-the-counter products and microchips

Special discounts at the Officers' Club include \$1 discount on breakfast, lunch and dinner meals with a \$4 minimum purchase. A \$2 discount applies to all pro-rated specials functions, including military functions, and a 10 percent discount on "personal" functions.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CMSAF-Enlisted trailblazers

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. 9th CMSAF
9. Speechless
14. River in Tuscany
15. 1st CMSAF
16. Breach
17. Wind instrument need?
18. Planet
19. IRS investigation
20. Entry spot to an installation/cordon (abbrev.)
22. Hawaiian bird
24. 8th CMSAF
26. Type of horse
28. Rumsfeld's office symbol
30. Listening organ
31. Oak starter
35. Actor Johnson of 60s Laugh-In
36. Draw
37. Knowledge
38. 6th CMSAF
39. Write
40. 12th CMSAF
42. Writer Fleming
44. Clue
47. 7th CMSAF
51. Abbreviation for the space shuttle
53. 2nd CMSAF
54. 5th CMSAF
56. Pie ___ mode
57. Trap
59. Toothpaste brand
60. 13th CMSAF
61. 3rd CMSAF

3. Compass direction
4. Juncture
5. 11th CMSAF
6. Automobile maker
7. Goof
8. Relaxes
10. Groan
11. Helper
12. 10th CMSAF
13. Indicating female
21. Person who performs 19 ACROSS
23. Tame
25. Female chicken
27. Mineral
28. Killer whale
29. Actress Susan
30. Forever
32. Cylinders
33. Mork's home
34. Teeters
35. Incisive language
41. Bottom line? (two words)
43. Daly's MTV show
45. Military quick (abbrev.)
46. 14th CMSAF
47. Exclamation of surprise
48. Empty
49. Eternity
50. The Rock's organization (abbrev.)
52. Former measure of length; about 45 ins.
55. Tale
58. Alaska town

DOWN

1. 4th CMSAF
2. Fury

For puzzle solution, see Feb. 6 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Jan. 23



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.

Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance

Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC Annex.

Starting a business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting a Business" workshop Tuesday, 9 a.m. - noon.,

Building 945.

Information covered will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, and more.

Base tour

The FSC is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service

includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

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

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

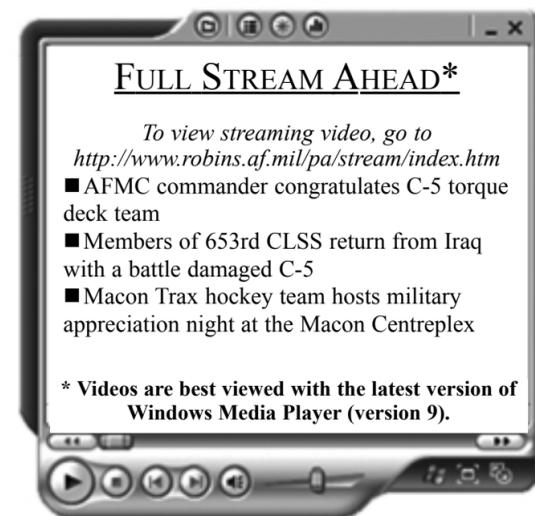
styles of music and worship.

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

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuaah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

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

STREAMING VIDEO



ROBINS REPORT

News from around the base - Watson and Cox Channel 15

Friday - 8 p.m.

Sunday - 1:30 p.m.

Monday - noon

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday
7:30 p.m. - **Something's Gotta Give** - Jack Nicholson and Dian Keaton

Harry generally dates younger women. His world is turned upside-down when he has a heart attack while visiting his girlfriend's home. With his girlfriend having gone back to the city, Harry is left in the care of her mother, Erica, and his doctor but the two men soon find themselves competing with each other, as they both fall in love with Erica.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content, brief nudity and strong language) 133 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. - **Paycheck** - Ben Affleck and Aaron Eckhart

Michael has his memory erased by his employer as a security precaution once he's completed special projects. After finishing his latest, he receives not his usual lucrative paycheck, but an envelope containing 19 items, including ticket stubs, bus tokens and other reminders he sent himself before the procedure. He has been told he chose to forfeit any monetary compensation. The problem is, he can't remember a thing, since his brain has been wiped clean.

Rated PG-13 (intense action violence and brief language) 115 minutes



Engineering, technical management awards planned for Feb. 25

This year's Engineering and Technical Management awards presentation banquet will be Feb. 25, at the Officers' Club.

The theme is "Teaming for Success."

The E&TM awards are presented each year to outstanding scientists, engineers and teams for outstanding contributions to the mission of the Center and the Air Force. Local winners are announced at the banquet, held each year during

Engineer's Week.

There are 18 award categories, including individual, team, and sponsored awards. Local award winners will be submitted to headquarters for Air Force Materiel Command-level award selection. AFMC winners will compete for Air Force level recognition.

Chief engineers have already submitted 41 nominations. The format for the

nomination documentation is specific and must conform to AFMC standards. Soon, the Senior Engineering Council will review all nominations and select the winner for each award. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

For tickets, contact Ms. Sara Smelt at 926-6451 or Airman 1st Class Michelle Woods at 926-4489.

- From staff reports

Stretching program loosens up work force

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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Team Robins will soon be loose and ready for whatever may come along thanks to the Center Vice Commander's executive Council's new Stretch and Flex program.

The council is made up of employees from the Center's safety office, civilian personnel, 78th Medical Group and the Maintenance Directorate.

The council's goal is to drive down the number of lost days - when a worker on the job experiences a mishap and has to miss work - and compensation cost to the absolute minimum, according to Lt. Col. Dan Mokris, Center safety director.

The program provides a five to six minute series of stretching exercises prior to the beginning of work shifts and throughout the day as needed. The activity, which deals with musculoskeletal problems, is designed to limber up the workers so in the event of a mishap they aren't injured as severely. And when they are injured, they'll recover more quickly.

First Lt. Kristen Spencer, base physical therapist, has given training sessions to supervisors who will in turn lead their workers in the stretching exercises.

Colonel Mokris said the Maintenance Directorate, where a lot of the heavy work is done, is the first area where focus is being placed.

"Eventually it will be offered to folks around the Center," he said. "It will be offered on the hangar floors, back shops and administrative areas. We incur injuries in all of those areas, and we felt it is needed everywhere."

The eight-to-ten-exercise stretch session, which targets all of the major muscle groups will be offered at the



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Mr. Floyd Mixon, center, Plant Services metal structure mechanic leader, tries out some of the stretching exercises Tuesday. The voluntary Stretch and Flex program goal is for workers to become more flexible to prevent injuries.

beginning of each shift and encouraged throughout the day.

Though benefits will be seen, the safety director said this is not a physical fitness routine.

"This is about flexibility," he said. "The goal is not to become physically fit, but to become more supple and flexible so you won't sustain injuries."

MA director Mr. Jim Culpepper is a staunch advo-

cate of the new program, and said he is excited about the opportunities it will provide to help all employees be better prepared to do their job each day and avoid injuries to themselves.

"The focus is the employee avoiding injuries," he said. "The results will be a healthier work force providing improved support to the war fighter."

Stretching benefits

- ☞ Reduces muscle tension
- ☞ Help coordination by allowing for easier movement
- ☞ Increases range of motion of joints
- ☞ Prevents muscle strains
- ☞ Makes strenuous activities easier by preparing muscle for activity
- ☞ Develops body awareness
- ☞ Promotes circulation
- ☞ Feels good

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center 926-2112

A sweetheart bowling special will be Feb. 14. Bowlers pay regular price and half price for their sweetheart.

A pee wee bumper league will start Feb. 28. Cost is \$22.50 per person for 10 weeks. Register is Feb. 21. For more information, call 926-2112.

Fitness Center 926-2128

The 2004 Winter Sports Day will be Feb. 6. Events include swimming, table tennis, racquetball, walleyball, obstacle course, three-on-three basketball and a push, pull and dip competition.

A Valentine's Day 5K run is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center. Free back evaluations will be conducted by Neil Schwartz D.C. from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Round II of the Survivor Challenge, which is comprised of a series of challenges for the entire year, will be held Feb. 28 at 1

p.m. Each month, Outdoor Adventure will present a new challenge for teams to compete for the overall Survivor title. Teams will include eight members, including three females. All members must be 18 years of age or older. Cost is \$100 per team and teams must register by Feb. 20. For more information, call 926-4001 or visit Equipment Rental, Building 914.

Paintball tournament

There will be a paintball elimination tournament Feb. 21 at the Robins paintball field behind Pave Paws. Cost is \$100 per six member team and includes all equipment and 2,400 paintballs per person. The tournament is open to all base personnel, active duty, DoD civilians, family members and retirees. For more information call Equipment Rental at 926-4001 or e-mail derek.glisson@robins.af.mil.

Youth Center 926-2110

Robins Youth Center Soccer registration will be held Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost for returning players is \$30 and for new players \$55.

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BASKETBALL STANDINGS

The Southeastern Military Athletic Conference basketball standings as of Monday:

Robins men: won-8, lost-12; sixth place

Robins women: won-13, lost-5; second place

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AFA membership drive kicks off



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Mr. Steve Davis, Center executive director, right, gives the welcoming remarks at the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association membership drive kick off Jan. 23 at the Robins Conference Center. AFA membership is open to active duty, retired and civil service employees. The mission of the association is to advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense; to support the U.S. Air Force and their families; and to promote aerospace education. The drive will run from Sunday through Feb. 28. For more information or to join, contact Capt. Sean Wade, membership drive chairman, at sean.wade@robins.af.mil or go to www.afa.org.

Saving lives a pint at a time

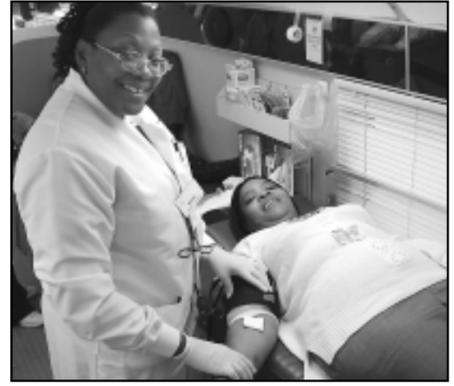
By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

Mr. Bill Waterman and Ms. Earnestine Thompson have given more than 16 gallons of blood to the Red Cross since 1968.

The civil servant in the surgeon general's office, and accounting technician at the headquarters services directorate respectively, recently rolled up their sleeves again to help others in need as the Air Force Reserve Command hosted the American Red Cross blood mobile, Jan. 16.

"I've been giving blood since 1968, and I feel good about helping others," said Mr. Waterman, who has donated more than 6 gallons. "Blood donation is a privilege, and it makes me proud to donate to the American Red Cross and be a part of



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Veteran blood donor Ms. Earnestine Thompson, right, gives blood at the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command annual blood drive Jan. 16. Ms. Brenda Louder assists.

the Air Force Reserve Command."

Ms. Thompson, a donor since 1972, has given more than 10 gallons of blood. Both received American Red Cross pins for their overwhelming support.

"Receiving this pin is very

special for me," she said. "I always try to convince others to give blood because by donating you can directly save a life."

To find out where you can donate, visit www.givelife.org or call 1 (800) 448-3543.

Odorless gas can be detected

By the Robins Fire Department

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning fuel.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

A sure sign that you are experiencing CO poisoning is if several members of your family begin complaining of similar symptoms.

Many people are exposed for days before they begin to suspect what is happening. People with a history of heart problems are usually more sensitive to exposure because CO directly affects the way the heart muscle functions. Exposure to high levels of CO will cause death.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that a yearly professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues and vents for leakage and blockage by creosote and debris.

Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house.

In addition, have all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances checked to make sure they are not loose or disconnected.

Make sure your appliances are inspected for adequate ventilation.

A supply of outside air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel.

What to know

CPSC recommends that every home have at least one CO detector on each sleeping floor that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories 2034 standard. For more information, call the fire prevention branch at 926-2145.

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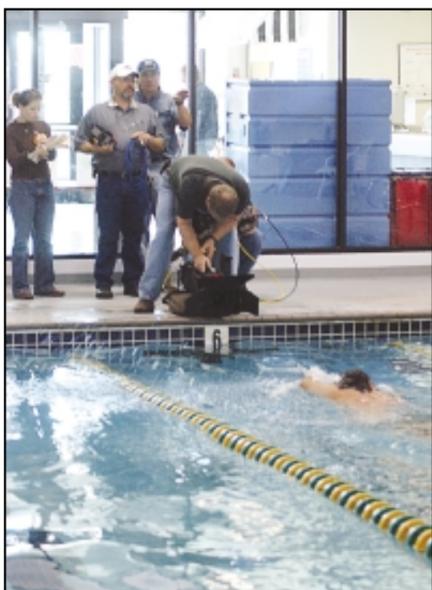
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Lights, camera, action!



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The video crew shot footage around Robins at the Fitness Center, Child Development Centers, RV park and Pizza Depot. Right, the crew films a swimmer in the indoor pool at the Fitness Center.



Above, Mr. Mike Bowie films an aerobics class at the Fitness Center Jan. 12. The Services Division is producing a video to recruit people into the services career field.

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