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In the past few years the Air Force has changed the way it responds to chemical attacks.

Extensive testing and analysis showed attack profiles and chemical agent characteristics are less severe than originally thought.

The revised concept of operations was designed to take advantage of lessons learned in the effects from a Chemical Warfare attack, provide adequate protection for personnel, and increase mission capabilities.

The 778th Civil Engineer Readiness Flight has taught this new method since January 2003. The CONOPS is broken into four areas explained below:

The deposition phase is the period where the liquid droplets are actually falling from the release of the enemy's weapon.

The most important action that can be taken by personnel is to cover equipment and take shelter.

Sorption is the process where liquid is absorbed into a surface, but vapors reduce over time.

It is difficult to determine if an asset is contaminated simply by looking at it or by blotting the surface with M8/M9 paper, and decontamination has little to no value in reducing the amount of agent being released.

The 10-foot rule is a precaution taken to protect personnel from isolated vapor hazards that linger (up to 24 hours) well after detectors read zero, primarily from equipment with painted surfaces.

Split MOPP was implemented after extensive testing clearly demonstrated that it was impossible to contaminate an entire base during a single chemical attack.

Split MOPP identifies which areas are dirty and which are clean.

Normally, in dirty areas personnel maintains MOPP 4 protection, while clean areas are normally at MOPP 2.

— Staff Sgt. Scott Generally, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron

2004 EIS on the Web

The 2004 Economic Impact Statement is online at www.robins.af.mil/pa/eis2004/index.htm.

Information on employee authorizations, salaries, capital assets, school aid compensation, small business performance and executive summary are available.

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

Col. Cheryl Dozier addresses senior staff members March 9 at the Smith Community Center.

Team assesses climate AF maintains zero tolerance policy for sexual assault

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A Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command team visited Robins last week to assess the sexual assault climate, policies and programs.

Col. Cheryl Dozier, Air Force Materiel Command chief of Security Forces and team lead, said the visit to Robins is just one of 10 such visits to

AFMC installations planned for this month.

"We are here to gather data in response to an Air Force chief of staff tasker to take a look at how well we're doing in terms of our sexual assault program and how well we're taking care of victims," she said.

The colonel said the Air Force has a lot of programs, but explained that as with any program, it's important to take

a good look at them every once in a while to make sure the right things are being done.

"This is why we're going out to every installation in the command and talking directly to the people responsible for those programs," she said.

The team leader said the goal is to make sure there is a climate in the Air

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New parts can cost less than used?



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

Above, Mr. Heath Rowland, sheet metal mechanic, routs out the honeycomb core of a C-5 floorboard for fastener locations.

C-5 floorboard shop mechanics save AF \$5.5 M, reduce flow days

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C-5 Floorboard Lean Team mechanics are giving their customers a better product, cheaper and faster. And it hasn't gone unnoticed.

The team recently won the 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award for its efforts.

Rather than repairing used floorboards, the team is making new ones, saving a total of nearly \$5.5 million and reducing flow days from 42 to nine. It's an effort that played a large part in the record-breaking completion of programmed depot maintenance on 23 C-5s in fiscal 2003.

While the team was saving time and money,

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Mr. Rob Couillard, sheet metal mechanic, has all the parts he needs for the C-5 floorboard with a floorboard kit he gets from manufacturing with all the needed parts in place.

Some speed limits reduced to 20 for pedestrian safety

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New speed limits at Robins have drivers putting on the brakes for increased pedestrian safety on some base streets.

Speed limits have been reduced to 20 mph on Richard Ray Boulevard from the main gate to Robins Parkway, Third Street from Perry Street to Robins Parkway, Byron Street from Richard Ray Boulevard to Third Street, and Milledgeville Street from Richard Ray Boulevard to Third Street.

Capt. Michelle Stringer, operations officer for the 78th Security Forces Squadron, said pedestrian

safety was the deciding factor in making the changes.

"These roads have the largest number of pedestrians — making it an area of great concern," she said. "This week has been a grace period for people to get used to the new speed limit signs. Beginning next week, we'll be issuing tickets to speed violators in these areas."

Signs have also been posted 115 feet ahead of crosswalks, warning drivers to reduce speed in these areas.

In addition, a quarter-mile strip of Richard Ray Boulevard's south lane will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 29 through April 2, as contractors install a new curb around Building 214.

AF Portal aims to be doorway to a huge electronic library

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The Air Force has given birth to a new technology tool that will put Robins' 15,000 computer users on the threshold of a huge electronic library containing both general information and information of their choosing.

The library door is the Air Force Portal, and like any new technology, it's subject to growing pains.

"The system has a lot of potential, but in the short term, it has many drawbacks," Mr. Alan Mathis, Robins' director of Information Technology said. "It will improve as more capabilities, updates and enhancements are added. For now, consider it a work in progress."

The two people at Robins most closely associated with getting the portal off the ground are guardedly optimistic about the present and looking forward to the future as more of the at-hand tools computer users have come to know and love become accessible through the portal.

Mr. Mathis and Ms. Debbie Boyd, Robins' Air Force Portal project manager, said the key

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AF Portal benefits

Desktop shortcuts to local programs or applications

Web favorites as defined by the user, including career programs, thrift savings plan, MyPay, digitized technical data, education and training, Air Force leadership messages, current Robins headlines

"My Communities" feature that puts the user in work collaboration discussion groups

Air Force Instant Messenger that allows users to send instant messages to people they place in commercial applications refer to as "buddy lists"

Air Force "white" pages, an online phone book for the Air Force

User Profile, which enables users to see only what pertains to their jobs or preferences

Dot-Com, which makes the portal accessible to registered users from any location, even home

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Force that says there is zero tolerance for sexual assault, victims will be protected and cases will be investigated properly. And when it's appropriate the offenders will be prosecuted.

The visits come at a time when headlines speaking of sexual assault within the military are grabbing attention, but Colonel Dozier said they are focusing on this issue right now for multiple reasons.

What to know

The team will visit 10 installations in two weeks. The information they obtain will be compiled into a report for the Air Force. The report is due to the Air Force April 8.

"Everyone is fairly aware of the situation at the Air Force Academy, and there have been some issues at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, so it just made sense that given all those

different things that we just extend the look out to the entire Air Force," she said.

"This is AFMC's effort to do that."

While visiting the AFMC installations, the team is taking a look at what programs are in place and how well people are doing with those programs. And because they are just beginning their tours, it's too early to identify whether there are any systematic problems.

"I'm hoping that what we get out of this is a lot of good ideas," said Colonel Dozier.

In order to get those ideas the team used a variety of methods to compile data.

One of those methods included a focus group session where they talked about the various processes that take place when an assault has been identified. They also met with base leadership, first sergeants and others as part of the fact-finding trip.

A separate team went out and interviewed people, gathering data in high population areas such as the Base Exchange in order to get a good cross section of the population they

asked general knowledge questions like who to notify if there was a case of sexual assault.

A counselor was also available in case people wanted to have a one-on-one with a member of the team.

Colonel Dozier said all of this data obtained will be rolled into a report for the command.

"It's obvious that at each installation we have been to so far that everyone has very strong programs and what we are looking at is ways to make those programs better," she said.

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to entering the portal is registration, and the time to register is now. The Air Force wants users registered by April 30.

Registration is a relatively simple process. The system prompts the user through questions that identify them by command, base and organization, and then assigns an ID and password. To complete registration, a user must log onto the system and key in the assigned user name and password. Users can change the password.

Mr. Mathis and Mrs. Boyd said when all the applications are added to the portal, users will be able to access them using one password. The current world of multiple passwords challenges the memory, and the need to change them periodically complicates the picture.

Many are already registered, thanks to the call from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper to get on board with an account as soon as possible. The portal is the Airman's interface to all services and information they need to perform their jobs. Because of that, Robins' military members overseas have been able to put in immediate requests to item managers for equipment and parts they need.

Mrs. Boyd, who is the subject area expert for the portal, said in addition to the single log on, the portal offers direct access to:

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Mrs. Boyd said the electronic library's static – unchanging – content will be in the system by April 30 and the library's dynamic – interactive or changing – content by July 30 according to the current Air Force timeline.

For years, Mrs. Boyd has been working with Robins' military and civilian community whose pages link to the Robins' home page. Now, those people are being known as content managers, and their pages will become accessible through the portal.

She said among the library's goals is to standardize all Air Force Web sites, ending the frustration of hunting for links in the many different forms of Air Force home pages now on the Internet.

Mr. Mathis said that when the system is fully operable worldwide, it will achieve savings because multiple servers won't be needed.

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the nation entered Operation Iraqi Freedom and the need for aircraft to return to the war fighter as quickly as possible was intense.

When the team began rethinking their work process there were 923 floorboards on backorder, and C-5s were being held up in the depot because of it, said team member and shop mechanic Mr. Heath Rowland.

Mr. Rob Couillard, a mechanic, said the old process was messy and frustrating.

"We'd get (a floorboard) in from the aircraft and tear it down," he said. "We would try to save all the skins and close out pieces. We tried to save them as best we could and clean them up. It was a time-consuming process, and it was a real nasty job."

"We'd get stacks of floorboards in and there would be a lot of disorganization," he added. "It was putting aircraft way behind, so we knew we had to do something to speed up our process."

Work leader Mr. Terry Darsey said the team worked with its Lean office to find a solution to the delays.

"The Lean office had the tools we needed to go in the right direction," Mr. Darsey



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

Mr. Wesley Wood, sheet metal mechanic, bonds honeycomb to the skin of a floorboard.

said. "We worked on production control boards for the shop so everyone could go by and see where we were (in production) at any time. The Lean office had the pull - if you will - to allow us what we asked for. They let the mechanics make a lot of the decisions on how we wanted to do our job."

In the old process, the team had to rebuild, sand down and clean up the floorboards. Now that they are making new ones, the parts are built to the engineers' specifications.

"You're not jeopardizing the integrity of the part," he said. "I think the customer would much rather get a new part instead of a used one. It's like getting a new car for the price of a used car."

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Electronic warfare symposium begins Sunday

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There will be an electronic warfare symposium Sunday through Thursday at the Museum of Aviation, sponsored by the Center Combat Electronic Systems Directorate and the Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows.

Each year the Dixie Crow Chapter hosts the symposium to raise money for local scholarship programs. Money raised during the past 28 symposiums has provided more than \$350,000 for student scholarships in the Middle Georgia area.

This year's theme is "EW is changing ... are you?" EW technical seminars and short courses will be conducted in the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater beginning Tuesday morning. The technical exhibits will be at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

For information, visit www.dixiecrow.org/mcartfree/moreinfo.asp.

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SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT SELECTEES

19th Air Refueling Group
Jacqueline Baker-Bailey

19th Maintenance Squadron
James C. McDonald

52nd Combat Communication Squadron
Randy L. Hodges

12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
Kevin J. Juegella

116th Air Control Wing
Robert Armbruster

116th Computer System Squadron
Kevin F. Rooney

116th Operations Group
James L. Talley

116th Maintenance Operation Squadron
Vandy J. Alderman
Gerald Singletary
Micky K. Wall

116th Maintenance Squadron
Mark R. Kerhin
Richard A. Martens
Eric W. Miller

C-130 System Program Office
Kim L. Mosely

78th Civil Engineer Squadron
Izell B. Bowick

78th Mission Support Squadron
David D. Lee

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron
James A. Clay
Talmadge Hutchins

78th Security Forces Squadron
Joseph P. St Cyr

Band of Air Force Reserve
John Cornacchione

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Grounds crews help Robins stay beautiful

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Grounds maintainers have all the right tools to keep Robins groomed for mission success.

More than 60 ground maintainers contracted through JOPPA, a North Carolina-based company, plant, mow, edge, and trim Robins' image, beautifying the 8,435-acre installation on a daily basis.

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picture



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

Mr. Johnny Newson, crew leader for JOPPA, blows away grass clippings on Robins' flight line Wednesday morning.

"Essentially, we're in the business of base beautification," said Mr. John Conley, assistant project manager who oversees grounds crews at Robins. "We have to put our best foot forward so Robins can put its best foot forward in all other aspects."

By 7 a.m., grounds maintainers like Mr. Johnny Newson, crew leader for JOPPA since October of last year, are mowing 1,756 acres of grass, maintaining 841,801 square feet of flowerbeds and 605,992 square feet of shrubbery.

"We cut the grass, edge, trim, remove trees," Mr. Newson said. "You name it - we do it. We lay sod, plant grass and replace flowers. Every day is different."

Ground maintainers use rotary tillers, tractors, various mowers, weed eaters and even their hands to keep Robins looking its best.

"It's true job satisfaction when you can turn around and see what you've accomplished that day," said Mr. Conley, who has managed ground maintenance crews at Robins for 15 years.

For Mr. Newson, a Cochran, Ga., native who describes himself as an outdoors person, even a good, hard rain can't put a damper on his workday.

"We work out here every day," he said. "As long as there's not a heavy down-pour, we even work in the rain. If it's too heavy, we usually are inside maintain-

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Crew leader for JOPPA

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gives Airmen a more comfortable environment to work in," he said. "Everyone plays a part at Robins, and it

all comes together to make the big picture. If we didn't do our job on a daily basis, it would show."

Scholarship applications available for club members

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will award scholarships at its July meeting for the 2004-2005 school year. Scholarships will be awarded to Middle Georgia Chapter members and their dependents.

Applicants must have been members of NCMA for at least six months prior to application and must be pursuing a business-related graduate or undergraduate degree.

Dependent children, under the age of 22, of NCMA members must be enrolled full-time in an accredited institution and pursuing a business-related graduate or undergraduate degree.

Past recipients are welcome to apply again.

Applications will be accepted from April 1 - May 31, with award to be announced at the first NCMA luncheon meeting in July, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Applications are available at <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/NCMA/SCHOLARSHIPS/scholarships.html> or by contacting Ms. Carolyn Richardson, scholarship chairperson, WR-ALC/LTKC, at 926-7700 extension 4137.

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Enlisted Dining Out tests Airmen's mess rule knowledge April 10

What to know

Tickets for the event, funded through various fundraisers and organization donations, are available through unit first sergeants at the cost of \$12 for airman basic through senior airman, \$16 for staff sergeants and technical sergeants, and \$20 for master sergeants through chief master sergeants.

History

The Air Force's Enlisted Dining Out is a social event whose history dates back to the late Gen. H. "Hap" Arnold's "wing dings" in the 1930s where Airmen would come together for fellowship. Its traditions continue to be a way to bring enlisted military members together to build morale and camaraderie among the ranks.

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Enlisted Airman planning to attend the Enlisted Dining Out April 10, may want to brush up on the rules of the mess.

The Enlisted Dining Out, to be held in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar, gives Airmen a chance to build stronger relationships with fellow military members and test their knowledge of proper mess etiquette.

"A lot of times, we work together, but we don't spend a lot of quality time together," said Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, Center command chief master sergeant. "This gives Airmen a chance to get to know each other better and have a good time together."



Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle

The event is the first of its kind at Robins.

Military members who violate mess rules will have to drink from one of two Grog bowls, containers with mixtures of alcoholic and non-alcoholic contents, the Chief said.

Different from the traditional military "dining in" – limited only to military members – the Enlisted Dining Out invites the company of Airmen's spouses and friends.

"So many people have been deployed, leaving their military and civilian spouses behind to do their work," said Master Sgt. Shawn Holley, Enlisted Dining Out Planning Committee chairman. "This is a function to say we, as a base community, are a family."

Chief Doolittle said he encourages all enlisted to take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate history and relax.

"Come out and have a good time," he said. "But be sure to sharpen your mess skills so you won't have to visit the grog bowl."



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

Lt. Col. Michael Allshouse, program element manager for Small Arms headquarters USAF Directorate of Security Forces, attends the small arms requirements review at Robins March 10.

Small arms acquisition growth results in conference

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What to know

A 700 percent increase in new small arms system acquisitions led the Small Arms Integrated Product Team in the Armament and Specialized Management Directorate here to host its first Small Arms Requirements Review.

The conference, held March 9-12 at Luna Lake Lodge, brought together various members of the Air Force's small arms community to improve customer support through a formalized distribution process.

According to Mrs. June Sims, Air Force Small Arms program manager, the conference's goal was to review current small arms requirements and establish a distribution plan based on mission needs and current year funding allocations.

Attending the conference were representatives from Air Force agencies such as Security Forces, Office of Special Investigations, Honor Guard, Gunsmith Shop, Security Force Center, Pararescues, and multiple major commands.

Mrs. Sims, who also serves as the Integrated Product Team lead, said the bottom line is to ensure new systems are being provided to the right customers.

She went on to explain that as a result of the war on terrorism, the IPT received Defense Emergency Relief Funds and Global War on Terrorism funds in direct support of new mission requirements for force protection, homeland and global security, and air expeditionary forces. In addition, increased funds were sustained in Budget Program 35 (funding allocations for new acquisitions for small arms) Small Arms and Munitions for the acquisition of new small arms systems.

"We are procuring and fielding over 150,000 com-

The Small Arms Integrated Product Team is one of 12 IPTs under the Missile and Weapons Division. The team acquires, maintains, sustains and manages over 500,000 fielded Small Arms Systems.

Small Arms (ground weapons) are defined as all pistols, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, grenade launchers and mortars. Ammunition capabilities are .50-caliber and below. Small Arms categories include personal defense weapons, individual combat weapons, crew-served weapons and mission specific weapons.

plete small arms systems to support the new mission requirements," she said. "This growth equates to a 700 percent increase in new system acquisitions as compared to prior year budget authorities, thus, the need for a conference."

Mrs. Tanya Green, Air Force Small Arms item manager, said the one thing that she and the other team members took away from the conference was an open line of communication for requirements.

"We let the customers know that once we are made aware of their requirements, we will either provide the weapons or request funding in the presidential budget," she said. "Without this conference we would not have been able to let every MAJCOM know that our ultimate objective is to provide the right weapon when required."

The conference will continue on an annual basis. In fiscal 2005, it will be called the Small Arms Allocation Conference, where all players will meet once again, to improve war fighter support by distributing small arms based on mission needs and funding allocations.

Hit the road Jack ...



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



More than 40 travel representatives provided information to Team Robins March 10 at ITT's travel fair at the Smith Community Center ballroom. Above, crowds look through travel displays. Right, travel brochures are displayed for fair attendees. Left, Ms. Gayle Westmoreland, Services payroll technician, dresses as a tacky tourist.



Radar team earns AF Productivity Excellence Award

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Robins F-15 Radar Operational Flight's software engineering efforts earned the 2003 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award and saved the Navy \$9 million.

Mr. Mark Campbell, F-15 Radar Operational Flight program section chief, Mr. Darel Lundy, F-15 Target Identification Team lead, Mr. Jafar Ebrahimi, electronics engineer and F-15 Radar Target Identification signal processing programmer, and Mr. Ben Bernal, senior engineer for the F-15 Radar Operations Flight, will be presented the Air Force-level award at the Pentagon April 1.

The award-winning project – spanning nearly a 10-year period, allowed software engineers to develop



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Mr. Mark Campbell, standing, Mr. Jafar Ebrahimi, foreground, Mr. Ben Bernal, white shirt, and Mr. Darel Lundy verify the accuracy of radar software on an F-15 Radar Test Bench Set. The four men earned the 2003 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award and saved the Navy \$9 million.

equipment that works interchangeably with the Navy's F-18 and the Air Force's F-15 aircraft – serving two missions with one part, Mr. Lundy said.

"This project shows that

when the Air Force and Navy work together, they can save a lot of money," he said. "Both service branches develop their software separately, often duplicating efforts. In this case, the Air

Force's software was the better choice. So, the Navy requested that it be placed in their aircraft – saving money and efforts."

Mr. Ebrahimi said his team's recent achievement affirms the importance of their mission of helping people in the field. "We have extensive background in target identification software," he said. "As a result of the Air Force and Navy sharing resources, we were able to make the Navy's mission more efficient."

Robins was one of nine Air Force teams selected for the award.

"It's great to see this organization recognized at this level," Mr. Campbell said. "In the past, I felt as if the complexity of engineering tasks at Robins were undervalued. That is obviously not the case now."

Colonel gives back



Submitted photo

Col. Samuel Lofton III, F-15 System Program director, talks to Warner Robins High School students during the AKA Teen Challenge. Colonel Lofton discussed the importance of goal setting, establishing priorities, how to resolve conflicts, and the need for making positive decisions.

Public-private partnering with depot maintenance

By Col. Larry Eriksen
Deputy director of Maintenance

Public-private partnering, partnering with industry - we hear these words frequently, but what do they mean? Partnering is collaboration between government and industry. It's a cooperative agreement for sustainment of the various facets of a weapon system. It's the future of weapon system sustainment.

Partnerships are a transformational process. We have stepped away from "business as usual." Instead of assigning a workload to either the depot or industry, partnerships leverage the strengths of each party. By combining the best of industry with the best of government, weapon system support is benefited.

Public-private partnering is an innovative way to share management and depot maintenance activities to meet the objectives of the acquisition community, prime contractors and Air Force depots. The result is weapon system support for the war fighter that is on time, high quality and within budget. Partnering reduces total ownership costs while maximizing use of depot core capabilities, and can involve many mission areas such as product support, supply support and depot maintenance.

The Air Force depot maintenance transformation strategy for weapons systems support now includes aggressive

pursuit of strong public-private partnerships. Our Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has led the way with these new business arrangements, and we have successfully brought additional workloads into our depot as a result. There are currently 18 partnerships in place for fiscal 2004 totaling 227,000 hours and worth more than \$27 million.

Fourteen potential partnerships are also being actively pursued at this time. To determine which partnerships to pursue, an evaluation model is used. Some of the criteria in the model include:

- consistent with core technologies and mission,
- DoD end use products,
- value added for war fighter,
- reduce core deficit,
- augment technology and
- consistent with long-term strategy.

Among our partnership successes is the first public-private partnership between the Air Force and a company in a foreign country. The partnership between the depot and Terma, a Danish company, involves the repair and support of the ALQ-213 system, which is part of an air defense system. Terma produces the ALQ-213. This partnership will eventually ask our Maintenance Directorate to perform all aspects of repair for the system, including its software maintenance.

In another example, the

success of one partnership led to the signing of another partnership arrangement. The Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod, or ATP, is a new partnership that evolved from an earlier LAN-TIRN partnership, which began in January 1997.



Col. Larry Eriksen

Through the earlier partnership, our business relationship with Lockheed Martin has grown and matured. Both systems are precision-targeting equipment, with LAN-TIRN serving as the predecessor of the Sniper ATP. Lockheed Martin has primary management of this program, and the Maintenance Directorate will test and repair the Sniper ATP. This is also an excellent example of considering partnership opportunities for a sustainment concept early in the product development process. Early insertion of solid sustainment plans, through partnering, is a key factor in assuring future supportability for this weapon system and in reducing the total ownership cost.

A new and important workload for our center is on the C-130J aircraft. Eight months ago we established a partnership with Lockheed Martin for our maintainers to

perform weapon system services such as: time compliance technical orders, modifications and other depot level maintenance. This partnership has continued to flourish since its inception, and has enjoyed outstanding performance resulting in increased capability for our newest version of the C-130. Lockheed Martin considered our depot to be the "best value" for this work, and both parties consider the partnership as a key component for long-term sustainment of the C-130J aircraft.

Depot maintenance partnerships with industry vary widely, with work being accomplished in all of the depot production areas at the Center. Our Commodities and Industrial Products Division provides back-shop support and local manufacturing. Software maintenance and TPS development are part of the Software Division's partnerships. The avionics production area provides repair, manufacture and circuit card assembly hybrid skills.

Aircraft production has partnerships for the C-17 and C-130J aircraft.

Our partnerships range from small companies to the large defense contractors. Currently, our industry partners include Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Rockwell Collins, Honeywell, Hamilton Standard, MTI, SSAL, SAIC, Georgia Tech, Terma, Alion, Heart of Georgia Metal

Crafters, Schwartz Precision Manufacturing, Depot Services Division-Gioia Enterprises, and Systems Research and Applications Corp. Each of these arrangements equate to a proven "win-win" business situation for the Air Force and the company.

In other arrangements, a depot agent acts as a prime contractor or broker to identify and bring workload into our depot. The depot agent identifies to industry unique or specialized capabilities that exist within the depot.

Through a partnership, the depot agents provide industry with a means to access these capabilities. The depot agent focuses on the depot's priorities and core capabilities, and markets specific under-utilized capabilities. Depot Services Division-Gioia Enterprises and Systems Research and Applications Corporation are examples of our depot agent partnerships.

Potential partnerships exist for a variety of programs. For C-130 aircraft, the upgrade of 10 C-130's to SOF Talon II and the modification of three C-130Hs to MC-130s will replace lost aircraft. Another program with partnership potential is the sustainment of the Joint Tactical Radio Systems, or JTRS, for airborne and maritime/fixed station platforms. Like the Sniper ATP, JTRS is in the product development phase, which is the best time to

begin discussions about lifetime sustainment. The JTRS program is also unique because of its transformational qualities. This radio will be placed on airborne, maritime and fixed ground station platforms across all the services. Radios on aircraft, helicopters, ships and fixed ground stations will share commonality, which will improve supportability and decrease lifetime cost.

There is an increased reliance on public-private partnerships to support congressionally mandated requirements for core depot maintenance capability and for maintaining the statutory 50/50 relationship between contract and organic workloads. Partnering is also a means to infuse new technology and improve depot utilization of facilities. At the same time, partnering still allows for single point accountability for weapon system availability.

Partnerships can provide a means for government and industry to work closely together to find innovative ways to share management and depot maintenance activities for the benefit of the war fighter. Our Maintenance Directorate vision for all of our customers, especially our ultimate war fighting customer, is "Quality Production on Time." Partnering with industry is playing an increasingly important role in making this vision into a reality.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



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

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, 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	926-2393
hotline.....	
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Sign of the times: reserved parking problems

I realize that parking around Building 301 is a hot topic these days, and I understand that relief is on the way. But here's my concern; there is a parking lot at the water plant with about 50 parking spots at the southeast corner across from Building 301.

Yet, that lot is barricaded with a chain across two large cement blocks with a sign that says, "Water Plant Parking Only", and there's only three or four cars parked there. Seems like a waste to me.

Part two of my concern is this: The recently opened parking lot across from 301 helped ease some of the burden. However, since that lot has opened, there has been a proliferation of reserved spots for VIPs and handicapped personnel.

To make matters worse, for those spots that didn't get a white square painted on the ground, there are a variety of poles positioned in spots that aren't legally reserved.

I have three questions: Why can't the water plant parking lot be opened up? What is the base policy on reserved parking? Does the base have any standards for reserved parking devices of a temporary nature (i.e. orange cones, wooden stanchions, metal poles and computer generated signs)?

Commander replies: We appreciate your concern for parking on Robins Air Force Base. Your suggestions are valuable and always welcomed. The parking lot referred to is used by the Plant Operations Division of Civil Engineering. Parking is limited to division personnel to avoid delays in emergency production. Previously, this parking area was available to the general public and plant operations vehicles could not respond to situations due to restricted vehicle maneuverability. As a

result, it was determined to restrict access to the parking area.

The base policy on reserved parking is outlined in Section 3 of RAFBI 31-205. Paragraph 3.1 states "Each organization will be assigned two individual reserved parking spaces, unless the WR-ALC/CC or designee determines a different allocation. The installation commander (or his designated representative) must approve additional spaces."

The unit parking monitors are authorized to temporarily reserve parking spaces. This should be accomplished using a metal stanchion with the following information showing through a see-through plastic sleeve: organization's name, the individual's name, office or company of the individual and when they can park there, the issue date, the organization's parking monitor and phone number. These stanchions can be acquired through the building manager. For any questions, please contact 1st Lt. Malcolm Roberts at 926-5820, extension 238.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

March: **3** March 2003: **4** Year to date: **16** 2003: **63** Number of days since last DUI: **6**



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Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss!



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

Robins Elementary School students celebrated the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss March 8-12. The students learned Dr. Seuss trivia: His real name is Theodor S. Geisel, he was born in Springfield, Mass., and he was voted the least likely to succeed by his classmates. Ms. Isabel Addington, above, reads "The Sneetches" to Mrs. Sandra Freyer's fourth grade class March 11. Ms. Addington was one of 100 guest readers at the school.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Officers' Hail and Farewell

There will be a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell, conducted by Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, today at 4 p.m. in the Officers' Club ballroom. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Robert E. Stapleton at 926-3511 or e-mail at Robert.Stapleton@robins.af.mil.

ASMC luncheon

American Society of Military Comptrollers Middle Georgia Chapter luncheon will be Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., at Luna Lodge. Cost is \$5.50 for members and \$6.50 for non-members. The featured speaker will be Mr. Lyle Fischer from the Social Security Administration. To R.S.V.P., call Ms. Kathy Piper 327-1410, Ms. Amy Galeazzo at 472-0381 or Ms. Betty Enge at 926-5485.

AFCOMAP spring fling

The Air Force Cadet and Officer Mentor Action Program will hold a "Spring Fling...Mentor, Mix and Mingle!" from 4 - 6 p.m. Thursday at the Bowling

Center. Cost is \$4.50 and includes shoes and three games. For more information, contact Maj. Jan Rutledge at 926-2169 or Lt. Cameron Richardson at 472-1961.

OSC luncheon

The Officers' Spouses Club luncheon will be Thursday at 10 a.m.

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. March 31 at the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

Earth Day on the greens

Environmental Management will host a golf tournament, in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations, at Pine Oaks Golf Course April 9. Check-in and warm up will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Awards will be presented at 5:30 p.m. Snacks and

drinks will be provided. Cost is \$40, payable by April 2. For more information or to sign up, call Ms. Rhonda Odum at 329-8870.

Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting, hosted by Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th MDG commander, will be April 15 at 2 p.m. at the 78th MDG, Black Chair Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Denise Roberts at 327-8384.

'Jazz at Six' series

The Museum of Aviation Foundation's "Jazz at Six" series will feature the Monty Cole Trio at the Museum of Aviation April 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. There will be a cash bar and snacks. Admission will be \$7 per person, and Museum of Aviation Society of Eagles members will get in free. For more information,

call Mr. Bob Dubiel at 923-6600 or e-mail bdubiel@museumofaviation.org.

VFW golf tournament

There will be a golf tournament May 7 at the Waterford Golf Course in Bonaire, Ga. Players and teams of players are needed as well as volunteers. Proceeds from the tournament, sponsored by Warner Robins Memorial Post 6605 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will benefit residents of the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, Ga., and the Veterans' Hospital in Dublin, Ga. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000. For more information, call Mr. T.J. Dick at 953-0291 extension 152 or 397-6455.

AF Enlisted Village offers to help enlisted widow

Widows and widowers of retired enlisted members who are 55 years or older and have a retired military I.D. card may be eligible for the Air Force Enlisted Village in Shalimar, Fla. For more information, visit www.afenlistedwidows.org or call (800) 258-1413.

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ALC engineers visit AF research lab

By the Center Engineering Directorate

Air logistics center engineers were introduced to the broad range of technologies being developed by the Air Force Research Laboratory during a technology exchange visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Feb. 10 and 11.

**Air
Logistics
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Mr. Michael Hatcher, Robins director of engineering and Mr. Daryl Israel, director of engineering Ogden ALC, Utah, led 21 civilian and military engineers from the Air Force's three centers during the visit where they were provided information on a broad spectrum of technologies spanning from revolutionary non-lethal directed energy weapons to readily available aircraft battle damage repair capabilities.

Col. Brian Jones, chief of the Aeronautics Sector in the AFRL Plans and Programs Directorate, briefed the team on Air Force S&T investment and technology transition planning processes. The ALCs' role in the AFMC Applied Technology Council – a key process used to make critical resource decisions – was specifically highlighted.

According to Colonel Jones, one of the lab's most important roles is introducing users to the "art of the possible". By being familiar with what new technology can bring to the table, the centers can better prepare for what challenges lay ahead.

The visit included tours, technology demonstrations, and presentations by senior leaders from five AFRL technology directorates. Included were: Materials and Manufacturing, Human Effectiveness, Sensors, Air Vehicles, and Propulsion.

Some ALC high interest topics included: Manufact-



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The Vehicle Mounted Active Denial System, an emerging revolutionary non-lethal weapon, uses high-power microwaves to cause a repel effect.

uring Technologies, Non-destructive Evaluation, Composites, Electric Failure Analysis, Rapid Response Capability, Structural Failure Analysis, Logistics Control, Dynamic Infrared Missile Warning Evaluation, Autonomous Landing systems, Electro Optical/Infrared Sensor, Future Air/Space Vehicles, Turbine Engines, Oil Debris Analysis, Batteries and Fuel Cells, and Electric Vehicles.

The visiting engineers also got a glimpse of future technology. One highlight came in the non lethal directed energy

weapons technologies presentation by Lt Col Ralph Urch, AFRL Weapons Sector deputy chief. A ground vehicle mounted version of the Active Denial System is expected to be ready for operational test late this year.

Despite a packed two day schedule with working lunches and very few breaks, the AFRL was still only able to show the engineers a portion of the S&T lab activities.

Follow-on focused technology exchanges between the two organizations are already being planned.

For more information, visit

www.afrl.af.mil, call Lt. Col. Forrest C. "Chad" Cunningham, AFRL Commander's Representative to the ALCs, at 926-0540 or e-mail forrest.cunningham@robins.af.mil

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fringe benefits

Civilians enjoy privileges of working at Robins

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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Being a civilian employee on a military installation has its benefits.

Although many are aware of life and health insurance benefits, they may not be aware of the other entitlements being a base employee brings.

"Look at it as part of your benefits package," said Ms. Linda Hinkle, Marketing director of the Services Division of the 78th Mission Support Group. "So many people come to work every day and just don't see all the great things that are here for them."

"If they have access to the base, they can use just about all of the assorted programs and activities offered," she said.

Everything that is available to civil service employees is available to contractors except the fitness center.

Mr. James Riddick, electronic technician for the Maintenance Directorate, said he takes advantage of what's offered.

"It gives people a chance to do things they want to do without having to go off-base," he said. "It's nice to enjoy these things without having to pay the higher prices off-base."

Ms. Doris Long, inventory management specialist for the Vehicle Management Directorate, agreed.

"We've all used the snack bar," she said. "The people are so nice, and they always have good food. It's a nice convenience to have."

Although there are a number of programs available to civilians, services such as the Base Exchange, Base Exchange Service Station, Commissary, Shoppette, Class Six, Flight Kitchen and the base veterinarian clinic are available only to military and their families.



Ms. Becky Cochran, right, gets information from Ms. Valeri Johns, a sales representative from Universal Orlando, at the travel fair held at the Smith Community Center March 10.



Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Dean Darley have a snack in the BX food court Tuesday afternoon. Ms. Jennifer Walker, below left, finishes a frame job at the Skills Development Center.



Youths take part in a junior golf clinic at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Wednesday.

What's available

Civilians working at Robins have access to a number of **eating facilities**, are afforded membership at the **Officers' and Enlisted Clubs** and can even learn how to fly at the **Aero Club**.

Other benefits include comprehensive **child care**, **preschool**, and assorted **youth sports programs**. For the avid golfer, the greens at **Pine Oaks Golf Course** are available.

The **Skills Development Center** offers an array of services including professional framing, engraving, and assorted "how to" classes.

ing, and assorted "how to" classes.

The **Information, Tickets and Travel** office offers tickets at discounted rates and deals on cruises, tours and trips.

Although membership at the **Robins Fitness Center** is offered, there is restricted access to for civilians.

For more information, contact Ms. Linda Hinkle, Services Marketing director, at 926-5492 or visit the Services link at www.robins.af.mil.

Chambliss calls for better benefits for Guard, reserve

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., addressed a full house during a luncheon hosted by the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association and Chapter 36 of the Reserve Officers Association at the Robins Officers' Club Monday.

Among his topics of discussion was the increased role of guardsmen and reservists in the military and the need for increased benefits to improve their quality of life.

"We're calling on our Guard and Reserve more today than we ever have before, and we simply have got to do something from the standpoint

of providing them a better quality of life and a little more predictability in their lives than what they're looking at today," he said.

The first-term senator said this was brought home during a visit to Fort Stewart, Ga., where he spoke with spouses of Guard members and reservists.

One Guard member's spouse said her 4-year-old daughter has only seen her father for six months of her life. Another spouse said her 2 year old has seen her father for less than six months.

Senator Chambliss said a number of issues are on the table in Washington as they move through the authorization bill and into the appro-

priation process to help with quality of life issues.

One of those is allowing reservists to participate in TRICARE, the military health care provider.

"Forty percent of reservists called up do not have health care," he said. "That creates problems from the readiness standpoint that the folks we are calling up are not ready to go on active duty."

The number one problem is dental care, with a large percentage of reservists going through the medical facility and being turned down or delayed as a result of poor dental care over the years.

Although reservists would be required to pay the TRICARE premi-

um when not serving on active duty status, Senator Chambliss said there needs to be options.

A bill has also been proposed to reduce the retirement age of reservists from 60 to 55. The bill is modeled after the social security system where benefits are decreased if early retirement is taken.

"We're going to continue to explore these ideas," said Senator Chambliss. "We want to make it as attractive as we can from a quality of life standpoint and from a pay standpoint for people to continue to sign up for the Reserve."

Another bill has been proposed for reservists to get an increase in their Montgomery GI Bill.



U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., addresses a full house during a luncheon at the Robins Officers' Club Monday.

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Hometown USAF (Vol. 5)

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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59. Maryland Army fort
60. Narcotic (abbrev.)
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4. Mocks
5. Assign portions
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7. NC school
8. Tail markings for a/c assigned to 149th FW
9. Turkey air station
10. Texas AFB home to 17th TRW
11. Gun lobby
12. Beginning of titles for American naval ships
16. Greek letter
20. Meadow
21. RAF home to 100th ARW
22. Law of motion
24. Egyptian boy king
27. Military order to arrange troops
29. CIA, FBI counterpart
31. Ajar
32. Tear up
35. Away from home
39. 1981 movie Raiders of the Lost ___
40. Educational place
43. George Lucas' company (abbrev.)
44. A single time
45. Youths
47. Movie dog
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50. Pig
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55. Oxygen

For puzzle solution, see March 26 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for March 12



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Ms. Jennifer K. Thomas, WR-ALC/LSRSC. Point of contact is Ms. Birdie Walker, WR-ALC/LSRSI, at 926-7587.

Ms. Lola A. Williams, WR-ALC/LSRSC. Point of contact is Ms. Birdie Walker, WR-ALC/LSRSI, at 926-7587.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

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.

Interviewing Q&A

The FSC will offer a workshop on Interviewing Q&A Monday, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 139. This class is designed for anyone who has attended a program like the Department of Labor 3-day workshop, or who has done interviews but wants suggestions on how to approach or answer specific questions they were asked. Advance registration is required.

Applied suicide skills training

A workshop on Applied Suicide Skills Training will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Base Chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

The spouse's connection

The FSC offers the Spouse's Connection, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC Annex. Tired of staying home? Need to get out? Want to make new friends? We

have just the thing you are looking for. Let's "Get Together" for conversation, laughter, and a bit of fun and refreshments. Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend in the process.

Jr. Smooth move

The FSC offers a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held March 25, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC Annex. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop March 26, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plan so that financial goal may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted March 30, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 250.

The briefing is tailored for personnel and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation/retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long range retirement/separation planning, benefits and other information.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class March 31, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

This program is open to all Active Duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

Job fair success class

The FSC will offer a Job Fair Success class, March 31, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 139.

Never been to a job fair? Had an unsuccessful experience if you did? This class helps you understand what job fairs are and why attend one. It also offers tips and strategies to effectively utilize them to maximize your time there.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

Teams are invited to play **Win, Lose or Draw** for a chance to win four tickets to a Georgia attraction during the Civilian Recreation team challenge March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Teams consisting of four players will test their talents at drawing and guessing. For more information, call 922-4415.

Teams of two are invited to **Bunco** March 27 at 3 p.m. The game involves rolling dice and counting up the points. The winners win, the losers win and there will be special winners throughout the tournament. Play for prizes. Space is limited, and cost is free. To register, call 922-4415.

Tennis players are invited to play at their own level in the singles and doubles spring tennis leagues, which begin April 5. Open to anyone 16 years and older in the Robins community who register by March 31. Cost is \$10 per person. Play at your own level.

Information, Tickets and Travel

A yard sale will be held at the Smith

Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 3. Cost is \$7 to reserve a table.

Skills Development Center

The center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Tuesday and March 30 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50.

Other classes include: decorative stamping Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; drawing Monday and March 29 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; watercolor Monday and March 29 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; cross stitch Tuesday and March 30 from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; oil painting Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; pen and ink Tuesday and March 30 from 1 - 2 p.m., cost \$7; scrapbooking March 26 from 12:30 - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50.

Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited.

All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information call skills development.

Skills Development Center

Clip the customer appreciation days coupon in March Edge magazine to receive two free hours of shop time at the wood shop.

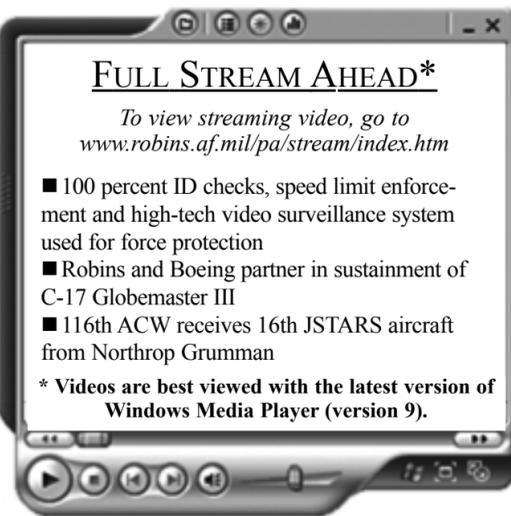
Smith Community Center

A chess tournament will be held Monday at 4:30 p.m. Register at the community center now. The tournament is free to all active duty members, DoD civilians, contractors, retirees, spouses and other family members. For more information, call 926-2105.

Youth Center

Summer Day Camp 2004 will be held June 1 - July 30 for 5 - 12 year-olds. Beginning March 22 - 26 registration forms will be accepted. Children 5 years old must have completed kindergarten to be accepted. Forms are available online at www.robins.af.mil/services and at the Youth Center, Building 1021. For more information, call the center at 926-2110.

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. - **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** - Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer

On the southside of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. Urban developers are looking to replace "mom and pop" establishments with name-brand chains. The world changes, but some things never go out of style - from current events and politics to relationships and love, you can still say anything you want at the barber-shop.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual material and brief drug references) 106 minutes



Saturday
7:30 p.m. - **You Got Served** - Omarion Grandberry and Marques Houston

Hip-hop dancers, David and Elgin, are the best dancing duo in town. But their reputations and friendship end up on the line when they face serious competition and are challenged in the biggest competition of the year.

Rated PG-13 (thematic elements and sexual references) 95 minutes



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 (Jum'ah) 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.

HONOR ROLL

The Air Force Materiel Command Aviation Resource Management Award winners for 2003 are:

AFMC Airman of the Year, **Senior Airman Kiani R. Crespo**, 78th Air Base Wing
 AFMC Non-commissioned Officer of the Year: **Staff Sgt. Charlandaise V. Wooten**, 78th Air Base Wing

Mr. Russell L. Jones, manufacturing branch, received the Commodities and Industrial Products Division Supervisor of the Month award for February.



BEAR team

Mr. Willie T. Reynolds, F-15 wing section, Repair Branch, received the Commodities and Industrial Products Division Employee of the Month for February.



Mr. Russell L. Jones

Ms. Rena Ross, WR-ALC/LECR-2, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category I (GS-03 to GS-09), award winner for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.



Mr. Donald Waddell

Ms. Laura Turner, WR-ALC/LEAAD, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category II (GS-11 to GS-13 non supervisory), award winner for the first



Ms. Rena Ross



Ms. Laura Turner



Ms. Linda Floyd



Ms. Cathy Jones

quarter of fiscal 2004.

Mr. Donald Waddell, WR-ALC/LEEG, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category III (supervisor), award winner for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

The Basic Expeditionary

Airfield Resource (BEAR) Team was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category IV (Team), award winner for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. Above, from left to right are: (sitting) **Ms. Carole Smith**, **Ms. Lisa Bell**, **Ms. Rebecca Ringe**, **Ms. Angela McCormack**, **Ms. Robbie Jennings**; (standing) **Lt. Col. Jeff Hess**, **Ms. Monica Brady**, **Mr. Don Maycroft**, **Mr. Stan Collins**, **Mr. Robert Dennard**, **Mr. David Miltner**, **Capt. Al Solorzano**.

Ms. Linda Floyd and **Ms. Cathy Jones**, WR-ALC/LECB, were selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category V (Contractor), award winners for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Capt. Carrie Solorzano, WR-ALC/LE, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, CGO of the Quarter, for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

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Having a ball: Fitness Center offers fun option for health

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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I've performed a lot of balancing acts in my life. In high school I balanced cheer-leading, a part-time job, school and boys of course. Currently I balance a full-time job, a baby, a husband and one million other things, but I think my most challenging balancing act took place Tuesday, at of all places, the Base Fitness Center.

Picture it, the aerobics room 10 a.m. A dozen or so people gather for what I hope will be an enlightening experience in core stability. I grab a ball, a mat and a circle; yes, those are the tools of the core stability trade. Sounds like fun right?

Enter the fitness instructor. The class begins with us all sitting on our stability balls and performing a bouncing routine reminiscent of a pogo stick but much more fun. "This is going to be great," I thought.

As the class wore on and the exercises became more difficult, I asked myself, "what I have I gotten into?" I crunched to the left, I crunched to right, I did leg lifts, push ups and some moves I can't even describe. When it was all over I don't know if my core was stronger, but I felt a deep sense of accomplishment. This class taught me that no matter what your level of fitness, all you have to do is try.

Ms. Vicki Long, certified personal trainer and group exercise instructor, said the class offers something for everyone with each participant being able to choose from beginner, intermediate and advanced level moves.

"The goal of the core exercise class is to train the core muscles which include all of the abdominal, hip and back group muscles to create strength in those areas. By building strength in those areas people will be stronger and better able to handle their daily activities," she said. "Anyone can come in and learn."

Ms. Long, who is also a certified Pilates instructor,



Above, Ms. Donna Hunt works out with a stability ball during a core stability class Tuesday at the Fitness Center. Below, the reporter, Ms. Lanorris Askew, balances on the stability ball while doing leg lifts.



said many of the exercises in the class come from Mr. Joseph Pilates' belief that the core is the powerhouse of the body, and you must have a strong core in order to have a strong body.

For those who may be a little wary, the instructor said don't be afraid to try something new.

"We all had to start some-

where," she said. "We were all at the starting point at some time. We have a very good group of people who will help to encourage everyone at every different level."

If you can find a few extra minutes in your Tuesday or Thursday morning, I highly recommend you give core stability a try. You'll have a ball.

What to know

The hour-long core stability class is offered each Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at no cost to anyone who has access to the Fitness Center. No sign up is required. Other classes include spinning, step, Pilates, kuk sool won, yoga and more. For a full schedule, visit www.robins.af.mil/services or call the Fitness Center at 926-2128.

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Falcons headed to NCAA tournament

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY (AFPN) – The Air Force Falcons have earned a spot in the 2004 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, their first postseason appearance in 42 years.

The Falcons, with an overall 22-6 record, won the Mountain West Conference regular-season title with a conference-record 12-2 mark.

Air Force, the No. 11 seed in the Atlanta Region, will play its first NCAA-tournament game since losing to Texas Tech, 68-66, March 12, 1962. The Falcons' only other NCAA-tournament appearance was after the 1959-1960 campaign.

"This is a great reward for our players," said Air Force head coach Joe Scott. "We have worked hard since Oct. 15 for this moment, and it says a lot about what kind of season we had and how hard our guys have worked."

They faced North Carolina Thursday in Denver. Due to publication deadline, the score was not available at press time.

This was the first meeting between Air Force and North Carolina, which is seeded sixth in the region. The winner of the game will face the victor of the Texas vs. Princeton game Saturday in Denver.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center 926-2112

Go fishing day continues every Thursday in March. During open play you can catch a fish that determines the price of your games.

Golf Course 926-4103

The annual wacky scramble will be held March 27 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. A minimum team handicap of 48 is required. Cost is \$30 AGF and \$45 guest, includes green fee, golf car, lunch and prizes.

Pine Oaks Golf Course invites golfers to come out March 28 at 1 p.m. to qualify for play at Jacksonville NAS.

Price will be weekend cart and green fee. Qualifying for this event

is for active duty personnel only. This does not include active guard or reserve.

For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

Try out all the newest equipment from Ping, Callaway, Titleist and many others during demo day March 30 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings. Cost per person is \$99 and includes eight hours of instruction, free-range punch cards and three golfing experiences. For information on class openings, call 926-4103.

Youth Center 926-2110

Registration for the youth sports softball/baseball pro-

gram has been extended by the Youth Center. Register Monday through Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 6 p.m.

The final times to register for Operation Night Hoops are today from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost is \$10 per player with seven players per team. Season starts March 26 and will last for eight weeks.

The Youth Center will go see the "Harlem Globetrotters on a night with the Atlanta Hawks" Saturday game at 1 p.m. Cost, which includes admission ticket, souvenir visor and transportation, is \$50, lower level, and \$30, upper level. For more information and to sign up, call Mr. O. J. Wheeler at the Youth Center.

All in a day's work



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

Mr. Walter Smith – Sheet metal mechanic – F-15, MABF

“I’ve been working on the flight line for 15 years. I worked for 14 years on the C-141s and have been with F-15s for a year. Right now I’m re-working the F-15 vertical stabilizer. They pull a lot of G’s and take a lot of stress.

“The job is fast paced, and we take pride to

put out a quality product to support the war fighter because we know that while the F-15’s sit here they are no help. But, if we get them back quickly we can fight our enemy.

“We’re not in the military, but this is about as close to being in the military and supporting what they do as we can be.”

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, Building 300, west wing. For more information, contact Mr. Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Building 300. For informa-

tion, call Ms. Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Mr. Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Robins’ Voices International Training in Communication Club meets

the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the Base Restaurant. For information, call Ms. Evelyn Fountain at 926-7429 or Ms. Nancy Kwiatkowski at 923-1752.

Editor’s Note: To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 111, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

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