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Security Forces plant evidence for crime training

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**Bugle Call!**  
Commanders at bases in threat areas use attack warning signals and alarm conditions to initiate passive defense actions in wartime.

Before the Air Force officially defined the "Alarm Red Air" and "Alarm Red Ground" signals, PACAF initiated a local condition they called "Bugle Call".

They would use the "To Arms" bugle call to alert the base populace of a ground attack and to direct them to designated fighting positions.

The Air Force recognized the value and need for this differentiation and adopted the Bugle Call procedures as an additional signal for Alarm Red Ground Attack.

However, not all bases have the ability to play a bugle call over their giant voice system.

Personnel should respond to "Alarm Red Ground Attack", the playing of the "To Arms" bugle call, or the words "bugle call" in the same manner, as follows:

Terminate current missions as safely as possible.

Personnel assume assigned defensive fighting positions or take cover if not assigned a defensive fighting position.

Use the S-A-L-U-T-E format to report enemy activity. Support security forces operations where possible.

Assume mission oriented protective posture level as directed by the commander.

**Using the the S-A-L-U-T-E format to report enemy action**

**Size:** How many personnel were observed?

**Activity:** What were they doing?

**Location:** Where were they last seen and where were they headed?

**Unit-Uniform:** What were they wearing?

**Time:** When you saw them and time lapsed

**Equipment:** Any information about equipment carried such as weapons, backpacks, chemsuits, etc.

Remember getting as much detail as possible is important to the Security Forces responders to get to the right place to defend the installation so report accurately.

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## Transforming the Center

**Brig. Gen. Collings offers insight into product directorate reorganization**

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Brig. Gen. Mike Collings offered insight into the next phase of the transformation vision for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Friday. General Collings outlined a significant

change in structure for the traditional product directorates by transforming them into conventional Air Force wings.

"It's an effort to clear up lines of communication and chain of command," said General Collings while providing an interview with the Macon

Telegraph. "We are changing the way the Air Force Material Command's product and logistic centers look and operate in such a way to improve how our customers (the war fighter) perceive and interact with them."

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### Mount up



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

The 19th Air Refueling Group deployed six maintainers and six air crew Tuesday. Capt. Heather Bridges, aircraft commander, and 1st Lt. Aaron Lane perform the preflight check before takeoff. The Black Knights have been heavily involved in supporting operations in the Middle East since Sept. 11, 2001.



Staff Sgt. Dave Coleman loads the baggage bins onto the aircraft for the deploying troops. Since the beginning of this year, there have been three major "swap outs" of troops and several smaller augmentee deployments, according to Col. Raymond Rottman, group commander.

Senior Airman Robert Sadlon and Airman 1st Class Richard Harper remove the tail stand from the KC-135.

## Runway renovation to reroute aviation

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Instead of planes, cement trucks will be rolling down the Robins runway May 28 through June 11 delivering huge slabs of concrete to replace the well-worn sections of the runway's high traffic areas.

The runway, including its helicopter pad, will be closed to air traffic during the project, and aircraft from both the 116th Air Control Wing and 19th Air Refueling Group will relocate to other bases.

Mr. Jim Anderson, 78th Operations Support Squadron's deputy airfield manager, said 105 slabs of runway will be replaced, a job Mr. Frank Shedd, 78th Civil Engineer Group engineer, and his staff estimated would take 378 cement trucks. Total cost of the project is nearly \$1.6 million.

The 24-square-foot slabs slated for replacement vary in thickness from 17 to 22 inches and will be placed at both ends of the runway and in the center. In addition to the removal and replacement, workers from the 78th Civil Engineer Group will repair cracks and seal joints.

The 19th will fly seven KC-135 refuelers to a temporary home at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. More than 120 personnel from the 19th also will relocate to the North Carolina base.

The 116th Air Control Wing also will relocate personnel and planes during the closure. The numbers were not immediately available.

### What to know

The runway, including its helicopter pad, will be closed to air traffic May 28 through June 11, and aircraft from both the 116th Air Control Wing and 19th Air Refueling Group will relocate to other bases while 105 slabs of runway will be replaced.

## New fire pit provides firefighters environmentally-friendly training

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Base firefighters have to be prepared to deal with aircraft fires, and a new \$1.7 million fire pit east of the runway is affording them a safe way to do that.

But not only is it safe for them, it's safe for the environment.

The firefighters have had a training area with a C-130 mock-up in the middle of a cement pit for years. But in the past, real jet fuel was used for the training, and it wasn't good for the environment.

The old pit was completely taken apart and replaced by the new one. Although work on the project began nearly two years ago, the certification process began in January.

Mr. Thomas Schoonover, fire protection engineer at Robins, said the



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

Mr. Rusty Adams, a firefighter, operates the controls of the firepit as part of his certification March 19.

new pit was needed.

"This was an effort to come up with a more environmentally-friendly facility to provide training to our Air Force firefighters," he said. "We use LPG (liquefied propane gas), which is different from fighting a (jet fuel)

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## C-5 gets serious about trimming flow days, taking on extra workload

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Using the words falling and aircraft in the same breath isn't normally recommended in the Air Force; but for the C-5 Production Branch this doesn't hold true.

Lean process improvements have allowed the branch to cut 43 days from the programmed depot maintenance average flow days for A and B models. At the end of fiscal 2003 the average was 269. Now the average PDM on a C-5 is 226 days and that number is falling steadily. The goal is to reach 180 days for B models and 220 days for A models by fiscal 2005. Of the 18 aircraft the

branch is scheduled to complete PDM on this year, seven have been completed and delivered on or ahead of schedule.

Col. George Ireland and Mr. Steve Tomblin, chief and deputy of the branch, have been briefing the work force on the status of the C-5, the successes and the new workload they are receiving due to the cut in flow days.

"We're here to thank you for the tremendous job you're doing day to day," the colonel said. "It's been a tremendous effort getting those seven aircraft back to the war fighter."

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# Leaders call for re-energized suicide-prevention efforts

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Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — After 11 active-duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar-year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between

the ages of 20 and 50. As of Feb. 24, the service's suicide rate was 18.1.

In a letter sent to all major commands, the Air Force's acting assistant vice chief of staff urges all Airmen to continue pitching in to reduce the number of suicides.

"Suicide is not stopped by medical personnel in emergency rooms; it is stopped by addressing quality-of-life issues in the unit on a daily basis," Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown III wrote in the letter.

"The major components of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program are active leadership involvement, an

emphasis on community involvement and a focus on prevention throughout the life of airmen and their families, not just when they are suicidal," General Brown wrote.

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

In light of the recent suicides — none of which occurred during operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom — General Brown urged commanders to "review how well we continue to implement the 11 initia-

tives that serve as the foundation of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program."

The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness; leadership involvement; investigative interview policy; professional military education; epidemiological database; delivery of community preventive services; community education and training; critical incident stress management; integrated delivery system; limited patient-psychotherapist privilege; and unit risk-factor assessment.

Other suicide-prevention tools include:

— "The Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior: Strategies, Resources and Tools," an 88-page clinical guide designed to assist mental-health professionals in assessing and managing high-risk behavior.

— The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site, which is geared toward improving access to suicide prevention information and materials.

— The 2003 Community Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing that includes slides and video.

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Transformation is the tool used by the DoD, the Air Force and AFMC to better respond to the ever changing global mission.

In order to meet the needs of the nation, the Air Force and AFMC are evolving. Evolving into a capabilities-based, more expeditionary force, agile enough to fight and win the war on terrorism. Central to this is a transformation of AFMC's structure to better resemble the Air Force structure of wings, groups and squadrons.

General Collings explained that all of the AFMC centers will be making the initial migration; however, the exact details are still being worked out and will continue to develop over time. A clear example would be changing the logistics organization into a material wing. In most cases the current commander or civilian director will remain in the newly-created position. In some cases new wings will stand-up and current product directors and commanders will be tapped to lead them. The desire is to have no impact on the numbers of authorizations in the work force.

While planning began months ago at AFMC, the basic framework was just released to ALC senior leaders. According to Mr. George Falldine, Center director of Plans and Programs, Initial Operational Capability could be implemented as early as the end of May, with Full Operational Capability on Oct. 1.

"While we may look somewhat different when we reach the final configuration in October, the basic structure should be settled by early summer," he said. "It will be capability focused, understandable to our customers, and uniform across the Air Logistics Centers. This is

really a continuation of changes we began at Robins last year when we consolidated platform focused directorates into organizations built around capabilities."

General Collings said the time has come to amend that structure to look and function like the rest of the Air Force.

"The Air Force is looking at the overall mission from a capabilities standpoint," he said. "For example, to maintain the capability of air superiority, commanders launch AWACS airborne radars, which in turn support F-15 fighters that engage and defeat enemy aircraft. Once this capability is achieved it allows ground activities to proceed unimpeded by enemy air attacks.

"To maintain those capabilities, certain platforms must be acquired, fielded and sustained," he continued. "The ALCs play a key role in acquiring and sustaining many of those platforms, such as the AWACS and F-15."

In summing up the overall process General Collings offered, "This is great for WR-ALC, aligning our organization in a capabilities construct will posture this ALC to meet today's and future needs, from a sustainment prospective. And it brings in, very early on, sustainment planning in the acquisition programs. I just think it's a win-win situation.

"Another clear benefit of the transformation is that we continue to de-mystify AFMC by creating an organizational structure that the operational Air Force, our customer, understands." Gen. Collings added.

While change can be unnerving and destabilizing, a clear vision of where we are going and why we are transforming is the goal of announcing the way ahead. Gen. Collings intends to hold a Commander's Call on April 22 and 23 to further outline the plan and take questions on the process and the end product.



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

The Aircraft Fire Training Facility is now fueled by propane which is environmentally friendly. The new fire pit allows the firefighters to train for more than one type of incident and to practice fighting wing fires, engine fires and auxiliary power unit fires. It's equipped with five igniters and burners, allowing fire fighters to train in 15 different aircraft fire scenarios.

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fire. Now, we have more control safety-wise and an environmentally cleaner way of training."

The new pit also allows the firefighters to train for more than one type of incident. It allows them to practice fighting wing fires, engine fires and auxiliary power unit fires. It's equipped with five

igniters and burners, allowing fire fighters to train in 15 different aircraft fire scenarios.

The fire pit was manufactured and certified by the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Mr. Tom Seaman, AFCESA aircraft fire training facility specialist, said the training facility — funded with military construction monies — equips fire fighters with skills for immediate response.

"It gives them a chance to fight live fire, instead of simulating everything," he said. "So if a large frame aircraft ever went down on the runway out here, these guys will have the training to actually be able to fight the fire with their trucks and hoses."

The new fire pit facility is one of 68 AFCESA has certified. The fire pit project is in the second of a three-phase certification process, ensuring the system's functionality and safety.

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He congratulated the team for the "23 in '03" success of last year and told them the goal for this year is "18 and more in '04."

Because the branch is succeeding in getting the aircraft out faster, they are also receiving additional workload. The new workload includes depainting seven of the 18 aircraft scheduled, torque deck

replacement, crash damage aircraft repair and other unscheduled depot level maintenance.

"One reason we're able to get the new workload is because you have been successful in reducing the days that it takes to flow an airplane through here," Mr. Tomblin told the workers.

He continued to share with the workers the successful single fly and buy of one aircraft and the customer comments received following another aircraft's

return to Stewart Air National Guard Base home station in only 219 days.

The inspection supervisor's comment was, "The best I've seen. Great product!"

The colonel told those attending the briefing that currently Air Mobility Command - their No. 1 customer - is in the middle of the largest air mobility effort since World War II.

Mr. Tomblin informed the group that a total of five C-5 aircraft were returned to

AMC during February to help the air mobility effort, including a battle-damaged aircraft worked by a team of C-5 production, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, and Strategic Airlift Directorate engineering personnel.

He and the colonel encouraged the workers to continue in their efforts in cutting PDM flow days, their efforts to Lean out the branch's processes, quality improvement, and foreign object damage control.

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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. – Air National Guard Col. Linda McTague is the first woman to command an ANG wing, and historical records show she is the first woman to command an Air Force fighter squadron.

## ANG commander doesn't see herself as pioneer

**By Army Master Sgt. Bob Haskell**  
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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFPN) – Air National Guard Col. Linda McTague does not see herself as a pioneer for women's achievements, but she realizes that other people consider her to be a role model for what women can accomplish in this country's military service.

And she said she strives very hard to live up to those expectations, as well as to her own.

Colonel McTague is in a good position to take that kind of stock in herself. She is the first woman to command an ANG wing, and is believed to be the first woman to command an Air Force fighter squadron, according to Air Force history office records.

Specifically, the woman from Battle Creek, Mich., assumed command of the District of Columbia ANG's highly decorated 113th Wing on Dec. 1.

That diverse wing with about 1,050 people includes the 121st Fighter Squadron of F-16 Fighting Falcons that is on alert for the war against terrorism. The wing also has the 201st Airlift Squadron that flies members of Congress and other dignitaries around the world in a fleet of C-38 and C-40 operational-support airplanes.

However, Colonel McTague is not a fighter pilot. She began as an operational support airlift pilot in 1988 before serving as the 201st's commander for nearly four years beginning in November 1997. She was the first woman to command an ANG flying squadron, said Mr. Charles Gross, the Air National Guard's chief historian. That, she said, is an indication of how much military culture has changed during the past decade, making it possible for women and minorities to reach the level she has attained.

But a pioneer?

"I don't personally see myself that way, because I've never felt the pressure to be a pioneer, but if I'm realistic about the comments that I hear from other people, I'd have to say that they do see me that way," the colonel said.

"I know this is something unique and something that, perhaps, a lot of people are excited about and interested in, because it may open paths and opportunities for them that they hadn't thought about before, or that they can now do realistically," she said. "It's not just a dream for them now."

Colonel McTague said many women did plenty of pioneering before her, including the civilian Women Airforce Service Pilots, who ferried military airplanes

overseas plus towed targets and served as instructor pilots during World War II.

She did say she is in the right place at the right time to benefit from a change in attitudes toward women and toward people who are not fighter pilots. That was helped, she said, by the change in the law in 1992 that made it possible for women to fly combat aircraft.

"Ten years ago, the culture was such that if you weren't a fighter pilot, you were not going to be the wing commander," the colonel said. "Now, we've had women in traditional male fields for awhile, and our senior (leaders have) pushed the idea that we need to be a diverse organization, to tap the resources that we have available to us, and to not exclude anybody because of race or gender."

And she does not feel out of place in the commander's office because she is not one of the fighter pilots, even though "we exist as a wing to support the fighter mission," she said. "I've been given the opportunity to do a lot of jobs in this wing over the years, so I think I was pretty well prepared when I was asked to be the commander."

"I don't think I have to fly the airplane to understand the F-16 mission," said Colonel McTague, who has earned her wings as a command pilot while logging more than 5,250 hours in eight kinds of aircraft in 23 years. That includes four years as an instructor pilot and Wings of Blue pilot for the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

"I've always relied on the experts," she said.

Colonel McTague also learned to respect and to rely

on the enlisted force during her tenure in maintenance, she said. The D.C. ANG's enlisted Airmen gave her their highest tribute in 2001 by inducting her as an honorary chief master sergeant.

Now she said she considers herself the ANG wing's advocate and coach, whose most important job is preparedness and "to maximize everybody's potential out here." This must be done while maintaining the wing's reputation as a team "that will not settle for being less than the best."

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## Civilian nominations for degree completion program due May 13

The 78th Mission Support Group's Education and Training Flight is accepting nominations for the Long-Term, Full-Time Degree Program that funds tuition, books and lab fees for accredited courses leading to a masters degree or completion of the final year of undergraduate requirements.

The program is limited to Air Force Materiel Command civilians assigned to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins. There are no grade or position restrictions.

Deadline for submissions is May 13.

Nomination instructions

can be obtained from directorate training monitors or the Robins Air Force Base secure Web site. Click on the Education & Training link and look for the LTFT package under Downloads.

Those selected for the program will be released from duty to attend classes full time for up to 12 consecutive months beginning with the fall session in August. The degree must be applicable to the individual's career field. Funding will not be provided for doctorate, second masters, second undergraduate or associate degrees.

– Mrs. Chris Zdrakas

### Program requirements

■ Nominee must be able to complete their program of study within 12 months after the first day of the first enrollment period.

■ Nominee must be accepted into a degree program (preferably enrolled and completed several courses) and program must be classified as full-time by the accredited college/university being attended.

■ Nominee must possess five consecutive years or more of federal civilian service (excluding military service).

■ Nominee cannot have attended another long-term, full-time training opportunity within the past three years.

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## Rev-Up named best newspaper in Air Force

The Robins Rev-Up is the best newspaper in the Air Force, and its editor wrote the best commentary in 2003, according to a panel of civilian judges in the 48th annual Air Force Media Contest.

The Rev-Up staff earned top honors in the metro-sized newspaper category. Mr. Geoff Janes, Rev-Up editor, took first place in commentary writing and was runner-up for Air Force Print Journalist of the Year.

Other members of the Rev-Up staff include Ms. Angela Trunzo, associate editor, Ms. Sue Sapp, photographer, Ms. Lanorris Askew and Ms. Holly Logan, staff writers, and Mrs. Chris Zdrakas and Ms. Lisa Mathews, contributing writers.

The Rev-Up and Mr. Janes will compete against the best from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in the Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Awards competition.

— From staff reports

## PA Specialist garners top Air Force award

Mrs. Faye Williams has been recognized as the Air Force Public Affairs senior grade civilian of the year for 2003. Through her work as the

Center's chief of Media Relations, she was able to respond to more than 1,200 queries from local and national media outlets. She also generated about 130 news releases and gave in-depth information about Robins to media outlets such as the Atlanta Journal Constitution, People magazine, CNN and French and German outlets to name a few.

— From staff reports

## Hollifield new PK GS-15

Mrs. Crystal Hollifield is Contracting's newest GS-15. The pinning on ceremony was held March 11. She is the new chief of the Special Operations Forces Division of the Contracting Directorate.

— From staff reports

# Extra Sensory Perception

## New systems take security to state-of-the-art protection levels

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Two systems — one in place and one in the planning — put technology to work to tighten security at Robins.

Already up and working are surveillance cameras that monitor inbound and outbound traffic at all five base gates, including the commercial vehicle gate and "search pit," where security forces inspect trucks and vans. Another camera monitors activity in the visitor's center.

Just over the horizon is an intrusion detection system that will enhance protection of JSTARS aircraft in Robins' so-called permanent restricted area. The \$3 million system will also make it possible to reduce manpower requirements by providing electronic sentries.

### Surveillance cameras

The heart of the surveillance cameras is a 43-inch plasma screen in Building 263, home of the security forces' law enforcement desk. There, with a simple mouse click, an operator has the ability to zoom in and out at different angles with cameras so powerful they can read license plates up to a quarter of a mile away.

"You can tell the color of a person's eyes from 100 yards," said Tech. Sgt. Lex Goan, who is assigned to the security forces' anti-terrorism unit.

The cameras also record activity, providing a 24-hour-a-day record of gate traffic. The idea is similar to concepts found in cameras mounted in public places. One such camera at a car wash in Florida last month captured the abduction of an 11-year-old girl and led to the arrest of her alleged kidnapper.

The easy-to-operate Robins system cost \$85,000, funded as part of last year's anti-terrorism projects. The same funding paid for improved lighting and tire strips at the base gates. Sergeant Goan said a basewide alert system is coming soon.

Sergeant Goan said the surveillance cameras proved their value the first day of operation.

"We received a report of a suspicious vehicle on (Ga. Highway 247), and a base gate guard used the camera to relay information to the offbase agency inquiring about it," he said.



Above, Senior Airman Johnny Seay monitors the plasma screen of the new surveillance system at the 78th Security Forces control center. Below, Tech. Sgt. Lex Goan explains that the new cameras can rotate 360 degrees.



"We were actually able to see the van and get a description, including the license plate number."

### What to know

Surveillance cameras monitor inbound and outbound traffic at all five base gates and the visitor's center. Construction on an intrusion detection system that will enhance protection of JSTARS aircraft is expected to start in June and be completed in nine to 12 months.

He said desk sergeants were enthusiastic about the system, and "our first-line defenders can spot potential trouble and react more quickly."

Robins' drivers probably have seen the security cameras mounted on the gate shacks about 16 feet from the ground. They look like large balls and can rotate 360 degrees.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Smith, a security forces desk sergeant, said it took him about 10 minutes to learn the system's operation. It should give everyone a much better sense of security, he said.

### Intrusion detection system

The intrusion detection system, first of its kind in the Air Force, provides a complete sensor package tailored for the JSTARS area, said Master Sgt. Carlos Dorego, who is 78th Security Forces Squadron's NCO in charge of the installation security section and "go to" person for the IDS. He said the system represents "leap-ahead technology," incorporating intrusion detection, tracking, reporting, manned and unmanned entry control, day and night all-weather alarm assessment and surveillance and integrated command and control.

Sergeant Dorego said construction is expected to start in June and be completed in nine to 12 months.

The system's all-weather capability means it can "see" into the darkness and under all weather conditions. It also will provide security forces assessment response tools.

### COMMENTARY

## Women's History Month, a time to reflect on struggles, successes

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INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — I asked a young Airman recently to participate in our Women's History Month program. His immediate response was, "Why isn't there a Men's History Month?"

The more I thought about it the more I realized this young man probably never lived through some of the circumstances I experienced.

Maybe he genuinely did not understand the condition of women in the military environment and society as a whole in the past. He encounters women of all ranks every

day. He might see women who are commanders, doctors, lawyers, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, chief master sergeants, senior master sergeants, master sergeants and civilian women who are flight chiefs, directors and managers.

Many young military men and women might not realize what it was like to be a female military or federal employee in 1969. Many people might not know the long strides the military took to allow women to hold positions equal to men.

I was hired as a telephone operator at the Philadelphia Naval Base on Aug. 11, 1969. Then, upper-level managers were men, and women were

teachers, secretaries, telephone operators or cashiers. The few women supervisors I encountered were supervisors only of female employees.

When I arrived at Hahn Air Base, Germany, in 1972, I was denied a job as a telephone operator because I was pregnant. After more than four years of federal work, I now couldn't get a job. After my pregnancy, I was allowed to continue my federal career.

Later that year I transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where I was hired as a civilian personnel clerk. I worked on the Federal Women's Program. The FWP helped women apply for non-traditional jobs on the base. We provided female military

spouses (most of the males were active duty) and civilian women with the information they needed to convert their volunteer experience into paid positions. We helped women acquire positions as telephone linesmen, construction workers and supply technicians, and aided them in seeking a formal education.

Immediately after the personnel job, I became a clerical assistant in the civil engineer squadron where women were not only expected to type, take shorthand and make travel arrangements for the entire staff, but to make coffee as well.

While the Air Force was making a serious effort to recruit female engineers, all

the engineers here were men.

When I think about the young man's question, I know that men had an advantage all those years because women were not readily accepted into the traditional work force. Now, we have come to a time in the military when women receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work.

Hopefully, we will come to a time when women will receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work in all career paths. One day that glass ceiling might shatter and women can earn their proper place in the work force and we will no longer need a Women's History Month.

## Robins moves forward with access to Electronic Official Personnel Folder

Hard copies of Notification of Personnel Action, Standard Form 50s will no longer be issued to employees for regular or routine actions such as pay adjustments, mass realignments or awards.

However, SF-50s for employees will continue to be forwarded to organizational resource advisors for dissemination for certain personnel actions such as temporary promotions, retirements and corrections.

Employees can now electronically access their OPF via Web site. SF-50s that have been generated since September 2002 will be accessible to employees.

To access the Electronic OPF for personal records go to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/Default.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/Default.htm). Instructions on how to load the software so that the eOPF

can be accessed from your PC at work or home are on this page. Check with your System Administrator before loading any software on your computer at work since your organization may restrict the loading of any software.

For general information link on the program, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/eopf\\_geninfo.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/eopf_geninfo.htm). For answers to frequently asked questions go to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/eopf\\_FAQ.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eopf/eopf_FAQ.htm).

The operational point of contact here is Ms. Lisa Bailey at 966-3805 extension 316. For technical and Web access questions, contact Ms. Jean Glover at 926-3805 extension 183.

— From staff reports



U.S. Air Force file photo by Ms. Sue Sapp It is military courtesy to salute a commander's staff car as it passes by on the street.

## Saluting officers' staff cars sends message

No one indicator can demonstrate with certainty how well Robins Air Force Base measures up as a disciplined, war-ready organization.

But one simple act carries a strong message. That act is saluting officers' staff vehicles.

When a commander's staff car approaches, salute. A smart salute says you are on top of your game. A sharp, crisp salute portrays you as a professional — attentive, disciplined, proud to be in uniform.

The key to displaying the proper respect is attentiveness.

Staff cars on Robins will not always stand out. You must be alert to your surroundings and cognizant of your senior leaders.

Robins' staff cars have placards indicating rank and position on the front bumpers.

The key is to look for a placard on the front bumper. If the placard has stars or an eagle, salute.

— Mrs. Chris Zdrakas

## Information technology becoming critical AF resource

By Mr. J. Alan Mathis

Information Technology Directorate director

What is IT? Information technology? What's that? It's everything from your telephone, your computer, and everything in between and behind it. It's the matrix of wires, fiber optics and wireless systems that pass information from you to other people.



Mr. J. Alan Mathis

It's the software and hardware tools that help you run business applications. It's the application tools that help reduce tons of data down to just the specific information that you need to make decisions. The list goes on and on.

The technology in the information arena is changing at an enormous rate.

It seems like every week there's a software patch being upgraded on your computer. Every three years, we swap out your computer.

If you want a cell phone without a camera, you have to specifically ask for no camera. IT is changing so fast, it's hard to keep up; getting the latest capability deployed in your work environment is a real challenge.

As soon as you deploy a capability, the technology has changed. This has been life in IT since I

asked "what is IT?" last summer.

Ponder these questions for just a bit:

☞ What are you paying for your IT services?

☞ How are you measuring customer satisfaction of your IT support?

☞ Is your team using remote management?

☞ Has anyone else already solved these legacy data problems?

☞ Have you seen the latest wireless T.O. System in use on the flight line?

☞ Are you having your next aircraft modification data delivered in 3-D models, so maintenance can add it to their digital work instruction capability?

☞ What's IT costing you in lost productivity?

In this network centric, knowledge based environment, information is one of our critical resources. The Air Force has stepped up and decided to treat information much like we do a weapon system.

In a weapon system, every component piece can't have its own contractor, architecture, and design - it takes an intense effort and integration to field, develop and support a weapon system.

The same concept applies to the way the Air Force manages information and the associated technology. To contribute to the Air Force mission - the design, integration, architecture, and information flow must be harmonized, so the war fighter and those of us who support

the war fighter have the right information at the right time at the right place.

This is no trivial task. This is critical for our national defense and to continue our way of life.

This is why we need a centralized focus on information technology, and an IT Directorate. The Center has a lot of activity in using technology to improve our information processing, however it has been mostly focused on individual weapon systems or single functional processes.

Most business applications were developed independently, inside each organization to solve their unique problems. In most cases, the solution for one organization could be applied to other organizations.

The cost of maintaining so many independent systems is enormous. We can no longer afford multiple stand-alone systems nor continue without visibility to even more data that ever before.

Until IT, it was no one's job to take that enterprise viewpoint for information technology, and integrate it to give you just the information that you need.

I have the philosophy that most solutions exist and have been deployed, we just need to find it and bring it into use into our Center.

My focus is to find IT solutions for your business processes, and encourage collaboration and consolidation, where it makes sense. If we can't find it, then we will develop it according to your operational

requirements.

This is also why the Office of Management and Budget implemented the Portfolio Management - PfM - initiative.

The PfM process will collect all the applications within AFMC and improve overall investment management and link it to the budget approval process. AFMC has currently identified 506 out of the 676 registered Air Force application systems. We must improve in our PfM process to compete for DoD budget dollars.

A couple quick hits:

☞ Hot projects: Integrating PC support across the Center into an IT consolidated coalition, implementing application toolbox to support transformation, consolidating servers and leading Depot-X projects. The list goes on and on.

☞ For now, the funding sources will remain the same as before IT. Don't get caught short by assuming IT is replacing your IT budgets. As of now, there hasn't been any centralized budgeting of AF IT funds.

☞ Technology: Wireless will dramatically change the way we can do business. Web services promise to improve significant delivery of new application changes faster than ever before.

Changes in the next three years will increase by a more significant rate. IT professionals will need to upgrade their skill sets faster than ever before to keep up. Some industry sources predict that by 2007, it will be difficult to buy a

non-wireless device.

☞ Customers expect speed and credibility (no surprises - meet the commitment) and one size will not fit all. IT will manage programs to the similar processes that the system program offices follow in defining the requirements in terms of costs, schedule and performance. Collaboration is the lynchpin to our joint success.

In the future, I believe we will have a single AF network instead of separate MAJCOMs and separate base networks.

Finally, the stand-up of a new organization is sometimes slow and difficult, but working together, communicating, exchanging ideas and working toward a common solution, we can achieve significant improvements in our operations.

We won't have the answers all the time, and there will be slips and stumbles - that's life in the fast lane. However, we expect to co-develop IT with you - this process can sometimes be painful.

It takes commitment and a continual dialog to work through issues. As IT continues to mature, we welcome your inputs and ideas.

As I discussed with the Deputy Air Force Chief Information Officer when he was here a couple months ago, IT does not have all the answers, the journey will be rough, however we are looking forward to working with you on the challenges. We are all in this together and supporting the Air Force is why we are here.

### 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.

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### Why do motorcyclists have to wear reflective vest?

Why is there a requirement to wear a reflective vest while riding a motorcycle on base? Have there been any studies about vests? If so please publish them or inform us where we can look them up. If it were truly a safety issue the insurance companies would have the state change its laws as they have or tried to do with helmet laws. I have been on military bases all over the world for more than 24 years and have only witnessed two motorcycle accidents. I was involved in one as a young Marine on the way to work and took a turn too fast on wet pavement; a vest would not have helped me. I have also seen an accident where a motorcyclist went around a corner too fast and hit a metal storage building and was killed. A vest would not have helped him (nor did his helmet).

When I go by the Base Exchange I see kids on bicycles without helmets or vests. I would think that is where you should be looking as far as safety. They present a much smaller profile which makes them harder to see.

I believe that the vest issue is just harassment of motorcyclists.

I shouldn't have to get harassed at the gate about why I am not wearing a vest, and then told that I can't come on base without one. And then having to wear it even in the daylight? How does that work? I think that maybe this is one area of "big brother" looking out for us that can go away.

**Commander replies:** When riding a motorcycle on base there are some requirements that are different from when riding outside the fence line. Since Robins Air Force Base is a military installation, the traffic code and rules for operating a vehicle can be modified from those of the local community to meet the unique nature of our population and to provide for greater safety when operating a vehicle. Air Force Instruction 91-207, the U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program, paragraph 14, is the lead instruction providing guidance on motorcycle requirements.

Regarding the issue of outer garments, the instruction says, "Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment during the day and reflective during the night. Outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered".

With this guidance, the motorcyclist has a choice of upper garments to wear - a long sleeve shirt or a jacket or a vest.

Any of the three of these are acceptable during daylight hours, provided they are brightly colored or have contrasting colors. A long sleeve shirt may be favored during warmer weather, whereas a jacket would be favored when the weather gets cooler. A reflective vest or jacket is only required during hours of darkness. Wearing a reflective vest or jacket during daylight hours meets the criteria of the instruction and prepares the motorcyclist should they end up being out after the sun sets.

As for bicycle requirements, AFI 91-207, states in paragraph 20, "All personnel (including family members, contractors, retirees, etc.) who ride bicycles on an installation must wear an approved (i.e. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation) bicycle helmet." However, the instruction does provide an exception for no-hat areas.

Hopefully, the information provided has served to clarify the requirements for safe operation of motorcycles and the protection of riders while on the installation. These requirements are by no means meant to harass the motorcycle enthusiast. They serve to protect both the rider and the vehicle operator and ensure safe operations at Robins.

### 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: **6\*** March 2003: **4** Year to date: **19** 2003: **63** Number of days since last DUI: **5**

\*one of this week's DUIs was a civilian who is not connected to the base

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## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

### 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. Wednesday at the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia or 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 in April. The tournament will be 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.

### MPF wait times

The Military Personnel Flight is taking appointments for the Common Access Card to ensure short wait times. The Defense Department deadline to get your CAC is April 30. To make an appointment, call the MPF at 327-7361/62/63.

The wait times for 78th MSS/DPMPMS Customer Service will be longer due to the handling of new hires every other Monday for civilian personnel. The next date for new hires is April 5 and every other Monday after that for the rest of the year.

### 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 Smith Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. Commanders, first sergeants,

command champions, enlisted, officers, civilians, and all others with MDG concerns or feedback are encouraged to come out and be a part of this informative meeting. 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](mailto: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 VA Hospital in Dublin, Ga. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000. For more information, enter a team or make a donation, contact Mr. T.J. Dick, tournament director, at 953-0291 extension 152 or 397-6455.

### Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone and three sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

### Arkansas Air Guard vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark., has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals that are separating from the active duty Air Force or that are qualified for the Palace Chase and Palace Front Program in the following AFSC's: 2E1X1, 3C0X1, 3C251, 2E2X1, 2E6X1 and 2E1X3. Cross training is available. There is also an electrical engineer offi-

cer position available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 627-9226 or (800) 631-0509.

### 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, call (800) 258-1413 or e-mail [afef@afenlistedfoundation.org](mailto:afef@afenlistedfoundation.org). More information, application forms and photos are available at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

### ALC Logistics Management Directorate Office new location

The Center's Logistics Management Directorate Office has relocated to Building 301, in the northeast wing. This is the same office the directorate occupied prior to September 2003. The new phone is 926-5751. For more information, contact Ms. Carla Morrison or Mr. Mike Gavin at 926-3074.

### Gate traffic

All southbound traffic on Ga. highway 247 may use Gate 1, 2, 5 or 14.

### AF seeks former Lowry employees

The Air Force Real Property Agency wants to interview people who were employed or stationed at the former Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo.

The AFRPA is conducting the interviews to ensure all environmental conditions on the base have been investigated. If you worked at Lowry and want to volunteer, call (800)725-7617 or e-mail the AFRPA public affairs officer at [doug.karas@afarpa.pentagon.af.mil](mailto:doug.karas@afarpa.pentagon.af.mil).

### North Carolina Air National Guard

The North Carolina Air National Guard is looking for Air Force members who are completing Palace Chase applications for the Air Force fiscal 2004 Force Shaping Program. If any member is planning to move back to North Carolina after leaving the Air Force under this program, contact us at 1(800) 354-6933.

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# SEARCHING



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

Air Force Reserve Chief Master Sgt. Mark Henderson, who is also the civilian chief of the 78th Security Forces Squadron's investigative section, goes over the details of a mock date rape crime scene March 19.

## Security Forces plant evidence for crime scene training

By Mrs. Chris Zdrakas  
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**S**ecurity forces trainers did some serious planting last week. But instead of seeds, they sowed evidence they hoped would germinate into crime-solving ideas.

Mr. Mark Henderson, chief of the 78th Security Forces Squadron's investigative section, said his team of investigators set up three mock crime scenes, all in the same location – Building 608, a warehouse.

Tech. Sgt. Samel Brown, NCO in charge of investigations, and Air Force Investigators Marcus Seals and Genis Hall, who are both staff sergeants, meticulously placed clues to simulate a mock vehicle vandalism, a sexual assault and a rape scenario.

Police had planned the latter two sets of clues long before sexual assault in the military came under intense scrutiny the past several months. They accelerated that part of the training because of the emphasis, Mr. Henderson said.

About 70 security forces personnel participated in the March 19 training, but more than 450 members of the base's law enforcement community, including active-duty, Army National Guard and Air Force Reserves working security issues at Robins, will receive it.

Lt. Col. Mark Papen, commander of the 78th



Master Sgt. Bob Scott examines potential evidence at the mock date rape crime scene in Building 608.

Security Forces Squadron, said nearly year-round training is part of the continuing education police undergo to keep their professional skills at their peak or to make sure all their prior educational bases have been covered.

According to Mr. Henderson, the training runs nine months out of the year

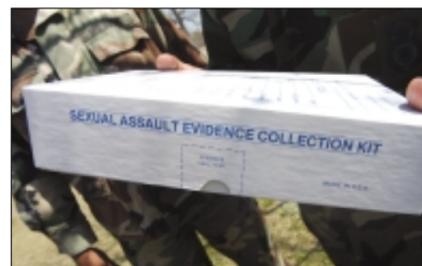
and includes first responder and other kinds of training, not only to detect evidence but protect it.

Last month's training focused on robbery responses.

"We plant fingerprints, shoeprints and clothing items that could contain hair, fibers or perspiration,"



Staff Sgt. Genis Hall, an investigator, explains a crime scenario to get feedback from Airmen in what measures to take in processing the crime. About 70 security forces personnel participated in the training and more than 450 members of the base's law enforcement community will receive it. The training is also open to first sergeants and commanders.



A sexual assault evidence collection kit is used to properly collect evidence so that it stands the rigors of a court trial.

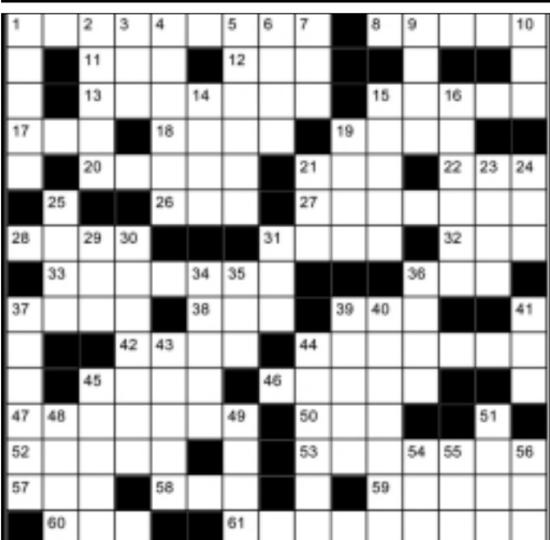
Mr. Henderson said. "We are teaching Security Forces and others to recognize the value of the crime scene and the potential evidence it holds.

"The subject of the month is specific to a type of crime, but the techniques employed are those used every day – how to inter-

view people, assess evidence, collect evidence so that it stands the rigors of a court trial and how to prepare statements."

Security forces aren't the only ones able to take the training. It's also open to first sergeants and commanders. For information, call Mr. Henderson at 926-5271.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### SECAF History (1947-85)

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. SECAF 9/18/47-4/24/50
8. SECAF 10/1/65-2/14/69
11. Dined
12. Alias abbreviation
13. SECAF 5/1/57-12/10/59
15. La \_\_\_\_\_ Nikita
17. Actor Stephen of Michael Collins
18. Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue singer Keith
19. Soft drink
20. A type of jet engine developed from a turbine
21. USAF org. at a deployed location
22. NIMA system managing national/strategic imagery
26. Army equivalent to USAF Tech. School
27. SECAF 5/15/73-11/23/75
28. Singer Joan
31. Horse feed
32. Pot
33. SECAF 11/23/75-1/2/76 (acting)
36. Query
37. Soft mineral
38. USAF officer eval.
39. Rap group Run \_\_\_\_\_
42. Military org. in Kosovo
44. SECAF 2/15/69-5/14/73
45. Erosion
46. CA AFB home to the 9th Recon Wing
47. SECAF 8/15/55-4/30/57
50. Actress/model Carol
52. Army battalions
53. SECAF 4/6/77-5/18/79
57. Asner and Harris
58. Snake-like fish
59. Time maker?
60. Giant great

61. SECAF 4/24/50-1/20/53

#### DOWN

1. SECAF 12/11/59-1/20/61
2. Angry with (two words)
3. Simpson trial judge
4. American architect
5. SECAF 2/4/53-8/13/55
6. Fine
7. Navy equivalent to AFB
9. SECAF 1/2/76-4/5/77
10. Formerly
14. Mongolian desert
15. Chicken and duck
16. Stoic emperor \_\_\_\_\_ Aurelius
19. Coterie
21. Doctor's org.
23. SECAF 5/18/79-2/9/81
24. Military identity
25. California wine valley
29. Extension
30. SECAF 1/23/61-9/30/65
31. SECAF 2/1/81-11/30/85
34. 007 once
35. USAF enlisted eval.
36. Apogee
37. Thrust
39. Issued (as in cards)
40. Bogart film, The \_\_\_\_\_ Falcon
41. Cleopatra's killer
43. Test answer?
44. Fall, winter, spring or summer
45. Belly
48. Disconnect
49. Number one?
51. Link
54. Asian holiday
55. Take a seat
56. Neither's partner

For puzzle solution, see April 2 edition of the Rev-Up

#### Puzzle solution for March 19



## 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](mailto: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.

### 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 today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, 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, Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 139.

### Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer sponsorship training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Wednesday, 2 - 3:30

p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his/her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

### Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout.

The FSC also has access to Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide.

All personnel have access to [www.airforcesourceone.com](http://www.airforcesourceone.com) (user ID: airforce; password: ready). If you don't have a computer, you can call (800) 707-5784 or en Espanol, call (800) 375-5971.

For more information, call 926-3453.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Members First Plus Royal Rewards

The first quarterly Royal Rewards drawings will be held at the clubs Wednesday. Every time a club member makes a purchase of \$4 or more at the clubs or at a participating Services facility they receive a crown to add to their royal card. After members collect 10 crowns they can drop off the card at their membership club for a drawing.

### Aero Club

The Aero Club open house will be April 17. The new Piper Warrior airplane will be on display. There will also be aviation movies, surplus aviation items and free time on the simulator. Mr. Dennis Peterson, Aero Club manager, will grill hamburgers and hot dogs free. Discovery flights for up to three passengers will be available for \$50, and guests can enter a drawing for a discovery flight gift certificate.

### Civilian Recreation

Putt for the green every Thursday starting April 8 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 for one putt or \$3 for two putts. Sink at least a 70-foot putt and receive a \$100 gift certificate. The prize fund will increase \$50 for each week that no putts are sunk. For more information, call 926-4103 or 922-4415.

### ITT

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 Skills Development Center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting April 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; drawing April 5, 19 and 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; watercolor April 5, 19 and 26 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; cross stitch April 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; scrap booking April 23 from 12:30 - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; beginning matting and framing April 20 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; decorative stamping April 8 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; oil painting April 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. - noon, 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 926-5282.

### Smith Community Center

Let's give the world a hand by joining the community center April 14 to perform minor maintenance, paint and landscaping for spouses of deployed family members. Families of deployed family members can contact their first sergeant if they would like help. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of two hours to all day. For more information, call 926-2105.

Air Force Youth Programs and the community center coordinate the Congressional Award, a noncompetitive program recognizing young people's achievements. The award is open to

people ages 14 - 23. Those who complete the program receive a bronze, silver or gold award from senators and members of Congress during local, state and national ceremonies. To earn awards, individuals will work with an advisor to set individual goals and plan activities to reach these goals. Ages 14 - 18 can contact Mr. Marvin Hawkins, Teen Center director, at 926-5601. Active duty members and their spouses ages 18 - 23 can contact Ms. Lynne Brackett, Smith Community Center director, at 926-2105.

### Wynn Dining Facility

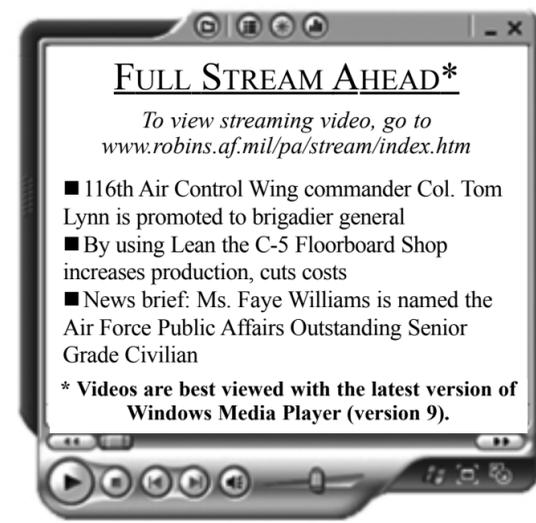
A Deployed Family Appreciation meal will be held April 8 from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Selections may be made from the short order line or full entrée line. A nominal fee will be charged per person. For more information, call Ms. Shirley Sexton at 926-6596.

The Wynn Dining grand opening celebration will be April 12 with a ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. Cake and punch will be served after the ceremony. Food vendors will provide samples to guests. Bleachers will be provided for extra seating.

### Youth Center

Summer Day Camp 2004 will be held June 1 - July 30 for children ages 5 - 12. Registration forms will be accepted today. Children 5 years old must have completed kindergarten to be accepted. Forms are available online at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) and at the Youth Center, Building 1021. For more information, call 926-2110.

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## ROBINS REPORT

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## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

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.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
7:30 p.m. - **Miracle** - Kurt Russell and Patricia Clarkson

Based on the true story of the 1980 winter Olympics at Lake Placid, Herb Brooks, a former Olympic gold medal winner assembles a U.S. team of underdogs. No one thinks they can make it, as they are up against the previously undefeated Soviet hockey team. Despite the odds, Brooks leads the U.S. team to victory.

Rated PG (language and some rough sports action) 136 minutes

**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. - **Catch That Kid** - Kristen Stewart and Corbin Bleu



They are specialists in their fields: a rock climber, a computer genius and a mechanical whiz. Their task is to rob one of the world's most impenetrable banks to save an ailing father. Their plan is foolproof; their methods are ingenious. And they're not old enough to drive. Maddy, Gus, and Austin are three kids on a mission.

Rated PG(some language, thematic elements and rude humor) 92 minutes



## Picking up roots



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

Ms. Vickie James of D&V Enterprises removes a tree marker that will be taken to the parade field.

**T**wenty-seven trees in the historical forest in front of Building 215 were moved to the historical forest at the parade field March 17. The trees were moved in preparation of the \$4.9 million new front gate project construction set to be completed by July 2005.

Ms. James watches as a tree is dropped into a hole at the parade field.



An 18-foot live oak tree is transported by truck to its new home at parade field.



## FSC hosts game night for spouses of deployed, remote Airmen

The Family Support Center will sponsor an evening of fun and games at the Smith Community Center ballroom April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Simple games like Dominoes, Pictionary and Uno will be played while spouses have an opportunity to visit, eat heavy hors d'oeuvres and win prizes.

"Give Parents a Break" night will also be April 2, so spouses with children are encouraged to use this program provided by the Air Force Aid Society through Air Force Assistance Fund donations. Referral certificates can be obtained at either location of the Family Support Center.

Registration for the game night is open to any spouse whose military member, regardless of branch of service, is deployed or remote.

To register, call 926-3453 or come by the Family Support Center annex, Building 945.

For more information, contact Ms. Janice Barnes, Community Readiness technician, at the Family Support Center or call her at 926-3453.

— From staff reports

## THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

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# MH-60S helicopter load validated on C-17

By Airman 1st Class Ed Bodigheimer

97th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — Officials here performed a load validation on a C-17 Globemaster III for the MH-60S Knight Hawk helicopter recently with the help of Navy specialists.

This is the seventh helicopter model validated on a C-17.

Airmen from Altus' 58th Airlift Squadron along with 21 people from the Navy loaded the Navy helicopter onto a C-17 for the first time. The Knight Hawk is a cousin of the Air Force's HH-60G Pave Hawk.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center provides Global Reach Improvement Program modifications through a Direct Sales Partnering Agreement and shares systems sustainment support on the C-17 Globemaster III airlifter with the Boeing Aircraft Co.

The Center also manages helicopters, like the Pave Hawk, for the Air Force.

Before any specialized load can fly in an aircraft, it needs to be validated, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lambrecht, 97th Operations Group C-17 standardization and evaluation loadmaster.

A load validation includes writing the loading procedures that will be incorporated in the loading manual. Once the procedures are published in loadmaster's manual, any loadmaster worldwide is authorized to transport the load.

The data and procedures have to be compatible with the other service's procedures before a load can fly, said Mr.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ricky Rose

Navy and Air Force specialists prepare to load an MH-60S Knight Hawk helicopter into a C-17 Globemaster III during a load validation at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

Richard Morales, a Navy technical publications quality assurance specialist from Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

"In order for the helicopter to be deployed rapidly worldwide, the Navy has to know how the Air Force needs it packaged for pickup," said Mr. Jerry Bruce from Aircraft Test and Evaluation Squadron 21 at Naval Air Station Paxtuxent River, Md.

"(In this case) we were concerned that the helicopter's rear rotor blades would have to be scissored in order to fit into the C-17."

Scissoring the blades, or folding them

together, takes time and requires several preoperational checks.

"We've been totally impressed with the automation of the C-17," Mr. Bruce said. "We were pleasantly surprised with its vast cargo space."

"Load validations are very rare to perform, especially at a training base," Sergeant Lambrecht said. "Usually, Air Mobility Command bases conduct these validations, but with the (operations) tempo at Charleston (Air Force Base, S.C.) and McChord (Air Force Base, Wash.), they have been unable to do this for the past two years."

## C-130 tech manuals reach milestone

Center Special Operations/Combat Search and Rescue System Program Office

C-130 maintenance technicians will soon be accessing illustrated parts breakdown information from a desktop workstation or laptop rather than digging through thousands of pages of paper technical orders.

**Air  
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Two and half years ago, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Mobility Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center C-130 Technical Data department set out to digitize the C-130 maintenance technical manuals in an effort to make the manuals more user friendly, technically accurate and cost effective.

In October 1999, the Center met with AFSOC and AMC to discuss how they could improve the C-130 technical manuals. At the time, C-130 technical data was labeled among the worst in the Air Force. Initial steps toward improvement included streamlining technical data development and integration processes to reduce the time it takes to get aircraft modification data to the user.

An Integrated Product Team was formed that included representatives from the Center, the major commands, headquarters Air Force Material Command, and several contractors. Initial success included reducing the time it takes to get a change to the field from nearly two years to less than 90 days. However, IPT members agreed that 90 days still wasn't good enough to support today's missions and aircraft modification schedules. The IPT decided to focus on developing a digital solution.

As a result, Robins put Boeing on contract to convert all C-130 maintenance technical data into a database driven Interactive Electronic Technical Manual. The primary requirements were to improve user-friendliness, improve technical accuracy, reduce technical data development costs and sustainment costs and improve timeliness.

Another requirement was levied to ensure the IETM could interchange information

with other Maintenance Information Systems, thereby supporting an integrated maintenance information system environment for the future.

In the end, success will be determined on whether the IETM supports the maintainer doing his or her job easier, faster, and with less chance for error.

Boeing delivered the first portion of the IETM to Robins Wednesday. This delivery included all C-130 illustrated parts breakdown information (with the exception of Special Operations Forces unique IPB data which is scheduled for delivery in March 2005). The delivery was the first major milestone in the program.

Additional milestones include the delivery of SOF unique IPB data in March 2005 and then the C-130, Talon I and Talon II maintenance data to include digital interactive wiring diagrams in December of 2007.

"Boeing and the government have worked hand-in-hand to achieve this milestone and continue to strive for increased technical capabilities that will support interoperability," Mr. Phil Healan, the Boeing Technical Data Manager, said. "This program is a prime example of partnering with industry. I'm certain the IETM will benefit C-130 maintainers and the Air Force worldwide."

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# Getting fit sets good example

By Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner

33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – When the Air Force unveiled its new exercise program many Airmen did not think much of it, but for some it was an eye-opener and more of an incentive to get in shape.

That is what Master Sgt. Michael Moss of the 33rd Maintenance Squadron's aerospace ground equipment flight thought. Six months ago, Sergeant Moss was overweight and could not run half of the required distance to pass the new fitness test. Now he is setting the example for his flight and feeling better than he ever has.

"I started off not being able to make a full run," Sergeant Moss said. "[I would] run half way there and walk the rest of the way back. I wasn't in shape, by (any) means."

Through a vigorous exercise program he began in November that included crunches, pushups and running, and by watching his diet and cutting out sugars and junk foods, Sergeant Moss has dropped more than 20 pounds. Now he is challenging the younger Airmen in his



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Master Sgt. Michael Moss pushes himself through some pushups. Sergeant Moss is assigned to the 33rd Maintenance Squadron's aerospace ground equipment flight.

flight to get in shape.

"I needed to set an example and that kind of stuck with me," he said. "I took the program seriously."

Before the new fitness standards, Sergeant Moss said he had no problem passing the cycle ergometry test. He said that was easy to get by since he was up and down stairs 20 to 30 times a day. His legs were strong but he was hovering around 200 pounds, which was over his maximum weight standard.

His initial thought about the new fitness program was

that he was meeting the minimum standards, why did he have to go run? He was passing the bike test. But after thinking about it, he changed his mind about getting in shape.

"Once you get started on the program, you say, 'Man, why weren't we doing this before,'" he said. "Because you feel better and you feel better about yourself. I see the importance of staying fit. The more I do, the better I feel."

The entire AGE flight exercises three times a week in a program managed by

their flight superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. June Robbins. She said they all keep track of their progress and know where they stand when their time comes to test, but it is always good to see the results first hand.

"It gives you a lot of satisfaction to see someone like Mike," she said about his noticeable improvements. "He's lost the weight on his own, and then his run time has reduced drastically because of the weight loss."

"It usually took 15 to 16 minutes," Sergeant Moss said about his 1.5 mile run times. "I took my test the other day and I am already down to 12:38."

This increase in his overall fitness level has given him a more positive outlook.

"Feeling positive about yourself (is) uplifting," he said. He said his goal is to continue to exercise and challenge his flight.

"I want to increase my time and I want to beat the youngest Airmen in my flight," he said.

*The Robins Fitness Center staff can help Airmen reach their fitness goals and maintain healthy habits. For more information, call the center at 926-2128.*

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

During open bowling Thursday, get three strikes in the tenth frame and that game is free.

### Civilian Recreation

The 14th annual DoD Team Bass tournament will be held at Sunset Marina, Dale Hollow Lake, Byrdstown, Tenn., from April 18 - 23. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

### Golf Course

The annual wacky scramble will be Saturday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. A minimum team handicap of 48 is required. Cost is \$30 AGF and \$45 for guests.

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

### Youth Center

Registration for the youth sports softball and baseball program has been extended by the Youth Center. Register Monday through Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 6 p.m.

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# Cherry Blossom Festival parade



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Brig. Gen. Mike Collings and his wife Jan participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival parade in Macon Sunday. The Robins Honor Guard march down Cherry Street carrying the colors. Macon has been designated by Congressional Records as the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World with more than 275,000 Yoshino cherry trees.



Members of Robins' Pine Oaks Stables ride horses through the streets of downtown Macon.

Parade-goers Eric Baker, 9 months, and his mom Ms. Jana Stone watch the Cherry Blossom festivities at the parade. The 10-day festival continues today through Sunday. For a list of this weekend's events, go to [www.cherryblossom.com/events.htm](http://www.cherryblossom.com/events.htm)



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