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Mr. Steve L. Davis recently accepted the 2003 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.



Executive director snags oval office honor

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Mr. Steve L. Davis, Robins' senior ranking civilian, recently accepted the 2003 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive adding yet another feather to his multi-plumed hat.

He was presented the award April 21 during a ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial's ceremonial entrance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Each year the president recognizes and celebrates a small group of career senior executives for their exceptional, long-term accomplishments. Winners are leaders, professionals and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and commitment to excellence in public service.

Award winners are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens, and approved by the president. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results.

Some of the results of his leadership over the award period include expediting and providing critical advice and guidance to the acquisition team for the \$2 billion Intelligence Information, Command and Control, Equipment and Enhancements Program, implementing the local long-term, full-time civilian degree program and establishing processes to ensure 100 percent execution of civilian employment plan to support command goals.

His leadership, direction and foresight are also credited with providing major contributions in improving program operations and strengthening customer service.

Following 9-11, he was a key player in making critical decisions that resulted in the Center's successful ability to balance security and productivity while at the same time accommodating the needs of the employees.

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, said he can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

"Mr. Davis has dedicated his entire adult life to the betterment of this Center and has made it what it is today," he said. "He is a great American, a great man and his achievements speak for themselves."

All recipients receive a framed certificate signed by the president.

This is Mr. Davis's second win of the top honor.

Group to deal with sexual assault

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Robins is bringing together various members of the base community to help form a seamless, systematic approach to dealing with sexual assaults.

According to Maj. Beth Zeiger,

organizational health center director, an initiative to form a working group responsible for process improvements in the reporting and handling of sexual assaults at Robins is on the way.

"It's a really good initiative, and I'm glad the Air Force is taking a closer look at it," she said. "We def-

initely want to promote the safety of all our people."

Members of the working group will include the Victim Witness Assistance program coordinator, First Sergeants and representatives from the civilian personnel office and the military equal opportunity office.

The Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command team which traveled to all AFMC bases to assess the sexual assault climate, policies and programs in the command released its findings earlier this month.

The major said while the report

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Commander's call



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

Center Commander Brig. Gen. Mike Collings speaks to base employees Thursday during a mandatory commander's call at the Warner Robins Civic Center. The general discussed transformation and how it will affect Air Force Materiel Command and the air logistics center. The general also talked about changes to AFMC headquarters and the Center, concerning the reorganization into wings, groups and squadrons to create a more traditional Air Force structure that cleans up lines of communication and chains of command.

Elementary school's 'We Love America' concert set for May 7

Robins Elementary School will present its musical and theatrical performance of "We Love America," May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Amphitheater.

This year's production brings the message, "We're all different, but we're all Americans." Robins and the surrounding community are

invited free of charge to help the school's 450 students show their appreciation for the men and women of the Armed Forces.

For more information, contact Robins Elementary School at 926-5003.

— Ms. Holly J. Logan

78th Security Forces taking measures to ensure base security awareness

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A 78th Security Forces Squadron staff sergeant has his work cut out for him.

He hopes to "reach out and touch everyone on Robins Air Force Base" to make certain they understand the base's security awareness program.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Navarro, 78th Security Forces Squadron flight line constable, said he has a good team working with him to accomplish the task.

He and others have done on-site checks in restricted areas as a knowledge assessment to determine how much people actually know about regulations and procedures.

The heightened awareness and education programs are a way to fill the information gaps the police team detected.

Sergeant Navarro said being aware of people, surroundings



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

Mr. Clarey P. Scott checks flightline driving credentials at the flight line security gate Monday.

and proper entry procedures to base areas are a good starting point in any security program.

"At Robins Air Force Base, we have vital resources that pose attractive targets for those who

want to damage or destroy them," he said. "Let us not forget the past incidents that affected our country. They can and will happen

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Lean event accelerates foreign tech data support

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A year-long Lean effort has helped the Technical Data Home Office here turn what was once the slow exchange of technical order support to foreign defense partners into a much speedier and more accurate process.

According to Mr. John McCord, acting chief of the Technical Order Support Section, after the closure of the air logistics centers at San Antonio, Texas, and Sacramento, Calif.,

four years ago, a huge increase occurred in the number of technical orders, or TOs, sent to foreign nations from Robins. That, coupled with several other factors, resulted in tremendous backlog.

"Management of the weapon systems and supporting technical data at the two centers shifted to the remaining three, with Robins getting the greatest share - more than 40,000 additional TOs," he said. "This was a major workload shift, and funding and personnel support took a while to catch up."

In mid-2002 the Technical Data Home Office was tasked by the command section to end the backlog of Foreign Military Sales Technical Order shipments and to free \$1.5 million in assets trapped in the system.

"Center product directorates had amassed some 10,000 extra orders in the pipeline and many orders were simply aging and not being shipped," he said.

Although some shipping was occurring, the mechanism to verify shipments for collection from FMS customers had become unreliable with age, so product directorates often could not prove that shipments had occurred. In addition, freight forwarders, who received shipments at ports of entry often held items too long before delivery.

When the customers claimed non-receipt of TO shipments, PDs at Robins had to reprint and ship again at their expense, frequently with the same result.

"It was a classic snowball effect, a problem made worse by the fact that one month's requirements could not be finished before another set of requirements would appear," he said.

Mr. McCord was tasked by tech data leadership to come up with a viable plan. The solution came through the process known as Lean.

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What to know

Recent official metrics show the Lean effort advanced the Center from third to first place in Foreign Military Sales technical order support among the three logistics centers. The Center's foreign defense partners get their technical manuals in an average of nine days rather than months.

Robins 3-day forecast
Today Partly cloudy
Saturday Mostly to partly cloudy
Sunday Partly to mostly cloudy



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Birthday wishes



U.S. Air Force photo by Mr. Gary Cutrell

Ms. Marilyn Pantera gets an opportunity to chat with retired Gen. Robert L. Scott Jr. at his 96th birthday celebration April 16. The general, a World War II fighter pilot ace, serves as the honorary national chairman of the Museum of Aviation Foundation. The day also included the 8th annual birthday golf tournament, in his honor, at the Barrington Hall Golf Club in Macon. The Museum of Aviation has a permanent exhibit on the lifetime achievements and contributions of the general. The exhibit is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 923-6600.

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“Suddenly I was faced with a requirement to literally move a mountain,” he said. “A paper mountain is still a mountain, and this one had defied some fairly strong efforts for several years and had become a real beast.”

Mr. McCord said an ad hoc team with no charter, but a lot of work ethic and willingness to relearn a process, was established. Each PD sent at least one veteran TO distribution worker to the first meeting. Mr. McCord was tasked by Col. Kathleen Spencer, LG deputy director, to report each PD’s incoming FMS orders each week, set a processing quota for each PD and publish a weekly report with a table or graph showing how well

they were doing.

“For the next 52 weeks, I phoned, pleaded and published results, while the team worked and found many original ways to solve old problems,” he said.

The first major breakthrough was convincing officials at the OC-ALC clearinghouse for FMS orders to convert our monthly billing tables into a digital document, then positive effects were almost immediate.

“Delinquent orders began to fly from the shelves, but other problems soon came into focus as the backlog was reduced,” he said. “We would need to be much more methodical in order to reach the ultimate goal, which is zero orders more than 90 days old in the system.”

At that point, about 60 percent of the 10,000 to 12,000 orders were more than 90 days old, which was

delinquent by definition, and many were a year old or more. He said the other centers were doing little better.

“The advent of the digital Security Assistance Technical Order Distribution System Billing Table speeded sorting of orders and enhanced pattern recognition, which soon confirmed long-held suspicions that other problems were affecting the integrity of shipping data being fed to SATODS each day both manually and from our mail system bar coding. Expert analysis by team members and some help from the SATODS computer operators solved the problems,” he said.

“These efforts also made it more apparent that FMS TO support was a complex process appreciated by very few outside our discipline, which needed to be standardized locally to augment

the larger standardization efforts being directed by Air Force Security Assistance Command and a command level integrated product team,” he said. We decided that the process was a great candidate for a Lean event. Mr. Tony Yarbrough, acting tech data division chief soon arranged that opportunity.”

“The local FMS TO distribution process approached an optimal state by the end of fiscal 2003, and the accomplishment was quite well noticed by AFSAC and the other centers,” said Mr. McCord. “The average FMS response time and backlog have improved and stabilized. PDs as a whole are now outperforming pre-BRAC levels and continue to eliminate minor faults in computer systems previously masked by the size of the backlog and older methods of shipment and tracking.”

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again if we let them.”

He called for diligence by everyone to

protect the base. Out-of-the-ordinary events should be reported. He and others will distribute his “Security Education and Awareness” pamphlet in base work centers and continue unannounced visits.

The security constable, he explained, is “an educator, motivator and a force multiplier who brings base personnel together with security forces to provide maximum protection for personnel and resources.”

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was not specific to Robins, it found that overall AFMC does provide good support in cases of alleged sexual assault – although coordination of services could improve.

“There is no one point of contact to help someone move through the system, so we are looking to improve that,” she said. “The other area we are looking at improving is education and prevention.”

Major Zeiger explained that there is a fine line between being proactive and reactive.

“Robins is being proactive in the sense that there has been no big spotlight shined here like at the Air Force Academy, yet we are looking at ways to prevent sexual assault and improve our processes. We are reactive in the sense that sexual assault already is an issue for Robins.”

Though exact figures can’t be released, Special Agent Brian McCombs, with the Robins Office of Special Investigations put the issue of sexual assault here into perspective using personal experience gained from years of investigating such cases.

“From my own past experiences I can say the number of sexual assaults at Robins is much lower than at other bases I’ve been at,” he said.

Major Zeiger said it’s important for people to know that Robins is continuing to do something about this issue, but it’s far more important for them to know what and where their resources are.

“The primary goal is to not have any sexual assaults,” she said. “The challenge with that is not everyone understands what a sexual assault is; they think it’s only rape. It can be a variety of behaviors. Most people think this is just a women’s issue but men can be sexually assaulted too.”

Mrs. Becky Moody, Victim Witness Assistance program coordinator, said the term sexual assault can be misleading.

“I use the term ‘sex crime’ instead of the vaguer term, ‘sex assault,’ because sex crimes include a broad range of crimes,” she said. “There are those at the higher end of the range such as rape and child molestation, but also those crimes at the lower end of the range such as when a

Who to call

If you have experienced unwanted sexual contact, please reach out for assistance. To report the crime, call Security Forces at 926-2187. To gain support in a difficult time, contact any number of people available to support you: Victim Witness Assistance Program, 926-3961 extension 163 or 127; the Chaplains 926-2821; Life Skills 327-8398; or for civilians and their household members, the Employee Assistance Program 327-7683.

person intentionally makes physical contact with the intimate parts of the body of another person without the consent of that person.”

Ensuring that everyone at Robins is aware of what constitutes this type of crime, the advent of the working group is something Mrs. Moody is eager to be involved in.

“I look forward to working with the other agencies on base to specifically address sex crimes,” she said. “When you have an interagency team working an issue, you will have better results because the expertise of the members of the team is shared and resolutions are the result of a collaborative effort.”

She said she believes the Air Force sees a need for change in that area and awareness and education within the Air Force community should, and can be enhanced.

“We should and can improve communication between agencies responding to this type crime, and we can be more responsive to the needs of victims of sex crimes,” she said. “Before positive change can occur in any large organizations, that organization must recognize a need for change. We recognize the need, we have the expertise to address it and I’m excited to be a part of the group working on that need.”

In addition to the working group, an additional helpful tool has been established through the results of the review. Commanders at each installation will appoint victim support liaisons, whose role will include focusing only on the alleged victim of the sexual assault, providing day-to-day assistance throughout the initial response, investigative, legal and recovery process until the victim is on the path to restored health and well-being.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Portion of Beale Street to close during Tattoo ceremony Wednesday

Beale Street, from the new cattle guard to the AAFES shoppette on the corner, will be closed Wednesday from about 7:55 to 8:25 p.m., due to the paratroopers jumping during the Tattoo ceremony.

— From staff reports

Robins receives \$185,000 for quality of life projects due to begin this year

Robins has received \$185,000 from Air Force Materiel Command to fund three Quality of Life projects this year.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, recently announced funding approval for the following projects:

- \$45,000 for a mini-fitness center in the older portion of the fitness facility
 - \$115,000 to replace a basketball court in the older portion of the fitness facility
 - \$25,000 to build a nature center amphitheater at the Spaulding Nature Center
- The work is expected to get under way or to be completed this year.

— Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas

Base shuttle changes

Beginning May 3, the bus shuttles will run only during peak use periods.

The AMC shuttle, which services the base dormitories, 116th Air Control Wing and the 19th Air Refueling Group, will run 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The base shuttle, formerly known as the dorm shuttle, will run 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Customers who require official business transportation when the shuttle is not in service may request a base taxi at 926-3493.

— From staff reports

Program needs mentors

The Drug Education for Youth Program needs mentors. The program aims to give 9 to 12 year olds the character, leadership and confidence to lead a positive, healthy lifestyle as drug-free citizens.

There will be an orientation Monday, 1 - 2 p.m., Building 700, 78th Medical Group Red Chair conference room.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, call Ms. Vera Seales at 327-8408.

— From staff reports

In memoriam



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

The family of Tech. Sgt. Bruce Brown, the first Robins member to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom, attend the historic tree planting Tuesday. A medal of honor red oak tree was dedicated to him by the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 78th Air Base Wing. The sergeant's family members include, from left, Sonny, Nisha, his wife Candice and, in the foreground, Devina. Trees were also dedicated to Ms. Alice Jones, Lt. Col. Darwin G. Edwards, U.S. Sen. Gaylor Nelson and the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Tree City USA



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

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th ABW commander, accepts Robins' 11th consecutive Tree City USA plaque from Mr. Bob Lazenby, interim director of the Georgia Forestry Commission, during the Arbor Day observance Wednesday.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham

Airman 1st Class Treva Pittman, 116th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs a routine inspection using the new wearable computer on an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft April 7.

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Maintainers now have more tools at their disposal on the flight line

By Senior Airman Tim Beckham
116th Air Control Wing
Public Affairs

The way maintenance is performed is about to change due to a couple of new tools maintainers will have at their disposal.

Through a pilot program being conducted at the 116th Air Control Wing the 116th Maintenance Group is beginning to integrate a new wearable computer, which can be used across the maintenance spectrum.

The new wearable computers, which were manufactured by Xybernaut, are small PCs that can be worn either on the chest or hip of the person using them. The computers are being tested as a possible replacement to the Tough Books, which are currently being used in the 116th.

"The significant advantages are immediate access to a wireless environment and the very near migration of the Northrup Grumman Web-based computer software called Phoenix," said Col. Terry Kinney, 116th MXG commander.

"With Phoenix as the wearable computer's new Integrated Electronic Technical Manual, the flight line mechanic will have access to a wealth of information needed to perform their duties," said IETM Project Manager Tech. Sgt. Matt Jones. "The primary goal is to get the IETM to the next generation of what we presently use, which is the Joint Integrated Maintenance Information System."

"The software applications are significantly more user-friendly. The vision of having these tools at the maintainers' fingertips is actually a virtual office on the flight line," said Colonel Kinney. "It will have much of the same desktop software that we currently use, like e-mail capabilities and the capabilities to identify, order, ship and pay for parts."

The wearable computers will also have an electronic copy of E-8C Technical Orders, which maintainers use to perform their jobs. Not only will maintainers have their technical orders at their disposal, but they will also have the capabilities of sending streaming video of peculiar damage back to the shop and aircraft engineers through a wireless local area network.

"It provides a safer more unencumbered work environment by allowing the maintainer to have his TO at immediate disposal," said Colonel Kinney.

The 116th maintenance group is also looking at undergoing another pilot program that will incorporate the

use of a Unique Identification system, which may benchmark the way the Air Force controls parts inventory.

"It makes good sense to leverage the wearable computer and the UID, DoD funded pilot projects," Colonel Kinney said. "Together they have the potential to change business on the flight line ... the capability to repair, order, ship, and pay for parts on the ramp will significantly reduce the amount of time it currently takes to do the same business. A great spin off is it will reduce the need for

human intervention and potential administrative errors."

UID is an Office of the Secretary of Defense mandated program that goes into effect in 2005.

The Air Force designated pilot program will try to "partner up" the new wearable computer and the UID system to make life as easy as possible for the people working on the flight line.

It is the goal for the 116th Maintenance Group to take these two pilot programs to a status where they will become a departure point for implementation DoD wide.

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Special photo

Troops hit the beach during the D-Day Invasion June 6, 1944.

Tattoo to commemorate Normandy invasion

Private Lassen: 'The whole world was erupting down there'

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With pandemonium below, 19-year-old paratrooper Don Lassen, more than 100 pounds of gear strapped to his body, jumped from a C-47 into an inhuman turbulence, earsplitting bursts of anti-aircraft fire blazing across the night sky. It was the pre-dawn hours of June 6, 1944 - D-Day. "It was terrible...unbearable, like cymbals crashing in your ears. I've never been so scared in my life, and there wasn't a thing I could do about it," said Lassen, who was an Army private during the historic Normandy invasion.

In the early hours of the D-Day invasion, more than 1,000 transports dropped paratroopers and amphibious craft landed 130,000 others on five beaches along 50 miles of the Normandy coast. "You would not imagine that anyone could go in that way and live to tell about it," he said. "It was unbelievable. The whole world was erupting down there. They threw everything but the kitchen sink at us."

The pilot of his plane, like many others, was forced to break formation and take evasive action to avoid being hit. Flying under radar and "close enough to the water to wash our hands in the channel," the paratroopers waited for the signal to jump. The pilot signaled and in fewer than 10 seconds, Pvt. Lassen and 16 others were out of the door.

"When I stepped out of the airplane, the shock knocked me goofy," he said.

"My helmet came loose. But it was the best landing I ever made because I don't remember it."

Momentarily stunned, he lay on the ground, machine gun bullets and tracers whizzing overhead. He unbuckled his harness, snapped his rifle together and crouched into a low crawl to a nearby hedge row.

"They were still shooting, not at anyone in particular, just shooting," he said. "I was trying to figure out what to do. I was alone except for a cow in the field. It felt like I was fighting the whole damned Germany army by myself."

The young private moved cautiously ahead, hoping to find members of his unit - "E" Company, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. In the darkness, he heard someone approaching and sounded his cricket, the signaling device soldiers used in the field. No one answered. The stranger drew closer, and Lassen recalled thinking "if he doesn't click his cricket, he's dead." A second or two later, he heard the familiar sound. Together, the stranger - an American from another regiment - and Lassen went in search of others.

As dawn broke, he and thousands more began a saga history has recorded as the first steps on the final road to Allied victory in Europe. Looking back, he said many of his Normandy memories are gone, obscuring the carnage, bright light, explosions and noise.

"I remember the big things, but I don't remember the day-to-day events," he said. "So much in my memory has been wiped out. I

think that's the mind's best protection keeping you from going nuts. The only reason I'm alive today is they were bad shots. As for D-Day, I don't

talk about it often. Most people can't understand it."

On July 15, the young soldier boarded a ship that would take him over the choppy waters of the English Channel back to England. Seven-day pass in hand, first he celebrated, then traveled to Scotland to visit relatives he would be meeting for the first time. Two months later, he parachuted into Holland and the next mission.

When he returned home, he sold insurance, earned a college degree, taught physical education and entered private industry "because you couldn't make money in teaching."

A College Park, Ga., resident, he stayed in touch with fellow paratroopers with whom he shares what he termed "a tremendous bond." He began a monthly newsletter, "Airborne Static Line," a tabloid with 20,000 subscribers worldwide.

Editor's Note: Mr. Don Lassen has accepted an invitation to join other World War II veterans at the 2004 Tattoo April 28, 7 p.m., in front of Building 110 at Robins Air Force Base. This year's program will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion.



Mr. Don Lassen

Colonel Naughton: 'Selfless acts of non-combatants a credit to mankind'

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Some of Normandy's heroes wore uniforms. Many others did not. In a small town on the northern coast of France, soldiers and private citizens banded together to become a powerful, courageous force that stood up to German forces that outnumbered them 10-to-1.

Frank Naughton of Norcross, Ga., should know. He was there.

The retired Army colonel was a 26-year-old lieutenant on June 6, 1944, when he parachuted into Normandy, landing 15 miles off course near the picturesque town of Graignes.

"It was the fourth of July below us," he said, "with the Germans doing their best to bring the planes down."

He landed in shoulder-deep water as had a great number of his men from a battalion of the 507th Paratrooper Infantry Regiment. Much of the area was under water because Hitler had made good on his promise to flood the lowlands.

"A great number of our men dropped into water," he said. "Many drowned; others lost ammunition, weapons, munitions, communications equipment, foodstuffs - everything. The townspeople ventured into the swamps, retrieved the equipment and brought it into town, sometimes under the eyes of the Germans."

"Under the leadership of an outstanding individual - the mayor of the little town - they participated in defending the town against a German

onslaught. The wonderful things they did will always stay in my mind."

Among the examples was a woman who ran the café. She and other women, risking their lives, would venture out at night to get food from farmers. Food and everything else was in short supply.

In a fierce battle lasting five days between the beleaguered force of about 170 American paratroopers and a vastly superior German force, the town fell. The Germans executed 24 American soldiers and 32 townspeople, among them two priests and two women.

They also charged 44 of the town's citizens with collaborating with the Americans and sent them to prison, demolished 66 homes and partially demolished 139 others. Only two houses were left unscathed.

"The story of Graignes has been a long time in incubation," the former colonel and another member of the 507th wrote in 1986. After a 40th anniversary visit two years before by a few veterans from 82nd Airborne Division, the story of the full extent of the bloody episode surfaced. Most American survivors thought their French benefactors had at least been able to escape with their lives and that "somebody surely" had taken steps to recognize them.

A 507th Graignes Memorial Committee formed, and Naughton and retired Army Lt. Col. Earle R. Reed teamed up to research the events and write a report recommending awards for 11 of the townspeople.

The Department of the Army approved the recom-

mendations, and the awards were presented, six posthumously, in July 1986.

The retired colonel said he is never comfortable talking about combat, but he is comfortable talking about "things I have observed that are a credit to mankind."

"The American soldiers and Airmen did their jobs well, but after all, that's what they were supposed to be doing. Civilians could have saved themselves and their property. They chose not to."

"The tendency is to over dramatize and glorify war," he said. "I don't care to talk about combat as such. I know all these wars had a reason, and all good Americans should support the country in time of war."

"They should support the country anytime. It's the selfless acts of the noncombatants that really bear mention."

The Norcross, Ga., resident rose to the rank of colonel, serving 33 years that included his involvement in the wars in Korea and Vietnam. At 86, he is an attorney and president of the 507th Parachute Infantry Memorial Fund Inc.

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Mr. Frank Naughton

New and improved



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

Mr. Jim Anderson, airfield management deputy chief, gives Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, left, a tour of the newly renovated Base Operations Center April 15. In the foreground, Mr. Willie Williams, operations specialist, takes a phone call. The building is the flight line home of the people who run Robins' base operations, flight records, airfield management and weather mission.

Nugteren to be inducted into aviation hall of fame

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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The man who helped turn the dream of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame into a reality will soon be listed among 66 others honored since its inception in 1989.

Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, former Center commander from 1982 - 1988, will be among this year's four individuals inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.

Col. Howard H. McWhorter, founder and past chairman of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame from 1989 through 2000, said inducting the general was an obvious decision.

"He was instrumental in building the Museum of Aviation and making the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame part of

it," he said. "We're very appreciative of his work, and deeming it a good marriage for the museum and the Middle Georgia community."

The 76-year-old retired general, who is now an advisor with the Mercer University Engineering Research Center, said having his two daughters, Cecile and Aneli, as part of his induction makes an already honorable moment more special.

"I feel that I could only accept this honor as a representative of the military and civilian personnel that worked for me and with me to achieve any major suc-

If you go

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, former Center commander from 1982 - 1988, will be inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame in a ceremony Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation. Others to be inducted Saturday are Mr. Guy Hill, Mr. Ed F. Jungemann, and Adm. John H. Towers.



Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren

cess that I've achieved throughout my career," he said. "Those are the people I'd like to tip my hat to."

The Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame's 156 board of electors members induct four individuals on a yearly basis, who have made significant contributions to aviation history throughout their careers.

Transforming the way the Air Force does business

By Col. Samuel Lofton, director
and **Mr. Donnie Bagley**, WSSCM Division chief, F-15 System Support Management Directorate

"Transformation" has become the Air Force Materiel Command "rallying cry".

All around us, senior leadership is challenging us to transform current war fighter support processes and procedures.

The F-15 System Program Office's Weapon System Supply Chain Management Division is nearing completion of a one-year "Pathfinder" aimed at transforming the way the Air Force provides weapon system supply support.

That initiative evolved out of the Air Force Spares

Campaign and is currently a pivotal part of the Air Force's overall eLOG21 Logistics Transformation strategy.

The WSSCM's mission is to maximize fleet weapon system availability, readiness and affordability through aggressive supply chain integration and management.

In April 2003, the F-15 Directorate kicked off the command's first WSSCM office. Similar prototype organizations were created at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to support the F-16, and at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to support the KC-135.

You might ask "How's it going?" By all accounts, the answer is very well. The F-15 WSSCM Team has been nominated for the AFMC Supply Chain Manager of the Year award.

WSSCM professionals have earned a reputation for effective and aggressive collaboration with organizations supporting the F-15 to solve current problems and envision

potential future challenges. WSSCM personnel are organized into two main branches. The Support Branch is the organization's tactical arm which provides day-to-day support to field units and works with depot and DLA units to resolve current supply issues.

The most visible element of the Support Branch is "Eagle Control" which provides a single face to our combat customers, as well as, any other agency supporting the F-15. The Analysis Branch is the organization's strategic arm. The Analysis Branch focuses on broader, long-term support issues. This team - composed of civilian, military and contractor logistics experts - focuses on supply chain integration issues and is charged to "think outside of the box" to identify targets of opportunity across the enterprise that could have significant positive impact on improving weapon system availability and cost reduction.

In June, "Eagle Control" partnered with the F-15 Programmed Depot Maintenance line to improve supply support within the Center's Lean flow cell concept.

To foster more effective communication and a closer working relationship, WSSCM personnel were relocated to the production line to provide on-the-scene problem resolution and materiel forecasting. Specific "high impact" parts were identified and changes initiated to align the manner in which parts were planned for and ordered. This action provided greater lead time for delivery to minimize work schedule impact. This collaborative effort across two Center directorates is an excellent example of "Team Robins" in action and has had a significant impact on aircraft flow days and war fighter support.

The WSSCM Analysis Branch has been working closely with Center depot

repair shops to develop a shop capacity tool designed to help make optimal use of our repair capability by establishing a common operating picture to improve production velocity. Forecasting for F-15 parts repair can be done more consistently by using the production and control board tool to identify and prioritize total repair requirements. The tool makes these forecasts using data from the System Management Analysis Reporting Tool. This system contains data from all of the command's air logistics centers. The tool examines backorders, material deficiency report computation requirements, depot asset levels and all repair data. The Shop Capacity Tool promises to simplify and identify (in one report) the way we look at awaiting parts constraints to justify work and carcass constraints.

The desired result is an increased ability to do more accurate analysis on

LRU/SRU repair needs that are critical for our parts needed by customers and on the PDM line.

Without a doubt the WSSCM initiative is a major element of the Air Force's Logistics Transformation strategy. Working in concert with other Air Force initiatives like Depot Maintenance Transformation and Purchasing and Supply Chain Management, WSSCM provides the critical integration link necessary to champion depot process improvement, supply chain integration and cost reduction while retaining ultimate focus on delivering capability to the operational war fighter in terms of weapon system availability and readiness.

Whether developing performance based agreements with the major commands, collaborating with the F-15 PDM line, or engaging with depot repair shops, the WSSCM is at the forefront of logistics transformation.



Col. Samuel Lofton

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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Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Why the mandatory 10-hours, six-days-a-week schedule?

Why has the F-15 MABFB section been put on a mandatory 10-hour day, six-days-a-week schedule? It was not put before the workers for discussion, nor has management justified the need for this overtime. Our airplanes are going out on time with little to no overtime. The rumor going around is that swing shift will have to come to work at 4 a.m., and there would be no shift differential or pay adjustments. I think it should be voluntary to work overtime, especially if there is no need to work 60 hours a week. The extended work schedule was announced yesterday. I do not think this is legal and may violate the master labor agreement.

Commander's reply: Thank you for your interest in assuring fair working conditions in the F-15 area, and I certainly understand your concern with the recently mandated overtime in F-15 Production. Overtime decisions are not made lightly and are always based on mission support requirements. MABFB has been placed on mandatory overtime due to the fact that the aircraft currently in B section, Cells 3 through 4, are between five to eight days behind schedule. There has been an attempt to correct this deficit with normal use of overtime and manpower adjustments; however, these efforts have not been able to overcome the lateness of the jets in the flow. The decision was made on April 12, to implement a work schedule to aggressively assert resources where needed to meet schedule dates. This action was discussed with upper management and American Federation of Government

Employees' Aircraft Production Division union steward. MABFB's supervisors were notified and instructed to inform their employees the 10-hour shifts started April 14. The 10-hour shifts are expected to be in affect for only two to three weeks.

The start time for the shifts, day and swing, will remain as they are, i.e. day shift will begin at 6 a.m. and swing shift at 2:30 p.m. Starting dayshift at 4 a.m. is indeed merely a rumor. Additionally, employees who have approached management with valid reasons for exemptions to the overtime have been handled with compassion and adjustments have been made if possible.

The goal of this Center and the F-15 Production Branch continues to be to deliver quality aircraft. Therefore, the success of the F-15 branch is key to the success of this Center. Your help is needed to ensure we continue producing quality jets on time.

Reduce the parking on the flight line

When is somebody going to acknowledge the overcrowding on the industrial and flight line area? There are too many vehicles on the flight line and there isn't adequate control over speeding or parking. We need to reduce the amount of personal parking in the flight line area as well. Cars are parking near the towing line causing aircraft wingtips to go over cars and trucks. In reality the supervisor does not stop the towing because it's time consuming and hard to find the owner to move the vehicle. It has gotten so bad that government vehicles can't park in designated spots.

The greatest hazard to aircraft is Foreign Object Damage

carried on vehicle tires that migrates to an area where it can be blown into the path of a taxiing aircraft or one that is undergoing an engine run. Less traffic will reduce the potential of damage to aircraft. More vehicles also create a security risk.

Commander's reply: Thank you for your timely comments. Recent events have made Foreign Object Damage and the associated issue of privately owned vehicles operating and parking on the airfield (both the flight line and industrial area) very high interest items for our Center's senior leadership. In accordance with AFI 13-213, Airfield Management, "POVs on the flight line are discouraged, and shall be restricted to an absolute minimum..." A high number of vehicles on the airfield directly increase the possibility of safety and FOD mishaps. In an effort to reduce the impact on safety and improve FOD prevention, the number of authorized personnel operating their POVs on the airfield is under review. The program requires annual validation prior to issuance of new POV passes which is being done at this time. Additionally, the Robins FOD Awareness and Prevention Working Group is crafting guidance to define who is authorized a POV pass and to ensure its use is "mission essential." Increased emphasis during this year's re-issuance period will ensure that POV passes are limited to only mission essential requirements. Passes should not be issued for personal convenience. The FOD Awareness and Prevention Committee and its working group are looking into the number and placement of Entry Control Points and parking outside of the flight line and industrial areas to ensure these support ready access for all personnel who work in these areas.

Remember to slow down

There have been

217

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.

April: **3** April 2003: **3** Year to date: **22*** 2003: **63** Number of days since last DUI: **12**

*one of this year's DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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A striking rendition



Courtesy photos



Above, Robins Elementary School chorus singing the national anthem at the Atlanta Braves game April 16.

Left, former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, applaud the chorus' performance.

Online system reduces trips to education office

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Four features now available under the Air Force's virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is a Web-based system available to the total force that allows Airmen to do many of the things online that once required a trip to a base education office.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the system, including rank, duty phone, and e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

New features allow users to view a complete history of their enrollment in courses taken using tuition assistance.

Users will also be able to access a list of notifications concerning missing grades and payment suspenses, and they can check Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and College-Level Examination Program test results.

The virtual center came online in early 2003 and was designed to streamline the process of participating in off-duty education, said Mr. Jim Sweizer, Air Force chief of voluntary education.

"The system is taking all the things we used to do in the old days on paper and trying to move them into the virtual world," he said. "This is part of a customer service transformation."

The center's development

"This is about convenience. Today you can pay bills in one place instead of running around to all locations, and that is a timesaver for consumers."

Mr. Jim Sweizer
Air Force chief of voluntary education

is in line with similar developments in the civilian world. Being able to make payments online or to conduct business without leaving your home is something Airmen are familiar with and demand, Mr. Sweizer said.

"This is about convenience," he said. "Today you can pay bills in one place instead of running around to all locations, and that is a timesaver for consumers. In the Air Force, the better customer service you can provide, the better it is for the student. (The virtual center) is about better customer service."

One of the most apparent benefits to customer service is the center's tight integration with the Community College of the Air Force, Mr. Sweizer said.

"Airmen can view their CCAF academic progress reports on the system," he said. "That process used to take six to eight weeks when done with a paper request.... Today, (students) can go on the (virtual center) and immediately see what they need to complete their coursework."

The center also makes it easier for Airmen to have their CCAF transcripts sent

to other universities. Mr. Sweizer said the CCAF sends out as many as 65,000 transcripts a year to various schools.

"It was also a paper intensive process in the past," he said.

Sending out a transcript from CCAF to another school could have taken as many as six weeks when it was done entirely through paper mail and handwritten forms. With the virtual center, he said, the Air Force has reduced that process time to 24 hours.

While the virtual center does not currently allow Airmen to apply for tuition assistance online, officials said it soon will. In fact, application for tuition assistance will be a focal point on the site.

"The primary reason an Airman visits the education center is to start or continue college," Mr. Sweizer said. "The key component of that is tuition assistance. We fully fund tuition... the goal is to have them sit at a computer and be able to apply for tuition assistance in the virtual world."

From a military computer, Airmen can sign up for an account at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

101st Airborne Association Georgia Chapter

The 101st Airborne Association Georgia Chapter will meet today through Sunday at Robins. All "airborne" of any division or branch of service are invited. For more information, call Mr. Grady Jones at 956-5787 or 396-3846.

Mother's Day roses

The Robins Top 3 Group will be selling roses for Mother's Day through Wednesday. The cost is \$15 per dozen. All orders must be prepaid to the Unit POC. The roses will be ready for pick up May 6-7. Proceeds will go to support Robins Top 3 activities. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Fannie Worthy at 926-7199.

Bulldog Club spring social

The Warner Robins Bulldog Club spring social will be Thursday, 8 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Hangar One. The guest speaker, Coach David Johnson, is the tight ends coach for the University of Georgia.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion ceremony, hosted by Col. Tom Smoot, 78th ABW commander, will be April 30, 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater, Museum of Aviation. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

CAC appointments

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

MPF limited manning

The Military Personnel Flight will have limited manning May 14-26 due to the Operational Readiness Inspection. All personnel services will be limited to emergencies only.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is now open on an

appointment-only basis. To make an appointment, call the center at 926-2391 or 926-2635. Appointments will generally be scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

5th MOB 40th anniversary

The 5th Combat Communications Group will celebrate 40 years of excellence this May. For more information on the anniversary and alumni reunion, go to www.robins.af.mil/5ccg/40thAnniversary/index.htm or call 1st Lt. Jason Fields at 926-2053.

VFW Buddy Poppies

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6605 and Ladies Auxiliary will sell Buddy Poppies at Kmart, the Watson Boulevard Wal-Mart, the Russell Parkway Kroger and Winn-Dixie, May 7 and 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The proceeds will benefit disabled and less fortunate veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans in the community.

Computer lab volunteers

Parent helpers are needed at the Robins Elementary School computer lab. No experience is needed. To volunteer, contact Mrs. Underwood at 926-5003

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for Robins' clinics. The days and hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If interested, call Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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.

Gate traffic

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

Firing range reminders

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the firing range, located on the northeast side of the base. Robins' firing ranges are adjacent to

the horse stables and off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the firing ranges. The ranges are clearly marked with signs, red flags and streamers during weapons firing

Zero Overpricing Program

The Zero Overpricing Program aims to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. If the current catalog price for an item is incorrect submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098. For more information, contact Ms. Cassandra Tharpe, WR-ALC/PKPB, at 926-7118 or visit <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/pr/pkpb.htm>.

Red Cross dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is seeking trained Red Cross dental assistant volunteers. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer should contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Ms. Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Mr. Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts leaders needed

Girl Scouts of Robins is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ms. Alyson Dreer at 329-8099.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Also, the shop is looking for volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, call 923-1686.

Museum volunteers

The Museum of Aviation is recruiting adult volunteers who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Mr. Dan Hart, volunteer coordinator, at 926-6870.

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Software section takes on three jobs simultaneously

By Ms. Lisa Mathews
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Members of the Software Division's Avionics Operational Flight Branch, thought they were taking on one job, but ended up with three.

And because they were able to accomplish all three of those jobs, more money, more jobs and more work is coming to Robins.

The people in the branch's centralized software support activity group have the primary function of maintaining the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) - a digital radio used to convey tactical messages between platforms in a network.

But recently the group took on two extra block cycle changes (a series of software updates) in addition to that primary job.

The additional workload included conducting block cycle changes for the Stochastic Unified Multiple Access Protocol - a dynamic network management protocol that allows unexpected entry of participants into the digital radio network - and the E-3 control display unit.

Mr. Steve Moghadam, tactical data links project manager, said because the team was successful, he sees the extra work as the way of the future. In fact, additional people are being brought in to handle the

The team

Ms. Pam Anthony, Mr. David Aspinall, Mr. Jason Blair, Mr. Jack Broeils, Mr. Chad Davis, Mr. Keith Dierking, Ms. Connie Firestone, Mr. Charlie Flagg, Ms. Diana Grotewiel, Mr. Greg Groves, Mr. Joseph Locker, Mr. Tom Manley, Ms. Maria Mazzara, Ms. Terrie Moore, Mr. Lewis Mozzini, Mr. Gary Mucher, Mr. Bill Nichols, Mr. Bob Pearson, Mr. Larry Qualls, Mr. Judy Rhyne, Mr. Jim Roberge, Mr. Ryan Sperl, Ms. Rachana Trivedi, Mr. Adam Wofford and Ms. Merilee Yoshioka

extra workload.

Modifications in the block cycle changes are based on requests from users, and are completed once every 12 to 15 months to keep costs down. The changes, including lab testing, are all done at Robins. Once the testing is complete, it's released to each of the services and other nations, and they do their own integration testing.

The first additional work came when the Navy came forward with a dynamic management network protocol for Tactical Data Links. They came to Robins for the radio portion and a contractor for the Multifunctional Information Distribution System, the next generation of JTIDS, Moghadam said.

Robins completed its portion of the additional workload on time and within budget. The duration of the effort and the costs were considerably lower than the contractor's - even though the level of work was about the same, Mr. Moghadam said.

The E-3 control display unit workload was the third task added to the group.

"The United Kingdom initially came out with a very large list of requirements that they would have liked implemented," Mr. Moghadam said.

"They went to their contractor and got a quote. Then

the U.S. got involved.

"They came to us, and we gave a quote," he added. "They selected us to actually perform (the work).

"The most difficult portion was trying to get the five nations that have these units to agree on the requirements."

He said while he's glad new workload is coming to Robins, he's most proud of the effort put forth by the people within his work group.

"I have been on various projects on this base. I've been here 18 years. This is, by far, the hardest working bunch of people I have ever had the pleasure to work with. I asked a lot of them and they came through," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Mr. Gary Mucher, lab manager, works on a sell off unit of the newest test station to be used for digital radios that convey tactical messages between platforms in a network.

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20th Military Ball slated for June 12

The "60th anniversary of D-Day - the Normandy Landing" is the theme for the 20th Middle Georgia Military Ball to be held June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Organizational monitors will take on-base reservations. Organizations who have not yet named monitors should do so immediately and send the monitors' names and phone extensions to Kathy.cheshire@robins.af.mil. Anyone with questions may call Ms. Cheshire at 926-2182.

- Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas

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

Mr. David Hogan shows off his catch of the day at the fishing rodeo Saturday at Luna Lake. He won first place for the largest fish caught.

CATCH OF THE DAY

In observance of Earth Day, Environmental Management hosts a fishing rodeo



Above, Mr. Tom Pofahl and his son, Christian, left canoe, paddle against Mr. Steve Zimmie and his daughter, Heather, in the canoe race.

Right, Tyler Yandell, 9, checks the weight of his third fish of the day.



Left, Mr. Ed and Mrs. Jennifer Roe enjoy the fishing rodeo with their children, Christian, 3, and Landon, 8.

Below, Abby Pillion, 8, casts her line into Luna Lake. She caught six fish – the most in the competition.



The results

There were 22 fishing rodeo participants with five bream and 17 bass caught.

LARGEST FISH
 David Hogan: 1 lb. 1 oz.; 14"
 Barbara Anderson: 7 oz.; 10 3/4 "
 Abby Pillion: 6 oz.; 9 3/8"

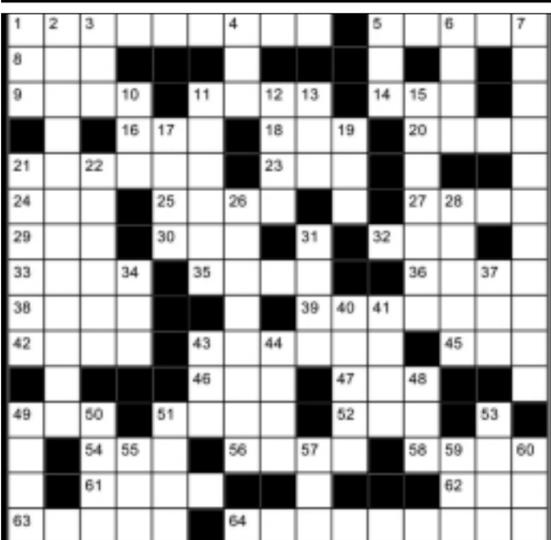
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 Team Kicklighter

CASTING COMPETITION
 12 years old and under
 Tyler Yandell: 230
 Wesley Pasket: 185
 Landon Roe: 145

CASTING COMPETITION
 13 years old and over
 Kyle Rigney: 310
 Tim Johnson: 175
 Mae Washington: 35

MOST FISH
 Abby Pillion: 6
 Anthony Anderson: 5
 Tyler Yandell: 3

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Mother Earth Friendly

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Earth Day founder
5. Part two of the 2 DOWN triangle
8. Fish eggs
9. Stuck up person
11. Bring in
14. Write
16. Military ID
18. Swine
20. Columbian river
21. Part one of the 2 DOWN triangle
23. Airport abbreviation
24. Bruins great Bobby
25. Killer whale
27. Late night host
29. SE hydroelectric power company
30. Person who works on 55 DOWN
32. In favor of
33. Domesticated
35. Christmas log
36. Site home to 13th Air Force
38. More of the same, briefly
39. Part three of the 2 DOWN triangle
42. In law, take effect at a specified date
43. The world of living things; outdoors
45. X
46. Military edu. center person
47. German city
49. Finish
51. Part of a sentence
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54. Bullfight cheer
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63. Air pollution concern
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1. Lady title
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 6. Arm bone
 7. Natural world
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 11. Source of waste/concern
 12. TV show host Caroline
 13. Indicating "no"
 15. Study of relationship between organisms
 17. Barge
 19. Talk
 21. Spoiled
 22. Plays
 26. Region between Black and Caspian seas
 28. Spew
 31. Inca country
 34. Inventor Whitney
 37. Pub drink
 40. Burst
 41. Cubicle
 43. New movement
 44. Value or pitch
 48. One of the Stooges
 49. Tickle me toy
 50. Martial arts school
 51. Actress Campbell
 53. Cookie type
 55. Computer connection
 57. Zero
 59. Former White House spokesman Fleischer
 60. "Man of a thousand faces" Chaney

For puzzle solution, see April 30 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for April 16



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.

Home buyer's workshop

Ms Mary Ussery, director of Education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, will conduct a free "Home Buyer's" workshop today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127. This workshop is designed to take some of the confusion and uncertainty out of the home-buying process.

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.

The spouse's connection

The FSC will offer the Spouse's Connection Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend in the process.

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 April 30, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127. A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors May 3, 9 - 10:30 a.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 and different ways to communicate with the inbound member. Sponsors are given vital information regarding their responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs. The next federal job class is May 6, 9-11 a.m., Building 905, room 139.

Interviewing basics

The Transition Assistance program will offer a class on Interviewing Basics, May 6, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 905, room 138. Topics include general information on the interview process and its role/importance in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them as well as preparation for the interview, including dress are also addressed.

Job fair

The FSC and the Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair June 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers expected to attend. The job fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members and the middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call the FSC at 926-1256.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

Family Night Bingo will be Monday at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit 3 packages per person. All children receive a prize when they purchase their packs.

There will be movies in the park May 8 at 8 p.m. or when dark. Bring your family, lawn chairs and blankets and watch "Toy Story." Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Join Civilian Recreation every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for Bingo at the Base Restaurant with chances to take home a jackpot of \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000. All games pay out \$100 or more. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m. Paper cards and power bingo is available.

Enlisted Club

A Queen for the Day essay contest is being conducted to select three mothers to be Queen of the Day. The essay can be submitted by children of a club member explaining why their moms are special in 100 words or less. Deadline to submit an essay is May 9. For more

information and rules concerning the contest, visit www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the Enlisted Club link.

Queen for the Day Mother's Day brunch will be held May 9 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.95 members, \$3.95 kids and kids 5 and younger free.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 2. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for on the Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

Officers' Club

Show mom she's the best with a Mother's Day buffet May 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$13.95 members and \$14.95 nonmembers.

Skills Development Center

Clip the customer appreciation day's coupon in April Edge magazine to receive two free hours at the auto skills center.

The center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Tuesday from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; drawing Monday from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; watercolor Monday from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; cross stitch Tuesday from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; scrap booking today from 12:30 - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; oil painting Thursday 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

A Parent and Tots Ice Cream social will be held Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to join their parents for activities and fun.

Youth Center

Registration for summer specialty camps will be held in May with camps beginning June 14. Camps are open to children, ages 9 - 14 years old, and will be held from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Price is \$90 per week with the exception of the week of July 4, which will be \$80. For more information, call 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

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 (Jumuah) 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

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



Friday
7:30 p.m. - Secret Window - Johnny Depp and John Turturro
Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block, when a psychotic stranger, John Shooter, shows up at his doorstep, accuses Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction. Rated PG-13 (violence/terror, sexual content and language) 97 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. - Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights - Diego Luna and Romola Garai

Eighteen-year-old Katy moves with her father to Havana, Cuba. Instead of joining the crowd of wealthy Americans in her new neighborhood, Katy befriends Javier a poor writer who also happens to be a great dancer. Katy soon persuades Javier to partner with her in a prestigious national dance competition. Rated PG-13 (sensuality) 87 minutes



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The Week in Photos

An expanded look at Robins through the lens of Rev-Up photographer Ms. Sue Sapp. www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

A pregnancy and exercise seminar will be held today from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. For more information or to register, call 926-2128.

The Macon Blaze basketball team will play an inter-scrimmage game at the center Sunday at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. For more information, call 926-2128.

Information will be available Wednesday from 11 a.m. - noon on blood pressure screening. For more information, call 926-2128.

Golf Course

During April, golfers can save money when they pay

their annual green fees in advance. Yearly rates are as follows: E1-E4, \$396; E5 - O3, \$576; O4 - up and DoD civilians, \$660. For more information, call 926-4103

Outdoor Recreation

The outdoor recreation equipment rental center, Building 914, will be closed Tuesday through Thursday for the installment of the new RECTRAC computer program. For more information, call 926-4001.

The Robins Masters Swim team begins May 3 and is open to the entire Robins community to include active duty, reservists, retirees and DoD civilians and immediate family members 18 years and older. Prior swim team

experience is not required. There will be an organizational meeting Monday at the Fitness Center indoor pool from 6 - 7 p.m. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 926-4001 or e-mail Ms. Abigail White at abigail.white@robins.af.mil.

Smith Community Center

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with America's Kids Run to be held May 15. Children ages 5 - 13 can participate in a safe, interactive run to build self-esteem and fitness. All finishers will receive a T-shirt. Register at www.americaskidsrun.org or call the community center at 926-2105.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Air Force Association

The Air Force Association Carl Vinson Chapter 296 will host its annual Stafford Scholarship Golf Tournament April 30 at Waterford Golf Club.

Tee times are at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with lunch at 11 a.m. This four-person scramble is the sole AFA Chapter 296 fundraiser to support its scholarship program for Robins Air Force Base military members who are captains and below.

To register to play or to become a sponsor of the tournament register online at ww.cv-afa.org/GolfTournament.htm, or contact Ms. Kathy Copija at 923-5741 or knhenni@aol.com.

National Contract Management Association

The National Contract Management Association golf tournament will be May 7 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at the Landings Golf Course.

Cost is \$40 per person, which includes golf fees and lunch at noon. Prizes will be

awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and for longest drive and closest to the pin will also be awarded. This is an "A,B,C,D" scramble format.

Sign up to be placed on a team or enter your own team by submitting name(s), handicap or average score to Ms. Michelle Idone, LXKC, at 926-0847, no later than May 4.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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.

Play ball!



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The Youth Center baseball and softball opening day was Saturday. An opening ceremony parade started in the NCO Club parking lot followed by team introductions at baseball field No. 1. The Robins Honor Guard presented the colors, and Ms. Deborah Varella sang the national anthem. There were snow cones, a moonwalk and dunk tank to celebrate the beginning of the ball season.

Above, Tyler Jones pitches for the Cardinals.

Left, Ariel Inigo gets ready to swing the bat during the Yankees t-ball game.

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In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children's Health Fair was held April 16 in the Smith Community Center ballroom. There was information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, crime prevention, dental care and TRICARE.

Top, Brett Johnson, 4, decides he wants to get a better view as Senior Airman Yoshisha Smith tries to take his photo for an identification card.

Above, Amari McKinley, 4, chooses a healthy snack.

Left, Jordan Feely, 4, tests his strength on a pilates ring.

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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.

National Contract Management Association usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Officers' Club at 11:30 a.m., but that can change depending on speaker availability. For information, call Ms. Michelle Idone at 926-2231.

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.

Editor's Note:
Information is provided by club members. 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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When Boomer, a 3-year-old labrador, sees something he wants, he goes after it. He belongs to Capt. Matt and Mrs. Lisa Cunningham.



Top, Boomer takes off after a stick that was thrown for him to fetch at Scout Lake April 15. Above, Mrs. Cunningham gets ready to throw a stick as Boomer races to retrieve it.



Boomer brings Mrs. Cunningham the beloved stick so she can throw it again.

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