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Smoot to be reassigned

Col. Tom Smoot will relinquish command of the 78th Air Base Wing to Col. Greg Patterson during a change of command ceremony at the Museum of Aviation July 2.



Colonel Tom Smoot

Colonel Smoot will be assuming his new position as the deputy director of manpower and organization at the Pentagon. Colonel Patterson reports to Robins from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he has served as the commander of the 12th Mission Support Group.

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ORI picnic set for Tuesday

The Robins work force is invited to the Operational Readiness Inspection picnic Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in a rustic setting at Warrior Air Base.

The free lunch will consist of barbecue on a bun, chips, coleslaw and a drink. Parking will not be available and guests will be bussed to the site. The bus schedule is as follows with a departure time of 10:30 a.m. at the following locations:

Building 255 and every 15 minutes thereafter

Base Theater and Building 1555 and every 10 minutes thereafter

Building 2079, Building 2051 and Building 125 at the overpass and every 20 minutes thereafter

Guests are asked to dress casually. High-heeled shoes or dressy clothing are not recommended.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. William McMillan at 926-3193.

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An exercise in reality



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

Robins Air Force Base kicked off the Full Spectrum Threat Response portion of the Air Force Materiel Command Operational Readiness Inspection Wednesday with a bang.

The scenario involved a car bomb on the south end of Building 215 in which half of the headquarters building was destroyed.

Those who work in the building were quickly evacuated while security forces, base firefighters and other first responders converged on the scene.

The FSTR portion of the inspection lasted about five hours and tested all aspects of disaster response and recovery.

Above, Col. Karl Lee, 78th Medical Group, examines a "victim" injured in the simulated explosion.

Right, employees evacuate Building 215 to Headquarters Reserve Command where they were assembled for accountability.



\$2.5 M resurfacing, intersection work under way on Highway 247

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A 9-mile stretch of Ga. Highway 247, the road bordering Robins Air Force Base, is being resurfaced in a project that includes reconfiguring a Russell Parkway exit.

The result will be a better road, improved safety and a three-way traffic signal on Highway 247, a state Department of Transportation engineer said.

Mr. Sheldon Minor, assistant area engineer of construction for the state DOT's

District 3, said the \$2.5 million project will concentrate on the section from the Bibb County line at Echeconee Creek to Ga. Highway 96. The work began this week and should take about 60 days to complete.

The ramp that connects Russell Parkway to Highway 247 will be changed, removing the present forks to the north and south with a straight road ending at a traffic light. When it's finished, Mr. Minor said Russell Parkway and Highway 247 will be at a 90-degree angle.

In addition, a section of shoulder on the Robins Air Force Base side of Highway 247 will be widened, adding 2 feet to its present 10-foot width.

The widening is also a safety measure, Mr. Minor said.

One lane of traffic will be closed during the work period seven days a week from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Mr. Sheldon said the site engineer, Mr. Reginald Terry, will be on the job to look over traffic control and other aspects of the contracted work.

F-15 'pioneers' blazing paths to maintenance

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Process improvements in F-15 depot maintenance could lead to Air Force-wide changes in aircraft maintenance through Trailblazer - a two-year Air Force Materiel Command initiative.

Trailblazer is a Depot Maintenance Transformation initiative triggered by the implementation of Lean in F-15 programmed depot maintenance line and back shops in the Center.

Results will be used as a prototype for maintenance on

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U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Mr. Joe Cruz, aircraft hydraulic mechanic, installs a clamp on an F-15 hydraulic line. He works for one of five trailblazer shops.

Base takes steps to keep Internet traffic moving

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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Next time your curiosity takes you Internet surfing on a government computer, think about this: A surf control program is monitoring and tracking the sites your computer visits.

The surf control program is Robins Network Control Center's newest tool and is designed to keep the Robins network functioning properly for official government business, the purpose for which it was designed.

The tool monitors the number and location of sites visited on government computers, according to Mr. Bob Kinsey, chief of 78th Communications Squadron computer security. He said organizations will be kept informed of their employees' Internet use.

"We live or die with bandwidth in this business," Mr. Kinsey said. "When the bandwidth is overtaxed because of unofficial use, we can't support our customers."

Bandwidth determines the rate at which information can be sent across a network. The greater the bandwidth,

the more information a user can send or transmit in a given amount of time. The transmission is usually measured in bits-per-second. A full page of English text is about 16,000 bits. A 56Kbs (Kilobits) modem can easily move this amount of data in less than one second.

The oft-heard "the Internet is slow today" isn't really true, Mr. Kinsey said. When the Internet appears "slow" it's because of heavy traffic - most likely thousands of computers are online at the same time for both official and unofficial reasons. The unofficial means the network isn't being used for the purpose for which it was designed, he said.

"We have real-time capability to monitor usage, but we are not cops enforcing use of the Internet," Mr. Kinsey said. "We are people making use of available tools to keep the network running smoothly. Users already know the rules. They see them every time they log onto their computers. The rules are simple - use government computers for official government business."



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

The hangar doors on Building 81 were replaced to allow Robins to do a full range of maintenance on the C-17.

New hangar doors to accommodate C-17 work

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The Center Maintenance Directorate is now able to provide more support to C-17 aircraft with the installation of new hangar doors on Building 81 - the building formerly used for C-141 work.

The doors - completed on the east side of the building and currently being installed on the west side - allow for the taller tail of the C-17 as opposed to the C-141.

"We did a study several years back that looked at several hangars on base with the potential of putting C-17s in them," said Mr. Bill Deaver with the 778th Civil Engineer

Squadron. The requirements were that it had a wide enough door to accommodate the wing tip clearances and, primarily, it would have a door-opening height to accommodate the 55-foot tail of the C-17. The tail of the C-141 was only 41 feet tall.

Building 81 was chosen for the door replacement; however, Mr. Deaver said Building 82 could be equipped to enclose C-17s should the workload grow enough to require the additional work space.

Work on a weight and balance pad is under way in Dock 4. Meanwhile, the door repair for Docks 2 and 3 should be complete in August.

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In the works

Dock 1 in Building 81 is already housing aircraft for maintenance. Work on a weight and balance pad is under way in Dock 4. Meanwhile, the door repair for Docks 2 and 3 should be complete in August. An additional weight and balance pad is being considered for Dock 2.

Robins 3-day forecast
Partly cloudy with isolated p.m. thunderstorms
90/65

Saturday
Partly cloudy with isolated p.m. thunderstorms
92/67

Sunday
Partly cloudy with isolated p.m. thunderstorms
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other aircraft.

Ms. Ellen Griffith, chief and trail boss of the F-15 Production Branch, said, "Headquarters decided to target the F-15 weapon system and asked, 'What can we do within AFMC to improve the aircraft availability to the field?'"

There are five trailblazer shops - Robins' F-15 PDM line, F-15 avionics line; the F-15 landing gear shop at Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah; a part of the F1-100 engine line at Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Okla.; and a shop at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, Ariz.

Each site will be inspected and worked through a Lean process so shops that impact maintenance for the F-15 will be in synch.

"There will probably be some things the PDM line changes that will be applicable to us and some things we may see and improve on that will be applicable to all of depot maintenance," said Mr. Jimmy Beeland, chief and trail boss of the F-15 Branch in the Avionics Division.

The initiative will also bring about changes in policies that currently may hinder the F-15 maintenance process, Ms. Griffith said.

A baseline assessment of the shops was conducted in January. A team consisting of representatives from Headquarters AFMC, each of



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

Mr. Marc Torain, aircraft mechanic, works on the engine mounts in a right side F-15 engine bay.

the centers, Defense Logistics Agency and union representatives made the initial assessment. They spent two to three days at each location running checklists against the shops.

"These checklists were based on what you expect to see in a shop that's Lean," Ms. Griffith said.

The team will do another round of assessments in the August, September timeframe. They will use nearly the same questions and rating system with only a few changes.

"What really excites me about Trailblazer is that a lot of what hinders us is Air Force policy," Ms. Griffith said. "We look at private industry, and we see some of the things they're doing, and a lot of times those are things we can't do here because of policy."

"Those kinds of things we can use Trailblazer for, to funnel up waivers to existing policies to let us try some different things. (Headquarters) is pro-

viding a quick decision process to us that will let us elevate those things quickly," she said.

"They have a five-day time frame to answer," Mr. Jan Felcan, Trailblazer Assessment Team member, said. "If they don't give us a yes or no, we can consider it a yes."

"In most cases we feel we'll get approval to put this in a prototype mode," Mr. Beeland said. "We'll go in and change our procedure and see how it works. If it proves to be beneficial, we hope that will be something Headquarters puts across the board to change the regulations, policies and procedures to the new way of doing business."

"The best thing about Trailblazer overall is we are looking at these five shops for best practices to see what is really working. Then they are going to combine everything and get it into one system and export it throughout all of AFMC," Mr. Felcan said.

Geocaching: 'X' marks the spot

By Senior Airman Stacia Zachary
100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England - Pirates sailed the high seas looting ships and left the bounty for future treasure hunters: Indiana Jones, Lara Croft and geocachers. What do all these have in common? Well, if "X" marks the spot, then buried treasure is the answer.

Techno junkies have reinvented the wheel with geocaching, combining geography and the process of concealing items in a cache, or hiding place. The adventure applies technology to the art of treasure hunting - a new twist that encourages people to get out of the house and explore nature.

The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches worldwide and share the locations of these hiding places on the Internet. Global Positioning System users can then use the location coordinates to find the "hidden treasures." Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if they take something with them, they should leave something for the next explorer, said geocaching participants here.

"The wonderful thing about geocaching is it encourages people to discover their surroundings," said Maj. Anthony Gatlin, 100th Air Refueling Wing deputy director of staff. "Being in England, there are so many things that go unnoticed, and going out in search of nature has allowed me to discover an entirely new setting that I live in."

"Plotting the points and finding the treasure is like having a back roads map of places to see here rather than following a mainstream travel guide," he said.

In May 2000, the U.S. government increased GPS satellite accuracy to the public. After GPS technology went mainstream, affordable versions of military hardware were introduced to the public. Companies such as auto manufacturers introduced GPS items for

cars. These included a theft tracking system for police and insurance companies to track vehicles, and most recently, Web pages hailing the invention of technology-funded treasure-hunting tracking routes.

GPS technology revived orienteering - using a map and compass to navigate between checkpoints along an unfamiliar course.

"It's not just for the Boy Scouts anymore," said Maj. Randall Ashmore of the 48th Medical Support Squadron. "This game of hide-and-seek has literally gotten me off the couch and outdoors. It's absolutely addicting."

It seems the itch is spreading like wildfire throughout the military. Not only does the new techno sport have an increased following, but it also provides an outlet for families to spend quality time with one another, participants said.

"The most enjoyable aspect was the chance to get outside and spend some time with my son," said Brig. Gen. Mark Matthews, 48th Fighter Wing commander, after going on his first geo-hunt. "Though this was our first time (geocaching), I can see how this activity could be challenging and educational as well as just plain fun."

With all the talk about geocaching being the modern-day version of treasure hunting, one might think the caches hold spectacular prizes.

In truth, the caches, usually housed in ammo cans, boxes or plastic containers, have prizes valued from 50 cents to \$5.

So, why all the interest?

"Geocaching isn't about the prize you get," Major Gatlin said. "It's about the hunt. It's about using acute awareness to solve a puzzle and locate the treasure."

The containers also hold a logbook for people who find the cache. Geocachers sign into log their find and see who has journeyed to find the treasure before them.

Geocachers can hide their own hoard of goodies and log them onto a Web site for others to find. They can then track the amount of "hits" their cache has gotten.

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An additional weight and balance pad is being considered for Dock 2.

"This will allow us to do the full range of maintenance on (the C-17)," said Mr. Mark Johnson, chief of the C-17 Production Branch. "There's a significant amount of landing gear work that will be coming up in the very near future. With the enclosed dock position, we can bring the airplane in, up-jack it, do the landing gear work and not have to worry about the wind factor."

Mr. Johnson said Robins' primary C-17 work includes time compliance technical orders, modifications, analytical condition inspections and home station checks. With the new doors in place, the production branch

will be capable of performing whatever maintenance is required.

Mr. Kenny Bates, C-17 senior master planner, said prior to the installation of the new doors, a C-17 tail stuck out of the hangar, and crews of six would spend 30 minutes jacking up the plane and another 30 minutes letting it down daily.

"Now we can pull (the aircraft) in and leave it jacked for an indefinite period of time," he said.

Mr. Johnson added that many of the Lean practices used by the other aircraft companies are being implemented in the C-17 hangar as well.

"As we're moving into Building 81, we're trying to bring in a lot of the good lessons learned from Lean applications in other areas. We're establishing point-of-use cabinets and consumable cages near the work site. We're trying to set this up as a Lean

aircraft repair shop from the beginning," he explained.

The process to replace the hangar doors started before the end of the maintenance era for the C-141.

Ms. Wendy Johnston, infrastructure planning and engineering chief in the Industrial Services Division, said funds were available for the new doors as a maintenance repair project.

"Every so often doors have to be replaced on hangars, and we knew we wanted to prepare Building 81 to be able to accommodate C-17s," she said. "So, when it was time to repair those doors, we went in and replaced them so they would be able to accept a plane with a higher tail," she said.

"We are essentially taking old doors down and replacing them in place, in the same foot print without adding any square feet to the building," Mr. Deaver added.



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

Mr. Jim Woodard, foreground, and Mr. John Reynolds, sheet metal mechanics, mill a frame on a C-17. Robins' primary C-17 work includes time compliance technical orders, modifications, analytical condition inspections and home station checks.

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AFRC dedicates command center in memory of Robins NCO



U.S. Air Force photo by Mr. Tommie Horton

Tara McGraw, widow of Tech. Sgt. Edward McGraw, speaks in honor of her husband during the dedication of the McGraw Memorial Command Center at the AFRC headquarters May 14.

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Gregoire
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More than 100 people gathered at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command May 14 to honor Tech. Sgt. Edward McGraw by dedicating the newly renovated command center in his name.

Sergeant McGraw, who died of a heart attack June 6, 2003, was assigned to the headquarters' directorate of operations from 1999 to 2003 as a senior controller and command and control systems manager.

He was also the Headquarters AFRC Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2002.

Before his assignment at Robins, Sergeant McGraw was a mission manager at the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"You don't put just anyone in these particular positions that require trust, expertise and experience. You put people like Eddie in those jobs," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, who officiated the dedication of the McGraw Memorial Command Center. "I'm personally proud to honor this outstanding man."

Tara McGraw, Sergeant McGraw's widow, attended the dedication with her two sons, Ryan, 7, and Riley, 2, along with other family, friends and colleagues.

"Words can't express how moved I am," said Mrs. McGraw during the dedication. "Saying 'thank you' seems to be too small and insignificant."

Mrs. McGraw said she has always thought of her husband's colleagues as family.

"And I thought of them in that way before my husband

passed away. They are nothing but spectacular."

Sergeant McGraw was as dedicated to his family as he was to serving the Air Force, said Mrs. McGraw.

"He took great pride in his family and knew what it took to be a good father. Eddie was a great husband, father, son, brother and a true friend — he was everything every man should be.

"One day his sons may join the Air Force, be stationed at Robins and walk these hallways, and they'll ask 'Do you know who they named this part of the building after? It was named after my dad.'"

The contribution Sergeant McGraw made to the entire AFRC is long-lasting, said Neal Snyder, AFRC Directorate of Operations Command and Control chief.

"We were able to upgrade our equipment with command-wide buys thanks to

the work Edward McGraw did by researching different equipment and meeting with different suppliers. We consider him the architect for not only our command center here, but all of AFRC's unit command posts."

The McGraw Memorial Command Center is responsible for reporting AFRC operations to the Department of Defense, the Air Staff and other major commands as well as channeling information up and down the AFRC chain of command.

More than 63,000 reservists serve in the AFRC unit program.

The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group, four space operations squadrons and 620 mission support units.

Air Force Reserve units are assigned at active-duty and reserve bases in 29 states.

Medics help with war stress

By Capt. Tom Knowles
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Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Their stories and experiences can be harrowing and it's the unfortunate reality of a combat environment that many U.S. servicemembers are confronted with daily throughout Iraq. Fortunately, there is an Air Force medical team helping servicemembers cope.

"We're responsible for providing battle-front direct mental-health services to commanders and combatants located throughout northern Kuwait," said Maj. Anthony Hassan, a combat stress-control officer with the Army's 8th Medical Brigade.

Although major combat operations in Iraq ended more than a year ago, the ever-present and unexpected attacks by terrorist insurgents continue to make the region a dangerous place.

Faced with conducting operations in such an unstable area, compounded with personal issues back home, can be unnerving and anxiety provoking.

The concept of addressing combat stress and battle fatigue has been evolving for centuries but until recently, has never been exercised in a war, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) David Kutz, the team's flight commander.

"Sending combat stress-control teams out to the units is something that was developed by the Army around the time of the first Gulf War but never put into place until after that war was over," Dr. Kutz said.

When Army officials decided to do so during Operation Iraqi Freedom, they recognized a shortfall among their available medics.

"The Army came back and said we don't have enough of these assets to conduct this mission," Colonel Kutz said. "So the Air Force said that starting with us, we would take the mission. It's the first time this has been done by the Air Force, and in a war-time setting, this is the first time the Army has really used this paradigm."

The four-person team, which includes a psychiatrist, social worker and two mental-health technicians, is responsible for providing mental-health support for thousands of U.S. and coalition forces.

5th MOB celebrate 40th anniversary



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



The 5th Combat Communications Group celebrated its 40th anniversary last weekend. Above, Mr. Billy Millis, the 5th MOB's first commander (1964-1967), visits static displays of the new technology now used in the field.

Left, Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, 9th Air Force commander, toured the 5th's facilities May 14. He was the guest speaker for the Saturday dinner.

ROBINS CLUBS

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

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and

third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Ms. Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Manage-

ment 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: To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

Ashley named Robins spouse of the year

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Mrs. Joy Ashley's husband may be thousands of miles from home, but she has never felt closer to him.

During the annual spouse appreciation luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse in Warner Robins May 14, Mrs. Ashley, nominated by her husband, won the 2004 Robins Air Force Base Spouse of the Year award.

"I was really surprised when they called my name," she said. "I knew that I'd been nominated, but had no idea I'd win."

The winning essay, which was chosen from a pool of 26, began, "My wife is incredible. She continues to amaze me each and every day with her enormous capacity to love and care about others."

That capacity to care about others led her to develop the Key Spouses Program here where she volunteers 30 hours each week as coordinator addressing the needs and concerns of the spouses of deployed Airmen.

Married for the past 20 years, Mrs. Ashley, the wife of Master Sgt. Shawn A. Ashley, has endured many separations and other hardships, but has never once complained.

The mother of three is credited with acting as a mother and at times a father while her husband was on countless tours of duty, managing to keep her family together during each absence.

The sergeant, who is currently on a remote tour to Osan Air Base, Korea, has been separated from his family for the past three months, and said he can't thank her enough. He said he already knew she was something special, and for her to win the award is just further proof of that.

Mrs. Ashley admits that being a military spouse isn't

always easy, and said the hardest part is having to do things alone.

"It's not the typical marriage like I see my civilian counterparts enjoying," she said. "Most people don't have an appreciation for what it's like to be a single parent who is married, or not knowing where or what your husband is doing, but I just do the best I can."

Tying for second place were Mrs. Melony Davis, wife of Mr. Anthony Davis, program manager for special operations forces, and Mrs. Jana Lynne Kennedy, wife of Col. Jeff Kennedy, 19th Air Refueling Group deputy commander.

"Today my husband is my hero," said Mrs. Kennedy, who has been married 22 years. "He talks about me being courageous, but I'm not the one who works 14-hour days and deploys overseas. My husband is my hero."

Mrs. Davis, married for 22 years, said she is honored to know her spouse thinks so highly of her.

Brig. Gen. Chris Anazolone, Center vice commander, commended all military spouses and encouraged the audience to show more appreciation towards them.

"We know that you — on a day-to-day basis — make your spouses, the Air Force and the United States look good," he said. "In the Air Force we recruit individuals and we retain families."

Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander credited spouses at home with helping the mission.

"It's easy for us as military members to take you for granted. We want to thank each of you," he said. "Having a stable family at home helps make the military member more able to focus."

Mrs. Ashley will now go on to compete at the Air Force Materiel Command level.



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Mrs. Patsy Reeves, left, and Col. Bruce Curry, right, present the first place award to Robins Spouse of the Year Mrs. Joy Ashley May 14.



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

Col. Raymond J. Rottman, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, center, and members of the group accept the 2004 Community Service Award Monday at the Museum of Aviation.

Community Service Award goes to 19th Air Refueling Group

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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What they did

The 19th Air Refueling Group has been busy this year.

While the group has maintained a deployment schedule similar to a revolving door, its 550 Airmen have still found time to help the local community. And the community said thanks when it presented the group with the 2004 Community Service Award trophy Monday.

It was the group's third time winning the award.

The sponsors said it was a hard decision to make. Runners-up were the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Directorate of Maintenance and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce President Ms. Michele Callahan said that all three finalist organizations were winners upholding a tradition as old as the base and community. For 50 years, since the town bordering Robins was known as Wellston, "our fates and fortunes have been bound together," she said, and the community has benefited at all levels because of the involvement of Robins Air Force Base.

Col. Raymond J. Rottman, commander, said he was honored to accept the award on behalf of the Black Knights of the 19th Air Refueling Group.

"I know without question that the relationship between Robins and the community is unique to the Air Force," Colonel Rottman said.

He said that despite the Global War on

Terrorism, the Black Knights go out of their way to support the community in many areas. He said they appreciate their blessings and have a strong desire to give back to the community that supports them.

- more than 200 hours spent constructing a Habitat for Humanity house for a local family
- working with the Middle Georgia Traffic Safety Network Working Group to reduce traffic-related injuries and deaths caused by impaired drivers
- donating blood
- fund-raising for education
- assisting at Golden Olympics
- supporting veterans and school programs

"The thousands of hours of community service our military organizations and others have performed is the cornerstone of the Robins Air Force Base-community partnership," Colonel Brinkman said.

Colonel Brinkman, Mr. Ronnie Sanders, chairman of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; and Mr. Paul Hibbits, chair-elect of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, presented the awards.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Ms. Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Hangar Talk

Museum of Aviation celebrates Teacher's Appreciation Month with a Hangar Talk Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hangar One. All education providers are invited to hear Superintendent of Operations James Kinchen and Lindsey Elementary School Principal Dr. Ruth O'Dell discuss No Child Left Behind Act from national, state and local perspectives. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Ms. Heather Fasciocco at 926-6870.

Commissary closed Tuesday

The commissary will be closed Tuesday. For more information, call 926-3390.

MPF limited manning

The Military Personnel Flight will have limited manning through Wednesday due to the Operation Readiness Inspection. All personnel services will be limited to emergencies only.

Health fair

The Health and Wellness Center will host the annual Health Fair Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation. Everyone is welcome to attend, you do not need a base pass to enter the museum grounds. There will be a massage therapist on hand for free 10 minute demonstrations, oral cancer screenings, sickle cell screenings and more. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing

Enlisted Promotion ceremony, hosted by Col. Tom Smoot, 78th ABW commander, will be May 28 at 3:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Vista Scope Theater. 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.

AFRC Family Fun Day

The Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Family Fun Day will be June 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warner Robins Holiday Inn on Watson Boulevard. Tickets may be purchased from Mr. Dave Eich, 327-1154, and Tech. Sgt. Gary Drapeau, 327-1123/0316. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event.

Recycle printer ink cartridges

Empty printer ink cartridges from your home or office can be recycled by bringing them by the Robins Elementary School computer lab.

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.

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. Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

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://pkcc.robins.af.mil/pr/pkpb.htm>.

Robins Thrift Shop

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

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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116th MXG change of command



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Detra Mason

Col. Terry Kinney, far right, relinquished command of the 116th Maintenance Group to Col. Dan Zachman, center, May 4. Colonel Zachman was the maintenance group deputy commander before taking full command. Colonel Kinney was the 116th MXG commander from October 2002-May 2004.

Try this on for size



Courtesy photo

Sacred Heart School fifth-grader Kati Papen tries on a survival vest, parachute and helmet May 13. She got the chance to try on the gear when Lt. Col. Richard J. Burke, 339th Flight Test Squadron commander, spoke to fourth, fifth and sixth graders about what it takes to be a pilot, what the depot does, F-15 sonic booms and C-5s.

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USO is sweet place in deployment travels

By Master Sgt. Karen Pettit
Air Force Communications
Agency Public Affairs

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Md. – After checking in three 70-pound bags with my own version of makeshift wheels and working up no small sweat doing so, and avoiding whacks into my eyeballs from bungee cords gone awry, I was happy to find blessed relief in yet another USO center on my journey to Baghdad.

Near Air Mobility Command's airline counter here were two USO volunteers happily handing out gift bags filled with cookies, phone cards and toothbrushes and directing us soon-to-be weary travelers toward the USO haven.

It's a place where those of us traveling can have one last piece of home before we leave for the desert and tent living. A mother is saying goodbye to her Army daughter as they drink coffee and chat at a table, while 40 others focus on "Master and Commander," the movie playing on the big TV. A Naval officer is reading next to his open bag of Tagalong peanut butter cookies, and a few others are taking advantage of the computers and available internet.

The USO volunteers twist my arm to take a box of Girl Scout cookies – Thin Mints, my favorite – I'm sensing a theme here. They have 26 boxes filled with the cookies donated from Girl Scout Troops in the New England area. I grab an orange for the time when I will start my desert deployment diet, and then I read some cards from those Girl Scouts:

"Oh say can you see ... these cookies! Eat them."
"Dear Sweet Soldier, I hope you enjoy these cookies ..."

"Good Luck on the battlefield. Please write back ... but not in cursive. I'm not that good at reading grown up cursive. It confuses me a lot."

Earlier in the travel day I spent some time at the USO at St. Louis' Lambert airport and visited with some of the dear old ladies who greeted each person with a smile and who were only too eager to offer words of support along with a ... cookie.

There was Julia Fiorito, a volunteer since 1987, a veteran of the service without a uniform. That's because her two husbands, four brothers and two sons were military. She supported them then and has since supported some of the more than two million troops and their families who have visited the USO there since 1981.

She said she likes to volunteer because the "people make it special." Her friend, Joanne Cable, has volunteered regularly since February, and said she likes to make the young troops feel like they're her own. "I want parents to know we're taking care of the young men and women." She gave me an impromptu tour of the facilities – the nursery area for families and the "sleep zone" for those late nighters. "We even have a wake up service," she boasted.

Vivian Bristol, a volunteer since the St. Louis USO opened in 1981, said she feels like she's doing some good. I'll tell you, Vivian, you are. I sat on this cozy sofa next to my husband as we prepared to say our goodbyes. Even though the news on the TV there came streaming in with updates on the prisoner scandal and more American bodies being found, your faith and support of our mission gave me a boost.

A group of six guys are now gathered around a table to play Spades as another 50 or so folks have checked in at BWI's USO before we take off. I'll grab one last box of Thin Mints for the road and say one last thank you to the USO volunteers and to all those who have donated the goodies I've gathered along this journey. You have made it a sweet place to be.

101 Critical Days of summer are almost here

WR-ALC
Safety Office

Summer is just around the corner and many of us have begun daydreaming about our favorite warm weather activities.

Whether it's vacation, picnics, camp-outs, boating, swimming, fishing, baseball or gardening and home repair, all of our summer plans can be great fun if we keep safety in mind.

Summer, unfortunately, is also a time when we people tend to injure themselves more often, and more mishaps occur in the three short months of summer than they do during the rest of the year.

For that reason, the Air Force recognizes the time from Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day weekend as the "101 Critical Days of Summer."

Some reasons for the increased risk of mishaps are that more people are spending time outdoors and less time paying attention to the hazards that are around them.

Some may overextend their physical capabilities and fail to give their bodies adequate time to rest.

Occasionally, we are thinking about our weekend or vacation plans while we should be focusing on our work.

Fatigue and inattention are factors in many mishaps, in addition the perennial favorite, alcohol abuse.

The number one cause of serious injuries and fatalities to the Air Force family during the 101 Critical Days is motor vehicle mishaps.

Some of the many factors involved in these mishaps are:

- Driving when fatigued or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Speeding.
- Not using seat belts
- Failing to recognize and react to road hazards.

People head out of town for recreation and vacations without proper planning and preparation.

They often travel on unfamiliar roads in parts of the country they rarely go.

They drive too fast, drive without planning stopping points and often don't take time to prepare their vehicles for the trip.

They have "get-there-itus" and "get-home-itus".

The second leading cause of summer fatalities is from drowning.

Boating, swimming, scuba diving and river rafting have cost many lives over the years.

About half of the drownings occurred after "unintentional entries" – when people fall, get pushed or knocked into the water.

Most water safety tips involve simple common sense:

- Wear Coast Guard approved life preservers on boats and on docks.
- Learn to swim.
- Know your limits and don't swim beyond your capabilities.
- Never swim alone.
- Never dive into shallow water or water of unknown depth.
- Supervise children at all times around water, including backyard wading and swimming pools.

Preventing the preventable mishaps during this year's 101 Critical Days campaign will depend largely on you.

Make every possible effort to increase awareness of the hazards involved during this time of year.

Make responsible decisions in your activities and have a safe and enjoyable summer. Respect your limitations, we want everyone back in the fall.

Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to consult the air logistics center's safety Web site for employee briefing ideas.

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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| Security Forces..... | 327-3445 |
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| Civil engineering..... | 926-5657 |
| Public Affairs..... | 926-2137 |
| Safety Office..... | 926-6271 |
| Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline..... | 926-2393 |
| Housing Office..... | 926-3776 |

Cars should be seen, not heard

After living in base housing for more than two years, I find an increasing number of cars passing through with loud pipes and extremely loud stereos. There seems to be no respect for others living in the neighborhood anymore. I know this is the latest trend with the young Airmen, but I've even noticed it coming from noncommissioned officers. I have to wonder if it's only the enlisted housing area that is experiencing this, or if our officers living on base have the same problem. Perhaps it's peaceful in their neighborhood and they can have dinner without their walls shaking from the decibel level of a passing car's stereo. And maybe they can enjoy working in their yard without their neighbor thinking the street in front of their house is the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The problem not only lies in base housing, but it appears to

be everywhere I go on base. I can't even stop at a red light or walk through the parking lot at the BX without being forced to hear someone else's music or get a face full of their exhaust. Calling Security Forces should solve the problem, but by the time they respond to the call, (if they don't laugh at you and hang up first), the person creating the noise has either left or turned off the music. I've asked someone at the desk if they had a policy about car stereos and pipes and I was told that they only enforce the law if there were numerous complaints from one area. What I would like to know is how many times do I have to call them before the problem can be solved?

Commander replies: We do not have a specific policy governing car stereo systems or loud exhaust of cars that travel on the roads. We do, however, have a policy for noise con-

trol in Family Housing (Robins Air Force Base Pamphlet 32-6001, Section E, paragraph 26.1, Noise Control). Excessive noise is the primary complaint received by the Housing Management Office. All noise complaints are referred to Security Forces and could result in termination of housing.

Georgia law states "It is unlawful for any person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street or highway to operate or amplify the sound produced by a radio, tape player, or other mechanical sound-making device or instrument from within the motor vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle." Normally, the installation adopts the laws governing motor vehicle operations of the state or city where the installation is located, but in this instance we will review the suitability of this law for our base community vice a more restrictive base policy.

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.

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| 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.

May: **3** May 2003: **8** Year to date: **29*** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday
Number of days since last DUI: **5**

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

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Candlelight vigil honors law enforcement officers

Please recycle this newspaper.



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

Airman 1st Class Michael Buck lights a candle for a law enforcement officer who died in the last year. The candlelight vigil was held May 13 at the Base Chapel to memorialize six Georgia law enforcement officers: Deputy Sheriff Timothy Woodard, Cherokee County Sheriff's Department; Officer Micah Brown, Marta Transit Police Department; Trooper Tony M. Lumley, Georgia State Patrol, Griffin Post; Deputy Sheriff Kenneth R. Burton, Richmond County Sheriff's Department; Sgt. James (Jimmy) Gilbert, Henry County Police Department; and Deputy Sheriff Jerry Ford, Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

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Members of the Warner Robins High School JROTC form a sword archway for local law officers to enter the Base Chapel.



Vigil attendees take a moment to reflect while the Air Force Reserve Band plays "Taps".

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Gettin' acquainted

New orientation session lets Airman Leadership School students learn from others

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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and ready to go.”

The first ALS orientation at Robins, held in early April, covered topics such as uniforms, academic and other school expectations - topics new students say helped ease the jitters of starting the six-week course.

“It seemed like a waste of time when we saw we had to sit through an hour-long session,” Senior Airman Doug Boren, with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said. “But now that we’ve gone through these four-and-a-half weeks, we can look back and see how useful it was. It really helped me to hear these graduates stand up and say ‘here’s what I went through’ and ‘here’s what worked for me.’”

Staff Sgt. Thomas Jefferies, dental laboratory technician with the 78th Medical Group who recently joined the Air Force after leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, described the session

What to know

Airman Leadership School is a six-week professional military education program that is required for Airmen to obtain the rank of Staff Sergeant. For more information, contact the Airman Leadership School at 926-6515.

as an “eye-opening experience.”

“Being prior service in a sister branch, it gave me a good gauge on what I could expect from the curriculum, and where to go next in my study,” he said. “Since I’m new to the Air Force, I’m trying to learn how this service branch functions. Hearing from someone who has already been through the course gives me a better idea of what the Air Force wants, and how they would like their Airmen to function with one another.”

Access to pay information gets easier

ARLINGTON, Va. – Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced recently that Airmen can receive personal identification numbers for myPay through their official Air Force e-mail accounts.

Airmen can expect to receive a new or updated PIN within two hours of requesting it on the myPay Web site.

The e-mail PIN delivery process is a simpler, faster alternative to the direct mail and in-person request methods previously available, DFAS officials said. This capability is especially timely as more people

are realizing the benefits of accessing myPay from remote and deployed sites.

Customers can view, print and save leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic transfers and change address information, all online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. The Web site is available to all servicemembers, military retirees and annuitants, and Departments of Defense and Energy civilian employees.

– Air Force Print News Service

Study does not recommend variable pricing

FORT LEE, Va. – The long-awaited independent variable pricing study recommends the Defense Commissary Agency not implement the practice of variable pricing.

The primary objective of the study was to provide an assessment of the feasibility of using variable pricing within DeCA to reduce appropriated fund costs while sustaining a 30 percent customer savings rate.

“We have been studying variable pricing as a means to deliver the highest quality

benefit as efficiently as possible,” said DeCA Director Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer.

Study results confirm that variable pricing is not a feasible means to reduce taxpayers’ cost while maintaining a high savings rate.

“DeCA and DoD leadership will continue to seek other ways we can improve effectiveness and efficiency in providing the commissary benefit, and ensure that we continue to deliver a sound return on taxpayer investment,” Mr. Charles Abell, Principal Deputy Under

Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, said.

In the commercial grocery industry, variable pricing means that retailers set prices to meet their profit margins based on factors such as local market conditions, competition or how much customers can be expected to pay for an item. Under DeCA’s current pricing model, commissary customers pay shelf price plus a 5 percent surcharge.

– From staff reports

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I am a security force member. I hold allegiance to my country, devotion to duty, and personal integrity above all. I wear my shield of authority with dignity and restraint, and promote by example high standards of conduct, appearance, courtesy, and performance. I seek no favor because of my position. I perform my duties in a firm, courteous, and impartial manner, irrespective of a person's color, race, religion, national origin, or sex. I strive to merit the respect of my fellow airmen and all with whom I come in contact.



Defender of the Forces

Blue berets protect, serve wherever duty calls

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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Wherever Air Force resources go, it's a sure bet Security Forces will be there too.

From the flight lines to the playgrounds in base housing, the men and women who wear the blue berets in the 78th Security Forces Squadron make sure more than 25,000 people who live, work and play at Robins are safe and secure.

Robins' security forces are responsible for more than just the 8,435 acres behind the fences here. They walk the beat wherever the Air Force needs them.

A good night's rest

When Master Sgt. Jack Ladley, with the 54th Combat Communications Support Squadron, and his team of combat communicators arrived at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, they found they were the first on the ground.

With security left pretty much to them and whatever elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade were in the area, it wasn't a comfortable situation.

Three days into their deployment the first team of security forces personnel arrived.

"The SF team had convoyed for 18 hours to get to us," said the sergeant. "When they arrived, they looked like hell. They were physically exhausted, dirty from living in mud up to their knees, and hadn't had a good meal in weeks."

After several perimeter breaches in three days, the communications team rushed out to meet the security forces troops and give their commander a briefing on the situation.

"It was like lighting a fire," he said. "Half the team sprang into action manning and securing our perimeter while the rest of the team went to work setting up their camp."

As a first sergeant and as an American, I couldn't have felt more proud than when I saw what appeared to be a rag-tag, worn out bunch of young kids spring into action and move like a well-oiled machine. Not a gripe or complaint among them...that night was the first time I'd truly slept since arriving in Iraq."

More than just gate guards

The majority of people on bases worldwide don't get to see the gritty side of SF and associate them with entry onto installations.

According to Col. John Salley, Air Force Security Forces Center commander, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, like everyone else in the Air Force, the Airmen who don the berets and wear the security forces emblem are representative of core values.

"In the Air Force we only enlist the best society has to offer, and many of that lot come over to security forces," he said.



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



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Top, Staff Sgt. Robert Manka and his working dog, Fanny, patrol Page Road during the Operational Readiness Inspection Wednesday. Above, Airman 1st Class James Harrison checks an ID at Gate 2 Wednesday.



U.S. Air Force file photo
Staff Sgt. Daniel Whidby guards an Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft in Southwest Asia.

people and assets 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

Chief Master Sgt. Danny Langevin, chief of the 78th Security Forces Squadron here, said the operational tempo has been high, but Robins has been able to meet its requirements by "maintaining its true warrior spirit."

"Quite frankly I don't know how we do it sometimes, but we always seem to manage," he said. "Since coming to the squadron a little less than a year ago, I haven't seen anyone complain about the fast pace we live with day-in and day-out. Whether it's supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, JSTARS fly-away missions, or presidential support details, our folks are eager and willing to do whatever is necessary to get the job done."

What it means to be a defender

Chief Langevin said the security forces have the toughest, and at times most thankless, job in the Air Force.

"It means your 8-hour shift is really a 10-and-a-half hour shift (every day)," he said. "It means you take care of all of your appointments on your off days because you can't be relieved from your post. It means you're working on every holiday or special event while others are home enjoying it with their family. This isn't whining...it's a fact. But you won't hear a young defender complaining. Why? Because he or she takes great pride in everything we do."

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air base Wing commander, said our security forces members are doing a superb job every day to protect this installation and our people.

"We're definitely proud of the Army National Guard members who have augmented our security forces for the past year," he said. "I receive accolades daily from individuals entering the base on the professionalism and positive attitude of our members standing guard at the gates. I'm proud to serve with these warriors."

A smile goes a long way

Ms. Cherhonda Jackson, a management assistant in the Maintenance Directorate, is one of those who have nothing but good things to say about the security forces troops at Robins.

"The process at the gate I come through each day is speedy and thorough," she said. "Everyone has a friendly attitude and I always receive a greeting such as 'how are you?' or 'have a nice day or weekend'. The gate guards are doing a wonderful job and even though many know my car and face, my ID card is checked from front to back and my decal is looked at every day."

Whether checking IDs at Gate 14 or riding shotgun in a humvee patrolling a desolate stretch of sun-scorched Iraqi desert, rest assured, chances are there's a blue-bereted Airman standing guard, 24-7.

"Because of the grueling pace and the number of jobs we have to do, we must have people who are quick on their feet, smart,

possess mature judgment and who can operate in a number of settings." From crime prevention to

force protection, and from gate guardians to industrial security, Colonel Salley said the security forces are protecting Air Force

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Little-known USAF places

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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For puzzle solution, see May 28 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for May 14



STREAMING VIDEO

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To view streaming video, go to
www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm

- Air Force Chief of Staff anti-drug message
- Gen. Greg "Speedy" Martin speaks about reorganization during Robins visit
- Brig. Gen. Mike Collings gives insight into his goals for the Center

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.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

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 center will offer the Spouse's Connection, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Tired of staying home? Need to get out? Want to make new friends? Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend in the process.

Jr. Smooth move

There will be a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn

about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop May 28, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

Center closed

The center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Starting a business

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting a Business" workshop June 1, 9 a.m. - noon., Building 945, FSC annex.

Information covered will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, acquiring financing, legal requirements, license and tax information, resources available for your use, and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain

valuable information to help you get started.

Deployed spouses money matters

The FSC's Family Readiness Program is offering a class "Money Matters for Deployed Spouses," June 2, 9 - 10 a.m., Building 794, Family Support Center.

Interviewing Q&A

The center will offer a workshop on Interviewing Question Analysis June 3, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 137. The class takes an in-depth look at specific questions often asked in interviews, including fielding illegal questions; suggested ways to answer questions; and understanding what employers may be trying to determine when asking them.

Advance registration is required.

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 are 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.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Club membership

Air Force Club membership scholarship program is underway. Club members and their families can apply for the Air Forces Services eighth annual club membership scholarship program. Six scholarships will be awarded: First prize, \$6,000; second, \$5,500; third, \$4,500; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000 and sixth, \$2,500. Nominees must provide an essay on "What freedom means to me" and a single-page summary of their long-term career goal and accomplishments. Nominations are due to Services Marketing by July 13. For additional information, call Ms. Sherry Trauth at 926-5492.

Civilian Recreation

Family bingo is fast becoming a family tradition. It will be played in the Smith Community Center ballroom Monday with doors opening at 5 p.m. and games starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit three packages a person. All children will receive a prize with the purchase of their game packs.

Everyone is invited to bring their friends plus make new ones at the fast-paced, exciting, easy game of Bunco at

the community center Tuesday at 6 p.m. Players switch tables and gain new partners as they win, lose and play for prizes. Register a day prior to this free event.

ITT

Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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.

Library

Children may participate in the "Join the Winner's Circle - Read" summer reading program at the Base Library with story time Mondays from 9 - 10 a.m. for children age 5 and younger and from 10 - 11 a.m. for children age 6 - 12 years old. To register, visit the library, Building 905 or call 327-7380.

Officers' Club

Members celebrating May birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their

choice at the club. Please notify the server on duty to take advantage of this club membership benefit.

Pizza Depot

Mama is celebrating Pizza Depot's 16th birthday party June 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sample new pizza, appetizing entrees and have a piece of the cake. Also come by for a chance to win prizes.

Teen Center

A summer youth community All Stars Camp will be held June 28 - July 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. The camp is for teens 13 - 18 years old. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes lunch, and is limited to a maximum of 20 teens. This camp will provide a fun, activity-oriented program where teens can experience the excitement of entrepreneurial endeavors, develop interpersonal skills, learn how to cope with the responsibilities of daily life and finances, and experience the involvement in a community service project. Registration will be held June 7 - 11 at the Youth Center, Building 1021, from 1-6 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

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** (Jumua) 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.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

Ms. Dawn A. Pollard, WR-ALC/LSANI-2. Point of contact is Ms. Betty Henderson at 926-6033.

Ms. Delores C. Stock, WR-ALC/LUG. Point of contact is Mr. Mark Dixon at 926-3881.

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 at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

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. - The Whole Ten Yards - Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry

Thanks to falsified dental records supplied by his former neighbor "Oz," retired hitman Jimmy now spends his days compulsively cleaning his house and perfecting his culinary skills with his wife. Suddenly, Oz shows up on their doorstep, begging them to help him rescue his wife from the Hungarian mob.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content, some violence and language) 97 minutes

Sunday 2 p.m. - Home on the Range - Roseanne Barr and Cuba Gooding Jr.

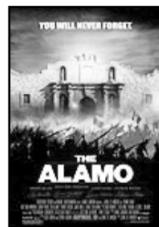
A young widow is in danger of losing her farm unless she can come up with \$1,000 for the mortgage. The farm animals, knowing she won't be able to come up with the money, hatch their own plan. It just so happens there's a bandit on the loose and the price on the crook's head is a \$1,000.

Rated PG (brief mild rude humor) 76 minutes

7:30 p.m. - The Alamo - Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton

In the spring of 1836 nearly 200 Texans-men of all races who believed in the future of Texas-held the fort for thirteen days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, ruler of Mexico and commander of its forces. Led by three men the Texans and their deed at the Alamo would pass into history as General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence.

Rated PG-13 (sustained intense battle sequences) 137 minutes



SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Time to get punched and get rewards with the Bowl for the Stars and Strikes beginning June 1. Pick up your three-level punch card and start earning your rewards. For more information, call 926-2112.

Every Thursday in May is wheel of fortune day. Bowler may spin the wheel to determine how much they will pay for each game.

Fitness Center

May Fitness Month continues with the following activities: beginner's racquetball clinic Monday, noon - 1 p.m.; weight room orientation Tuesday, 1 - 2 p.m.; health fair Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fitness Month Bingo will be held throughout May and June for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the center.

Some activities require advance sign-up. For more details and a schedule of events call the center at 926-2128 or the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

Golf Course

Breakfast is available at the Fairways Restaurant at the Pine Oaks Golf Course on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Smith Community Center

Five-person teams are now forming for the fifth annual Bed Race to be held June 11 at 11:30 a.m. in conjunction with Sports Day. Each team will receive an event T-shirt and winning teams will receive first, second and third place trophies and a "People Choice" trophy along with sports day points for your squadron. To enter a team, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

78th Security Forces nab top volleyball honors

The 78th Security Forces Squadron brought out the "big guns" May 10-14 as they headed into the intramural volleyball championship.

The team played with much enthusiasm as they worked their way to the finals to play a talented and spirited 78th Mission Support Squadron team. It came down to an intense Game three in the final match with SFS coming out on top by 4 points.

Security Forces was named Base Champions in a

ceremony following the match.

Security Forces also claimed top honors as the intramural league champion with the 78th MSS in a close second. Both teams finished the league with 9-1 records with SFS coming out on top by a head to head tie-breaker.

Last year's champion, 116th Maintenance Squadron, finished in third place in the league and the tournament.

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Catching some air



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Demetrius Lester
SOUTHWEST ASIA — Staff Sgt. Joel Adair, deployed from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., goes up for a shot during the championship game at a forward deployed location. Sergeant Adair's team won the championship game.

AFRC bowling team wins championship

The Air Force Reserve Command intramural bowling team won the 2003-2004 league championship May 13.

The bowling center had two intramural leagues this season. The top four teams from each American and National league made it to the playoffs.

AFRC placed third in the National league to advance to the playoffs. They defeated the 19th Air Refueling Group by 63 pins for the

championship May 13. The 19th ARG suffered their first loss of the tournament by AFRC. AFRC was undefeated during the double elimination tournament.

AFRC team members are Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Dean, Master Sgt. Joe Miller, Jerry Shoulta, Elaine Evans, John Atchley, Lt. Col. Jerry Buckman and Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Fuqua.

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Army Hooah Race set for June 5 in Atlanta

Soldiers, civilians, family members and friends of the Army are invited to participate in the 3rd annual Army Hooah Race June 5 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the metro-Atlanta area.

The race is one of several events planned during a week-long celebration of the Army's 229th birthday.

Race events include a 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer course as well as a 100-yard Tot Trot (ages 10 and younger).

Runners wishing to participate in the awards competition can receive a T-shirt and a certified race time on the USA Track & Field-certified course by registering for \$10.

The cost for online registration is \$12. To register, go to www.active.com. Online registrations will be accepted until 11 p.m. Sunday.

Runners are encouraged to pick up race packets at the race expo June 3, noon - 5 p.m., or June 4, 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Georgia International Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center, College Park, Ga. Registration at the expo is \$15.

In addition to the Hooah Race, a Diaper Derby for children under the age of 12 months will be held June 3 - 4 at the College Park Convention Center.

For more information about the race contact Maj. Laurian Cuffy at (404) 464-8017 or Maj. Sue Bozgoz at (404) 464-8119. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the race should contact Major Cuffy at laurian.cuffy@us.army.mil.

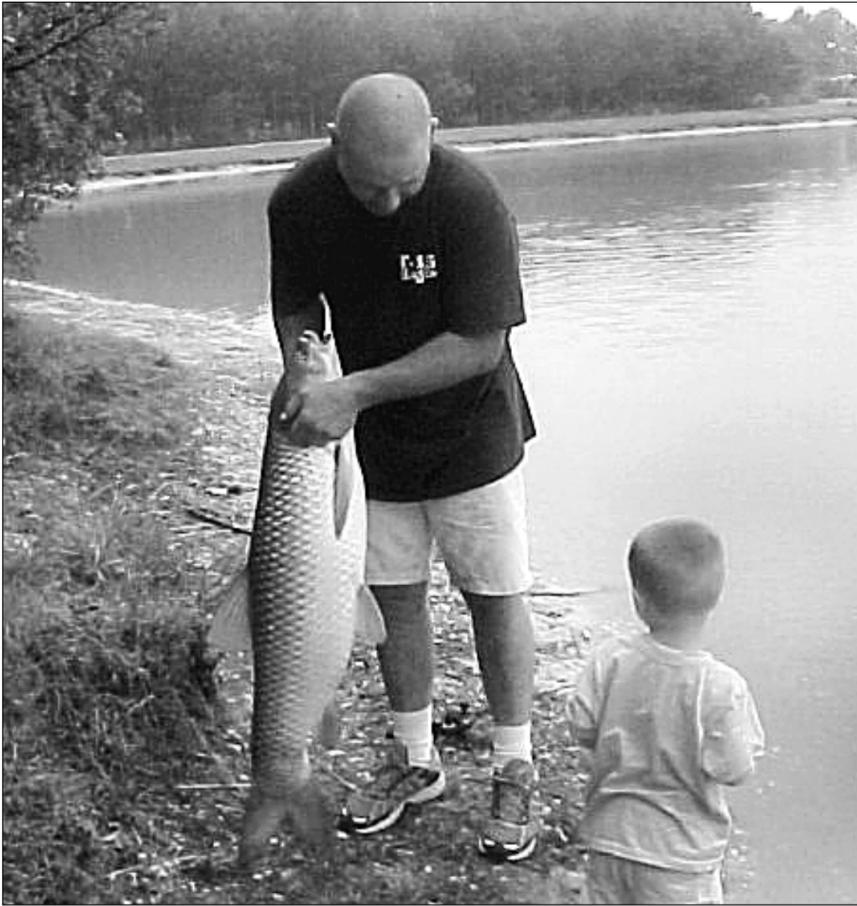
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Big fish



Courtesy photo



Misty Kolmez caught a Carp at Scout Lake last week.

It started out as a nice little trip to the lake, but it turned out to be something bigger – much bigger.

Mr. Chris Kolmetz, a sheet metal mechanic here, took his wife Misty and son Tyler to Scout Lake May 13 to feed the ducks and maybe catch a few bream.

Misty cast her 4-pound test line baited with a piece of bread, but when the big fish struck she knew there was no way it was a bream – not by a mile, or in this case, 20 or so pounds.

It turned out to be a Carp and Tyler,

who turns 2 May 29, got an up close and personal look at the big fish.

"We were trying to catch a few small fish for our son to see – what a surprise," Mr. Kolmetz said. "It was the biggest fish of any kind she has ever caught."

Kolmetz said his wife didn't want to touch it, so after trying – to no avail – to weigh it with a 15-pound scale, they sent the big bottom dweller back into the lake and off on his merry way.

"I'd guess it weighed 20 pounds or more," he said.

– Mr. Geoff Janes

Special duty assignment opportunities available

The Air Education and Training Special Duty briefing team will host a special duty assignment opportunities briefing Thursday in the Base Theater at 10 a.m.

Would you like to have the chance to choose your next assignment and possibly manage your own office near or in your home state?

Senior airman through master sergeant with less than 17 years total active service from all Air Force specialties are encouraged to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply for the Military Training Instructor Corps. Spouses are also welcome. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 926-0792.

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AFPC changes phone systems

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Offices here converted to a new telephone system Monday.

Although the switch to the new telephone system should be transparent, customers encountering problems can call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775, DSN 665-5000 or commercially at (210) 565-5000 for assistance.

People assigned to military installations in San Antonio will be required to dial the full seven-digit extension due to the new system's configuration.

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Got a story idea? Call the Rev-Up at 926-2137.

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All in a day's work



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

Mr. Greg 'Weasel' Watson – Robins firefighter

“We just had an exercise during the ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection) of a simulated truck explosion with mass casualties. There were a lot of victims, and we helped them as much as we could until more help could get here.

“The fire from the explosion was put out with a master stream (a large diameter hose) that allows a large amount of water to be used

without firefighters being right on top of the fire. That's called a 'surround and drown.'

“These exercises prepare us for situations that we might have to encounter at anytime.

“I've been a firefighter on Robins for almost 13 years. I like working in a team environment with so many well trained fireman.

“It's a very rewarding job.”

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5th MOB celebrates 40 years

by 2Lt Victor Gabela
Chief, Public Affairs

In a commemorative celebration including speeches and historical presentations, past and present; 5th Mob personnel gathered to recognize 40 years of outstanding performance.

The event began with the arrival of Lt Gen Walter E Buchanan III, Commander, 9th Air Force.

"When it comes to putting bombs on target and humanitarian aid where it is needed, communications is the glue that holds the different elements of the sensor-to-shooter chain together, and I can always rely on the 5th Mob to deliver a solution, turning trial into triumph. That is why the 5th is First Called, First to Respond, and Always Successful," said Lt Gen Buchanan emphasizing that Air Force leadership is grateful to the 5th for their sustained superior performance.

While touring the 5th Mob facilities, outstanding Airmen from each squadron briefed General Buchanan on a deployable communication equipment.

Following the tour, General Buchanan and 5th Mob alumni, to include the 5th's first group commander, Colonel Billy Millis, met with current 5th mob members for a picnic at Gator Gardens.

The anniversary celebrations continued on Saturday morning with a Golf Tournament at Southern Hills Golf Club in Hawkinsville.

The 5th Mob's 40th anniversary celebration was concluded with a banquet at the Century of Flight Hanger in the Museum of Aviation. The banquet also marked the inauguration of the 5th Mob exhibit in the Museum. Included in the exhibit are communication equipment and vehicles used by the 5th Mob throughout its 40 years of service to the Air Force.



Above, Lt Gen Buchanan and 5th Mob Leadership gather together for a group photo during the 40th Anniversary celebration.



Above, 5th Mob personnel and distinguished guests participate in the ribbon cutting of the new 5th Mob exhibit at the Century of Flight Hanger in the Museum of Aviation Saturday night. Left, Lt Gen Buchanan is briefed by Airmen Anders from the 54 CBCS on an airfield tactical equipment.

5 CCG named AF's outstanding large comm unit

by Lt Col Scott Moser
5 CBCSS Commander

The 5th Combat Communications Group was recently announced as the winner of the 2003 Major General Harold M. McClelland award. This award recognizes the 5th Mob as the best large communications unit in the Air Force. The award trophy was presented last Saturday night during the 5th Mob's 40th Anniversary dinner by the Commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Air Forces, Lt Gen Walter Buchanan.

Two thousand three was a busy year for the 5th Combat Communications Group as it was the most heavily tasked Air Force Communications unit for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. During the year, 554 Airmen deployed to more than 30 worldwide locations. The group worked together to prepare and deploy more than 1.7 million pounds of equipment in 70 aircraft. The 5th Mob provided command and control communications at three new U.S. fighter bases during the war including Kirkuk and Tallil Air Bases in Iraq.

The 5th Mob led the development, deployment and employment of a new

transformational communication capability known as the "triple eight" or "SLICE" package. This five Airmen team deployed with communications equipment, power production and life support equipment all within a single C-130 aircraft. Developed immediately preceding the onset of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM teams employed this communication capability across Iraq. The 5th also used this capability to provide communications during the closure of Prince Sultan Air Base in September 2003. This new communications team became heralded across the Southwest Asia AOR and throughout the CENTAF staff.

Airmen in more than 30 career fields worked together to achieve many accomplishments during the year both deployed and in-garrison. Members of the 5th's renowned Combat Communications Readiness School trained 368 warriors for bare base operations in hostile and austere environments. Personnel from the 5th were joined by Team Robins members and other from across the Air Force and Air National Guard to go through this three week readiness school. The group created a tactical commu-

cations center of excellence to train and prepare new personnel for technical crew certification in six different functional areas. Three of the four squadrons transformed from legacy communications equipment to new state of the art equipment just in time to deploy for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

The 5th Combat Communication Group also earned its ninth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 2003. The 5th Mob's 40 year legacy of excellence was highlighted by this latest honor. Airmen of the 5th Mob celebrated this last weekend; however, they remain vigilant and ready for the call to deploy—First Called, First to Respond, Always Successful. 5th Mob! Let's Go!



Lt Gen Walter E Buchanan III, Commander, 9th Air Force, presents the Major General Harold M McClelland Award to the 5th Combat Communications Group.

Briefs

NCO Academy grads ALS grads

The following noncommissioned officers recently graduated from the Robins NCO Academy:

5th Combat Communications Support Squadron —
Tech. Sgt. Bradley Thrift
51st Combat Communications Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Sergio Perez
52nd Combat Communications Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Dennis King

The following senior airmen recently graduated from the Robins Airman Leadership School:

5th Combat Communications Support Squadron —
SrA Lawrence Fortenberry
SrA Phillip Sandoval
SrA Dermidix White
51st Combat Communications Squadron
SrA Steven Czelusniak
54th Combat Communications Squadron
SrA Samantha Hargrove



A1C Wrate

5th MOB Warrior

by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump
adam.stump@robins.af.mil

Airman First Class Timothy Wrate, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, is this month's 5th MOB Warrior.

Wrate, a communications and computer systems controller, has been in the Air Force for just over a year and a half. He said his favorite aspect of being in the service is being able to contribute.

"I love to serve my county," he said. "I feel like I affect the service in a direct way and affect how we do in war."

"I like the MOB because I love to deploy," Airman Wrate, who's been in the unit for 15 months, said. "There's the excitement of getting ready to deploy, then the challenges while you're there."

He had a chance to put those words into action on a deployment last year to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. While he was busy doing his job, he

still found time to do one of his other loves: artwork. He ended up drawing a mural at the Kirkuk communications center depicting all of the communications units deployed to the site. His supervisor said that's his nature.

"Airman Wrate is always eager to volunteer, no matter what the task," said Staff Sgt. Greg Bailey. "He's usually the first to raise his hand. His dress and appearance is impeccable, he's definitely setting the example for others in our work center to follow. He displays extensive knowledge in his career field, setting the precedence for others to emulate."

"He also leads by example," Sergeant Bailey added. "He can operate in any work center or environment with little or no supervision. He has outstanding drive, and is always trying to exceed at everything he does. He definitely meets and exceeds all the standards. He'll be a top contender for below the zone!"

Airman Wrate is currently deployed to a classified location.

Look out for each other during upcoming 101 Critical Days of Summer

by Col. David Cotton
5th Combat Communications Group
Commander

Summer is almost here, and with that starts a period that's proven to be one of the most deadliest for our Air Force—the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Last fiscal year, 82 members lost their life. Thirty-nine of these happened during the 101 critical days, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. That's a huge part of the total number, and it's unfortunate because the Air Force lost good people and our mission and people suffered because of it.

The 5th added to that fatal statistic last year when one of our airman was involved in a single-car crash and lost his life. Even though he had been here only a week, the effects of his death were felt throughout the group.

We all need to be safe because mishaps can happen to anyone, not just the young airmen. For example, 30 percent of the group's on-duty mishaps and 20 percent of the group's off-duty mishaps reported to Air Combat Command involved senior noncommissioned officers. The point is, no matter your age or rank, you need to watch out for yourselves and the person next to you.

We can't afford to lose anyone from our team. You all play a critical role in this group's and your squadron's mission and success. When we lose players from our team, it hampers our mission.

Each of you needs to be your own chief of safety. When you see an unsafe situation arising, do your part to stop it. This is a crit-

Together, we can make this year the safest in the group's 40-year history.

ical time to remember that. Our mission depends on it.

Although this may seem like common sense, here are a few tips to be mindful of as we enter this critical time of year:

- Always wear your seat belt.
 - Always use a spotter when backing up large vehicles.
 - Don't try to be Superman when driving long distances. Take regular breaks (recommended after every two hours of driving) and be prepared to be able to stop if you can't go as far as you planned.
 - Don't overexert yourself—we're not all capable of lifting 200 pounds.
 - Make sure you're getting enough sleep. Trying to do something without enough rest is a recipe for disaster.
 - You're issued hard hats, gloves and reflective vests for a reason. When it's time to put them on, do it.
 - If you're a motorcycle rider, wear all your proper personal protective equipment and look out for the other guy. Many people don't look for motorcyclists, so make an extra effort to be seen and not get caught in a bad situation.
 - Above all, use common sense!
- Together, we can make this year the safest in the group's 40-year history.

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