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IN MEMORIAM

Robins leaders remember Reagan

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, released the following statement:

"The men and women of Robins Air Force Base mourn the passing of Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States.



Brig. Gen. Mike Collings

"We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Reagan family. President Reagan's positive attitude, determination, and his love for those defending freedom at home and around the world continue to inspire us all.

"Team Robins stands by his words: 'It's our earnest prayer to serve America in time of peace. It's our solemn commitment to defend her in time of war.'"

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander, released the following statement:

"The men and women of the Air Force Reserve Command join with all



Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr.

Americans in mourning the death of former President Ronald Reagan. As commander-in-chief, President Reagan's inspirational leadership during tumultuous times was instrumental in preserving the security of the United States of America and bringing hope to freedom-loving people everywhere.

"It's no secret that President Reagan always carried a special place in his heart for the men and women of the armed forces. Moreover, through his visionary leadership and unyielding determination to achieve peace through strength, he ensured we had the people and resources to carry out our mission. As a result, today's total Air Force has never been better or more respected.

"We should all take time to remember this great man and rededicate ourselves to his belief in the ideals America stands for - personal freedom, opportunity, political choice, and justice for all.

"May God bless President Reagan, his family, and the United States of America."

Deployments to stretch to 120 days

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Airman First Class Christopher Bastian said while he won't be home for the winter holidays due to his upcoming 120-day deployment, he

doesn't mind the sacrifice.

Airman Bastian, satellite communications journeyman with the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, who received news of the new deployment schedule Monday, is one of many Airmen who

will be extended from a 90-day to 120-day deployment in the Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle 5 in September.

"It has given me plenty of time to talk to my family and friends about it and get all of

my personal business taken care of before then," he said. "It doesn't really bother me that I'm not getting to go home for the holidays. As long as I can call them and wish them happy holidays, I'm fine."

The 21-year-old Ladd, Ill., native, who joined the Air Force in 2002, said he is committed to the war fighting mission.

"It's my goal to serve my

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Getting prepared



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jack Knighton, left, and Scott Whitt of Science Applications International Corporation install an antenna on the trestle at the south end of the runway. The antenna is part of a system that gives pilots horizontal and vertical guidance to land aircraft safely during inclement weather.

Instrument landing system gets overhaul for aircraft safety

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Pilots may feel a bit safer about landing aircraft in stormy conditions at Robins thanks to ongoing upgrades to the base's instrument landing system.

The 778th Civil Engineer and 78th Communication squadrons began ground work with local contractors on the three-month project in April to update the two-part system that gives pilots vertical and horizontal guidance through radio signals that enable them to safely land aircraft during inclement weather. Upgrades are scheduled for completion July 2.

First Lt. William Taylor, Airfield Operations commander for the 78th Operation Support Squadron, said the upgrade will bring the convenience of remote computerized maintenance and a modernized system that pilots can trust.

"If a pilot is flying in inclement weather, this will give them a more precise picture of where they are in regards to the runway so they can land more safely," he said. "There are two separate parts - the system's localizer sends signals out to the left and right of the center line of the runway and the system's glidescope which gives pilots vertical guidance in relation to where the aircraft is on the runway."

According to Tech. Sgt. Al Guzzardo, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 78th Communication Squadron's meteorological and navigational systems shop, gaining remote access to the system will save the Air Force time and money.

"In the future, inspections will be able to be done from a laptop computer instead of having the AFMC airfield systems customer support team have to come out to the flight line to do the

What to know

The instrument landing system gives pilots horizontal and vertical guidance to land aircraft safely during inclement weather. The ILS is currently receiving new electronic and cable components and is scheduled to be in use following a Federal Aviation Administration inspection July 2.

work," he said. "They can be anywhere and make the adjustments."

As a result of upgrades, the 78th CS will lose two positions that previously performed these duties at Robins.

Following a Federal Aviation Administration flight check and approval from a team from Robins and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., pilots Air Force-wide will be able to use the new system.

Center battles sexual assault

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Robins is combating sexual assault, and the first phase is prevention through education.

This education is coming by way of the sexual assault working group, an organization appointed by the Robins Air Force Base Community Action Information Board.

According to Rebecca Moody, sexual assault working group chairperson, the group composed

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Survey says...

Junior force wants training, mentoring and recognition

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They're all under the age of 30 and have served for eight years or less. But like every one else, they want recognition for their efforts, training programs for upward mobility, family support and mentoring to gain the wisdom of their elders.

Those were the findings of the Air Force Materiel Command 2004 Junior Force study.

During a briefing at the Base Theater Monday, Robins' Junior

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Col. George Ireland and Steve Tomblin shake hands with a group of C-5 Production Branch employees following a familiarization flight on a C-5. The flight was used to show workers how important their jobs are to aircraft maintenance.



U.S. Air Force photo by Lisa Mathews

C-5 workers take to the skies

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A group of C-5 Production Branch workers recently took to the skies to become more familiar with the huge aircraft they work on every day.

The flight was the first of a series of familiarization flights the Maintenance Directorate has scheduled to show workers how important their jobs are to programmed depot maintenance.

"The organization feels that familiarization flights will motivate and

increase each individual's understanding of the Air Force mission," said David Mann, C-5 production section chief. "Familiarization flights will continue on a regular basis in the future in hopes that all C-5 team members get an opportunity to participate."

The first group to fly was comprised of winners from the branch's monthly award program. A random drawing process will be used to choose future passengers.

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Robins 4-day forecast
Today Cloudy with rain and isolated thunderstorms
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Friday
Mostly cloudy with isolated rain
96/70



Saturday
Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms
97/73



Sunday
Cloudy with isolated thunderstorms
93/72



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5th MOB change of command ceremony set for Wednesday

The 5th Mob will welcome its new commander, Col. John W. Lent, at the unit's Change of Command ceremony Wednesday.

The ceremony will be held at the mobility backyard across from the 5th's headquarters building at 9 a.m. Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, 9th Air Force commander, will be among the ceremony's distinguished guests. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Colonel Lent is chief, Operations and Exercises, Communications and Information Systems, Regional Headquarters Allied Forces North Europe, Brunssum, the Netherlands.

The colonel is not new to the MOB, as he commanded the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron and later the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron between July 1996 and 1998.

Colonel Lent is replacing Col. David A. Cotton - the 5th CCG's commander since June 2002. He will become the director of Communications for Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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country," he said. "If that means being deployed longer, then that's what I have to do."

Airman 1st Class Michael Croy II, also a satellite communications journeyman with the 52nd CBCS, said although his wife, Charise, and their three children ranging in ages from 1 to 5, won't be able to be together for the holidays, they've planned an early celebration.

"I'm going to miss my family, but my wife understands why I'm going," he said. "We're planning on celebrating

Thanksgiving with the family before I go and when I get back we'll do Christmas."

Those deploying as part of AEF 1 and 2 are advised to prepare for a 120-day deployment as well. Air Force Chief of Staff John P. Jumper announced the change in his "Sight Picture" June 4. He said the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future.

"Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time," the general wrote. "Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer

tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field."

To help extend tour lengths, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

The general also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has an estimated 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment eligible.

"I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured (for

deployment)," the general said.

"Let me be perfectly clear - in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary. Every Airman will know (his or her) place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in (the continental United States) via reachback, or employed at home station," the general said.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEF 7 and 8, and AEF 9 and 10 will still be held to the 90-day deployment schedule.

Editor's Note: Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez, Air Force Print News, contributed to this article.

SURVEY

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Force became the first to hear the findings from that study titled "The Next Greatest Generation."

Led by Lt. Gen. Richard Reynolds, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, and Ray Pelletier of the Pelletier Group, the briefing gave study participants their first real look at how they and their command-wide counterparts view various job related topics and how the command plans to react to those views.

Conducted earlier this year, the study focused on AFMC's

junior enlisted, junior Air Force civilians and company grade officers to gain insight on how AFMC leaders can better lead, coach and train them.

"The purpose of the research project was to study morale within the junior force and provide recommendations to improve satisfaction, training, esprit de corps, leadership and retention," said Mr. Pelletier.

Participating in the study were 863 members of the junior force across 13 units on 11 installations.

According to General Reynolds, the junior force played an active role during the study with their input helping to develop the actual questions asked during the survey portion.

"This study was developed by you for you," he said. "Whatever success comes from this is your responsibility."

"Our commitment is to strengthen feedback and

AFMC commitments to the junior force

Strengthen feedback and improve communication
Define career paths and progression
Institutionalize junior force councils
Energize recognition and appreciation efforts
Institutionalize mentoring

improve communication," said the vice commander. "Overall we are trying to improve our environment to develop, deploy and employ."

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Collings, Center commander, praised this direct communication between the junior force and leadership.

"This is a great opportunity to get some feedback from

you," he said to the audience.

General Reynolds said the hard data received through the study will be put into an action plan by AFMC leadership and will result in better opportunities for the junior force.

"I'm at the end of my career," he said. "In many ways it's no longer my Air Force. It's the Air Force of the next generation. This is the greatest Air Force in the world, and I am confident that because of who you are you will keep it that way."

Christopher West, 78th Mission Support Squadron passport agent and senior technician for out-

bound assignments and member of the junior force, was pleased with the study.

"I was enlightened to find out that we as junior force employees have a voice and our opinions matter to the people at the top," he said. "I look forward to the great changes, and new ideas taking place because of the junior force work force that will positively affect all members of work force."

According to General Reynolds, the feedback doesn't stop here. Junior force councils will be chartered. Those councils will be organized groups providing feedback from the junior force to the headquarters level and back.

He said by June 30 the out briefings should be complete, and within 60-90 days, each Center commander will provide the overall game plan to their junior force in a commander's call-type venue. A status check from AFMC will also be done in one year.

WORKERS

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After the aircraft received its airworthy certificate, the 339th Flight Test Squadron agreed to take the C-5 workers on the first ever familiarization flight for the C-5 PDM program.

Master Sgt. Louis Rigney, a flight engineer with the 339th, was the host and tour guide for the group.

"Everybody has a small piece of the puzzle," he said. "(With the flight) they can see how it fits together. The end result is that this plane is flying home to Travis Air Force Base, Calif."

"The assistance by the 339th in getting the flights approved was critical to the success of our program," Mr. Mann said. "Without them we wouldn't be doing this."

Passengers on the inaugural flight in this new program were excited about their chance to fly in the huge aircraft.

Sheriann Tilly, a manage-

ment assistant, was all smiles when she departed the plane.

"C-5 makes it happen. We don't get to see this side of it," she said, referring to the performance of the plane in flight.

"It was a good deal to get to see what the final product can do; we got to see how it all fits together," said Michael Cranford, a hydraulic mechanic.

Reginald Baldwin, who works flight control systems, agreed with his co-workers. "It was great. It was good to see our hard work pay off in the air," he said.

Col. George Ireland, chief of the branch, and Steve Tomblin, deputy chief were on hand to greet the smiling passengers of the flight on their return to Robins.

"The men and women who work on the C-5 have done an outstanding job of producing quality aircraft on or ahead of schedule so that our war fighters can do their mission," Mr. Tomblin said. "This is one way of saying 'thank you for a great job C-5s.'"

CORRECTION

John Blair, director of the Center Logistics Management Directorate, wrote last week's commentary, "Letting go of the 'old cheese' to enjoy the new."

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of various members of the base community, convened its first meeting in May, and drafted a mission statement identifying its areas of responsibility.

"The four areas we will focus on include the prevention of sexual assault; the appropriate responses to allegations of sexual assault at all levels; sexual assault victim safety, services and support; and finally, offender accountability," she said.

The 11-member group represents a cross section of Robins personnel, and meets once a month.

Ms. Moody said she is excited about the group and is confident in its ability to do its job.

"I feel very comfortable that these people are up to the task and are committed to going the distance," she said. "We know we have a long way to go, and it's not going to be a 30-day project. It's a very big tasking that we take seriously."

According to Ms. Moody, the working group's mission is to let victims of sexual assault know they will be treated with respect and dignity when they report an assault. They also want the community as a whole to understand what sexual assault is.

"People need to know what consent is and isn't," she said. "And once a report has been made, we provide (victims) with reasonable safety measures. It's also important that we hold offend-

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 help you:

Victim Witness Assistance Program, 926-3961 extension 163

Chaplains, 926-2821

Life Skills, 327-8398

Employee Assistance Program, 327-7683 (civilians and their household members)

For more information on becoming a **victim support liaison**, call Mary Hodgkins at 327-8398.

ers accountable."

In addition to the working group, Robins has also begun a victim support liaison program.

Mary Hodgkins, family advocacy officer, said they are looking for volunteers who are willing to provide emotional support to victims of sexual assault.

"The most critical period is in the first few days after the assault," she said. "So we need that liaison to be available immediately. The volunteers

must also be willing to go through a training process and background checks."

Currently four liaisons have applied but the optimal number is 10 from across the base.

The role of the victim support liaison is to focus solely on the alleged victim of the sexual assault and to provide support to her or him throughout the process. They will provide 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.

Program coordinators are currently pulling together lesson plans for the training.

"The sad truth is most victims don't come forward and that's why we're doing this - to make sure they have the assurance that people here do care and want to hear from them, and they will have the services they need and deserve," said Mrs. Hodgkins. "This has been a while coming."

The main goal of both of these programs is to help form a seamless, systematic approach to deal with sexual assaults.

"These jobs will involve taking on additional responsibilities," said Ms. Moody. "We are looking for people who can treat others the way they would want to be treated if they were the victims of a sexual assault."

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will give opening remarks at the next sexual assault working group meeting scheduled Tuesday.

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Last men standing

Workers repair, reconfigure parts for retiring C-141

By Lanorris Askew

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On October 16, 2003, the last C-141 Starlifter took to the skies from the Robins flight line leaving behind men and women who'll never forget the lovable giant.

Among those men is Claude Rounds, one of the last men standing as the aircraft heads towards retirement.

He's not putting on wings or repairing engines. That mission has ceased, but the aircraft sheet metal mechanic and metal bondsman is doing something just as important.

"The parts that are being worked now will be sent to supply," said Mr. Rounds. "There are no more PDM aircraft so we have no idea as to which aircraft these parts will go, but as an aircraft needs one of these parts, they'll be available in supply."

This is very important work as the aircraft still has a year and a half before its final retirement ceremony.

"All item managers want (replacement parts) in supply for things that break down the most," said Mr. Rounds. "If items like escape hatches go bad, you have a bad day."

A total of 16 items are left to be repaired or reconfigured before the 141 is completely done.

Mr. Rounds, along with J.R. Roberson and Robert Fedeli, is one

What to know

Two-hundred eighty-four C-141 aircraft made 1,800 trips through the programmed depot maintenance line at Robins. The C-141 Starlifter, once the mainstay of military airlift, will be phased out of the Air Force inventory in 2006. Until that date, Robins will continue to make and repair parts for supply.

of the men who has made his living on the C-141. For a combined total of 76 years, these men have toiled to make the aircraft what it once was: the mainstay of airlift.

Mr. Rounds remembers a time when all workers were multi-skilled.

"When I got hired on here in 1980, you learned everything," he said. "You worked on every part. Today specialists work individual parts."

"The supply and demand system set up among item managers, planners and schedulers used to create utility men who are able to work on anything and everything."

After all of these years, the three say they were sad to see the aircraft go, but glad to have been a part of it all.

"It's a good feeling and an honor to have been a part of the C-141 program," said Mr. Roberson.

The 55-year-old Mr. Rounds agreed.

"I was devastated when I heard the 141 was leaving," he said. "The 141 program bought me a lot of Mustangs, fed my family, took me



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Claude Rounds works on hinges on a C-141 main landing gear door. Robins will continue to make and repair parts for supply until it is phased out in 2006.

through some divorces. It took me through a lot of good stuff, and I still have money in my pocket."

The Grovania, Ga., resident said because of the 141 he has job security.

"It taught me to be a much better mechanic," he said. "I learned about metal bond, I had to study a lot and do a lot of training. It made me a much better person. It made me much more studious. It was a very effective training program."

Mr. Fedeli said although these are officially the last items they are to

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Claude Rounds
sheet metal mechanic and metal bondsman

work, it's possible others may come in if the need arises.

"We will always have something trickling back," he said.

'Candy bomber'



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Retired Col. Gail Halvorsen speaks Tuesday about being known as the 'Candy Bomber' during the Berlin Airlift because he dropped candy-laden parachutes to the children of Berlin. The Airlift Tanker Association has established a new award in his honor. The award will recognize an outstanding Air Transportation member.

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A-10 pods help track bad guys, protect friendly forces

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – When lightning strikes, it affects the surrounding area.

The same could be said of an A-10 Thunderbolt II strike, especially when complemented by the advanced capabilities provided by the Litening precision targeting pod system.

The navigation pod provides A-10 pilots with more than improved attack capabilities, said Capt. Matt McGarry, 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron weapons officer. With it, a

pilot flying close-air support for ground troops has more options to search out enemies and protect friendly forces.

“The Litening pod adds great capabilities to an already outstanding close-air support (aircraft),” he said.

The externally mounted pod enables fighter pilots to detect and identify ground targets, and accurately deliver conventional and precision-guided munitions.

The greatest benefit to ground troops is the pod’s laser designator, said Capt. Chris Taylor, 355th EFS A-10 pilot.

This adds a capability to the A-10 that it didn’t have before – the ability to drop precision-guided bombs.

What to know

The Center’s Precision Attack System Program Office provides worldwide acquisition and management for Air Force laser targeting systems including LANTIRN, LITENING II and Sniper. Through the development office at Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, new targeting pods are procured and delivered to active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command as well as the United States Marine Corps and foreign allies.

“When we’re flying close-air support missions, the troops on the ground want precision munitions – bringing laser-guided munitions to the fight is a great bonus for the A-10.”

This pod is exceptionally useful in many ways, espe-

cially at night, said Captain McGarry.

“Litening is another sensor to help us find targets, friendly forces and other points of interest – for example, a potential ambush site in front of a convoy. The pod gives us information we

may not be able to see with the naked eye, binoculars or night-vision goggles.”

It also helps A-10 pilots increase the accuracy of the conventional munitions they drop.

“The laser range finder gives us very accurate target elevations, which increases our accuracy,” said Captain McGarry.

Although increasing the accuracy is important with conventional munitions, knowing exactly what is targeted can mean the difference between life and death, especially for friendly forces on the ground.

“With my eyes, I can see a vehicle,” said Captain McGarry. “With binoculars,

I can tell if it is a car or a truck. With Litening, I can tell if the vehicle has been driven recently and how many people are standing next to it.”

Captain McGarry relates it to a recent mission where he provided top cover to a group of Afghan and American Soldiers entering a village to talk with its elders about potential attackers.

The ground commander was concerned enemy forces might be watching, and asked the pilot to check it out.

He was able to survey the village from the air, give the ground forces a heads-up on potential threats and watch those targets.

Colossal Cookie Challenge bakes up sweet treat June 29

By Holly J. Logan

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Those skilled in the culinary arts will go ‘pin to pin’ June 29 for Robins’ Colossal Cookie Challenge.

The contest, to heat up at 11 a.m. in the Smith Community Center’s ballroom, will allow three judges to decide the best cookie in each of three categories, sending first place recipe cooks to compete at the Air Force Materiel Command level.

Linda Hinkle, Services director of marketing here, said the new Air Force-wide program gives those with a Robins connection a chance to share their original recipes.

“It’s a new program that seems like it will be a lot of fun,” she said. “We always have competition in sports. Why not take that competitive spirit to the kitchen?”

Participants must bring at least 12 cookies from their non-published recipes for judges to taste and are encouraged to decorate tables provided for their cookie displays.

First place winners will represent Robins at the command-level.

As part of the cookie contest store-bought, pre-packaged cookies will be

What to know

The Colossal Cookie Challenge will take place 11 - 12:30 p.m. June 29 in the Smith Community Center’s ballroom. Contestants are invited to bring at least 12 cookies and the recipe for three judges to review. Categories include: holiday/special occasion cookies, no-bake cookies, healthy cookies (must contain nuts, fruit or cereal), and the Cookie Makers Special (everything else that wasn’t included in other categories). Registration deadline is June 25 and there is no charge to enter. For more information, contact Lynne Brackett, Smith Community Center director, at 926-2105.

collected to be sent to troops overseas supporting the War on Terrorism.

Lynne Brackett, Smith Community Center director, said this is a new trademark program that helps those at home show appreciation for those who are abroad.

“We want to see how many cookies Robins can bring in for the troops,” she said. “We’re going to send them to the troops as a way of saying thanks for all they’re doing.”

Military memories sought for new coffee table book

The United States military has been invited to participate in a publication entitled, “America – United We Stand.”

The book will be formatted in a coffee table, photo, narrative style that will share real stories of many Americans, both military and civilian, reflecting the values, heritage and unique spirit that have shaped America throughout its proud history.

The book will celebrate those ideals, and why they continue to motivate us to stand up for justice and confront evil.

The producers of this book, along with military leadership, welcome you to share your personal stories, and, in turn, look forward to sharing and celebrating these magnificent stories with readers throughout the world.

They also wish to state that the goal of this book is to avoid taking any political stand whatsoever. Labels such as conservative, left, right or politically correct are inappropriate.

The editors will carefully review and select those stories that best portray the book’s central theme of appreciation for our country.

These need not be “spec-

What to know

‘America - United We Stand’ will share real stories of many Americans. You are invited to share how events and your experiences inspired you to love your country even more. Submit your essay to the Center Office of Public Affairs, suite 111, Building 215, no later than Aug. 30.

For more information, contact the public affairs office at 926-2137.

tacular” stories of intense drama or notoriety, but rather, how the events and experiences of each individual story inspired each featured American to come to love his or her country even more.

Submit your essays to the Center Office of Public Affairs, suite 111, Building 215, no later than Aug. 30.

As stories are reviewed by the author and producers, one-on-one interviews may be requested, and will be facilitated through the proper command.

For more information, contact the public affairs office at 926-2137.

— From staff reports

Get ready to ooh and ahh



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

The Band of the Air Force Reserve Command’s annual Independence Day celebration and fireworks show is set for July 1 at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Sharing the stage with the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve for a night of family fun and celebration of freedom is Middle Georgia’s popular southern rock group, Stillwater. Admission is free.

Maintenance team wins DoD award

Submitted by Maintenance Directorate

Denise Humphries and Tommy Hunnicutt joined five employees from the Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va., in netting the Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Award for fiscal 2003.

The Defense Logistics Agency C-5 floorboard team’s work has resulted in direct savings of \$481,000 and, since fiscal 2000, Defense Logistics Agency organic manufacturing savings have exceeded \$5 million.

Mr. Hunnicutt and Ms. Humphries are organic manufacturing business analysts in the Depot Maintenance Business Development Office of the Resources Management Division of the Maintenance Directorate.

The award-winning team also included DSCR employees William Jahna, Michael Phelan, Brenda Zepeda, Brenda Marrow and Diane Sibley.

The team’s efforts began due to shortages of 95 cargo-deck floorboards causing delays in programmed depot maintenance of C-5 aircraft. The manufacturer of the honey-comb-composite parts was unable to overcome production problems to meet demands. The manufacturer was also unwilling to qualify another supplier.

The team determined that the Air Force manufacturing facility in what is now the Commodities and Industrial Products Division, or MAN, could make the floorboards on an as-needed basis to help meet the demands.

All three of the Defense Logistics

Agency supply centers now follow the same organic manufacturing processes across 41 sites, including all three air logistics centers, Army and Navy depots, and other government manufacturing activities.

“Anytime we can do something to make it better for the war fighter and better for the tax payer at the same time is a smart move,” Mr. Hunnicutt said. “We got away from memorandums of agreement. We got to the point where they sent in a floorboard, and we worked that floorboard on that contract.”

The award was presented May 12 at the Pentagon, by Glenn Lamartin, director, Defense Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Sweet 16



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Mama celebrated Pizza Depot's 16th birthday with a party Tuesday.

Top, the lunchtime crowd samples new pizzas and entrees.

Above, Chloe Keadle, 5, enjoys a snack at the party.

Left, Martha Newton, or 'Mama' as she's known to most, cuts birthday cake for customers.

ROBINS CLUBS

Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 will meet Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Lynn Morley at 926-6295.

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 Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

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 Michelle Idone at 926-2231.

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 Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

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

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third

Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. Joyce Jones at 926-4997 or Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 327-7356.

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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Ronald Wilson Reagan | 1911-2004

The architect of the end of the cold war

By Joe Toppi

Retired Air Force master sergeant

"Honest Abe" Lincoln saved the United States. "Dutch" Reagan saved the world.

On this D-Day, I am still numb from the news my television gave me yesterday afternoon as I was forced to retreat into my home from yard work due to a rainstorm. Within a matter of minutes the raindrops on my face would mix with tears as I learned that my commander-in-chief for my first eight years in the Air Force had died.

The 93-year-old man that commemorated the Normandy invasion with his fellow World War II veterans exactly twenty years ago at Pointe du Hoc was gone.

As I watched images of "The Gipper" continue on the screen, I tuned out the anchor person and traveled back to my own personal memories of Ronald Wilson Reagan.

My admiration for the man began with the 1980 presidential election, when I was quite possibly the only person from Boston that voted for him. My vote counted, as they all do, and about two and a half months later Ronald Reagan was sworn in as the 40th president of the United States.

From there, my heart was handed to me as I returned from a technical school class at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., on the afternoon of March 30, 1981, to learn that President Reagan had been shot by would-be assassin John Hinckley Jr.

This 19-year-old Airman went to the BX, got a get-well card, penned a few awkward words of encouragement, stuck one of those brand new 18 cent stamps that had only been around for about a week on it and mailed it off to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., thinking it would get heaved onto the vast pile of well-wisher messages.

Two weeks later on a trip to the



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Jon D. Gesch

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — An Airman assigned to the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., stands watch as people pay their respects to former President Ronald Reagan at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library here. A state funeral takes place Friday for President Reagan who died Saturday.

base post office in hopes of finding a care package from home, I received something better — a hand-addressed envelope with a very simple three word return address on it: The White House. Inside was a thank you note on card stock embossed with the presidential seal which read: "I was so happy to receive your get-well message! Knowing of your friendship and prayers encourages me daily. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring." And it was signed Ronald Reagan.

Twenty-three years later that note and the envelope in which it arrived are still framed in a place of honor on my wall.

Over the next eight years, President and Mrs. Reagan would many times find themselves on the other side of tragedy ... leading the nation in morning through a series of events that would test our resolve.

I had the privilege of meeting President Reagan after he left office in 1989 at a barbecue held in his honor at the B-2 Stealth Bomber

Facility at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., when I was working on that program. After showing up at 6 a.m., giving the hangar a GI party, setting up lots of tables and chairs, cooking up an endless stream or burgers and hot dogs, and serving a couple hundred people, the time had come.

President Reagan entered the facility and stood at the end of the three serving tables we had set up. As he made his way towards us, I hoped he would pick the table I was serving at and practiced in my best radio voice

(inside my head of course): "Mustard and ketchup, Mr. President? Lettuce and tomato, Mr. President?"

He veered to the right and chose the table next to mine, and greeted us in that down-to-earth manner that endeared him to all Americans. He then ate lunch with us, had a few of the gourmet jellybeans placed in a crystal container at his place setting, and proceeded to the podium and, in classic Reagan form, spent the first ten minutes of his speech telling Mikhail Gorbachev jokes that had everyone in the place busting a gut.

And it was that willingness to open a dialog through a series of summits, most notably the Oct. 11, 1986, Reykjavik, Iceland, summit, that set into motion the end of the Cold War. Through his military policies, he was able to negotiate with the former Soviet Union from a position of strength.

Although President Reagan was already out of office when the Berlin Wall came down, as the totalitarian regimes of eastern Europe began to fall in favor of democracy, and the eventual demise of the Soviet Union itself, we all have him to thank for having the conviction to stand up to tyranny and make America, Europe, and the world a safer place.

As a member of the Abraham Lincoln Association, I ask that you humor me for a moment as I recall the words of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton upon the death of Abraham Lincoln, and echo them for Ronald Reagan: "Now he belongs to the ages." Our 40th president has now joined our 16th. I hope they're smiling and swapping stories about their days in Illinois.

I will always be grateful to both of them for being patriots and saving the America that I love.

Mr. Toppi is currently a professional broadcaster at KVNO-FM in Omaha, Neb.

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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Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

E-mail downtime interrupts work

I would like to bring to your attention the quality and uptime of the e-mail service. My e-mail keeps going down, and I can not get my work done in the paperless society that we are supposed to be working in. My recent problem was fixed in a very timely manner, however, I find it unacceptable that the server that I am connected to keeps going down almost on a daily basis.

Commander replies: We share your concern about reliabil-

ity of Robins's aging e-mail systems. The e-mail servers host almost 18,000 e-mail accounts and support all Robins' hosted missions except Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and the 116th Air Control Wing, who have their own systems. The systems currently are almost one year beyond their expected system support life which makes the equipment subject to increased failures until replaced by newer hosts. Although we have budgeted for replacement equipment since July 2000, money has not been available to replace this expensive equipment. The good news is that Robins has been selected as one of four sites that will serve as regional messaging centers for the

entire command. Robins is defined as the Georgia Data Center and will be provided new servers to host e-mail to Robins, Eglin and Arnold Air Force bases. Preliminary tests should be underway this summer and the new system will gradually replace the old one during the next year or so. Preparing for the new regional e-mail is the primary reason all workstation computers are being upgraded to Windows XP and Office 2003. Until the new e-mail system is fully implemented or until funds are available to replace some of the old equipment, we regret that we will continue to experience intermittent failures which we will restore as quickly as possible.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

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

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

Source: AFI 31-204



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

Robins DUI tracker

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

June: **0** June 2003: **5** Year to date: **30*** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday 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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For the love of kids and animals



Liz, an iguana at the center, warms herself under a light in her cage.



Steve Hall checks out 'Snowy', a moluccan cockatoo.



Sharron Wilhelm gives 'Lucky', a lop-eared rabbit, some TLC.



These ducks think the center gives kids something to "quack" about.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Nature Center employees teach respect for animals, environment

When to go

The Spalding Nature Center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon - 1 p.m. and from 2 - 5 p.m. For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact Sharron Wilhelm at 926-4500. For off-base groups, a list of names must be provided two weeks in advance of scheduled visits. There is no charge for visiting the center, but donations are accepted to help in upkeep expenses.

By Geoff Janes
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Sharon Batchelder said some days she feels like she works in a zoo.

But, she has a good reason. As a recreation aid at the Spalding Nature Center here, she spends her time working in the only Air Force facility that is home to snakes, rabbits, turtles, a variety of birds and even a couple of squirrels named Gracie and Tinkerbell.

And even though she's not fond of slithering reptiles, she doesn't mind caring for them in a job that she says has such immense rewards.

"It really is great to see the astonishment on people's faces when they walk in," she said. "People just don't realize what we've got out here."

Sharron Wilhelm, the center supervisor agreed.

"When the kids come in here, they just light up," she said. "There's a connection between kids and animals. There's so much high-tech stuff out there that it really feels good to see the children come out here and get excited about nature."

The center - located on the southeastern border of the base in Building 1305, adja-



'Fred', a Columbian red tail boa, is one of many animals that can be found at Robins' Nature Center.

cent to Scout Lake and the family campgrounds - first opened Aug. 2, 1979, and has gone through a number of improvements over the years. The most recent include the consolidation of a number of cages in the outdoor area referred to as "Critters Courtyard."

In the courtyard there are a number of turtles, doves, ducks and squirrels. And according to Ms. Wilhelm, there will soon be a couple of new cages for possums.

The center will also be getting an outdoor amphitheater that will have seating for 100. It will be available for weddings and retirement cere-

monies, and will also be used as part of the center's nature program and hunter safety classes.

Ms. Wilhelm said they are naming the amphitheater after one of the center's most beloved employees.

"We're naming it Oscar's amphitheater after a black rat snake who was here for about 20 years before he died of old age," she said. "We would pull him out and the kids would get to hold him and touch him. We used to get letters from some of the children who said their favorite part of visiting was Oscar. I'm sure some of them will come back, see the name and remember

him."

The facility offers a number of tours to local schools, church groups and Scout troops as part of the nature program. The program is designed to give visitors information about animals, and stresses the responsibility of pet ownership.

There are three cats, Pooh bear, Sage and Tigger, that Ms. Wilhelm uses to demonstrate the importance of taking care of pets.

"They were dumped out here, and we raised them up and now they're the nature center kitties," she said. "We call them our tour guides."

The center has recently remodeled part of the facility as a reptile room.

Inside there are two boa constrictors, two bearded dragons, one Sudan plated lizard, two iguanas, a pacific mountain gopher snake, a gray rat snake and a black rat snake.

In the room next to the reptile room, there are several birds that are members of the parrot family, a tarantula, a couple of ferrets and some rats and mice.

Although the rats have a healthy reproductive rate, their offspring fit into what

Ms. Wilhelm calls the hardest part of her job - feeding the snakes.

The rats are part of the center's breed to feed program, Ms. Wilhelm said of the rodents that are used as sustenance for the legless reptiles.

"Every time I feed them, I still do the 'drop and run,'" she said jokingly. "I can't stand to watch the initial kill, but it's natural."

Snakes eat more during the summer months than winter months.

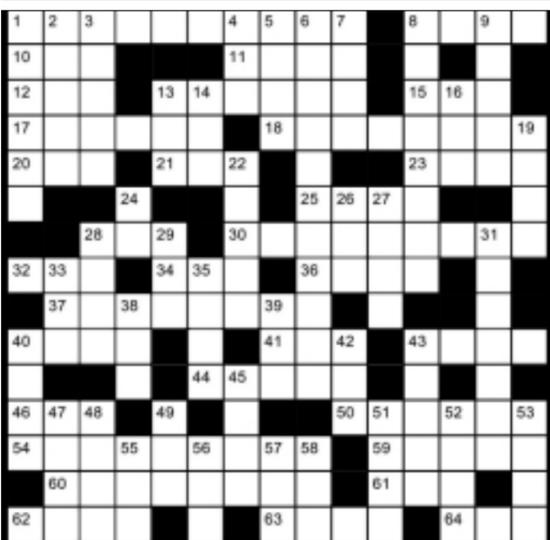
"We pretty much feed them on demand," Ms. Wilhelm said. "During the summer they eat every two to three weeks. In the winter, they can go as long as a month between feedings. In general, when they start moving around, we know they're hungry. And, if they're shedding their skin, we know they won't eat."

Ms. Wilhelm said that after 14 years, the job is still as fun as it was on day one.

"I love coming to work every day," she said. "No matter what's going on in your life, animals have a way of cheering you up."

"Plus, we take a lot of pride in being the only center of this kind in the Air Force."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday, U.S. Army

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. First American Army general
8. Blueprint
10. Oklahoma town
11. Train
12. Clauswitz's famous "___ of war"
13. Singular tooth (two words)
15. Sign of Aries
17. CENTCOM leader for OEF/OIF
18. Ancient army weapon
20. Mil. pay statement
21. Used to increase music output
23. Zeus' wife
25. Indian princess
28. stock offering (abbrev.)
30. Follower of Communist leader
32. Spring mon.
34. Army bed
36. Mar
37. General: got 1953 Nobel prize
40. Army field need
41. Actress Arthur of Golden Girls
43. Story
44. Abides by
46. Pie ___ mode
50. General: "Old Blood & Guts"
54. General: "I shall return"
59. Nobody (two words)
60. Army branch
61. Sphere
62. Worry
63. Noble gas
64. Still

5. Soft mineral
6. Last general with 5 stars
7. Emperor who let Rome burn?
8. General: led US in WWI
9. Army branch
13. Alias abbrev.
14. Above Army Commendation Medal
16. Honest ___
19. Disney
22. Type of Italian dish
24. Duty for Beetle Bailey
26. "The Greatest"
27. Number of lives a cat has?
28. Middle East country
29. Army commissioning source
31. Last Army CJCS
33. ALS, SOS, ISS, AWC
35. State home to Wright-Patt
38. Path, in short
39. Army gear harness (abbrev.)
40. Box-shaped wagon on rails
42. Cleopatra killer?
43. Coach
45. Thai money
47. Den
48. Teen concern
49. Period
51. Old English for at once
52. Singer Keith
53. Succeeding
55. Back part of a ship
56. Explosive
57. Vase
58. Type of bread

DOWN

1. Pancake alternative
2. Idolize
3. Epics
4. Pontiac muscle car

For puzzle solution, see June 18 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for June 4



Most base offices closed Friday

Center Office of Public Affairs

Most base offices will be closed Friday, a national day of mourning for the death of President Ronald Reagan.

Essential personnel will have to work. Employees unsure if they are essential personnel should ask their supervisor.

Hosted unit employees should check with their organizations to see if they have to work.

Medical appointments for Friday are being rescheduled. Minimum staff will be in place at the base clinic for acutely ill patients and sick call.

On Sunday, President Bush issued an executive order closing executive departments, independent establishments and other governmental agencies of the federal government on Friday.

Services Holiday Hours for June 11:

What's open:
Bowling Center, open from 4 – 11 p.m.
Enlisted Club, open at 4 p.m.
Fitness Center, will be open from 8

a.m. – 2 p.m.
Flight Line Kitchen will remain open. Golf Course, normal hours and tee times.
Lodging will maintain normal hours. Officers' Club, open at 5 p.m.
Robins Pools will remain open.
Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Hours of operation for Robins Base Exchange facilities

What's open:
Base Exchange, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Shoppette, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Service station retail store, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Gas station, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Furniture store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
BX concessionaires, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Burger King, 11 a.m. 6 p.m.
Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Charlie's, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What's closed:

Clothing sales
Dry cleaners
Churches
Cinnabon
Robin Hood
Anthony's Pizza

SERVICES BRIEFS

Sports Day postponed indefinitely

Although Sports Day activities initially planned for Friday have been postponed in observance of former President Ronald Reagan's death, the Shot Gun Golf at 8 a.m. is still a go for today.

A new date for the event has yet to be determined.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is only \$249 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information, call (800) 724-9988 or go to www.afvclub.com. The Robins AFB AFVC installation number is 79.

Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, will be on sale soon for the Oct. 30 and 31 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the gate, will cost \$50 per person, with seating in the east turn section of the stadium.

Atlanta Falcons tickets go on sale June 19, 9 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$20 on a first come, first served basis.

Library

Author T.L. McCown will be at the library June 21 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss her memoir, "Shifting Sands - Life with a Saudi Princess." This book offers

insight into the Saudi Arabian culture, which was previously hidden to the western world. Everyone is invited.

Mel Tillis celebrates Father's Day at Robins

Spirit of America Tours presents Mel Tillis in a Father's Day concert at Robins Park June 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m. This free concert is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military, DoD civilians and their family members.

Concert goers may purchase food and beverages at the concert and bring their blankets and lawn chairs. No large bags or coolers will be permitted.

For more information, call the 78th Services Division Marketing and Publicity office at 926-5492.

Officers' Club

A Boss N' Buddy night will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. A trivia contest will be held with a prize given for the unit with the most participating members.

Smith Community Center

Bring the family to the Movies in the Pool tonight at 8 (or when dark) to watch "Finding Nemo." Moviegoers may bring lawn chairs and inner tubes to watch the movie wet or dry. Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Summer Bash "Let's Celebrate" will be held Aug. 7 from 4 to 9 p.m. at

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Community tour

The next FSC community tour will be Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the FSC.

Resume and cover letter

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Resume research and writing workshop

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted June 18, 8-11 a.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Thrift savings plan briefing

The Personal Financial Management program will offer a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan June 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

Robins Park. Activities will include games, rides, entertainment and chance to win prizes.

Teen Center

A summer youth community All Stars Camp will be held June 28 - July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. The camp is for teens ages 13 - 18. Cost is \$25 per week, including lunch, and is limited to a maximum of 20 teens. The 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 Monday through June 11 at the Youth Center, 1 - 6 p.m. For more information, call Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

Youth Center

Kids register now for summer reading with Book Adventure. Choose an age-appropriate book from the summer reading list, score points to win prizes by reading a book and completing a short quiz. Prizes are based on points earned and will be distributed in August. For more information, call Shaquita Ponder at 926-2110.

Before and After School program registrations will be held July 12 - 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for currently or previously enrolled students and July 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for new students. Register at the center, Building 1021.

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.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

Jason Dykes, WR-ALC/MANRSH. Point of contact is Tommie Huff at 926-4195.

Debbie Melton, HQ AFRC/ SCTI. Point of contact is Janet Miley at 327-0837.

Shana Covington, WR-ALC/LUFP. Point of contact is Donna Hartnett at 926-9332.

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. – Jersey Girl – Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler

Ollie is a powerful entertainment executive whose wife dies in childbirth. Ollie is tasked with raising a child by himself, gives up his fast-paced lifestyle and moves back in with his father, where he finds a new romantic interest and learns some lessons about what's important in life.

Rated PG-13 (language and sexual content including frank dialogue) 103 minutes

Sunday 2 p.m. – Ella Enchanted – Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy

Ella of Frell was born with the "gift" of absolute obedience given by a fairy godmother. But when her inability to disobey orders threatens to keep her away from her true love she sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

Rated PG (some crude humor and language) 95 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Kill Bill Vol. 2 – Uma Thurman and David Carradine

There were five on her list. Now it's three. O-Ren Ishii and Venita Green were the first to fall, now the Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't afraid now, they better start, because she's coming for them. However, something has thrown off her plans a bit.

Rated R (strong bloody violence, language and some sexual content) 137 minutes



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The week in photos

www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm



U.S. Air Force photos by Kenn Mann

OVER NORTH CAROLINA – Senior Airman Chardo Richardson, center, shows New York Mets pitcher Al Leiter how to refuel an F-15E Strike Eagle from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., as a cameraman records the days events. Airman Richardson will trade places with Mr. Leiter on June 22 to become a Met for a day. The 'job swap' is part of a Major League Baseball production for a Fox television program, 'This Week in Baseball.'

Pro baseball player spends day as Airman

By Airman 1st Class
Ashley Casas
305th Air Mobility Wing
Public Affairs

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. – Major League Baseball pitcher Al Leiter swapped his New York Mets uniform recently for an Air Force flight suit to become a boom operator here for a day.

While here May 24, the left-hander who has played in three World Series and has 146 career wins, learned the ropes of refueling from Senior Airman Chardo Richardson and a KC-10 Extender aircrew from the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron.

As part of a "job swap" organized by the Air Force, Major League Baseball and the Mets, Airman Richardson will later join Mr. Leiter as a Met for a day.

Officials at Air Force office of public affairs' national media outreach in New York led off in organizing the job swap between the Airman and ball player.

"We approached Major League Baseball and had to think of the appropriate player and the appropriate location in the area," said 1st Lt. Brandon Pollachek of the New York office.

The pairing of Mr. Leiter and McGuire fit the bill. In

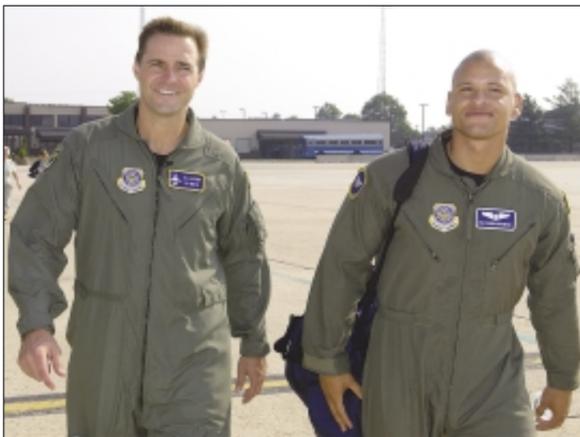
addition, Mr. Leiter is a native of Toms River, N.J., less than an hour from the base. The 305th Air Mobility Wing public affairs staff nominated Airman Richardson to take part, and wing leaders approved.

"He has often helped public affairs with events serving as a tour guide or spokesperson," said Maj. John Dorrian, 305th AMW public affairs chief. "When the opportunity arose, his professionalism made him a natural choice."

Mets fans greeted Mr. Leiter in the passenger terminal here. Along with his flight suit, which had name and squadron patches already attached, he received a wing scarf and new boots hand-polished by Airman Richardson.

Mr. Leiter then received a tour of the aircraft and a brief description of what would be going on. During the three-hour mission, the KC-10 traveled down the North Carolina coast and refueled five F-15E Strike Eagles from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

"I had no idea what to expect," Mr. Leiter said. "I have been on a lot of different aircraft while traveling for my job, but nothing like a KC-10. I couldn't believe how small the boom office



Mr. Leiter, left, and Airman Richardson team up for the first part of a 'job swap,' where Mr. Leiter will become a boom operator for the day. Airman Richardson is a boom operator with the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

was. I am amazed by the thoroughness of the procedures. Every action was checked and double-checked."

A video crew recorded all of the day's events for a production to air June 19 on the Fox television program "This Week in Baseball." The production is part of a two-part series; the second part will cover Airman Richardson's day as a Met and will air in September.

Mr. Leiter said his day as a boom operator went "great for all involved."

"Some people look up to pro sports players as heroes," he said. "But I look at all

military members as heroes."

On deck is Airman Richardson. He will put on a Mets' uniform for batting practice before a June matchup between the Mets and Cincinnati Reds at Shea Stadium.

"When Airman Richardson comes out to be a Met, I will have to have one of my teammates show him how to hit a ball," Mr. Leiter said jokingly. "I have never been a strong hitter."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Tuesdays are trivia days. Answer the trivia question correctly and receive one free game.

Enjoy lunch all day on Thursdays with three games of bowling for only \$3.

Civilian Recreation

Earn up to three free T-shirts with the walking program now underway through Civilian Recreation. Participants may call, write or e-mail Civilian Recreation for maps detailing different routes around their work area. Categories include "Walking to Macon" (20 miles), "Walking to Atlanta" (100 miles) and "Walking Across Georgia" (250 miles). Each time participants walk they need to record their mileage on a tracking sheet and the sheets must be turned in and certified by Civilian Recreation.

For more information, e-mail Lynne Brackett at lynn.brackett@robins.af.mil

Fitness Center

A Summer Time 10K Run will be held June 26 at 9 a.m.

Enjoy free water aerobic classes at the Splashing with the Oldies on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 - 9:45 a.m., and Aqua Fusion on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 - 2:45 p.m., For more information, call

Jackline Baker at 926-2128.

Sony Walkman FM stereos with batteries are available at the center for \$15. For more information, call 926-2128.

Golf Course

A Junior Golf Academy for ages 7 - 17 is slated for Monday through Thursday. Cost of \$50 includes four-day clinic and weekly play days. Class size is limited to first 16 paid juniors.

A Senior Base Golf Championship tournament will be held June 26 and 27 with individual stroke play and net and gross divisions. Entry fee is \$30 and \$60 for guests. This event is open to all active duty and retired military 50 years of age and older. Call 926-4103 to register.

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

Golf tournament

The Contracting Directorate golf tournament will be July 9 at Waterford Golf Course, with a shotgun start at noon. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Cost is \$40. To register, contact Angela Harris at 222-1922 or angela.harris2@robins.af.mil or Jason Dozier at 926-7055 or jason.dozier@robins.af.mil.

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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.

NCMA meeting

The National Contract Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club ballroom. There will be a go through the line for lunch. The guest speakers will be former Center commanders: retired Maj. Gen. Rick Goddard, retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren and retired Maj. Gen. Ron Smith. The presentation will begin promptly at 11:45.

Troops to Teachers

A representative for the Troops to Teachers program will be at the Robins Education Center, Building 905, Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., to take questions about the program, a cooperative between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. For more information, contact Bill Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com or Fran Sheridan at 327-7325. You may also visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Official Hails and Farewells

The Official Hails and Farewells will be June 18, 5-8:30 p.m., at the Officers' Club pool. There will be a party immediately afterwards with dinner, volleyball and crud. Tickets can be purchased from your directorate's point of contact. For more information, call Capt. Christopher Thrower at 926-1866.

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 pur-

chased the day of the event.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony at 10 a.m. June 30 at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective First Sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating the new promotees. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

AETC special duty

Air Force members who wish to apply for an AETC special duty can get more information about recruiter opportunities and an application by visiting www.rs.af.mil/RST.htm or calling DSN 487-3511. For military training instructor information, visit www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm or call DSN 487-1018. For information regarding military training leader special duty opportunities, visit <https://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/MTL>. For more information about an assignment as a PME instructor, contact your servicing MPF for application procedures.

School registration

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children in Robins Elementary School during the summer months. The school is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for registration. Parents can help the school system plan for the new school year by registering as soon as possible. School starts Aug. 6.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year, and for first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate and immunization records. For

more information, call the school at 926-5003. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.

Pennsylvania Air National Guard

The 112th Air Operations Squadron, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, in State College, is looking for:

Enlisted: Supply/Inventory Mgmt (2S0), Comm/Computer Sys Operator (3C0), Comm/Computer Sys Controller (3C2), Air Traffic Controller (1C1), Tactical Air Command & Control (1C4), Aerospace Control & Warning (1C5), Signals Intel (1N4), Admin (3A0), Security Forces (3P0), Weather (1W0)

Officer: Pilot (11X), Navigator (12X), Air Battle Manager (13B), Air Traffic Controller (13M), Space & Missile Officer (13S), Intel Officer (14N), JAG (51J), Scientist/Statistician (61S3A)

Flexible scheduling and flight pay is available for those who qualify. For more information, contact Maj. Gil Patton at (814) 235-5155, DSN 491-5155 or gilbert.patton@paharr.af.mil; or Master Sgt. Ken Stanton at (888) 640-9200, DSN 491-5100 or kenneth.stanton@paharr.af.mil.

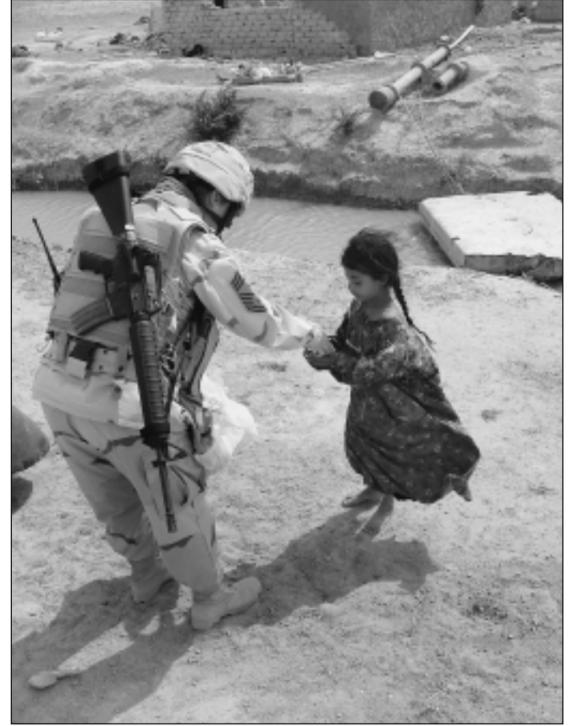
Base pools

Base pools are free for base personnel and family members. Pool hours are noon - 7 p.m., however Crestview is closed Mondays; Officers' Club is closed Tuesdays; and Enlisted Club is closed Thursdays. Personnel can reserve a pool at the Enlisted or Officers' Club for private parties. Reservations are being taken through Aug. 4, 7:30 - midnight. The cost is \$50 per event plus \$10 per hour, per lifeguard. For more information, call 926-4001.

Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone, a ring inside a box, a calculator, a bowling bag with contents, a sports/gym bag with contents, and five sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

Reaching out



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Desiree N. Palacios
IRAQ – Chief Master Sgt. Kathryn Shott hands out candy to a local Iraqi girl during a visit outside the Tallil Air Base perimeter May 28 in support of Operation Reachout, a program started by security forces members here to build a friendship with the surrounding families. Security forces members visit these families on a weekly basis to see how they are doing and bring MREs, water and candy for the children. Chief Shott is a member of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

RETIREES

End of May/first of June:

Mary H. Barber
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Hazel S. Hodges
Michael Jones
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Charles W. Myers
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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Workers begin phase two of the new main gate project. Portions of Page Road will be removed, graded and leveled. According to Chip Bridges, Civil Engineering Group project engineer, the main gate project will provide Robins with a new main entry road, Air Force standard main gate signage and a new visitor center complex complete with covered gate entrance facility, visitor center and inspection shelter. The visitor's center building will be 1,600 square feet, or 50 percent larger than the current one, with higher ceilings and a more aesthetically pleasing look. Mr. Bridges said the construction will not only change the landscape of Robins, but will ensure safety and help alleviate traffic problems which have been a documented problem since 1957. A new roadway that will line up directly with Watson Boulevard will be the new construction's link with the city. The \$4.9 million construction project is set for completion by August 2005.

Children can audition for 'Hansel and Gretel' June 21

Missoula Children's Theater, the nation's largest touring children's theater, is coming to Robins.

The team arrives in town with a set, lights, costumes, props and makeup – everything it takes to put on a play except the cast.

The Smith Community Center will be hosting this week-long program, June 21 through June 26.

A cast of 50 - 60 children, from those entering the first grade through the 12th grade, will be needed to audition.

This year's production will be "Hansel and Gretel." Among the roles to be cast are Hansel and Gretel, the Wildwood Witch and her loyal servants, the crafty cooks, modern day campers, lots of nasty critters, and a flock of Wallybirds.

No advance preparation is necessary. Just

come with a smile and be ready to have fun.

Open auditions will be held at the community center June 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and be prepared to stay the entire two hours.

Some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

The cast will be in rehearsal all week, in two hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out on Monday.

There will be two performances at the end of the week.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals and backstage responsibilities.

For more information, contact the community center at 926-2105.

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