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Collings to pin on second star

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will pin on his second star during a ceremony in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar at 11 a.m., today.



Brig. Gen. Mike Collings

Gen. Greg Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, will be the presiding official in the ceremony. General Collings became the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander in February, and the U.S. Senate confirmed his promotion to major general May 3.

— From staff reports

78th ABW COC ceremony today

Col. Greg Patterson will assume command of the 78th Air Base Wing from Col. Tom Smoot during a change of command ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar at 3 p.m., today.



Col. Greg Patterson

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.

— From staff reports

367th COC set for Thursday

The 367th Recruiting Group change of command ceremony will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Col. Daniel Adams will give command to Col. Gary Kirk.

— From staff reports

Beating the heat



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Gerald Brown, a contractor with Campbell Roofing and Construction, tries to deal with the heat after working on the roof of Building 215 recently.

Hydration, rest key to avoiding heat stress

By Holly J. Logan
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Staff Sgt. Mike Sheehan didn't think a little hard work and sweat ever hurt anyone - until heat exhaustion put him in the hospital one July afternoon.

Sergeant Sheehan, an engineering craftsman for the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, had spent hours cutting grass, hedging and trimming trees before mind-numbing

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What to know

All supervisors can check the current temperature for the recommended work measures at www.robins.af.mil/78medgp/HeatStress.pdf. The appropriate work and rest cycles relative to the time of day may be accessed by calling 327-8246.

For more information, contact Public Health at 327-7613.

New era in Iraq begins, AF mission continues

By Geoff Janes
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The return of sovereignty to the Iraqi people Monday may have been the official end to U.S. occupation there, but when it comes to Air Force Materiel Command and the hosted units at Robins, there is still work to be done in support of operations in the Middle East.

"(Changes) will be dependent on how United States policy changes as a result of the threat and desires of the new Iraqi government," Col. Jack Ivy, AFMC director of Public Affairs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, wrote in an e-mail Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander here, said regardless of what happens, in the long run, the Center is committed to continuing the support it is providing.

"The return of sovereignty to the Iraqi people Monday marked a great day for democracy," he said. "We really don't know what this new situation will entail, or if the requirements will change, but we are ready. We have been surging since 9-11, and will continue to support our nation in the global war on terrorism by delivering war-winning capabilities to support the combatant commanders wherever and whenever it's needed."

Col. Raymond Rottman, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, agreed and said although the return of sovereignty won't have an immediate affect the group's ongoing mission to provide America's war fighter with a worldwide air refueling capability and maximize the availability of strategic lift in the Middle East, it is a move in the right direction.

"The return of sovereignty

is a significant step in Iraq's future," he said. "But it will take considerable time and effort to fully realize an independent, democratic and secure Iraq. The Black Knights will proudly continue our participation in the Global War on Terrorism and all other missions we are tasked to support."

Col. John Lent, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, said with the revolving

door of deployments that have been going on for folks in the 5th Mob, there is a sense of satisfaction in knowing sovereignty has been returned to the Iraqi people.

"This is all part of the plan set in motion months ago," he said. "At some locations, we're assisting the Iraqis with communications infrastructure

issues. At other locations, support to our coalition partners continues. We have men and women engaged throughout the theater...ensuring our military forces have world class communications needed to accomplish the mission.

"I've been in command of the 5th Combat Communications Group for very short period of time," he added, "but it's quite evident to me why this unit was named

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Col. John Lent



Col. Raymond Rottman

Victim support liasions train to make a difference

By Lanorris Askew
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Sexual assault reporting is on the rise in the Department of Defense.

Uniformed service member victims reported 901 sexual assault cases in 2002, and 1,012 in 2003, according to the Department of Defense's Care for Victims of Sexual Assaults Task Force report on care for victims of sexual assault.

In order to make sure Robins does its part in helping to reduce those numbers for 2004, it is continuing its journey in prevention, education

What to know

Applications are still being accepting for victim support liasions. For more information on becoming a victim support liaison, call Mary Hodgkins at 327-8398.

and support.

Mary Hodgkins, family advocacy officer, said she is happy to report the first group of victim support liasions has

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Service beyond uniform



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Retired Senior Master Sgt. David Carter, shown in his classroom at Houston County High School, has a second career through the Troops to Teachers program.

■ Troops to Teachers helps former service-members find second career in education

By Holly J. Logan
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Junior ROTC cadets at Houston County High School are learning about the military through retired Senior Master Sgt. David Carter's first-hand experience, thanks to a program called Troops to Teachers.

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Mr. Carter, an aerospace science instructor for 160 students, received funding for teacher certification in 2001 through the Department of Defense-funded program.

"I've been involved in the education field through my children and through being an instructor in the military's professional military education program," he said. "I found out about Troops to Teachers through the Transition Assistance Program, and thought it would be a good way for me to get back into teaching and help kids get prepared to succeed."

The 45-year-old father of two, whose youngest son will attend the Air Force Academy in the fall, said the program, which has offices in 33 states, will allow him to turn his 27-year Air Force career experience into a valuable learning tool for his cadets.

"I had to get the amount of leadership experience I had through hands-on experience in the military," he said. "There's teaching based on theory in the classroom, but experience allows us to teach through practical application."

Mr. Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Troops to Teachers program in Georgia since 2002, is one of the program's 38 state-wide representatives encouraging those eligible people separating or retiring from the military to become part of the education field.

To be eligible for the program, servicemembers must be retired, have been active duty for six or more years of service or be current members of the Selected Reserve with six or more years of creditable service towards retirement.

The last period of service must be honorable. Those selected to participate in the Program before retirement, separation, or release from active duty may continue to participate only if the last period of service is characterized as honorable.

To be eligible, servicemembers must also either

What to know

Troops to Teachers is a national program that helps former servicemembers begin second careers through the public education system. For more information, visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

hold a Baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of registration for academic teacher referral, or have the equivalent of one year of college with six years of work experience in a vocational or technical field or meet state requirements for vocational or technical teacher referral.

"This program is not a reason to become a teacher, but if teaching were what you wanted to do, it certainly can ease the financial burden of it," he said.

Since June 2002, Troops to Teachers has reportedly placed more than 100 troops in teaching jobs in Georgia.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 provided for the continuation of the Troops to Teachers program through fiscal 2006.

Dora McLellan, a 53-year-old retired senior master sergeant who will start as an aerospace science instructor at Colonial High School in Orlando, Fla. in late July, said she began the Troops to Teachers program in 2003 to fulfill her personal goal of educating others.

"I knew when I retired that I wanted to become a teacher," she said. "I looked up the Georgia Department of Education's Web site, found out what to do to get certified and got started on getting certified from there."

Ms. McLellan, who started her master's degree in education before retiring, said the three-year program is a great starting point for retired troops or those separating from the military to begin a second career in education.

"I love the classroom," she said. "You have your own spin on things and then you listen to those you're teaching - and through that interaction, you learn to see things differently."

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cramps made the 38-year-old realize his lack of water intake had caused severe dehydration and heat stress.

"I was cleaning up a yard and wasn't drinking enough water," he said. "I started having severe cramps everywhere, so bad that I couldn't even bend my arm to bring a glass of water to my mouth. Three IVs later, I was back to normal."

While drinking at least eight glasses of water a day is recommended, Toni Hurley, industrial hygienist with the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, said it's a must for combating the heat during the summer months.

"The biggest key is hydration," she said. "You can be the most physically fit person in the world, but if you don't hydrate yourself, you're prone to heat stress."

According to the most recent Air Force Pamphlet 48-151, individuals experiencing dizziness, confusion, nausea, vomiting, staggering, disturbed vision, collapse or loss of consciousness during physical activity in a hot environment or while wearing protective clothing are most likely suffering from a heat-related illness.

Until Sept. 30 Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight technicians will be monitoring heat levels at Robins five times a day, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., using the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index (WBGT), a three-part thermometer instrument that measures regular ambient temperature, amount of direct light temperature, and wind and humidity effects, located outside of Building 207.

"We monitor conditions by putting the WBGT on the sidewalk outside of our building," Ms. Hurley said. "That temperature closely resembles flight line conditions. We're concerned about everyone at Robins, but this information is especially important for anyone working on the flight line."

While it's important for people to take frequent breaks during the hot summer months, Ms. Hurley said workers should be able to continue performing light work activities in shaded areas.

Certain factors such as obesity, lack of physical fitness or sleep, alcohol or other drug use, and age put some at a higher risk for heat stress than others, but Ms. Hurley said everyone should exercise caution when in the sun.

"Don't wait until you're thirsty," said Ms. Hurley. "Drink plenty of water all the time. That is the most important thing to avoiding heat stress."

LIAISONS

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finished its training and is waiting to answer the call of duty if and when a case of sexual assault occurs.

"We hope to provide a very important service to victims of sexual assault," she said. "We hope to provide the emotional support and the link to resources they need when they're going through that traumatic time."

To prepare the group for what's to come, the victim support liaisons were required to complete a three-day, 11-hour training course where they met with those they'll most likely encounter during their duties as a volunteer.

Mrs. Hodgkins said the group received presentations from Becky Moody, Victim Witness Assistance program director, Dottie Stafford, HODAC victim advocate for Houston County, and Denise Atkinson, a forensic nurse examiner with HODAC.

"It's a privilege to work with people who are committed to this cause," said Ms. Atkinson. "This can be a very frustrating job, but it can also be very rewarding."

At the end of the training period, the group was presented with certificates of completion by Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander.

"This is a program for the victims," he said. "This is a very critical step forward

we're taking to provide the highest level of support to potential victims so we can speed the recovery process and assist them through a very trying time in their life."

The vice commander commended the group for completing the training, and said it was his pleasure to present their certificates.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Short, contracting specialist, said she volunteered to make a difference.

She was selected through her church, but once she went through the HODAC training she knew this was something she really wanted to do. She jumped at the chance when the chance to volunteer here.

"I want to help people, the need is there and volunteers

are few," she said. "I hope to gain a sense of accomplishment, knowing that support was needed, and I was there to assist."

Mrs. Hodgkins said they're still looking for volunteers who are willing to provide emotional support to victims of sexual assault, and another training session will take place soon.

The volunteers 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. That service is provided to military members and their immediate family members who are victims of sexual assault.

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the Air Force's best large communications unit for 2003."

Sovereignty in Iraq passed from the Coalition Provisional Authority to the interim Iraqi government Monday, two days ahead of schedule.

In a 10-minute ceremony

inside the heavily fortified "Green Zone" where coalition headquarters is located in Baghdad, CPA administrator L. Paul Bremer III read a letter he had signed which dissolved the authority.

Mr. Bremer boarded a helicopter shortly after the ceremony and later left the country aboard an Air Force C-130 Hercules.

Types of heat injuries

HEAT CRAMPS - symptoms include: cramps in the arms, legs, and abdomen; First aid - Lie down and rest in the shade, drink lots of fluids such as water and sports drinks. Person should stop all activities and seek medical attention.

HEAT EXHAUSTION - symptoms include: profuse sweating (pale, moist, cool skin), hyperventilation, headache, tingling sensation in extremities, drowsiness, extreme weakness, trembling, dizziness, stumbling, temporary loss of consciousness, nausea, and vomiting; First aid - Lie down with feet elevated about four to six inches in a cool place, loosen clothing, cool person by fanning and sprinkling with water or showering. Seek medical attention.

HEAT STROKE - symptoms include: hot, red, and dry skin; sweating may or may not be present; headache, malaise, dizziness, weakness, nausea, mental confusion, rapid pulse, sudden collapse, convulsions, loss of consciousness, shallow and irregular breathing, vomiting, disturbed muscle tone, skin may be blue. First aid - Call 911. Do not leave the person alone. Move the person to a cool, shaded area and loosen clothing. Sprinkle the person with water and fan or wrap in a wet sheet or cloth. If not breathing, perform CPR.

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Sick call clinic now available for Robins

78th Medical Group

medical group expects that more appointments will be available during the duty day due to more people taking advantage of the morning sick call clinic.

Due to the different workload demand for both pediatric and flight medicine, a sick call program will not be offered in those clinics at this time.

Sick call will be conducted on a first-come, first-served

basis. Active duty members will be seen 7-8 a.m., Monday through Friday. Active duty members are asked to check in at the family medicine front desk by 7:30 a.m.

Annual examinations, physicals and other non-urgent appointments can be scheduled in advance by the central appointments desk at 327-7850 or online at www.tricareonline.com. If you have any other questions, contact Capt.

Michael Hall at 327-7986.

Sick call clinic criteria includes: upper respiratory infection (colds/flu symptoms); pink eye; sinus; allergy; sore throat; ear pain; urinary tract infection without fever, nausea, or vomiting; vomiting without fever, lightheadedness; diarrhea without fever, blood in stool, or light-headedness; rash; acne; and acute musculoskeletal pain or injury (less than 48 hours).

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SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Aero Club, administration and sales, closed Monday
Auto Skills Center, closed Monday
Base Library, closed Sunday and Monday
Base Restaurant, closed Monday
Bowling Center, open Sunday, 1 - 6 p.m. and closed Monday
CDC East & West, closed Monday
Civilian Recreation Bingo, closed today and Sunday; reopen July 7
Enlisted Club, open Sunday at 11 a.m. (no Sunday brunch) and Monday at 5 p.m. (no family night)
Equipment Rental Center, closed Monday
Family Child Care, closed Monday
Fitness Center, open Monday from 8

a.m. - 2 p.m.
Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food), closed Monday
Flight Line Kitchen will remain open
Food Service office, closed Monday
Golf Course, normal hours and tee times
Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, normal hours
Human Resource office, closed Monday
Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Monday
Lodging, normal hours
Marketing and Publicity, closed Monday
Nature Center, closed Monday
Officers' Club, closed Sunday and

Monday
Pizza Depot, closed Saturday-Monday
Resource Management office, closed Monday
Robins Japanese Grill, closed Monday
Skeet Range, closed Monday
Skills Development Center, closed Monday
Smith Community Center, closed Saturday-Monday
Teen Center, closed Monday
US Veterinarian Services, closed Monday
Wood Hobby shop, closed Monday
Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours
Youth Center, closed Monday

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Students command robots at Museum of Aviation camp

By Lanorris Askew

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Students attending this year's Starbase Robins Robotics Academy were swarmed Tuesday morning when their guest presenter introduced them to some of his newest friends.

Known as swarm robotics, the miniature robots fascinated the students while mimicking the behavior of common swarming insects such as bees, ants and termites.

"Obviously you want to get kids involved in math and science, but the real take home message here is that this stuff is fun," said James McLurkin, a 30-year-old graduate student at MIT. "It's not just work and studying equations and memorizing formulas. It can be a lot of fun to work with technology and things like robotics and artificial intelligence."

Lauren Brooks, 12, who came all the way from San Antonio, Texas, to be a part of the academy, agreed that technology could be fun and said it was well worth the trip.

"I think it's really cool seeing robots being able to communicate and talk to each other," she said. "I think it's awesome, and I want to know how to do that."

Mr. McLurkin, who worked as a research scientist at IRobot, also introduced the students to a number of other robots through a game of "guess who I am and what I do".

The inventor showed several photos of well-known robots and asked for volunteers to identify their names and jobs.

The two-week robotics academy allows seventh- and eighth-graders to design, build and take home their own robots with working gears, sensors and motors using Lego Mindstorm activity sets.

"Every engineer starts with cardboard boxes and tape, and then you progress to remote control cars, models trains and Lego. Today, you even have robot Lego which will be great," he said. "Then you move onto video games and if you put them all together you get robots. The goal is to get people to realize that this is fun, and they might want to do this."

The swarm project is sponsored by the government through the defense advanced research project association.

"The assumption is that many of the things that robots are good for, swarms of robots are better for," said Mr. McLurkin. "So, for things like exploration, mapping a building or going somewhere dangerous like Mars or inside a nuclear reactor, multiple



U.S. Air Force photo by Lanorris Askew

Seventh- and eighth-graders observe swarm robots Tuesday during a robotics academy held at the Museum of Aviation.

robots are better."

"The robots were really fun to make and play around with," said Caleb Grossman, a 12-year-old student from Warner Robins Christian Academy.

He said he has been able to learn what Robots are used for – dirty, dull and dangerous jobs – and working with them is something he would like to do when he grows up.

What to know

Starbase is an educational program created in 1989 as a way to respond to the needs of today's youth through a stimulating hands-on curriculum focusing on science, math, technology, personal development and drug demand reduction.

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General Bradley commands Air Force Reserve

AFRC News Service

The Senate confirmed Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command and appointed him to the rank of lieutenant general June 24.

The former assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., was nominated for the dual-hat position by the president in May.

General Bradley replaced Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, who retired effective June 1, as chief of Air Force Reserve. Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, served as commander from June 1 to 24.

As chief of Air Force Reserve, General Bradley is a member of the Air Staff and principal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff on Reserve matters. As AFRC commander, he is responsible for the supervision of all Air Force Reserve units around the world. Air Force Reserve Command has about



Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley

75,800 reservists who play an integral role in our national defense and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat.

"I am truly honored to be named chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command," said General Bradley, who was deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon from February 1993 to February 1998. "With great pride I accept command of the outstanding men and women of AFRC. They are performing superbly, defending America and fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

"Our talented and dedicated Air Force reservists have faced many new challenges since September 11th," General Bradley said. "Many of them have been mobilized and separated from their families, enduring hardships not normally associated with traditional reservists' duties. They are an inspiration to us all."

General Bradley said he looks forward to visiting with as many reservists as he can, seeing firsthand how they are performing their assigned duties.

"By meeting with our reservists, I will be able to better understand their capabilities, needs and concerns, which are critical to maintaining a strong, combat-ready force," he said.

Before working for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, General Bradley was deputy commander of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations, U.S. Space Command, Arlington, Va., from March 2002 to December 2002.

He commanded the Air Force Reserve's 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, from February 1998 to March 2002. In that capacity, he was responsible for the command's fighter, bomber, special operations, combat search and rescue, pilot training, and space operations.

General Bradley also has commanded a fighter training squadron, fighter group and fighter wing. He is a command pilot with more than 6,800 flying hours in T-38, A-37, A-10, F-4 and F-16 aircraft. As a fighter pilot, he flew 337 combat missions in Vietnam.

Born in Lebanon, Tenn., he received his commission in 1967 after completing the Air Force ROTC program as a distinguished graduate at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. General Bradley is married to the former Jan Underwood of Decatur, Ala. They have one daughter Leigh Ann, a graduate student at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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

Living History Day

The Museum of Aviation will host Living History Day Thursday, 10 a.m. - noon. Students will make exhibits of the Century of Flight Hangar come alive as they dress accordingly to various exhibits and create reenactments through the eyes of real pilots, political leaders and historical figures. The event is free and open to the public.

Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council Meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting, hosted by Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th MDG commander, will be at 2 p.m. July 15 at the Smith Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. Commanders, first sergeants,

command champions, enlisted, officers, civilians and all others with MDG concerns or feedback are encouraged to come out and be a part of this informative meeting. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Denise Roberts at 327-8384.

Live fire training

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast side of Robins, adjacent to the horse stables. The range is 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 ranges. The ranges are clearly marked with signs, red flags, red beacon and streamers during weapons firing. Security forces will conduct day and night fire year-round starting July. A red beacon for

night operations has been installed so Robins personnel will know of the location and dangers of the firing range at night.

Care packages

If you have a loved one, friend or neighbor who is serving overseas and would like to have a care package sent to them, forward his or her name and address to Ladies Auxiliary VFW member Helen Parke, c/o LAVFW, 1011 Corder Rd., Warner Robins GA 31088 -3741 or e-mail RE1328@WMConnect.com. If you have any questions, contact any Ladies Auxiliary VFW member.

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.

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 Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Mr. Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts leaders

Girl Scouts of Robins is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

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School open for student registration

Parents who are new to and reside on Robins 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. daily for registration. Parents can help the school system plan for the new school year by registering as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. School starts Aug. 6.

Kindergarten is an important part of the school program in the Robins School System. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for 4 year olds. To be eligible, a student must be 4 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 926-5003. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.

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Commander sends Independence Day message



By Gen. Greg Martin
Air Force Materiel Command commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – America's history is filled with men and women who took risks in the name of freedom.

Patrick Henry in defiance of British rule of the American colonies said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Nathan Hale, an American spy killed by the British during the Revolutionary War said, "I regret that I have but one life to give my country."

Freedom was forged through the efforts of many. The signers of the Declaration of Independence took a huge risk 228 years

ago by putting their names on that famous document, an act of treason punishable by hanging, according to British law.

Those visionaries believed in the principles of liberty, individual freedoms and human dignity, and since then, many soldiers, sailors, Marines and Airmen have risked and even sacrificed their lives for those principles. Some are still doing so today.

We, as Americans, and the men and women of the Air Force Materiel Command, must strive to ensure that the ideals of our forefathers are not lost. In supporting our warfighters, we support democracy.

Bringing democracy to a nation isn't easy, but once firmly in place it is tough to destroy. Democracy is an evolving balance between equality and freedom that reflects the will of the people. As we fight the war on terrorism, we are maintaining that balance to ensure individual freedoms worldwide.

The original Fourth of July marked the first time the people of this country looked beyond their differences to stand united in defense of freedom. Those early colonials didn't know where their ideals would take them, but they weren't willing to sacrifice their vision. Each year that we celebrate Independence Day is another year that we

celebrate hope and the perseverance of freedom.

As you celebrate this special time with your family and friends, enjoy the festivities and be proud that, thanks to you, America remains united, strong and prosperous.

To keep that status, keep safety in the forefronts of your minds regarding everything you do, and think about the risks so everyone comes home alive and unharmed. Preventable accidents have taken too many of our people this year; we don't need to lose more souls to thoughtlessness.

Happy Independence Day. May God bless you all and our great nation.

Secretary, chief send Independence Day message

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The following is an Independence Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

For the last 228 years our nation has been the beacon for peace, freedom and opportunity around the world. America earned that reputation through courageous acts of patriotism by our founding fathers and through bravery

on battlefields from Bunker Hill to Baghdad.

"On Sunday, we'll celebrate with family and friends the joys of peace and the blessings of freedom. As you celebrate, please remember those who paid the ultimate

price defending the values established by our forefathers in forging our great nation.

"This Independence Day is especially meaningful as we support the rebirth of Iraqi sovereignty and defend freedom far from home. Today,

Airmen are deployed all over the world, engaged on all fronts in the Global War on Terrorism, carrying freedom's torch. Please remember our deployed Airmen in your thoughts and prayers on the 4th of July.

"America looks to you as their representatives of pride, strength and perseverance in times of peace and war. We're proud of you and salute your great service. We wish you and your families a safe and happy 4th of July!"

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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Housing Office.....	926-3776

Need a storage area for RV parking

We have a motor home and when we arrived at Robins we could not obtain on-base housing, so we live off-base. Storage of our motor home has become a real problem because we are unable to locate adequate storage areas. Storage facilities in this area don't have space for large vehicles or you have to park on the grass, which is hard on tires. We were informed that the few storage areas that have gravel and are large enough that once we take our motor home out on a trip, there is a good chance that there will not be a spot available when we return. We were told by base housing that there is a storage area on this base but that only on-base residents could use this storage area. At my last two bases there was a storage area available that both on- and off-base personnel could use for a nominal fee. Robins is a huge base that has to have an empty parking lot or warehouse that could be used for this purpose. Could a storage area be created?

Commander's reply: We would like to begin by saying that we understand the problem. Prior to the Privatized Housing initiative, another recreational vehicle lot was available for housing residents but that lot is now available for residents of Huntington Village only. Because of this and the problem with not being able to park RVs in Family Housing the Services lot was turned over to housing to manage for housing and dormitory residents. Vehicle parking in housing is extremely tight and leaves no room for boats, motor homes, and other recreational vehicles. By supplying a storage lot for these RVs it

enabled us to reduce the traffic congestion and improve the safety for all children living in Family Housing. Because of the change in ownership the guidelines that govern operation of the RV lot forces non-residents to find storage in the local community. We are, however, talking to Services about alternative ways that we may be able to remedy this problem.

Designated boat ramp area congested

In the past I had inquired about getting a designated boat ramp and launch area at Scout Lake but had no response. The parking lot at Scout Lake has an area where everyone launches their boat, and there is no problem getting the boats in or out. The ground is hard, and there is no chance of getting your vehicle stuck. The problem is after you get your boat in the water people park their vehicle in the way, and you can't back down to get your boat out. These people park and then walk around the lake and are usually away from their vehicles for a long time. It's great they are using the lake area for family time, but it's a major problem for the boaters. Scout Lake is a valuable resource that needs to be more accessible for all. How about placing a sign to let people know how the parking procedures in the boat launch area. I would be willing to make the signs.

Commander's reply: I appreciate your interest to designate an area for a boat launch at Scout Lake. Your sound recommendation expedited a work order to the 78th Civil Engineer Pavement and Equipment section. Services is diligently working with CE to properly identify a launching area in addition to

posting appropriate signage. Thank you for your willingness to assist in this matter, and we hope you will enjoy boating at Scout Lake.

Thanks to Optometry Clinic staff

Several weeks ago, my wife scheduled us for eye exams with the 78th Medical Group Optometry Clinic. Today while we were checking in there turned out to be a mix up with scheduling, and my appointment had been bumped a day. I explained that I was not able to make it the following day and decided to reschedule. Staff Sgt. Robert Hammack told me not to worry that he would find a way to squeeze me in, and they would handle the whole situation. A doctor saw me today, and the whole experience was very pleasant. I would like to express my gratitude to the optometry clinic staff but especially to Sergeant Hammack for helping me out and making it seem effortless.

Commander's reply: I apologize for any customer's appointment being bumped and will do our best to prevent that from happening in the future. I also appreciate your understanding and patience as Sergeant Hammack scrambled to get you seen that same day. Our clinic staff prides itself in always trying to do the right thing and in this instance Sergeant Hammack and our optometrist did just that. It's always nice to get positive feedback about our staff and doubly nice when it comes after a mix up.

Remember to slow down

There have been

332

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.

July: 0 July 2003: 8 Year to date: 34* 2003: 63 As of Wednesday Number of days since last DUI: 1

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

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Base Fire Department offers fireworks safety tips

Base Fire Department

Although fireworks are illegal in Georgia and on Robins Air Force Base, many may be traveling to states this summer where they are legal.

If you happen to visit an area that authorizes the use of safe and sane fireworks, consider some of these safety tips to help safeguard you and your family.

■ Store fireworks safely in a cool, dry place. Check the instructions for special handling and storage requirements.

■ Never allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers that have been considered safe will burn at 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit – hot

enough to ignite clothing.

■ Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision, and under no circumstances should they be allowed to horseplay with any type of fireworks.

■ Always light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, buildings and grass areas. Never light fireworks around flammable materials.

■ Make sure everyone is out of the area before igniting fireworks.

■ Never try to re-light or handle a malfunctioning firework. Douse these fireworks with water and discard them.

■ Never light fireworks in a glass or metal container, shrap-

nel from these containers can cause serious injuries or even death.

■ Keep all unused fireworks away from the designated firing area.

■ Keep a bucket of water available for emergencies.

■ Never experiment, modify or attempt to make your own fireworks.

■ Never throw or toss fireworks at another person.

■ Don't wear loose clothing; it can very easily catch fire.

■ Only light fireworks one at a time.

■ Don't mix alcohol and drugs with fireworks, this presents an added danger that can cause serious consequences.

■ In case of an emergency make sure you know the

emergency reporting number in the area you are in (usually 911). If an accident does occur, don't delay medical attention even for seemingly mild injuries.

Remember, there is no

safe way to play with fireworks. The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is at a professionally run public display.

The use and storage of fireworks is strictly prohibit-

ed on base unless prior approval has been obtained in writing from the 78th Air Base Wing Commander.

If you have any questions, call the Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

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Fill'er UP



The 78th Fuels Management Flight manages aircraft fuel



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Top, Staff Sgt. Rasheena Grayson, resource center controller, takes and dispatches an order for fuel in the resource control center. Above, Airman 1st Class David Brown pulls a hose off a truck for inspection.

By Lanorris Askew

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A 30-minute-or-less response time may conjure up thoughts of your latest pizza delivery, but not for the 64 members of the 78th Fuels Management Flight.

When a gas guzzling KC-135 needs fuel, the petroleum, oils and lubricants, or POL, troops are ready. While the required Air Force response time is 30 minutes or less, here, they average 11 minutes - less than half that time.

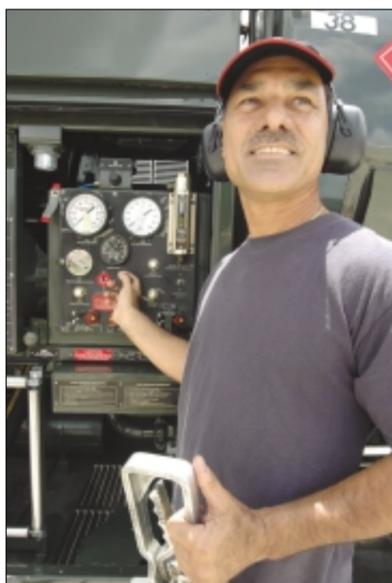
Aircraft aren't on a set refueling schedule, so delivery drivers must stand at the ready to be dispatched quickly when a call comes in.

Those requests come in through the fuels control center, the central point from which fuels operations are carried out 24-hours-a-day.

A computer system called the Fuels Automated System, or FAS, monitors all transactions and the whereabouts of the center's equipment and people.

When a call comes in, the operator on duty checks the computer to see what truck is available, logs it and calls for a driver.

Simply stated their job is to receive, issue, store and account for fuels in a safe and efficient manner. That's where the simple part ends. Twenty-four-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron ensures support vehi-



Robert Suarez refuels an aircraft using one of the flight's fuel trucks.

cles and equipment are fueled and ready to go.

According to Master Sgt. Joseph Little, operations superintendent, the flight services items as large as the C-5 and as small as the common forklift.

The 78th LRS is responsible for fueling transit and depot aircraft as well as the 19th Air Refueling Group's aircraft and all ground support vehicles and equipment

According to Evelyn Mathis, fuels information service center superintendent, they're also the second source for all heating fuel preceded by natural gas.

Their fuel doesn't magically appear out of thin air, it comes onto the installation in one of two ways.

"Aviation fuel is received through a pipeline from a refinery in Louisiana," said Mrs. Mathis.

Once here, the fuel is stored in tanks, each holding more than a million gallons. The fuel is then dispersed through the service station, aviation trucks, hydrant systems and ground fuel trucks - depending on the equipment needing fuel.

The second way fuel reaches Robins is by tanker trucks. All ground fuel - including unleaded and diesel - is delivered that way.

An automated tank-gauging system provides fingertip access to each fuel tank's available inventory, temperature and total capacity.

This high-tech computer system replaced manual gauging which involved two people climbing to the top of the fuel tanks and lowering a tape and bob inside to measure the fuel.

According to Willie Harris, fuels management flight chief, a mobile refueling vehicle inspection is done daily.

Called check point operations, the inspection ensures all vehicles are mission capable from windshield wipers to tires. "All aircraft refueling equipment must

also be sampled weekly to ensure we're issuing clean, dry fuel," he said. "Our main objective is to issue safe products."

To keep it safe, the fuels support element makes sure everyone is certified before they ever pump a single gallon.

In addition, Tech. Sgt. Tim Craft, non-commissioned officer in charge of compliance, performs daily operational and safety spot checks and semi-annual evaluations of each element's operational compliance.

Leading the flight's endeavors to improve the environment is James Pettis, fuels environmental coordinator.

He led efforts to establish a petroleum replacement strategy which includes infrastructure modifications to facilitate the use of alternative fuels.

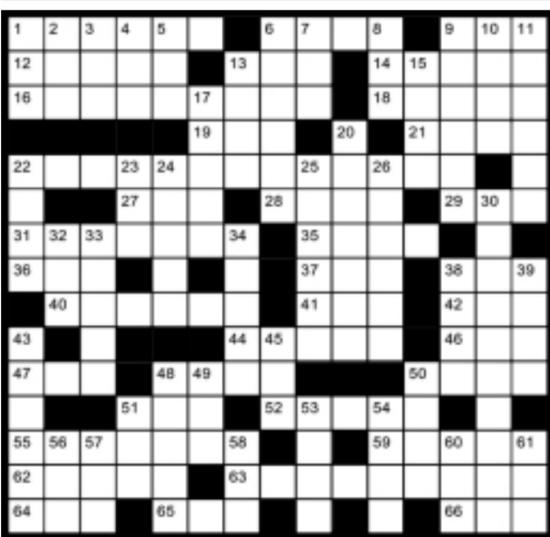
The flight currently manages compressed natural gas, bio-diesel and has submitted a military construction project to install an ethanol storage-and-issue system.

Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Jones, fuels flight manager, said during the last five years the 78th Fuels Management Flight has secured more than \$3.2 million in funding from the Defense Energy Support Center for environmental and infrastructure improvement projects at Robins.

They may be spread out from one end of the base to the other, but they're all tied together by the mutual goal of excellence and safety.

After all, as Mr. Harris said, "A pilot without fuels is a pedestrian."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



American Independence

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. American Revolution hero, 5th president
6. Assist, as in criminals
9. Pie ___ mode
12. Actress Dunn of My Favorite Wife
13. Arid
14. Tall-growing, annual vegetables
16. Faintheartedness
18. Treaty of ___ ended American Revolution
19. Dine
21. Point Break actress Petty
22. Group organized against British rule
27. Summer drink
28. Navy ship attacked in Yemen: USS ___
29. Possess
31. Site of "shot heard 'round the world"
35. Rescue
36. "Path of virtuous conduct" to Confucians
37. Italian three
38. Handles special security needs (acronym)
40. Cause
41. Possessive form of we
42. Unit of resistance
44. Common ___; essay by Thomas Paine
46. 52 in old Rome
47. Greek goddess of the dawn
48. Away from the wind, nautically speaking
50. Bluster
51. Football scores
52. Relaxed
55. Goes back over
59. Italian food mainstay
62. Shine
63. Lead writer of the Declaration
64. Santa helper
65. Body of water
66. Tolkien character

DOWN

1. What Eisenhower warned against (abbrev.)
2. Rio de ___, region in

3. Unused
4. Basic cell material, briefly
5. Army equivalent of officer performance report
6. Region of the North Pole
7. Farewell
8. Uppermost
9. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-___
10. Den
11. With funds, to apportion
13. Knob
15. German cold?
17. Delay
20. European country near Russia, Poland
22. Cult
23. Vesicle
24. Scents
25. Site of Bunker Hill battlefield
26. Midnight rider who warned of British invasion
30. Revolutionary general in charge of all forces
32. Paddle
33. Christmas songs
34. Thick
38. Cola
39. Forget
43. King ___ III during American Revolution
45. Snake-like fish
48. His agitations spurred
51. DOWN
49. Hallucinogenic drug
50. Type of admiral
51. British import dumped into sea
53. Galoots
54. Raced
56. Former measure of about 45 inches
57. Ump
58. Air Force legal advisor, briefly
60. Compass direction
61. Picnic crasher

For puzzle solution, see July 9 edition of the Rev-Up

Base Chapel revival begins Thursday

The Base Chapel will host a revival Thursday through July 10, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the Base community. The schedule:

THURSDAY

Speaker: Chaplain (Cmdr.) Brenda Bradley-Davila is the Recruiter for Commander Navy Recruiting Command, Region South, Warner

Robins.

Music: William Brown and Robins Gospel Experience

FRIDAY

Speaker: Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joshua Payne is currently the pastor to children and families at Brainerd Hills Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Music: Dwayne and April

Boswell

SATURDAY

Speaker: Chaplain (Col.) Nathaniel Crawford Jr. is the Command Chaplain, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Music: Faith Outreach Christian Life Center

— From staff reports



Chaplain, (Col.) Nathaniel Crawford Jr.

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.

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs.

The next Federal Job class will be Thursday, 9-11 a.m., Building 905, Room 246.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop will be July 12-14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., each day, Smith Community Center Ballroom.

Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: Job Search Skills, Resume and Cover Letters, Interviewing Skills, Career Planning, Veterans Benefits, Disabled Veterans Issues, and much more.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and find you can not attend, contact the FSC to cancel your reservation — there is a waiting list.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors July 12, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communi-

cate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his/her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be July 14, 8:30 a.m. - noon., in Building 905, Room 159.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It provides information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

Resume writing class

The FSC will conduct a Federal Resume Writing class July 15, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

The class is aimed at helping military personnel prepare a better document to meet the specific and unique requirements when applying for federal employment.

Advanced registration is required.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

Private pilot ground school registration will be held today - July 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Payment of \$540 is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, about six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. One hundred percent tuition is available to active duty members upon completion. For more information, call 926-4867.

Child Development Centers East & West

The Child Development Center has immediate openings for limited number of children, ages 6 weeks - 6 months and 12 - 24 months. Child care fees are determined by total family income and cover 50 hours of care per child per week.

These National Association for Education of Young Children accredited centers are open Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

To register, go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the child care registration form, or visit the Family Child Care office, second floor of Building 767, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. To determine child care fees, parents must bring their leave and earning

statements to either center, buildings 943 or 946, Tenth Street.

For more information, call Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741.

Club Membership

The Air Force Club membership scholarship program is underway. Club members and their families can apply for the Air Force Services eighth annual club membership scholarship program. Six scholarships will be awarded: First prize is \$6,000; Second prize is \$5,500; third prize is \$4,500; fourth prize is \$3,500; fifth prize is \$3,000; and sixth prize is \$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 more information, call Sherry Trauth at 926-5492.

ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel will be closed July 13 to install a new computer program.

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.

Library

The base library will be closed July 12 - 23 for installation of new carpet and wall covering. The library will reopen July 24.

Smith Community Center

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held Aug. 7, 4 - 9 p.m., at Robins Park. Activities will include games, rides, entertainment and chance to win prizes.

Youth Center

Kids can 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 previously enrolled students, and July 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for new students. Register at the youth center, Building 1021.

Puzzle solution for June 25



CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

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

Friday

7:30 p.m. — Troy — Brad Pitt and Eric Bana



Set an ancient Greece, Paris the Prince of Troy, begins an affair with Helen, the Queen of Sparta. King Menelaus takes this as a terrible insult, both to him and his brother, Agamemnon, King of the Mycenaeans. Agamemnon unites the populations of Greece to bring Helen back to Troy.

Rated R (violence, language and sexuality) 163 minutes

Saturday

7:30 p.m. — Godsend — Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos

Following the death of their 8-year-old son, Jessie and Paul are befriended by a doctor on the forefront of stem cell research about bringing him back to life through an experimental and illegal cloning process. The experiment is successful and Adam grows into a healthy and happy young boy until his 8th birthday.

Rated PG-13 (violence including frightening images, some sexuality and some thematic material) 102 minutes



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Kids' Day is July 18. Children 15 years old and younger bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Two for Tuesdays are here. Two people bowl for the price of one from 1 - 5 p.m.

Take advantage of three games and shoe rental for \$4.50 on Thursdays in July.

It's time to get punched and get rewards with the Bowl for the Stars and Strikes. Pick up a three-level punch card and start earning rewards. Bowlers have a chance to win the Yankee Doodle bowling ball in July. For more information, call 926-2112.

Fitness Center

Mission Fitness 2004 Sports Day culminates July 9 with the following activities: one pitch softball at 8 a.m.; bowling at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; pat, paddle, pat relay and tennis at 9 a.m.; sand volleyball and swimming events at 10 a.m.; 3-on-3 basketball at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; one-mile run at 11 a.m.; Bed Race at 11:30 a.m.; skeet shooting at noon; racquetball at 1 and 3 p.m.; and tug-of-war at 2 p.m. Individuals must sign-up through their appointed unit sports representative. For more information, call 926-2128.

The basketball court at the Fitness Center will be closed July 15 - 19 for repainting. The basketball court in the Health and Wellness Center will be closed from July 31 - Aug. 13 to put in a new wood floor.

Enjoy free water aerobic classes with "Splashing with the Oldies" on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 - 9:45 a.m.; "Aqua Fusion" on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 - 2:45 p.m.; and "Aquacise" on Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5 p.m. For more information, call Jackline Baker at 926-2128.

Golf Course

A junior golf academy will be held July 12 - 17. Cost is \$50 per person and includes four days of instruction.



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From left to right, John Urritia, Beau Sullivan, A.J. Pitchford, Kevin Huggler and Belinda Sherwood (steering the bed) competed in the bed race last year. This year's bed race and Sports Day is set for July 9.

Class schedule is the following: 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. for ages 7 - 9; 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. for ages 10 - 12; 4 - 5:15 p.m. for ages 13 and older.

A civilian recreation golf tournament will be held July 17 with a 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$40 for annual green fee players and \$55 for guests, which includes breakfast, lunch, drinks on the course, green fees, golf car and prizes. Sign up as a single or twosome and be paired up with another single or twosome. For more information, call 926-4103.

Golf tournament

The Contracting Directorate golf tournament will be Aug. 9 at Waterford Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. 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.

Outdoor Recreation

Base pools are free of charge to people with a valid base ID or pool pass. For more information, go to www.robins.af.mil/services.

Swim lesson registration is underway at equipment rental, Building 914. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. Classes will be held July 6 - 16 and July 20 - 30. Cost for "Mommy & Me" toddler class (ages 2 - 3) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4-13) the cost is \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration.

Smith Community Center

The fifth annual Bed Race will be July 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.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's Choice" trophy. For complete details or to enter a team, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Youth Center

Youth fall sports registration will be held July 10 - 17 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, fall soccer and in-line hockey. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Prices vary from \$60 - \$75. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Building 1021.

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All in a day's work



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Jake Bradshaw – computer specialist 78th Civil Engineering Group, resources division

“We take care of Civil Engineering computer users – from their set-up and as long as they have a computer. People call our help desk line with their problems and we fix it.

It's pretty busy. If we're not handling a problem, we're always getting in new computers that we have to swap out to upgrade with new technology. You have to keep up with the cutting

edge of technology to maintain a modern Air Force.

I love my job. I like computers. I'm also a talker, just a country boy, so I enjoy meeting all the different people I get to see. I like that I can help them with their problems.

It's my way of supporting the military. I'm not in Iraq, but I can support them by doing my job.”

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