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Investigation continues in Robins deaths



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, left, briefs the media at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. Col. John Lent, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, right, also spoke to the media.

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The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is continuing its inquiry into the deaths of Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek of the 5th Combat Communications Group and his wife Jamie, who were found dead at their base housing residence early Monday morning.

Another Airman, whose name is being withheld due to privacy issues, was found injured in a separate location in base housing and was transported to the Houston Medical Center where he is in stable condition.

A fourth Airman, also stationed here, was apprehended on base Monday evening by Air Force OSI personnel and

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is being held in pre-trial confinement at the Houston County jail until charges are preferred. His name is being withheld until he is formally charged in accordance with Air Force policy.

Few details have been released regarding the incident and its ongoing investigation.

The Office of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology performed the autopsies Tuesday at Houston Medical Center.

"As a matter of policy in order to uphold the integrity of our investigations we're unable to give any comment on the ongoing investigation," said 2nd Lt. Devin Robinson, Air Force Office of Special Investigations' Public Affairs internal information officer.

During a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said the Robins community is extremely saddened by the events.

"Two members of our family are dead, and one is injured," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends and co-workers of these victims."

The installation commander said he

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Geobase maps critical base information

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The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron has given a whole new meaning to the term "big picture" with a new geographic information system that's putting every square inch of Robins on the map - literally.

According to Ron Jones, 78th CEG systems administrator, the premise behind the system called Geobase is that for each installation there will be one map. That one map will capture various types of data such as utilities and other base facility information and roll it into one central database per installation.

"Geobase is basically maps plus data to go with the map," he said. "If you click on a utility line you can see when it was put down, the type of material it's made from and its exact location. We've implemented Geobase here, and the next step is making it available to all network users without the need for special software."

Mr. Jones said with just the Robins Web browser building managers will be able to access the system and find out any needed information about their buildings such as work order progress.

"We finally have a system in place where data is extracted from the field into the Geobase and a commander can look at it the same day," said Josh Eller, Geobase manager. "We're going to deploy it base-wide, and anybody can have access to it for analysis. It will be user-friendly, and gives a good look at what's out there and what's being done."

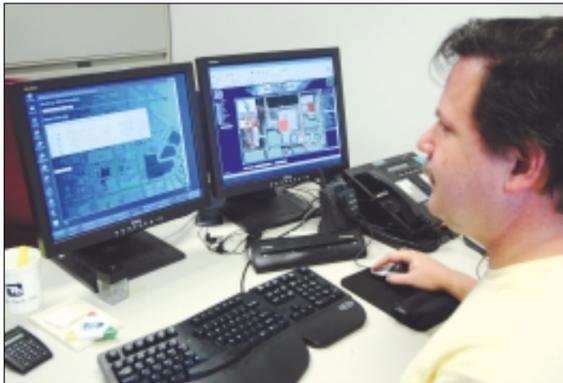
The idea of "one map, one installation" means everyone is looking at the same data. Though on the horizon for three years, it has seen significant strides in the last year with the availability of infrastructure, equipment and software to port it out to others so they can view it.

Master Sgt. James Phillips, chief of production control, is excited about the possibilities of the new program's enhanced customer service capabilities.

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Top, Senior Airman Riaz Khan, engineering technician with the 78th Engineering Group, uses a Trimble 5800, GPS surveyor equipment, on a site on base. Above, Ron Jones, assistance administrator with the 78th Engineering Group, works on the Geobase Web site that is planned to be accessible base-wide.

What to know

The Geobase system pulls information from various databases into one for easier access to information. The 78th CES will run Geobase. For more information on when Geobase will be fielded, contact Capt. Kenneth Herndon, base Geobase Information Officer, at 926-5820 ext. 112.

Concern Center opens doors to community

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A Concern Center was activated at Robins following the tragic events that unfolded earlier this week. The center, manned by members of the Robins Critical Incident Stress Management Team, was established to reach out to those in need.

The CISM team, composed of Robins' helping agencies, pulls together knowledge and other resources for those who may need counseling services or other support. The team stood up the Concern Center on Monday in a base housing unit and allowed people to walk in and share their thoughts. A hotline was also activated for those who wanted to call in.

"The immediate function is to help our people in their crisis feelings," said Chaplain Thomas Fey, Catholic chaplain. "To help them deal with their feelings right now and to, if need be, stabilize them or calm them down. We want to give them immediate support and if long-term care or help is needed, to work toward that."

Maj. Kimberly Smith, behavioral health flight commander, said the team consists of representatives from the life skills support center, the medical clinic, base chapel, the family support center and Services.

"The chapel and life skills personnel are also available for people who are having more



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
A unit in base housing was set up to support those dealing with this week's tragic events.

What to know

To get help dealing with any emotional issues due to the recent event or other issues contact the Chaplains at 926-2821 or Life Skills at 327-8398.

severe symptoms and need more immediate care," she said.

Maj. Beth Zeiger, organizational health center director, said CISM representatives also attended unit meetings to provide support there. She said the Concern Center was only activated for a short time to meet immediate needs, and though no long term plans have been made, she hopes there will be town hall meetings to offer help on a larger scale.

"The most important thing to do in a tragic situation like this is to comfort each other and support each other as family because the Air Force is a family," said Chaplain Fey. "We need to reach out to others and be supportive and helpful of one another."

78th ABW change of command



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Col. Greg Patterson speaks after assuming command of the 78th Air Base Wing July 2. Colonel Patterson comes from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he served as the commander of the 12th Mission Support Group.

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Chaplain assistants help Airmen weather life's spiritual, emotional storms

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What to know

Chaplain assistants are visual reminders of the holy in the midst of life's ups and downs.

The **BIG** picture

Seven chaplain assistants serve as the eyes and ears of the four chaplains of varying religious belief on staff at the Base Chapel, interacting with Airmen

to get a feel for their spiritual and emotional needs.

Staff Sgt. Braderick Adams, non-commissioned officer in charge and chaplain assistant at the Base Chapel, said being an enlisted member helps him break down the walls with others and get people the help they need.

The Base Chapel has four chaplains and seven chaplain assistants on staff to nurture Airmen's emotional and spiritual well being. Base Chapel staff are on duty 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information, call 926-2821 or visit the Base Chapel in Building 769.

"A lot of people don't feel comfortable talking to a chaplain because of the difference in rank or because they think they're unapproachable," he said. "When they see young enlisted Airmen, they feel more at ease to talk

to them. We don't have privileged communication like the chaplains do; but we can go places and see where there's a need for chaplains and bring those needs back to the chaplains so they can make sure the people are OK."

Whether Airmen are going through the motions of day-to-day life activities or in the depths of emotional despair and crisis, chaplain assistants may not always be seen, but they're never far away.

Senior Airman Shaleada Wells, chaplain assistant at Robins since 2001, attended a commander's call concerning the recent deaths on base, to read people's reactions to the news and get those who need emotional support the help they need.

"We're there so we can observe

people and see how they're taking it," she said. "The chaplain is only one person. Since he can't be everywhere at one time, we try to talk to as many people as we can and try to get a feel for their stress and how they're handling it. It's our job to let the chaplains know who needs more help dealing with it."

While chaplain assistants are not counselors, Sergeant Adams, who has served in the chaplain field for four years, said he and others are trained to find people who are hurting in their circumstances and help ease their pain.

"We're trained to actually sit down – not to find out what the problem is – but to try to comfort them," he said. "We might talk to them about sports, new movies or anything else that will

calm them down, so that when they do see a chaplain, maybe they won't be as upset. It gets their minds off of the problem and a lot of times, that's what people need." Airman Wells calls it "spiritual triage."

Long hours of helping people bear the burdens of life may be unappealing and too heavy for some, but chaplain assistants like Airman Wells, a 28-year-old wife and mother, welcome the opportunity to cry with fellow Airmen and base employees in need.

"It gives me great job satisfaction knowing that I've helped someone," she said. "I'm a warm-hearted person and I'll cry with them. It's unfortunate that it's times like these when our job really shines, but it gives me a good feeling to know I'm there and available for people if they need me."



Photo courtesy of Schliepsiek and Bielenberg families

A private memorial service is being held today at 2 p.m. at the Base Chapel for Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek of the 5th Combat Communications Group and his wife Jamie.

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is extremely proud of the work Robins has done and is currently doing with this case.

"The Air Force Office of Special Investigations along with the Security Forces and the FBI did a tremendous job yesterday," he said. "With someone now in custody, and the investigation securely underway, our focus in the wing has now shifted to the support functions in place here at Robins to address the grief throughout our community. Our crisis intervention support management team has been stood-up to assist family members, neighbors and fellow members in the 5th Combat Communications Group."

"Although I've been the commander of the 5th Combat Communications Group for only a short period of time, I am very proud of my organization," said Col. John Lent, 5th CCG commander, who took over the organization last month.

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Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

"They are dedicated professionals and quality people. Andrew Schliepsiek was no exception he was an outstanding troop and a natural leader. He and his wife Jaime will be sadly missed."

Airman Schliepsiek, a native of Peoria, Ill., had been assigned to the 54th Combat Communications Squadron for three years as a ground radar maintenance technician.

Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, Center deputy staff judge advocate, said the pre-trial confinement of a suspect occurs when there is probable cause the individual has committed a serious crime.

"If we have probable cause to believe someone has com-

mitted a serious offense such as the kinds of offenses we're talking about, there is the chance that person can be put into pre-trial confinement before they are formally charged," he said.

Colonel Strickland said this is only the case when probable cause exists that the person committed the offense and the offense is serious enough to justify that person being held pending a future trial.

"Later on after the case has been investigated and we are more clear on what the evidence is and what the charges should be, then the suspect will be formally charged," said the deputy.

Colonel Strickland added that the suspect is put on "full notice" of what he is suspected of and of his rights which include counsel free of charge if he can not afford one.

"He gets all of the same rights that everyone else gets," he said.

The AF OSI has jurisdiction over the current case, but Colonel Patterson said they will bring in any help needed to ensure the case is handled thoroughly. The cause of death is still under investigation.

Editor's note: At press time, charges had not been preferred against the suspect in pre-trial confinement.

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"As customer service, we get the calls from customers with questions, and sometimes we need that big picture view to be able to answer them," he said. "We're only as knowledgeable as what we can touch and see. By giving us all of this information, we're better able to help the customer."

The sergeant said Geobase will give a large, quick access overall snapshot of projects going on without having to access different systems located in different buildings.

"Instead of going to multiple databases and calling shops, offices and branches to get information for customers, this will be a great tool because we can see what

Geobase: From the field to the map

To get new data onto the map, Civil Engineers use a handheld device similar to a Personal Digital Assistant with a GPS locator built-in to record the exact position of new projects such as utility lines.

When the civil engineers return to the office they upload the information into the system and it updates the map.

Even information not tied to the GIS system like the work order system – a text-based system with no map information associated with it – will be able to be accessed.

"With Geobase you can find a building on the map, click on it, run a query to the database and get all info associated with the building," said Ron Jones, 78th CEG systems

contracts, utility systems, and work orders are out," he said. "We can then relay that info to our customers serving as a good management tool for us."

Soon that snapshot will

administrator. "I set it up so you can click on building and get all of the work orders in the building or a list of building managers, fire inspection information, contract projects and even track energy usage."

The 22-year civil engineer veteran said the Geobase team has been working for a year since the initial contractor support that let them get the initial software going, and have invested in in-house training to have add-on capabilities when needed.

"It's real exciting because we've wanted to do this sort of thing for many years," said Mr. Jones.

– Lanorris Askew

also be available to anyone with Robins' Web access.

Building managers will have access to view their buildings and see the status of work going on at the click of a button.

"The browser gets you into the map info and presents it in a user-friendly way so you don't have to know a lot of technical terminology, you just point click and zoom," said Mr. Jones.



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Senior Airman Jessica Klootz, engineering technician with the 78th Engineering Group, checks out an area of Robins using Geobase.

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Black Knights safety fair set for Monday at Lake Tobesofkee

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The 19th Air Refueling Group and 78th Services Squadron are teaming up to show Black Knights that learning about safety can be fun.

The 19th ARG Safety Fair, to be held Monday at Lake Tobesofkee's Sandy Beach, is an annual event that gives servicemembers and their families

a break from life's everyday hassles while learning ways to protect themselves on and off duty.

"It's one thing to sit people in an auditorium and tell them about safety, but it's quite another thing to take them out in a fun atmosphere and give them hands-on ways to learn about safety," said Capt. John Kruczynski, flight safety officer for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron. "With all the activi-

ties going on off the job during the summer, our main emphasis is to teach people how to stay safe off the job so they can be healthy enough to do the mission on the job."

The day-long fair will offer a host of safety exhibits, free food and demonstrations by local companies and agencies.

Captain Kruczynski said as the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is well

underway, servicemembers and their families are encouraged to attend the free event and take advantage of what the day has to offer.

"Safety isn't just a concern for the servicemembers," the captain said. "It's for the whole family. It's just as important for family members to put safety first as it is for servicemembers. Safety is everyone's concern." Tech. Sgt. Jerome Hopkins,

ground scheduler for the 19th Operation Support Squadron, who brought his 14-year-old daughter to last year's event, said he looks forward to having a good time with everyone at the lake.

"It was a blast last year," he said. "My daughter got to play in the water, and we had lots of food. I plan to bring my fishing pole and do some fishing this year."

What to know

For more information on the 19th Air Refueling Group Safety Fair, contact the 19th ARG Safety Office at 327-2584 or visit the 19th ARG Safety Office in Building 2079.

Smart moves

Programs can help make PCS moves a positive experience

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Helpful numbers

Moving is a part of military life – but pulling up your grassroots for a permanent change of station doesn't mean you have to pull your hair out by its roots.

This year the Family Support Center, along with other base agencies, provided information to more than 1,000 Airmen about the many ways Robins helps them when it comes time to move.

Leawanna Abernathy, community readiness technician at the FSC, said although life can get hectic during a PCS, her office is here to help clear up any confusion.

"I always tell people 'when in doubt, go to the Family Support Center,'" she said. "We may not have it directly under our control, but we know how to guide you to the correct agencies to get what you need."

Dan Wells, lead community readiness consultant for the FSC, agreed.

"We all know that PCSing is a stressful time for everyone," he said. "Knowing what agencies provide will definitely make any transition a lot easier and hopefully, less stressful."

Mrs. Abernathy, a former active duty Air Force servicemember, and others on staff

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Military Personnel Flight Outbound Assignment, Building 905, 327-7346

Military Personnel Flight Assignment Office, Building 905, 327-7340

Travel Pay, Building 301 East Wing, 926-4022

Finance, Building 301 East Wing Suite F-2, 926-3777

who have lived the military life in one form or another said they consider themselves to be a resource for those who find themselves calling Robins their new home.

"There are many of us who have been active duty (servicemembers) or married to an active duty spouse," she said. "We can give a personal touch to your move because we care."

From helping families manage PCS stress better through FSC workshops like "Smooth Move" and "Jr. Smooth Move" to tips on ensuring your household goods safely find their way home, this is the first in a series of articles dedicated to making PCS more manageable.

In the coming issues the Rev-Up will highlight base programs and helpful advice from those who have lived through a permanent change of station to help you make your next PCS a "smart move."

Individual political expression must be contemplated

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Breaking the rules of political expression as a military or civil service employee at Robins could send you on a 30-day unpaid vacation – a penalty Mike Shutter said could be easily avoided.

Mr. Shutter, Civil Law Division chief for the Center's Legal Office, said people are welcome to exercise their political expressions, but there are rules that govern how and where that expression is allowed.

"They're certainly free to express their beliefs on who they think is the best candidate – but they need to do it off

base," he said. "Politics is the kind of thing that can cause friction in the work place. Nobody wants to go into his or her supervisor's office and basically get told by symbols or whatever that say 'here are the best candidates, or this is what you should be doing.' That kind of thing should stay at the dinner table."

The Hatch Act, legislation that outlines political activity guidelines of political expression for civil service employees and military members in federal buildings, military installations, as well as the local community, is enforced by the Office of Special Counsel in Washington D.C.

Not all election rules, how-

ever, are equally applicable among military ranks.

According to Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, deputy staff judge advocate for the Center's Legal Office, military officers are not allowed to serve on non-partisan school boards in an effort to further separate them from partisan politics.

If individuals choose to ignore guidelines determined in Air Force Instruction 51-902 and the Hatch Act, Mr. Shutter said they will suffer the conse-

quences of their actions.

"The Office of Government Ethics and Special Counsel are charged with administering enforcement of the Hatch Act," he said. "So, when we get an alleged violation, we call them in. Punishment for military members is left to the discretion of their commanders, but for civil service employees, it's an automatic 30-day suspension without pay on the first offense. The rules are the rules – and we all have to abide by them."

What to know

Civil service and military members may do the following off base:

- Serve as candidates in non-partisan elections
- Register and vote as they choose
- Assist in voter registration drives
- Express opinions about candidates and issues
- Contribute money to political organizations
- Attend political fundraising functions, rallies and meetings
- Become an active political party or club member
- Sign nominating petitions and campaign for or against partisan election candidates, referendum questions, municipal ordinances and constitutional amendments
- Make campaign speeches for partisan election candidates or distribute related campaign literature
- Hold office in political clubs and parties
- Display small bumper stickers on personally owned vehicles

Air Force members may not:

- Participate in partisan political management campaigns or conventions
- Speak before a partisan political gathering (in or out of uniform)
- March or ride in partisan political parades or participate in any organized effort to transport voters to the polls, if the effort is associated with a partisan party or candidate
- Make campaign contributions to partisan political candidates
- Display large political poster or sign on a personally owned vehicle on or off base

Civilian employees may not:

- Use their official authority to interfere with an election
- Collect political contributions, unless both individuals are from the same federal labor or employee organization, and the solicited member is not a subordinate employee
- Knowingly solicit or discourage political activity of any person who has business with the agency
- Engage in any political activity in any government office, while wearing an official uniform or using a government vehicle
- Solicit political contributions from the general public
- Become a candidate for public office in a partisan election
- Wear political buttons on duty or place large signs, banners or posters on privately owned vehicles while on base.

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ASMC luncheon

American Society of Military Comptrollers Middle Georgia Chapter luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club. Cost is \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members. The speaker will be William Griggers from Nichols Cauley Financial Services. He will discuss asset allocation. Tickets may be purchased from Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Amy Galeazzo at 472-0381 and Betty Enge at 926-5485.

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. Thursday 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.

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell July 16 at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club ballroom. Wine and cheese vendors as well as a jazz ensemble will be on hand following the program. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kenny Hamlett at 926-6847 or kenny.hamlett@robins.af.mil.

MPF service

The Military Personnel Flight will be at minimal manning July 16, due to the 78th Mission Support

Squadron change of command ceremony.

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.

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. 16.

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 cur-

rent 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.

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 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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Small businesses foster strength through diversity

By Jim Lovett

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In the aftermath of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our country, Americans came together and rallied around the president as we have done during other critical periods throughout our history.

Although we are a diverse society with differing view points, that has not prevented us from uniting in the face of adversity or when confronted with challenges to our way of life. The strength of our nation arises from the diversity of our people.

As they have so many times before, America's small businesses rolled up their sleeves and lent their support to our military missions. I'd like to share a few examples of their commitment to recent operations in the War on Terror.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Management Directorate obtained outstanding support from small businesses in Middle

Georgia. Putting in long hours and reprioritizing work schedules, these firms worked diligently with suppliers to expedite deliveries and meet surge requirements. In so doing, each delivered assets ahead of schedule to the war fighter.

Stone Machine & Tool, an 8(a) certified, woman-owned, historically underutilized business located in Jeffersonville, Ga., cut the normal 60-day delivery for a nose dolly mod to 10 days, and delivered a contour board in just four days when the normal lead time was 45.

Likewise, Bryant's Machine Shop, a service-disabled veteran-owned firm from Unadilla, Ga., All Axis Machine & Tool from Hawkinsville, Ga., Greene Machine & Manufacturing from Macon, and SUJAC Sewing Contractors, a veteran-owned firm from Moultrie, Ga., put in many hours locating and ordering parts and material to build or repair assets.

Each firm dramatically reduced normal lead times: Bryant's delivered a filter assembly in one day as

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opposed to 45 days; All Axis delivered a main landing gear lock in three days compared to 45 days; Greene Machine provided a bleed fill kit in seven days as opposed to 60 days; and SUJAC Sewing delivered fuselage covers in 25 days compared to the normal 60 days.

These firms understood the importance of the U-2 mission and approached these requirements with enthusiasm and pride.

Small business support for Operation Iraqi Freedom also came from firms outside of

Georgia. As operations commenced, a problem with the grease fittings for a gun feed system, known as the Linear Linkless Ammunition Feed System, or LLAFS, on an F-15E aircraft at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, was discovered.

As part of a larger assembly called a universal joint, these fittings were not designed to be repaired or replaced individually. When the Defense Logistics Agency advised they had no universal joints in stock, it appeared an additional one would have to be made and

delivered to correct the problem. However, before this could happen, another occurrence of this problem prompted a fleet inspection wherein it was learned that every F-15E in the wing had bad grease fittings on the LLAFS shafts.

Instead of replacing the entire universal joint, at a price tag of \$2,400 each, a means for replacing the grease fittings, costing just 50 cents each, was needed in order to get the fighter wing back in the air. A small business called Curtis Universal Joint Company from Springfield, Mass., was contacted to get the fitting numbers and replacement instructions. Recognizing the importance of the LLAFS to the war effort, Curtis provided engineering assistance and shipped enough fittings overnight, without any charge to the government, to render the downed LLAFS operational.

Small businesses continue to be our economic lifeblood. These firms, inclusive of woman-owned, African American, Hispanic American, Asian American,

and other minority groups, are representative of our diverse culture, and we witness daily their tremendous support of our national defense. It's important we continue to maintain opportunities for these firms to provide this valuable support to our nation.

As President George W. Bush stated in his address to Congress following the 9-11 attacks, "The advance of human freedom – the great achievement of our time, and the great hope of every time – now depends on us. Our nation – this generation – will lift a dark threat of violence from our people and our future. We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

In America, the advance of economic opportunity for our diverse society is an important part of our advance of human freedom. In recognizing this, we promote our own unity and strength as a nation, united to protect our democracy against those who threaten it. Our strength is our diversity.

Commander's Action Line



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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.

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Suggestions to relieve parking problems

You probably get lots of complaints about the parking problems issue. I have worked in several different buildings, and there has always been a lack of parking for working class people. If you drive around the base you will notice reserve parking spaces for up to 15 people in every directorate. Plus, based on the number of handicapped spaces, at least a third of our work force is handicapped in some way. I am blessed to be able to walk, and most of the time I enjoy it. However, when it takes longer to find a parking place than it does to drive from home to the base to come to work, something is wrong with this picture. The demand is obviously greater than the supply.

I have a suggestion: build a double deck parking deck and charge an annual fee for parking. This is done in D.C. It works great. Maybe even if we can't build it a private company could build it. What a partnership.

Charge contractors who work on base an additional fee to offset building parking lots.

Another idea: reward carpoolers. Give them the up front reserved parking spaces; that would free up several spaces per car pool. Review the parking situation. It's out of control. Robins is a great place to work, but a lousy place to park.

Commander's reply: We appreciate your input and concern for parking at Robins. Regarding the issue of too many reserved parking spaces among individual organizations - the current parking instruction outlines each organization's initial quota of two reserved parking spaces. Any reserved spaces above that are requested through the installation commander or a designated representative, who in our case is the 78th Air Base Wing vice commander. The suggestion to provide reserved parking for carpoolers is valid and will be evaluated by the Traffic Safety Coordinating Group. At this time, proper enforcement is a concern. A parking garage may be a valid idea, but would fall into the military construction class of work (line item funded by Congress) and, given other Center, Command and Air Force priorities, simply would not compete. Engaging a private company to front the capital investment and then recoup through parking fees probably is not economically feasible. It's our obligation as the employer to provide parking. In an attempt to provide more parking for personnel who work in the vicinity of buildings 300 and 301, we are constructing two new parking lots - construction is already underway on the first of these and began this week for the second lot. This new construction will increase parking capacity by about 450 spaces. Also, civil engineering maintains a five-year plan of parking lot construction that guides our investments in this area. Again, thanks for your input and concern.

How about a crosswalk by the CDC?

I am an Air Force spouse, and the mother of a 2-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter. I am extremely concerned about the lack of crosswalks in front of the child care facilities on base. Our family is currently staying in the temporary lodging facility on base and I often take my son to the Child Development Center on an hourly basis so he can burn off a little "youthful energy". Until my car arrived from overseas, I pushed our double stroller to the center to drop him off and pick him up. We usually enjoy our walks, but getting across the street from the Base Exchange parking lot to the CDC is a hazardous endeavor. Please strongly consider the addition of crosswalks - even one would be priceless - in front of the CDC. The addition could be a lifesaver. Thank you very much.

Commander's reply: We appreciate your interest in traffic and pedestrian safety on base. Customers' inputs are always welcome to help increase safety at Robins. Your suggestion is valid; however, it's not typical to install crosswalks at mid-block sections of roads. A crosswalk installed at the corner of Macon and Tenth streets should provide pedestrian protection to cross from the BX to the CDC side of the street. The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron will install one at that location. Thanks again for your suggestion.

Remember to slow down

There have been

343

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: 11

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

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Proud to be an American

Airman becomes citizen during Fourth of July ceremony

By Lanorris Askew

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Last July Fourth Airman 1st Class George Meleith was in the middle of his very first deployment. He spent part of that day singing tenor with his unit's choir the "Singing Gators," during a makeshift Independence Day celebration in Iraq.

This past July Fourth, however, he spent part of his day doing something totally different – making a dream come true by officially becoming a citizen of the country he signed on to protect and serve.

In a special Independence Day ceremony at Atlanta's Lenox Square Mall, 12 military members stepped forward to be sworn in as American citizens, among them Airman Meleith.

The 26-year-old Airman has traveled many miles to get where he is today. Along this journey was his birthplace in Bombay, India; his childhood home in Bahrain – a small island off the coast of Saudi Arabia; Canada where he attended high school and became a citizen; Chicago, where he attended college; and now Robins where he proudly serves his country.

According to Airman Meleith, his journey to become a citizen began roughly six years ago when he became a permanent resident, but the actual process began in March when he filed the first citizenship paperwork. Originally scheduled to receive his citizenship on June 28, he said he was asked by his Immigration and Naturalization Service officer if he would like to take part in the special ceremony for the military on July Fourth.

"What better day could you choose than Independence Day to receive your citizenship," he said. "It's a day I'll never forget."

The ceremony, which included American Idol finalist Diana Degarmo singing the national anthem, a live band performance and the largest fireworks show in Georgia, set the scene for two Airmen, two Marines and eight Soldiers to make their journey into American citizenship during a live television broadcast.

"At first my knees were shaking, but now I feel official," said the power production apprentice with the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron.

"I feel very different. I feel more like I belong now, more like I'm a part of America," he said.

The Airman, who once had to leave the room during secret briefings due to security clearances, said some people take being an American citizen for granted, but when you go through the process from being an alien to a permanent resident to citizenship you appreciate things more.

He said he really began to appreciate things during his deployment to Iraq last year when something as



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Above, Airman 1st Class George Meleith was one of 12 military members sworn in as an American citizen in a special Independence Day ceremony at Atlanta's Lenox Square Mall. Below, Airman Meleith, back row in the middle, waits with other military members to be sworn in as an American citizen.



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

American Idol finalist Diana Degarmo, who sang the national anthem at the ceremony, congratulates Airman Meleith.

simple as taking a shower everyday wasn't possible.

"Here if you want to succeed America gives you the opportunity and the resources to do so, and I appreciate that about being here. It's something I don't take for

granted anymore," he said. "When I first walked off the stage it hadn't sunk in yet and when my family came over to congratulate me I was like 'wow'."

The Airman joined the Air Force in 2002 after three years of college,

and soon after he received his first deployment orders. While many fear deployments Airman Meleith said he feels it's a part of his duty and looks forward to it. When his lack of citizenship started to affect his chances at doing that duty, he

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Airman 1st Class George Meleith power production apprentice with the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

knew what he had to do.

"Deploying is a great experience," he said. "It's mankind at its best when you are in a situation like that. Everyone depends on each other, and it's all about helping each other because all you have is your extended family."

A helping hand came along when President Bush decided to allow the waiting period for military members to become citizens to be shortened from 5 years to 6 months. The president has also approved waiving of the processing fees for becoming a citizen for military members as of Oct. 1, but Airman Meleith and three others in his unit did not want to wait because they wanted to be a part of upcoming deployments.

He said they used the Air Force Aid Society to get the money they needed.

"On an Airman's salary \$310 was not something I could afford," he said.

The last of the four in his shop to receive his citizenship, he said he now has a feeling of great pride.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Farrar, his supervisor and noncommissioned officer in charge of the heating ventilation and air-conditioning shop, said he is also proud.

"It's a good thing," he said. "He's a good kid. He works hard, and he tries to stay out of trouble. I'm happy for him."

Robins helps Airmen get registered to vote

By Holly J. Logan

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What to know

An estimated 2,000 active duty military at Robins are registered to vote and 6,993 active duty Airmen are eligible to vote in the 2004 presidential election. Those eligible to register to vote, but have not must do so at least 30 days prior to a general election. Servicemembers can register to vote through their unit voting assistance counselors. For more information, contact Maj. Jerame Cohen, Robins installation voting assistance officer, at 327-8683 or visit www.fvap.gov.

As election time draws near, Robins is helping its military exercise their right to vote.

Sixty-five unit voter assistance counselors are available base-wide to assist active duty servicemembers with voter registration – a responsibility that every Airman should take seriously, said Maj. Jerame Cohen, Robins installation voting assistance officer for the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron in Building 255, Room 114.

"Unit voter assistance counselors are there to make sure

the people in their units are aware of elections and help them obtain voter registration materials they need," he said. "As military members, we're here to protect our way of life. It should be a person's duty and honor to vote."

Senior Master Sgt. Tammy Brown, superintendent of customer support and voting assistance counselor for the 78th Mission Support Squadron since November of last year, agreed.

"It's extremely important to get registered to vote," she said. "If you want those individuals who make military a priority to get into office, then

vote. Otherwise, you don't have a right to complain."

An estimated 6,993 active duty military at Robins are currently eligible to vote, 5,000 of which have been counseled on voter registration.

Prospective voters must decide the state and county in which they wish to vote in advance and submit completed voter registration materials 30 days prior to the general election.

Robins will conduct its Armed Forces Voter's Week Sept. 3-11. Voting assistance counselors will provide voter registration information at booths and tables at the

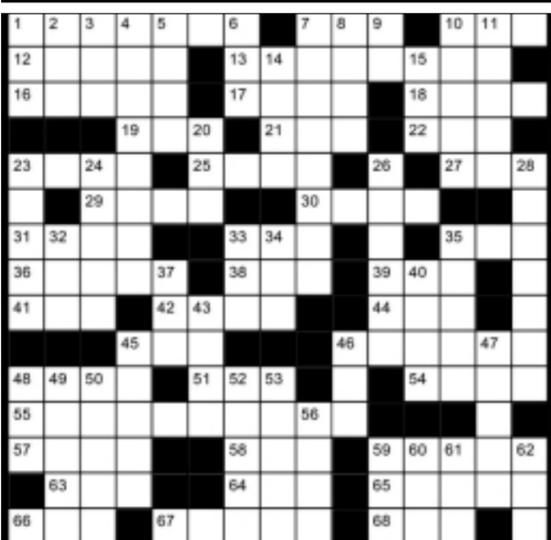
How to make your vote count

- **Contact your unit voting assistance counselor** for help in absentee registration and voting.
- **Visit www.fvap.gov** for absentee registration and voting process information.
- **Apply for your absentee ballot** by using the hard copy or online versions of the FPCA.
- **Give your local election official** your current mailing address.
- **Sign and date** all election materials.
- **Fulfill your state's witness** and notary requirements.
- **Ensure your ballot** is postmarked.
- **Register to vote** and request your ballot no later than September.
- **Mail your ballot** no later than Oct. 15.
- **Use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot** if you're overseas and your state absentee ballot doesn't arrive in time to be mailed back to the state's deadline.

Commissary, Base Exchange, Smith Community Center and other locations base-wide for military and their families.

Military wishing to vote absentee ballot can visit www.fvap.gov to obtain proper voting forms.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Self Aid and Buddy Care

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Used to hold 4 DOWN in place
7. Use this acronym on unconscious person
10. Task to help someone not breathing, briefly
12. Oak starter
13. Type of bleeding (most dangerous)
16. Bo of 10
17. Code for Pearl Harbor attack (repeated)
18. Crop of a bird
19. Timid
21. Drunkard
22. Together with further examples, in short
23. Taxis
25. Mil. quick
27. Shoe size
29. Skating arena
30. Pet food manufacturer
31. Horses classified by coloring
33. Long time
35. Pub order
36. Bump
38. Rap doctor?
39. Unit of resistance
41. Where injured personnel should go, briefly
42. ___ gin fizz
44. Experimental place?
45. Not many
46. Type of pressure applied to a bleeding wound
48. Pet food maker
51. Special tactics team for SFS
54. Great Lake
55. Last result to control bleeding
57. Grain; barley
58. South central German city
59. Tax examination
63. Chinese statesman Mao ___-tung
64. "The Greatest"
65. Dangerous state caused by pain, blood loss
66. He-Man's female alternate, ___-Ra
67. Essential for staying hydrated, cautious using for injuries

DOWN

1. Sinister
2. USAF "dog fight" pilot
3. Neither's partner
4. Used to cover a wound
5. Cruciform symbol
6. What an injured person shouldn't do
7. Used in a MARK I kit during a 23 DOWN
8. What a heart does
9. Tailmarking on a/c of 302nd AW
10. ___ blanche; free reign
11. Identify
14. Massif in the Pennine Alps
15. Item to help reduce swelling
20. Animal native to Tibet
23. Catastrophic events that necessitate SABC
24. Short, flat, slight-headed nails
26. Foreign objects in bloodstream
28. Do to legs when treating for 65 ACROSS
32. ___ Lady, title of the Virgin Mary
33. Tokyo, formerly
34. Mining goal
35. Frankincense
37. Compass dir.
40. Jackrabbit
43. Unit of currency in Angola
45. Specialty
46. Pesticide banned in '70s
47. Type of duty?
48. Cash machine
49. Averse
50. Check for this on unconscious person
52. Burly
53. Sheer machine-made net of silk; used for veils
56. Sultan
59. Cleopatra killer
60. Pauses
61. Speck
62. Ring result, briefly

For puzzle solution, see July 16 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for July 2



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.

Tony Fennell, WR-ALC/MANRS. Point of contact is Mahlon Smith at 926-3615.

Kimberly Hall, HQ AFRC/DOC. Point of contact is Neal Snyder at 327-1172.

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.

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.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop will be Monday through Wednesday, 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

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

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be Wednesday, 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 Thursday, 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.

Community tour

The FSC community tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members will be July 21, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the center.

Resume and cover letter

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop July 21, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Interviewing basics

The FSC will offer a class on interviewing basics, July 22, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Jr. Smooth move

The FSC offers workshops for military and DoD civilians kids ages 6-12 on the move. The next workshop will be held July 22, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Home buyer's workshop

Mary Ussery, director of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, will conduct a free home buyer's workshop July 23, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

SERVICES BRIEFS

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 Keadley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741.

Civilian Recreation

Family Night Bingo will be played July 26 at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Prizes will include karaoke machines, water games, pools and walkie talkies. Cost is \$3 for 10 games. All children receive a prize when they purchase their packs.

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 award-

ed: 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 Tuesday. For more information, call Sherry Trauth at 926-5492.

Enlisted Club

Members First Plus! membership dinner is slated for July 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. Cost is free to members, \$7.95 for guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

ITT

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

Library

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

Officers' Club

The Officers' Club and AFCEA will be conducting a wine and cheese tasting July 16 at 5 p.m. Sample regional and international wines with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cost is free to members and \$7 for nonmembers.

Youth Center

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.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash



Submitted photo

There will be more rides and attractions at this year's Let's Celebrate Summer Bash, at Robins Park Aug. 7 from 4 to 9 p.m. Bash-goers can take advantage of them all with a wristband for \$5. Children ages 2 and younger will be admitted for free. Carnival games with prizes will include mini golf, knock-a-can and volleyball. Other rides and attractions include three-lane bungee run, 24-passenger turbo swing, 18-foot giant slide, six-passenger merry-go-round, 18-passenger train, six-passenger spin ride, two 24-foot rock climbing walls, dual spin art booth and triple play, which features baseball, soccer and football. The Giggle Master clowns will be on hand to do face painting and balloon animals, according to Lynne Brackett, community center director. For more information, call 926-2105.

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. - **The Day After Tomorrow - Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal**



A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee for warmer conditions, professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

Rated PG-13 (intense situations of peril) 124 minutes

Saturday

2 and 7:30 p.m. - **Shrek 2 - voices of Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy**

Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them to dinner. Her parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: his in-laws.

Rated PG (crude humor, a brief substance reference and some suggestive content) 93 minutes



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.

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 has been rescheduled for July 23 due to a memorial service held for the Schliepsiek family. Sports Day will include the following activities: one pitch softball, bowling, pat, paddle, pat relay, tennis, sand volleyball and swimming events, 3-on-3 basketball, one-mile run, Bed Race, skeet shooting, racquetball and tug-of-war. Individuals must sign-up through their appointed Unit Sports Representative. For more information, call 926-2128.

A PT Fun Run will be held Wednesday at 7 a.m.

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.

A running clinic will be held July 28 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call Jackie Baker at 926-

2128 or Jamie Martin at 327-8480.

Intramural flag football letters of intent are due by the close of business Aug. 6. A coaches meeting will be conducted Aug. 10, and the season will kickoff around Aug. 16. For more details call 926-2128.

Football

The Middle Georgia Stallions Football team will host a Military Appreciation Night at Twiggs County High School in Jeffersonville, Ga., July 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for military and \$10 for non-military. For more information, contact Daryl Cray, head coach, at 328-0593.

Golf Course

Register now for Link Up 2 Golf. Classes are forming for Monday and July 20. Course of study includes orientations, eight hours of group lesson and course etiquette, complimentary rental clubs, three-hole graduation scramble, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Cost is per person \$99 and represents over a \$400 value.

A junior golf academy will be held Monday - July 17. Cost is \$50 per person and includes four days of instructions. 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, and includes breakfast, lunch, drinks on the course, green fees, golf car and prizes. Sign up as a single or two-some 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

Swim lesson registration is underway at Equipment Rental, Building 914. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. Class will be held 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 held July 23 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 along with sports day points for your squadron. For complete details or to enter a team, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Youth Center

Youth fall sports registration will be held Saturday - July 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 center in Building 1021.

Air Force makes big waves at annual surfing invitational

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – Under picture-perfect tropical skies, more than 70 surfers from all five branches of the armed services competed for bragging rights in the third annual Military Surfing Invitational at Oahu's Kewalo Basin on June 26 and 27.

The Air Force team took second place in the overall "Best of Branch" competition, with several team competitors winning or placing in individual events.

Dee Marquez took second in both the women's short- and long-board competitions.

Ollney Ho'opai and Buster Kellum dominated the retiree division, taking first and second place, respectively, in the short-board competition and second and third place, respectively, in the long-board competition.

In addition, Kellum garnered second place in the Department of Defense long-board competition.

Ho'opai and Kellum work as civilians on base.

While this may be the latest round of dual surfing recognition for the duo, it is far from the first. Along with invitational coordinator Shorty Simonson, the three began boarding in island-surfing competitions more than 35 years ago, Kellum said.

"Shorty was the Armed Forces Surf Club president in 1968 and competed in the inaugural Hawaii Armed Forces Championship that year," Kellum said. "Shorty was the con-



U.S. Air Force photo by Mark Bates

KEWALO BASIN, Hawaii – Air Force retiree Buster Kellum attacks a wave during the Military Surfing Invitational here June 27. Kellum took second place in three events helping the Air Force team earn second place overall in the 'Best of Branch' competition.

test director when I became the first Air Force surfer to win the competition in 1970, and Ollney and I took turns winning the competition through 1974.

"It's great to come back year after year and see the same old faces, though some of our faces are older than others," he said.

Among the younger faces was the Air Force's Makani McDonald, who shares a birth year with the inaugural competition.

McDonald had a great day on the waves himself June 27, winning the "Best of Armed Forces" long-board event and two second-place finishes, in the "Best of Armed Forces" and "World" short-board competitions.

This year's "Best of Branch" winner was the Navy, with the Army coming in third, followed by the Coast Guard and Marines.

Proper motorcycle attire key to two-wheeled summer safety

Awareness and proper clothing are keys to safely riding a motorcycle this summer.

Motor vehicle drivers should expect to see more motorcyclists riding in traffic and should respect that they rightfully enjoy the same access to the roads as other traffic.

Motorcyclists should use their "rider radar" to scan for hazards. They should wear riding gear for both comfort

and protection. This includes a helmet manufactured to meet Department of Transportation standards, eye protection, jacket, full-fingered gloves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots. They should also keep their bike well maintained.

And, most important, they should know their own skill level and ride within it.

Training is important. Whether you're a new rider or

someone with years of experience, there's always room for skills improvement. Riding sober is important. Recent data confirms that alcohol is involved in almost half of all single-vehicle motorcycle crashes. Don't drink and ride.

For more information, contact Robins Safety Office at 926-6271.

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Fourth of July concert a blast



U.S. Air Force photos by Gary Cutrell

Middle Georgia's popular southern rock group, Stillwater shared the stage with the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, above, for a night of family fun and celebration July 1 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium in Warner Robins. The Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools, also performed. Gerry Marshall of WDEN-FM 99.1 and Mary Therese of WMAZ-TV 13 co-hosted the show. Right, audience members enjoy the music.



Museum auction, raffle set for July 17

Museum of Aviation

The Museum of Aviation Foundation will kick off its annual Museum Auction and Raffle July 17 in the Century of Flight Hangar.

This event is one of the museum's largest fund-raisers and includes a silent and live auction. Last year over 1,000 people attended the auction to bid on items ranging from gift baskets to jewelry to furniture to vacations.

The silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 8 p.m. A taste of local cuisine from more than 30 restaurants and caterers will be served from 7 to 8 p.m.

This year's first place raffle prize winner will have a choice of one of five vehicles or

\$20,000 cash; the second place winner will win one week at Hilton Head Island, S.C.; and the third place winner will receive a 13-inch LCD television.

Only 2,000 raffle tickets will be sold prior to the drawing, and you don't have to be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$50 each and include two free entry tickets to the auction. Entry into the event is \$20 per person.

Raffle tickets are available at the Museum Gift Shop, Legacy Fine China & Gifts, Houston Mall Office, Galleria Mall Information Desk, Strato Cleaners & Men's Clothing, and all participating auto dealers.

Tickets can also be purchased online at www.museumofaviation.org.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Mary Lynn Harrison or June Lowe at 923-6600.

Personnel can expect delay in receiving access card

A Department of Defense change in the process for authorizing Common Access Cards will affect new employees at Robins Air Force Base, personnel officials announced.

The new process, which began July 1, locked down the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS. DEERS is the central repository for information collected about DoD personnel and is the system used to issue access cards.

The change eliminates the ability to manually enter new employees' information into DEERS during in-processing. It takes 24 to 48 hours after the accession personnel action has processed in the personnel system for new employees' data to flow to DEERS.

That change has necessitated a revision in new employee in-processing procedures, which will delay the issuance of the access card needed to enter the base.

Personnel officials have made arrangements with the 78th Security Forces Squadron issue 90-day temporary access badges for new employees in-processing on Monday.

Once new employees report to their job (after new employee orientation), their supervisor should get them scheduled for issuance of the common access card.

A reminder will be placed in the information package to the supervisor.

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Gen. Greg S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, left, and Jan Collings, right, pin on Maj. Gen. Mike Collings' second star in a ceremony July 2.

Collings gets second star

By Lanorris Askew

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Maj. Gen. Mike Collings received his second star in front of family, friends and state and local officials July 2 in a pin-on ceremony in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Gen. Greg S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, presided over the ceremony.

General Collings thanked those who have mentored him in the past and helped him get to where he is today.

"I have been blessed beyond my expectations," he said. General Collings took command of the Center in February said his new rank doesn't change who he is or his will to do his duty. He said he still has the same burning desire to serve his nation as

"Whether I'm a major general, brigadier general, colonel, lieutenant or captain it doesn't make any difference. That passion and commitment I have to serve my nation is what fuels me."

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings
Center commander

when he was a second lieutenant and though he's a lot older he hopes he's also wiser.

"Whether I'm a major general, brigadier general, colonel, lieutenant or captain it doesn't make any difference," he said. "That passion and commitment I have to serve my nation is what fuels me. It's not the accolades I get or the medals."

Medically grounded at what he called the pinnacle of a fighter pilot career, the would-be fighter weapons school instructor lost his ability to fly,

but not his desire to serve.

"My decision was to continue to serve my nation regardless of the job they were going to ask me to do," he said. Describing what he's most proud of, he said the most rewarding part of any commander's job is to see the people he commands succeed and be able to accomplish the mission.

During the ceremony, the Center commander also received the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional and meritorious service.

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