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## NEWS

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#### Elementary school year begins Aug. 16

The first day of school at Robins Elementary School will be Aug. 16.

However, parents who are new to and reside on Robins may register their children now.

The school is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. For first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1.

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.

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.

#### Operation Save-A-Child schedule

The 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and the Robins Air Force Base School System are sponsoring the Operation Save-A-Child program for the 2004-2005 school year.

The state of Georgia and the Department of Defense require all new students to have hearing, vision, and dental screenings, as well as needed immunizations.

This year, a team of health care providers and the Security Forces' "Crime Prevention Unit" will be available to provide the following services for eligible dependents of active duty and retired personnel: ID cards and fingerprinting; dental, vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings; height and weight checks and immunizations.

The schedule is as follows:

**Base Dental Clinic** - Building 700A, second floor - July 31 from 9 a.m. - noon

**Robins Elementary School** - Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (new Robins Elementary School students)

#### Rev-Up delivery concerns addressed

The Rev-Up is dedicated to providing a quality product to those who live and work on base. To do that, we need to know how our delivery system is working.

We ask that anyone with concerns about the number of papers delivered, their placement or timely delivery contact us at 926-2137 or at [robins.revup@robins.af.mil](mailto:robins.revup@robins.af.mil).

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## 19th Air Refueling Group holds Safety Day



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The 19th Air Refueling Group Safety Fair, held Monday at Lake Tobesofkee's Sandy Beach, is an annual event that gives servicemembers and their families a chance to relax and learn how to protect themselves on and off duty. The day-long fair included safety exhibits, free food and demonstrations by local companies and agencies. Above, Madeline, 16 months old, tests the water under the watchful eye of her father Capt. Chris Randall. Below right, Neil Chase of Grainger Industrial helps Tech. Sgt. Bart Craven with a vest which contains a chemical gel pack that reduces body temperature by about 20 degrees.



Tim Gay and 2nd Lt. Kimberly Grisson enjoy the picnic lunch.



## Air logistics centers' partnership cuts delivery time of software to customers

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A new system being used by the three Air Force air logistics centers will cut delivery time of software to field users from days to minutes.

The Electronic Software Distribution System was implemented here, at Oklahoma City ALC, Okla.;

and at Ogden ALC, Utah, on June 15.

The new system allows technical order distribution offices, or TODOs, to download software from a Web site server rather than waiting for delivery by mail or FedEx. Traditional methods could take from 24 hours to more than 20 days.

"In current-day situations, that's just not good for our

people in the field, and we wanted to support them better," said Terry Ritchie, program lead for the Software Control Center. The SCC is part of the Software Division of the Maintenance Directorate.

"The ESDS will actually allow us to upload software on a server," said Tom

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tom Harrison and Ginger Page upload software for electronic distribution around the world.

## Charges preferred in deaths

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Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt was formally charged in the recent deaths of a fellow Robins Airman and his wife during a pre-trial confinement review hearing here July 8.

Airman Witt, an avionics technician with the 116th Air Control Wing, is charged with two specifications of premeditated murder, covered under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the UCMJ.

He is charged with stabbing Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek and his wife, Jamie, to death, July 5.

Airman Witt is also charged with one specification of attempted murder, under Article 80 of the UCMJ, for a similar attack on Senior Airman Jason King the same day. Airman King is assigned to the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron here.

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## Workers' quick response saves AF millions

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When Willie Richardson noticed smoke coming from a man-lift in Building 137 June 30, his training kicked in, and he grabbed a fire extinguisher.

Mr. Richardson, a first-line supervisor in the F-15 Robotic Depaint Facility, told Antonio Nesbitt, a fellow employee, to call the Fire Department while he went to work putting out the fire.

His reactions saved the Air Force millions of dollars. Mr. Richardson said he wasn't sure if one extinguisher would be enough. He called to David McLeod and Ryan McHolan to get another one, so they could put out the fire before it spread to an F-15 aircraft in the hangar.

The plane was on jacks with landing gears retracted and landing gear doors sealed for the depainting process. The three men were able to put the fire out before base firefighters arrived.

"The plastic media used to depaint the aircraft is flammable," said Maj. Ray Shankles, F-15 maintenance supervisor. "In addition, there was the potential of the battery of the man-lift exploding."

Major Shankles said the quick actions of the crew saved the aircraft, which could not have been moved and costs about \$40 million. The contracting company which owns the man-lift picked up the machine July 1 and is inspecting it to determine the cause of the fire.

"My fear was the battery would explode," Mr. Richardson said. "They have huge batteries in those things."

**Robins 3-day forecast**  
Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms  
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**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms  
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**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms  
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# AFRC hiring aircraft maintainers for fighter associate program

Air Force Reserve Command

Air Force Reserve Command is hiring F-15C and F-16C aircraft maintainers to serve at three active-duty bases in support of its Fighter Associate Program.

The 307th Fighter Squadron, a Reserve unit at Langley Air Force Base, Va., is looking for experienced crew chiefs, avionics and electro-environmental maintainers to fill several part-time and full-time positions.

The jobs are in Air Force Reserve detachments at Langley; Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; and Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

People interested in the part-time positions will be expected to serve beyond the minimal traditional reserve duty requirements, which is one weekend per month and two additional weeks during the year.

The Fighter Associate Program is designed to retain experienced aircraft maintainers and pilots. Some of them may have separated or retired from active duty and others may already be in the Air Force Reserve. Together they can provide training and continuity for various active-duty units within Air Combat Command.

"The primary goal of the program is to bolster the experience levels within the active-duty units to achieve maximum mission effectiveness," said Col. Elizabeth Grote, AFRC's director of logistics.

"Air Force Reserve Command can help meet this goal because reservists can make an immediate impact on the Air Force fighter community with their years of experience and extensive training," she said. "ACC and AFRC partner together in combat, so it makes good sense to train together here at home."

Previously called the Fighter Reserve Associate Program, it started as a test at the 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, in September 1998.

"After nearly five years of Reserve integration in the active-duty unit, the obvious benefits of the program spurred the approval of the Fighter Associate Program we have today," said Col. Thomas Dietz, 307th Fighter Squadron commander.

This Air Force Reserve program benefits the active duty and the individual. Experienced reservists integrate into the

active-duty squadrons and provide continuity for the units that often receive many newly-trained maintainers.

Former active-duty people who live near these three active-duty bases can continue to serve the Air Force without having to relocate or commute to a Reserve unit.

Also, Reservists can remain at the same base without having to move every few years as their active-duty counterparts must do.

"This program is a win-win scenario for both the Air Force Reserve Command and the active-duty Air Force," said Senior Master Sgt. Cosimo Carbone, 307th FS maintenance superintendent, a reservist with 22 years of experience. "It's an integral part of the Total Force initiative shaping the future of the Air Force."

A typical detachment consists of a full-time detachment commander, three part-time pilots, two full-time maintainers, four part-time maintainers and one full-time administrator.

For more information on available maintenance positions, contact Senior Sergeant Carbone at (757) 225-8773 or DSN 575-8773.

## CHARGES

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According to Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, Center deputy staff judge advocate, during the pre-trial confinement review hearing, a pre-trial reviewing officer, not associated with the case, heard arguments from both the defense and the government as to why Airman Witt should or shouldn't remain in pre-trial confinement.

"We in the legal office were confident that we knew enough about the case to go ahead and charge him, and it was important to do that because he's in pre-trial confinement," he said. "The pre-trial reviewing officer deliberated and decided to continue to keep Airman Witt confined."

Colonel Strickland said Airman Witt's squadron commander Lt. Col. David B. Milner has recommended that his case be taken to a general court marshal and the military justice process will continue with an Article 32 hearing.

Article 32 of the UCMJ states that before a general court marshal – the highest level of military court – can be held, the Article 32 hearing must take place.

"What we'll have to do is find a judge advocate general who is not assigned to the

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to come in as an Article 32 investigating officer," said Colonel Strickland. "That officer will hold a semi-formal hearing where both sides will appear and argue as to what evidence is present to support the charges."

The goal of the Article 32 investigating officer is to determine whether the charges are in the proper form, whether they state an offense under the UCMJ and whether there is enough evidence to support taking the charges to a general court marshal. That hearing hasn't been scheduled yet.

Once the hearing is complete, the officer will write and submit a report stating whether the case should go to a general court marshal to Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, who is the general court marshal convening authority. General Collings is given the final decision on whether the case should go forward or be sent back down to lower command levels for other proceedings.

All stated charges are based on evidence gathered in the course of Air Force investigations. In a military court-martial, the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Should the case go to a general court marshal, the maximum sentence under Article 118 of the UCMJ is death.

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Harrison, team lead for ESDS. "Then, the TODOs can access the Web site, apply for an account and, if they're approved, they can download that software. They can have it in less than 24 hours."

Although the software delivered through this system is non-classified, security measures have been built into the system to prevent non-approved users from using ESDS. Mr. Harrison said potential users must fill out an application form. Once their application is processed and approved, the user's computer IP address is documented. That prevents users from downloading software from any other computer.

Users must have a user name and password to access the system.

"Even if they have an approved account, they can't download any software until it has been approved by some approving authority, such as an equipment specialist," Mr. Harrison said. "Once the equipment specialist has authorized the download, we allow the TODO to download."

The software is also encrypted using the Triple Data Encryption Standard when it is uploaded into the system. This prevents anyone from being able to pick up the software on the Web. The software must be unencrypted when the user writes it onto a disk.

### Partnering across the ALCs

It took about two years to develop the system. During

### What to know

The Automated Computer Program Identification Number System is the database system that is used for the configuration management of the Computer Program Identification Number System. ACPINS is the tool used by all TODOs and equipment specialists to order and manage software. The SCC at Robins contains more than 3,000 CPINS.

that time, representatives from the centers met several times to determine what they wanted from the system, which the Army has used for more than a decade.

"This is a system the Army has had for about a dozen years," Mr. Harrison said. "We piggy backed on that system."

The ALC group, however, wanted an off-site backup added to the Air Force system.

"Everything we have on this server is emulated every six minutes on Oklahoma City's and Ogden's servers," Mr. Ritchie said. Not only do we get it distributed faster, we've got an off-site backup in case our system goes down."

He provided a sample scenario of how this might be useful.

"If a tornado hits Oklahoma City, the log in would roll right over to Warner Robins and (the user) could download Oklahoma City's software from Warner Robins' server and never know that there was a problem in Oklahoma City," he said. "This has got a three-server roll over."

The three SCCs have worked closely to standardize their processes so the customer does not have to learn a different system for each center. This standardization of the processes should make using the system easier for the users.

"The main objective is to give the war fighter what they need as quickly as possible," Mr. Ritchie said.

### Saving more than time

The traditional method of distributing the software not only took time, it also costs a great deal of money. The new system cuts those costs drastically, Mr. Harrison said.

"When we distribute a large amount of software, there may be 400 users out there. When we package all that up, that takes a lot of time for our people to reproduce the CDs, package them up and mail them out," he explained. "(With ESDS) we only charge the equipment specialist the one charge for our time to upload the Computer Program Identification Number on the system."

### As easy as point and click

Training for using the system is provided on the Web site. Simple instructions walk the user through the system.

"Point and click. If they can use a (personal computer) and go through point-and-click software, they can use this system," Mr. Ritchie said.

The site also has a remarks section available. If users wish to make comments about the system and about software they have downloaded, or if they have any questions, they can fill out the remarks form and submit. The system automatically directs the e-mail message to the appropriate manager of the software.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Ritchie said that, so far, feedback about the new system has been positive. They told of one user at a deployed location who needed the software immediately. Rather than having to wait more than 20 days for delivery, he was able to get it in less than one day.

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# Survey strives to improve military postal system

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The Defense Department is giving troops a way to chip in their two cents on how well they think the military postal system provides customer service and delivers mail to deployed locations.

The interactive customer evaluation program is a Web-based survey used to poll recently deployed military members on the timeliness and quality of mail delivery – sending results to local military post offices for improvements to the system.

Steven Mimbs, who oversees all distribution of inter-base and off-base mail at the Base Information Transfer Center here, said the 10-minute survey benefits the military postal system and servicemembers.

## On the Web

Servicemembers may access the survey at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

“It will help them receive their mail faster and gives us a chance to learn what we can do to get their mail out of here faster and with better service,” he said. “The survey results will give us feedback as to what the Airmen aren’t getting and what we can do to provide that better service.”

Air Force Materiel Command headquarters officials encourage all Airmen to participate in the survey.

Airman 1st Class T.J. Ablay, a boom operator with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, recently took the survey and said the program is a user-

friendly way for Airmen to be heard.

“When I was deployed, a lot of the Airmen had a hard time finding drop boxes where we could send out mail,” he said. “This survey gave me a chance to make suggestions about how to make them more visible.”

The survey is the first of its kind since 2001, according to Tech. Sgt. Darrin Booher, official mail manager for Air Force Materiel Command Headquarters.

“I think it’s a great idea that we find out how well the system is working,” Steve Willette, postmaster for the Warner Robins Post Office, said. “We need to know where the problems are, if there are any problems. We need to know the successes. We, as the postal service, want to do all we can to get those troops their mail.”

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# Robins employees aid pregnant woman injured in traffic accident

By Holly J. Logan

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It started as any other weekday morning for Christy Sloat - taking her two small children to the babysitter before heading to work - but her morning routine suddenly turned into a tragedy that changed her life forever.

According to a Houston County Sheriff’s Department accident report, Ms. Sloat, a 28-year-old computer technician with the Houston County Board of Education’s School Nutrition program and pregnant mother of two, was traveling northbound on Ga. Highway 247, with 3-year-old Casidey and 18-month-old Sierra, when her 2000 Ford Excursion veered into the lane of a dump truck traveling southbound.

The accident severed her lower arm but didn’t take her will to survive.

“I’m very grateful to be alive and grateful for the people who helped me,” she said. “It’s a bad situation, but it could’ve been much worse. I’m thankful my kids are alive and no one else got hurt.”

Debbie Gatlin, systems analyst for the Supply Chain Management Branch of the Logistics Directorate, was only a couple of cars behind Ms. Sloat when the accident occurred - and the mother of three said she and six others who came to Ms. Sloat’s aid that morning, felt compelled to do all they could to help.

“When I got to her, she had gotten out of the

## How to help

A voluntary contribution fund to benefit Christy Sloat and her family has been set up with the HEA Federal Credit Union, Warner Robins branch at 121 Osigian Blvd., and the Pery branch at 1601 Macon Rd. For more information, contact Maxine Robinson at 322-3307.

vehicle and was trying to find her (missing) arm,” she said. “I tried to calm the kids at first and made sure we put the arm on ice until paramedics arrived. It was a terrible experience I hope never happens again to anyone.”

First Lt. Sandy Smock, an intelligence officer with the 330th Combat Training Squadron, was one of a few military members on the scene.

“I just tried to keep her calm until the ambulance came,” she said. “There were several of us helping. We all just worked together to do all we could to help her.”

The lieutenant said one fellow servicemember, whom she described as “heroic” for applying the tourniquet to Ms. Sloat’s arm, has yet to be identified.

Cpl. Sean Alexander, with the Houston County Sheriff’s Office’s Traffic Division, said he and members of the Houston County Emergency Management Service are very appreciative of the help rendered.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 78th Medical Group on 9-12 August 2004. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission’s field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the review will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information review must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview.

Such requests should be addressed to: Division of Accreditation Operations, Account Representative: Lisa L. Stahly, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the 78th Medical Group of the request for any interviews. The organization will in turn notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

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# Military personnel flight, sponsors help Airmen with assignment, pre-move process

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Permanent change of station - it's a four word phrase that can send some Airmen into a whirlwind of stress, but knowing how to approach the "PCS beast" is the key to taming it, said base agency representatives.

Nearly every Airman has been there - you get an assignment and then the question comes - now what?

Senior Airman Marisa Davis, Outbound Assignments clerk for the 78th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight, said once an assignment comes down, timing is one of the most important elements in a successful PCS.

"Assignments come to us from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and then Airmen receive notification through their units' orderly rooms soon after that," she said.

Airman Davis, who has been a clerk with the flight for a year, said Airmen

must read their record of individual form very carefully and send any changes back to the MPF office to complete assignment paperwork.

The uncertainty of moving to a new assignment can be overwhelming, with curiosities about everyday life activities at a new base running amuck in your mind - but a new unit sponsor can help ease the transition.

"Sponsorship is basically one person relying on another to provide information, support and guidance (during) the PCS move," said Master Sgt. David Lee, superintendent of customer service for the MPF. "These individuals are ideally matched based on gender, marital and family status, so they'll have some type of common bond and understanding of what the new person needs. It's important to understand the new person's needs and background so you, as a sponsor, can better help them adjust."

Airman 1st Class Mindy Satchwell, customer service representative and intro manager for the military personnel flight, said she tracks sponsorship assignments for incoming Airmen weekly and gets those not yet assigned a

## What to know

For more information, contact Senior Airman Marisa Davis at 327-7345 or Airman 1st Class Mindy Satchwell at 327-736. Airmen can visit the military personnel flight office in Room 217 on the second floor of Building 905.

sponsor connected with the right people.

"They'll send an e-mail saying who is due to come to Robins in the next 10 to 25 days, so I can start working immediately to separate them by units and get them in contact with a sponsor in their unit," she said. "Ideally, people should receive a sponsor within seven days of receiving an assignment notification."

Sgt. Lee, who came to Robins in 2001, said with a little training through the Family Support Center and a willingness to help others, becoming a sponsor is a role anyone can fulfill.

"Everyone can be a sponsor, and they should," he said. "If you could put yourself in someone else's shoes, you would make a great sponsor."

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## General revises clothing policy for Airmen deploying to SWA

By Staff Sgt. Todd C. Lopez

379th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA - All Airmen deploying to the Central Command area of responsibility must now

ensure the clothing they pack is in step with a recent dress and appearance policy revision now in effect.

The most significant change requires Airmen to wear either desert camouflage uniforms or physical training gear while on an Air Force

installation in Southwest Asia, said Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

When the Air Force physical training uniform is made available, it and DCUs will be the only authorized clothing for Airmen assigned to units

in theater, unless they are specifically authorized to wear something else, the general said.

Robins Airmen deploying can get more information or a copy of the policy letter at military personnel flight, Building 905.

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# Airmen can reach goals with distance education

Master Sgt. James Anderson joined the military in 1987 for the opportunities it offered him. Primarily, he wanted an education.

He spent the next 18 years serving in various branches of the military and earned two associate's degrees, but deployments and a busy schedule kept him from achieving the bachelor's degree he wanted.

"It was hard," he said. "In the military, there's always training or assignments. The Air Force mission comes first. It's hard to fit college into that."

Now, as one of about 30 Grantham University ([www.grantham.edu](http://www.grantham.edu)) students at Robins, Sergeant Anderson is very close to earning his bachelor's degree in business administra-

tion one year before his 20th high school reunion. He has been able to make his coursework fit into his schedule because Grantham is a distance education institution.

Distance education programs allow students to communicate with teachers and advisors by e-mail, download coursework from the Internet, and be flexible with their education.

Traveling has no impact on coursework - students can take tests and talk to teachers anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Twenty years ago, college almost always meant campus greens and dorm rooms. Students were likely to be 18 years old and fresh from high school.

But according to the U.S. Department of Education,

enrollment in distance education courses has more than doubled since 2000.

In the past, distance learning meant taking courses through audio or video feeds.

Today's technology allows schools to offer more courses using the Internet.

This new distance learning model is ideal for military personnel who are deployed, move frequently due to temporary duty assignments, or whose schedules make it difficult to attend traditional evening classes.

*Editor's note: For more information about distance education programs, contact Robins' Distance Learning Center at 926-3528 or stop by Building 301, West Wing, Bay C, glass door 245, room C-10.*

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## Utility uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform is online.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey at [www.uniforms.hq.af.mil/](http://www.uniforms.hq.af.mil/) will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

"Color continues to be a big concern of Airmen," she said.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms this month.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit – all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment.

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## Robins Air Force Base should always look the part

**By Col. Greg Patterson**  
78th Air Base Wing commander

As the new commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, I've discovered that Robins Air Force Base is an installation that represents a multitude of extremely diverse Air Force missions.

From operational missions like air refueling, JSTARS and combat communications to logistics support for vital Air Force weapons systems, Robins is making an increasingly significant contribution to the Air Force and Department of Defense. Any member of the

Robins community can be proud of our accomplishments and continual contributions. Robins is a "showcase" example of the United States Air Force. That's why I need your help to polish our base appearance. We make outstanding contributions to mil-

itary operations around the world, and we should look the part. While our 78th Civil Engineer Group bares the majority of the responsibility for base appearance, they can't be successful alone. They need your help. It takes little effort, but

makes a big difference. If you notice trash, broken items, inappropriate use of orange cones, uncut grass, or unprofessional signs in your work area, please correct it on the spot. If you're unable to correct it immediately, there are people and organizations to help. Call your

facility manager or CE's customer service at 926-5657 to fix the problem. I'm proud to be the installation commander for such an impressive Air Force base. We impress the world with our military contributions - let's also impress them with our base appearance.

### Commander's Action Line



**Col. Greg Patterson**  
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](mailto: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.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
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EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

### Pedestrians and cars should not meet

I was very close to being run over in the crosswalk at the west end of Building 300. The car was traveling faster than the 20 mph speed limit - a common thing in the morning, at lunchtime and at the end of the day. Drivers are not following posted speed limits and are showing disregard for people already in the crosswalk. Two co-workers in my section have been hit in these crosswalks. Is there anything else that can be done?

**Commander's reply:** Security forces ensures a presence in the area when available, however, it's difficult to have an officer near all crosswalks at all times. They routinely saturate the area during peak times to write tickets and monitor traffic in the areas of buildings 300 and 301 and Eagle Drive. Security forces will continue to monitor these areas as a high interest item.

The issue around buildings 300 and 301 is twofold, caused by both pedestrians who don't use safety and logic when crossing the roadway and motorists who don't pay attention or speed when traveling through congested areas and crosswalks. In accordance with the new speed limits and emphasis on safety, we ask for all motorists to slow down. It's impossible to overcome the time/distance theorem when motorists disregard speed limits. Motorists traveling too fast will not be able to react to a recognized danger -- it will already be too late to stop.

It's common courtesy for motorists to stop when they see someone waiting curbside to cross, however, interpretation of the Georgia Vehicle Code describes a shared responsibility with the primary onus for individual safety being in the hands of the pedestrian and here's why: The pedestrian is in the best position to determine their own safety by not proceeding until they ensure the way is clear and motorists see them - and stop. It's safe to say you shouldn't step into traffic if you know a motorist is not going to stop because they don't see you, or they believe they cannot safely stop in time.

The latter, although viewed as inconsiderate, is not illegal according to Georgia Code 40-6-91(b) which states: "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield." If it's safe for motorists to stop and a pedestrian is in the crosswalk, motorists must yield per paragraph 40-6-91(a) of the Code. Please remember "who's right" will be of little consequence at the exact time a pedestrian is struck.

The best rule of thumb is to make eye contact with drivers and ensure you see all cars stop before proceeding. Even if traffic is stopped pedestrians should remain vigilant, especially in four lanes of traffic where one car may overtake another stopped in order to let them proceed. For motorists who blatantly disregard safety signals, signs and crosswalks, obtain a vehicle plate number, description of the vehicle and the driver, if possible, and report the information to security forces. Remember, merely not stopping is not an offense, and security forces will not be able to

take action. Bottom line, it's a shared responsibility, and we need to exercise patience and courtesy to ensure the safety of all.

### Closed for training

Closed for training is unjustifiable. We are at war. If additional training time is required, the unit should consider meeting on the weekend. Over the past two years of my assignment at Robins I have learned that it's impossible to conduct business at some base institutions (Pass and ID and the hospital to mention two) on Wednesday afternoons. I've been amazed by two things: First, primary service organizations are allowed to ascribe to this practice; and second, the lack of quantity and quality of service provided by those who close for training. "Closed for training" is a slap in the face of every person who works extended duty to get the job done. On average, my personnel work one weekend out of every three, deploy for 130-plus days per year, and carry over leave because the mission doesn't allow time off. The workers of the Air Force should not have to tailor their saturated schedules to meet the schedules of people and organizations that take every weekend and Wednesday afternoon off.

**Commander's reply:** We appreciate the frustration you feel regarding the hours of operation of our Pass and Registration Section. Our assigned military clerks must also perform TDY to meet wartime commitments and must maintain training and career upgrade actions. The Pass and Registration Section is not closed for training alone or for their own convenience; and when closed, they are rarely afforded the opportunity to train. Instead, they must use this valuable time to process the backlog of vehicle registrations recorded on hard copy paper and to perform inventories as needed. This action is necessary to ensure integrity of our registration system, which in turn enhances our overall force protection posture and antiterrorism initiatives. In short, it aids in the protection of the base, personnel and war-fighter resources. Pass and Registration processes more than 65,000 customer service requests each year. In order to better serve the base, they established a program to allow select orderly rooms to perform vehicle registrations. The backlog of registrations they deal with either in part or whole comes from any one of 32 orderly rooms. It may be inconvenient to be turned away on a Wednesday afternoon, but the greater payback is the convenience provided within the organizations. Security forces is working a few initiatives to ease the backlog of paperwork and is constantly striving to improve the Pass and ID function to provide better service for the base.

I also appreciate the opportunity to detail the availability of medical services on training days. The guideline for work days for the active duty is 10 hours Monday through Friday and three hours for the minimal clinic which works on Saturday mornings. When the wing is deployed to a wartime operation, most of our medical staff is working 12-hour shifts. Medical services are curtailed on training days; we are, after all, a military organization.

Training is a part of how we serve the base community and the Department of Defense. Please realize that the civilian providers, for the most part, do not train on wartime skills and are open to see patients or provide other services to the Robins community while the rest of us engage in exercises on training days.

I thought it might be informative to list the areas of the 78th Medical Group which are open on training afternoons. Normal services are available during the morning hours of all work days including training days. The Dental Clinic conducts sick call on training afternoons. Life Skills, including Family Advocacy, remain open. All ancillary services are open including Pharmacy, Lab and X-Ray. A medical officer of the day is on call for emergencies. Of course, the emergency room downtown is open 24/7. The Military Personnel Flight in-processing checklist indicates the times they are open on training days for your convenience and to make sure you do not make needless trips over to the medical clinic when they cannot serve your needs. Certainly, balancing the demands of required training, staff duty day management and the military mission are all very challenging. Col. Richard Griffith, the 78th Medical Group commander, would be happy to meet with you at any time to discuss his service to our community. He can be reached at 327-7995.

### Parking ticket relief until new lots are built

Would it be possible to suspend issuance of parking tickets around Building 300 until the new parking lot is built? The lack of parking combined with the number of reserved parking spots is an aggravating circumstance. This action would be such a relief for hard working, dedicated supporters of the war fighter.

**Commander's reply:** It was common practice to park in the grass on the north side of Building 340 when the new parking lot across from Building 301 was being built. The new lot is now built and in addition, there is ample parking on either side of Building 340 for cars that currently park in the grass. On the last several surveys conducted, substantial parking was available on the east and west sides of Building 340 yet personnel were still parked on the grass. Recently we viewed the area again, and cars were parked on the grass even though the lot, 20 feet away, was nearly a third empty. All should be using the parking spaces available. The additional walking distance to buildings 300 and 301 from the paved lots next to Building 340 is an average of an extra 100 yards. We understand your frustration; Civil Engineers are working hard to create more parking areas, but in the interim citations will continue to be issued.

A small lot that will add 60 parking spots is already under construction by the paving contractor. A large lot, to add 350 parking spots, will be accomplished by our in-house CE shops beginning this month. The construction period is estimated to be 120 days, making the new lot available for use around the middle of November.

### Remember to slow down

There have been

# 360

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: **1** July 2003: **8** Year to date: **35** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday Number of days since last DUI: **6**

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

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## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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### Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell at 4 p.m. today 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.

### Auction and raffle

The annual Museum Auction and Raffle will be Saturday in the Century of Flight Hangar. 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 over 30 restaurants and caterers will be served from 7 - 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

and the third place winner will receive a 13-inch LCD television. 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, Houston Mall Office and Galleria Mall Information Desk. 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.

### Quarterly awards ceremony

The WR-ALC and 78th Air Base Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Base Theater. Quarterly award nominees and winners from the Center and 78th ABW will be recognized for their outstanding achievements. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson, WR-ALC/CCC, at 926-0792.

### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander,

will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 3 p.m. July 29 at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

### Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative

A representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be available by appointment only from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 - 5, Building 255. Appointments will be made in 15 minute increments. To make an appointment, call (404) 923-3180 or e-mail fep-info@bcbsga.com.

### Museum volunteers

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

### 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 this month. 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.

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# Living up to expectations?



Part of the C-5A wing that was removed sits beside the aircraft. Earlier this week Airmen from the 653rd CLSS began work on a structural analysis of the aircraft's wings.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Aaron Cooper saws through the wing of the C-5A with the help of Staff Sgt. Paul Hockaday (behind the saw). The main goal is to get all of the major components cut and shipped by the end of the year.

## 653rd CLSS Airmen begin structural analysis of C-5A

By Lanorris Askew  
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Rolling up their sleeves, members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron set about cutting through the skin and muscle of a C-5A model this week to remove the giant wings and lend a hand to those evaluating the aircraft's viability for the future.

Buc McRory, structures engineer for the Strategic Airlift Directorate and lead engineer for the project, said inspections began last year on aircraft tail number 69004, but the actual tear down process has now begun.

"This is an engineering structural analysis project, and we've employed the 653rd CLSS to help us cut the plane apart," he said.

A 10-member team of aircraft battle damage specialists began work in November on the aircraft, one of 14 C-5As selected for retirement by the Air Force.

Master Sgt. John Manna, 653rd CLSS project team chief, said they began by removing save list items or items needed in the Air Force inventory to produce spares for the supply system, but are now working to remove the

### What to know

Phase one of the C-5A tear down project officially began last year. Phases two and three – which involve tear down and further analysis – are currently underway. Phase four involves the remaining parts of the aircraft being disposed in 2006.

larger components from the aircraft such as the wings.

To put into perspective how large the project is, the master sergeant said the outboard wing weighs 17,000 pounds and the inboard wing weighs 26,000.

"We're helping to support the C-5 system program office with any parts they need to get their airframes out on time with the save list items we removed, and we're helping the Air Force with the study," he said.

The team chief said this is the first study of this kind ever done on the C-5A models.

According to the team chief, there are structural technicians, crew chiefs, electricians, fuels specialists, guidance and control techni-



cians and hydraulics specialists working on the aircraft.

Although their primary mission is aircraft battle damage repair and helping to sup-

port the SPO by doing drop-in maintenance, this new mission is one they're taking on with confidence.

"This is totally different



Above, Airmen from the 653rd work from lifts to reach the wings of the C-5A for removal. Left, the C-5A's massive wings are supported by jacks while the wings are cut.

from what we usually see on a day-to-day basis," said Sergeant Manna.

He said this job is a little harder because they have worked C-130s and other aircraft, but this is their first C-5.

"The team is doing a great job," he said. "So far everything is going as scheduled and on time."

According to Mr. McRory, the study came at the request of Gen. John W. Handy, Air Mobility Command commander, to determine if the aircraft's structure is living up to predictions made in its original design.

Mr. McRory said they asked Lt. Col. Paul Wood, 653rd CLSS commander, for help early on in the program, and he eagerly supported the effort.

"Master Sgt. Manna and his team have been on the project ever since," he said. "This is really tough, dirty work in the best of conditions and working in the heat and humidity makes it ever tougher. But these men are professionals. They display teamwork at its finest."

Sergeant Manna said their goal is to get all of the major components cut and shipped by the end of the year.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Space, the final frontier

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. 2,000 lbs.
5. Nickname for astronaut Virgil Grissom
7. To be sick
9. Space program that took US to the moon
12. Retired person's org.
14. Indian transporters?
15. Foundry
16. Bother
18. Conjunction
19. Leave
21. Actress \_\_\_-Margaret
22. Ionized particle
23. Coat-of-\_\_\_
24. Miss Piggy's reference for herself
27. Actor Mineo
28. Oklahoma town
31. Exclamation of surprise
33. Ado
35. Program that put first Americans in space
36. Actor Stephen of The Crying Game
37. Beginning of American naval vessels
39. Play
40. Basic monetary unit of Peru
41. Zero
42. La \_\_\_ Nostra
43. Current federal org. for space exploration
45. First US spacecraft launched and reused
50. Goes under, as in business
53. Lennon's wife
54. Crock
55. Accepted
56. Fall mon.
57. American poet Pound
58. "The Greatest"
59. First name of first man to walk on moon
60. Destroy suddenly
61. Editorial

3. Persona \_\_\_ gratis
4. First US man to orbit Earth
5. Follow-up space program to 35 ACROSS
6. Navy coastal bombardment shot
7. Capital of Western Samoa
8. Body of water
10. Mortgages
11. SECDEF's office symbol
13. First name of first US man in space
17. Path, in short
20. Rocket that powered US to the moon
21. Dishonest
22. Earthlink competitor
24. Planet explored by Viking I space probe
25. Recycled, as in launch vehicles
26. '70s US space station
27. First king of the Hebrews
28. Hoard
29. Operates military commissaries
30. Fauvism or Dada
32. Greek god of love
34. Architect I.M. \_\_\_
38. Walter M. of the first 7 US astronauts
44. Lunar module that first landed on moon
45. Type of cap worn by Daniel Boone?
46. Story opener
47. French novelist who wrote Pecheur d'Islande
48. Nickname of astronaut who landed on moon
49. Quick sleep (two words)
50. Federal org. concerned with flight safety
51. Part of the eye
52. Actress Ward

#### DOWN

1. One precursor to ACC
2. 56 ACROSS birthstone

For puzzle solution, see July 23 edition of the Rev-Up

#### Puzzle solution for July 9



## 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.
- Amy Boatwright**, WR-ALC/MAIESB. Point of contact is John R. Hill at 926-5303.
- Donna Marie Dean**, MAIFWL. Point of contact is Ronnie Smith at 926-1683.
- Mary F. Dennard**, WR-ALC/LX. Point of contact is Debbie Singleton at 926-8385.
- Amanda D. Shields**, MANRWA. Point of contact is David A. McNeal at 926-7015.
- George T. Stallings III**, MABSFS. Point of contact is David Salone at 926-4035.
- Richard S. Tingley**, MABBA. Point of contact is Janice Williams at 926-4102.

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.

## Logistics Officer Association seeks new members

Submitted

The Logistics Officer Association is a nonprofit, professional educational organization with no official affiliation with the Air Force that is comprised of more than 2,200 military officers and civilians in logistics fields around the globe.

The purpose of the LOA is to enhance the military logistics profession by providing an open forum to promote quality logistical support and logistics officer professional development. LOA's motto is, "Professionals dedicated to the readiness and sustainability of aerospace forces."

LOA has been around for more than 20 years and has many affiliated chapters

around the world that provide professional development and logistics activities at base level. The Robins chapter is one of the largest in the world with more than 100 members.

There are many reasons to join the Middle Georgia Chapter. LOA promotes professional growth among its members through the cross flow of information on aviation maintenance policies, technical innovations and other logistics issues. This is possible because LOA serves as a professional association that is open to retirees, members of sister services, civilian counterparts and corporate partners.

The Exceptional Release, LOA's widely-read, quarterly professional journal, reflects LOA's broad-based interests

and is free with membership.

Another benefit of LOA involves chapter membership and activities. The Middle Georgia Chapter activities include professional development, tours, technical exchanges, officership, job searches, mentoring and camaraderie. Lastly, the LOA provides an excellent forum to learn and practice leadership skills.

Although the Middle Georgia Chapter has a robust and active chapter, we are seeking to increase our numbers in preparation for hosting the 2005 National LOA Conference in Atlanta.

If you are a military, civilian, retired logistician (aircraft maintenance, munitions, supply, transportation, logistics

plans & programs, acquisition, contracting), or just interested in learning about logistics and want to get involved with a group of energetic, enthusiastic members, contact one of the following to join: Capt. "Chuck" Payne, president, 926-3010; Capt. John P. Johnson, vice president, 926-3826; Capt. Christopher J. May, treasurer, 327-3211; Capt. Robert J. Bandstra, secretary, 926-5009; Mike Hogan, 328-3360 and Mike L. Neeley, 926-0592, retiree liaisons; and J. Oaky Strickland, 926-7700 extension 4117 and Susan W. Gruber, 926-0691, civil service liaisons.

For more information on the national LOA, go to [www.loanational.org](http://www.loanational.org).

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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

### Community tour

The FSC community tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members will be Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

### Interviewing basics

The FSC will offer a class on interviewing basics, Thursday, 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 Thursday, 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.

### Pre-TAP briefing

There will be a pre-TAP briefing July 27, 1 - 3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 141. The briefing is tailored for personnel and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation/retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long range retirement/separation planning, benefits and other information.

### Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class July 28, 8 a.m. - noon,

Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions will cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation.

At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society.

The bundle contains a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

### The spouse's connection

The FSC will offer the spouse's connection, July 28, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

### Interviewing strategies

Interviewing strategies will be taught July 29, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Child Development Centers East & West

A bubble fest and beach day is slated for July 23 during outdoor playtime.

### Civilian Recreation

Family Night Bingo will be 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.

### Enlisted Club

A brunch will be held Sunday, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Brunch is free for primary members and for their children ages 5 and younger. Cost is \$5.95 for members' children, ages 6 - 12, \$8.95 for guests and children 13 and older and \$11.95 for nonmembers.

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

### ITT

NASCAR tickets are on sale at ITT for Oct. 30 and 31 Nextel Cup Race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Cost for both races is \$50 per person.

### Library

The base library will be closed 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 hosting a wine and cheese tasting today at 5 p.m. Sample regional and international wines with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cost is free to members and \$7 for nonmembers.

### Smith Community Center

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be Aug. 7 at Robins Park from 4 to 9 p.m. A \$5 wristband will provide access to all rides and attractions. Admission is free for children ages 2 and younger.

Carnival games with prizes will include mini golf, knock a can and volleyball. Other rides and attractions will include bungee run, turbo swing, giant slide, merry-go-round, passenger train, spin ride, two climbing walls, dual spin art booth and triple play, which features baseball, soccer and football.

For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

### Youth Center

Before and After School program registration will be held today from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for previously enrolled students and July 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for new students. Register at the youth center, Building 1021.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

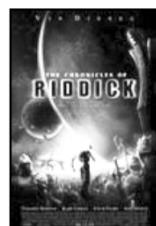
**Friday**  
7:30 p.m. - **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint**



A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there's only one thing he wants: Harry. While learning to cope with the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and yet more of his own history. Rated PG (frightening moments, creature violence and mild language) 142 minutes

**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. - **The Chronicles of Riddick - Vin Diesel and Judi Dench**

Riddick, on the run from mercenaries eager to claim the price on his head, seeks refuge on the planet of Helion, only to discover he's walked into a world in chaos. Helion has been seized by the Lord Marshall determined to wipe out humanity throughout the universe. The leader of Helion pleads with Riddick to join them in their fight for survival; Riddick agrees. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violent action and some language) 119 minutes



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# Air Force track and field team snags 22 medals

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The United States Air Force men and women's track and field teams finished tops in the 5th annual AIRNORTH Track and Field Championship at Bergen Op Zoom, the Netherlands, last month bringing home an impressive 22 medals.

According to team coach Torrance McGee, superintendent of the information systems flight here, the competition was "nail-bitingly fierce," and the competition was very close.

The women's team won its fourth consecutive championship, and the men won its third championship in five years.

The women's competition hosted six total events in which the U.S. garnered two gold, two silver medals and one bronze medal. The final point scoring for all nations were USA 36, Germany 33, England 29, Netherlands 25 and Belgium 18.

Hoy Thurman III, a 14-year All-Air Force track veteran, a surveillance radar technician

in the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here, won a gold medal in the men's 4x100-meter relay.

"It always feels good to win," he said. "When you're competing at this level it's all about team work. Your past personal times and marks don't really matter."

The Indianapolis, Ind., native will go on to compete in

the Georgia Games Sunday in Kennesaw.

The AIRNORTH sports program includes air forces from six countries including Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, England and the United States. The AIRNORTH Inter-nation Sports is open to the Allied Air Forces of the Northern Region.

## What to know

The aim of the AIRNORTH Inter-nation Sports Board is to encourage and assist the promotion of Inter-nation sporting activities through championships in basketball, cross-country running, track and field, swimming and volleyball.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fitness Center

The basketball court will be closed through Monday. The basketball court in the Health and Wellness Center will be closed July 31 - Aug. 13.

A running clinic will be held July 28 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please wear fitness clothes. For more information contact Jackline 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.

### Golf Course

A Civilian Recreation golf tournament will be held Saturday 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 twosome and be paired up with another single or twosome. For more information, call 926-4103.

### Youth Center

Youth fall sports registration will be held today, 3 - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, fall soccer and in-line hockey. 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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## June yard of the month winners



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The Yard of the Month competition is underway and runs through September. Five awards are given monthly - three to enlisted and two to officers. Judges look for neatly mowed and edged lawns, neatly trimmed hedges, neat and clean carports, and decorative but not excessive flowered areas. Awards include gift certificates, coupons and a U.S. flag. Winners also receive signs to display in their yards for a month. June winners: Retired Senior Master Sgt. and Mrs. Craig Henry, 516 5th St. Terrace (shown above with 78th Air Base Wing Vice Commander Col. Bruce Curry); Master Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Peck, 504 Lanier Dr.; Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Poindexter, 1262-B 10th St. Terrace; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jon Berrie, 477 Holly Dr.; and 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jonathan Gaustad, 745-B Lakeside Dr.

## MUSEUM OF AVIATION BRIEFS

**Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology:** "The Hows of Whodunits" Monday - July 20 for rising fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The cost is \$40 per student. Participants will learn skills and techniques used to solve crimes. They will dust for fingerprints, study tracks and use chromatography and DNA to discover the culprit. For more information, contact Julia Celebi at 926-6398.

**ACE Construction Workshop** Monday - July 23 for rising kindergarteners, and first and second graders. The cost is \$100 per student. Participants will explore design, structure and geomet-

ric shapes through hands-on activities. Participants will also build 3D shapes. For more information, contact Tammy Matthews at 926-5558.

**Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology:** "The Murder at Smuttynose" Wednesday-July 23 for students entering grades 7-12. The cost is \$40 per student. Before CSI or Forensic Files, investigators had to use perception, observations, keen

wits and problem-solving activities to solve crimes. This real-live 1873 murder mystery will be studied through original documents, photographs, interviews and physical evidence. For more information, contact Julia Celebi at 926-6398.

**Patriotic Film Festival:** Twelve O'Clock High will show at 11 a.m. Monday - July 23, in the Vistascope Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

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