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# Limited LSET prepares Center

### SF: more decal stickers on the way

The 78th Security Forces Squadron's Pass and Registration Section has what could be called sticker shock – the kind you get when all 3,000 of the vehicle decal stickers you ordered quickly run out.

The section had the stickers on back order, and when the order came, section staff began distributing the DD Form 2219 vehicle year decal stickers.

"They came, and they went very quickly," said Capt. Michelle Stringer, commander of the 78th Security Forces Squadron. "The overwhelming surge of customers seeking the stickers was not anticipated."

"Unfortunately, with our stock of decals depleted, we are again in a waiting mode," she said. "New stickers are on back order with the Air Force Publication Distribution Center in Maryland."

Meantime, the squadron has decided how it will approach the sticky situation. Drivers with proper credentials and IDs will be granted entry onto the installation, Captain Stringer said.

— Chris Zdrakas

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The Center's journey toward constant improvement continues following the first-ever depot-level limited Logistics Standardization Evaluation Team, inspection last week.

A team of 17 Air Force Materiel Command inspectors and augmentees from Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah, and Oklahoma City ALC, Okla., conducted a three-day inspection which looked at quality assurance programs and personnel, core areas of technical data, tools and equipment, and

training at the Center.

The inspection also covered foreign object debris prevention and specific areas of supply chain management.

During their visit July 13 through 16, inspectors evaluated eight core areas in the maintenance and logistics directorates. In addition to running

19 checklists, the inspectors conducted four personnel evaluations and two quality verification inspections.

In an executive summary, Col. Peaches Kavanaugh, LSET chief, said the Center proved it's actively improving its processes while striving to set the standard for quality and

compliance.

"Their focus on safety, compliance and logistics discipline proficiency is inspiring," she wrote. "While this was only the second (Air Force) limited LSET inspection to ever be conducted, their preparation

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### Second skin



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Airman 1st Class Kelley Deppen, a readiness journeyman, demonstrates the MCU-2AP gas mask fitted with the "second skin" liner that forms the face piece of the mask. Below, Laurie Beebe shows off the second skin that adds an extra layer of protection for Airmen involved in chemical, biological and nuclear warfare.

### Liner gives Airmen more protection

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A simple innovation in chemical protection gear could save thousands of Airmen's lives and millions of Air Force dollars according to the Support Equipment and Vehicles Directorate's integrated product team here.

Known as the second skin, or SS, the recent addition to the MCU-2P and the MCU-2A/P, the military's personal protective gas masks, adds a literal extra layer of protection against chemical, biological and nuclear warfare agents.

"The idea is simple, but I think it'll do wonders for the masks," said Don Waddell, LE engineering branch chief.

Made of a rubber-type material, the second skin is an overlay for the mask which extends

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## AF Fleet Viability Board releases C-5A assessment

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

[Air Force Print News](mailto:Air Force Print News)

WASHINGTON – With some qualifications, the first Air Force Fleet Viability Board assessment shows the C-5A Galaxy has at least 25 years of service life remaining.

While the aircraft is among the oldest in the Air Force inventory, officials reported there are no major structural life issues. In the board's judgment, with avionics and engine modifications, the C-5A has the service life remaining.

The report indicates the aircraft still requires significant maintenance effort and support costs, but nothing disproportionate to the enor-

mity of the aircraft itself.

This was the first aircraft to be assessed by the board.

"In this age of trying to make important weapon-system decisions with severely constrained budgets, the C-5A assessment provides valuable insight into the aircraft's projected technical fitness, costs and availability," said Col. Francis Crowley, the board's director.

"As one program manager told me, it is great to have a detailed assessment of the physical characteristics and associated costs in one concise document," Colonel Crowley said. "Having said that, the board plans to make further improvements in our process based on Secretary

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. Waymond Hughes opens the case that holds a defibrillator at the Commissary. Fourteen buildings around the base have been equipped with the life-saving device.

## Base installs automatic external defibrillators

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The 78th Medical Group, along with the Denver-based Federal Occupational Health Organization, recently installed 27 automatic external defibrillators at 14 base locations as part of Robins' public access defibrillator program.

AEDs are used to restore a normal heart rhythm in victims of sudden cardiac arrest. The AEDs administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart. Built-in computers assess the patient's heart rhythm, judge whether defibrillation is needed, and then administers an appropriate level of shock.

Capt. Robert Magnuson, director of Medical Logistics

### Where to find them

Automatic external defibrillators have been installed in the following locations: Buildings 215, 46, 300, 323, 560, 595, 826, 982, 166, 301, 127, 542, 660 and Building 956.

and Facility Management for the medical group, said the program will help increase base employees' chances of surviving cardiac arrest.

"This is a very important program in any work center," he said. "The (current) focus is to put these AEDs in highly populated areas - areas that

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Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSSI/OSW

Today 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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# New suicide prevention programs include commanders

By Lanorris Askew

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Improving the flow of information between support agencies and commanders Air Force wide may be a key to helping reduce suicide risks - and Robins' Life Skills services are 100 percent behind it.

Lt. Col. Rick Campise, the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program director, said a study of Air Force active-duty suicides in 2003 showed that some commanders saw confidentiality as preventing adequate communication with life skills support centers. In other cases, the absence of confidentiality was viewed as discouraging Airmen from seeking help.

The Air Force recently revised Air Force Instruction 41-210, "Patient Administration Functions," to better protect privacy rights and ensure an appropriate flow of information between commanders and support agencies.

Mental-health staff members are now required to review all open and closed mental-health records before active-duty Airmen transfer to new bases. Based on the record, mental-health providers can tell whether the new destination needs to arrange for additional resources to support the Airmen before and after they move.

"The flow of information between support agencies and

## What to know

Through July 15, 26 active-duty Airmen committed suicide in 2004, for a rate 13.0 per 100,000. The Air Force has experienced no suicides among Airmen deployed in operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

commanders is essential," said Maj. Kimberly Smith, behavioral health flight commander here, "If (either) the commander or the supervisor is aware of work performance, hygiene, partner or financial problems, it allows the healthcare provider to more thoroughly assess and serve the client's needs."

She added that the flow of information is essential in looking out for the best interest of the service member.

"Some Life Skills clients will only come in for a few sessions and never really address their concerns," she said. "Of course it's the client's right to discontinue services; however, the client may have significant stressors that may be intensified by a change in environment or move.

"By communicating with other helping agencies, when necessary, we have the ability to aid the client in making a healthy transition."

The Life Skills Center here provides a variety of services and avenues for Airmen with problems to get the help they

need. Those services include annual suicide awareness briefings, consultations with people who have concerns, a quick response team to react to traumatic events, speakers who make visits to commander's calls and briefings to the wing leadership quarterly or sooner as needed.

The center also tracks trends that are of concern and consults with commanders regarding quality of life issues.

The Major said General John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, has made "Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress" a mandatory read for all support agencies.

"We briefed all appropriate forums on this requirement, distributed the information via

e-mail to commanders and also made the information available on CDs," she said. "The suicide awareness has been a strong program for several years. Updated information is consistently being provided and distributed to the community."

"Confidentiality continues to be seen as a double-edged sword," said Colonel Campise. "We have to maintain a balance between a patient's privacy and a commander's need for information that allows (him or her to) make decisions that ensure the safety of the Airman and the success of the mission."

*Editor's note: AFPN Service contributed to this article.*

## LSET

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and support made it a success."

Although the limited LSET inspections are not graded, it gives the Center a practice run for the full inspection scheduled for Nov. 12 through Nov. 22, 2005.

"While the limited LSET helps us prepare for the full inspection next year, what really matters is daily focus and our maintenance ready program," said James Culpepper, Maintenance

## What to know

Fourteen personnel and four teams earned superior performer recognition for their actions or managing of programs during the inspection. The LSET also identified seven strengths worthy of dissemination across the Center and four Best practices candidates for MAJCOM-wide consideration.

Directorate director. "This program is set for us to assess ourselves each day - are we compliant with standard

work? Are we safe? Do we produce quality products? And, do we deliver to the war fighter quality systems to defend our freedoms every day?

"Are we making a difference on the war on terrorism each day?"

According to Col. Melissa Weydert, the Maintenance Directorate's senior individual mobilization augmentee, the limited LSET is the old Maintenance Standardization Evaluation program, or MSEP, but with an expanded focus.

"MSEP focused primarily on maintenance, but the LSET focuses

on the bigger logistics picture," she said. "Maintainers need training, parts, tech data, safety equipment, etc. to get the job done, and LSET looks at all the enabling factors, too."

The maintenance director said he feels the inspection was a success, but there is still more to do.

"I would like to tell each and every employee that we're doing great and thanks for your efforts every day - but remember, we still have a long way to go as we continue to improve our culture for quality and safety and compliance."

Col. Bruce Litchfield, combat electronic systems directorate director agreed.

"Our goal is to become the best sustainment organization in the Air Force," he said. "To accomplish this goal we need to provide superior mission support and set the standard for the way we do our work. The LSET helped validate our progress toward being the best by identifying our strengths and teamwork."

A full LSET inspection takes place every 30 months, and limited LSET takes place every 15 months.

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(of the Air Force Dr. James G.) Roche's vision."

The assessments focus on technical issues and the cost of continued ownership. The board considers cost, aircraft availability and operational health as top-level indicators of a fleet's viability. Along with an analysis of alternatives, it leaves consideration of force structure or operational impact to the Air Force corporate structure.

Two major programs would significantly improve mission capability rates: avionics modernization and reliability enhancement and re-engining.

The avionics modernization program, which began in 1998, includes upgrading avionics to Global Air-Traffic Management compliance,

improving navigation and safety, while increasing reliability and maintainability of the avionics.

The reliability enhancement and re-engining program is a comprehensive modernization that improves aircraft reliability, maintainability and availability. It incorporates reliability enhancements of on-board systems, re-engines the aircraft to improve operational performance and strengthens the aircraft structure to accommodate new engines and increased structural life. The most significant power plant-related change is the replacement of the old engine with the General Electric CF-6-80C2 commercial engine.

"Given that the board projects the C-5A to be viable for at least 25 years, assuming that avionics and engine modification programs occur as planned and continued posi-

tive results from teardown of an aircraft at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Ga., the C-5A assessment can serve as a valuable source for determining the best approach for meeting future Air Force capability needs," Colonel Crowley said.

"There are a number of planning organizations in the Air Force that should find the board's analysis extremely helpful in their planning process," he said.

The board stood up in August 2003 to provide senior leaders with an unbiased assessment of the service's aircraft fleet longevity.

The Galaxy is the nation's largest cargo airlift aircraft. It can carry more cargo farther than any other aircraft in the Air Force inventory. However, the "A" model represents a 30-year-old fleet with significant issues and associated planned upgrade

investments.

C-5s provide passenger and oversized cargo airlift for both air-land and special operations. One is capable of moving 291,000 pounds of cargo as far as 1,530 nautical miles, or 180,000 pounds of cargo as far as 3,200 miles. It is also capable of carrying 73 passengers, including cargo weight. With its unique visor door and kneeling capability, the aircraft can both load and unload simultaneously.

Of the 122 C-5s in active service, 70 of these aircraft are "A" models. During the assessment period, four aircraft were retired with another 10 aircraft slated for retirement at a rate of two per quarter through fiscal 2005. The average age of the C-5A is 33 years old, twice as old as the C-5B model. C-5As average 18,000 flying hours and range from 12,000 to 22,000 flying hours.

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are of greater risk. According to the Air Force surgeon general, 30 percent of cardiac arrest victims could be saved by immediate CPR and defibrillation. This is a life-saving program that we're very upbeat about."

Mario Martinez, a quality assurance specialist at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., who suffered Cardiac Sudden Death Syndrome during a racquetball game in March, said an AED saved his life just one day after his 50th birthday.

"It was the best birthday gift I could have received," he said. "If anyone has the opportunity to train on an AED, I highly recommend that they do. No one thinks something like this could happen to them, but it can.

## How to get trained

Anyone interested in receiving training on the Automatic external defibrillator can contact Master Sgt. Raymond Hughes at 327-8331.

You never know when you could save a life this way."

Brad Adams, the chief of Acquisition Law here and an Air Force reservist, recently learned how to use an AED during a four-hour training course at Pine Oaks Golf Course's clubhouse. He said he felt compelled to get trained on an AED after his 89-year-old father had heart bypass surgery five years ago.

"Cardiac arrest can happen anywhere, anytime," he said. "If you're properly trained, you might make the difference between life and death."

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the time it's effective in a hostile area. Prior to the addition, the masks had to be discarded after exposure to chemical agents, but with the second skin it's possible to save the masks for repeated use by removing the skin after the decontamination process and replacing it with another.

According to the team, the price difference between the SS and a mask is astronomical and that little piece of rubber saves the Air Force

roughly \$170 per mask.

Earl Duck, LE equipment specialist, said the masks are being given to Airmen who are, or could be, deployed to a hostile area.

"In our emphasis on Air Expeditionary Forces, this is almost everyone in uniform," he said.

Johnnie Kincaid, LE program manger, said while the actual protection levels of the masks and the second skin are classified, with or without the skin the masks provide a high level of protection to the wearer against chemical warfare agents such as blister and nerve agents. The second skin however,

expands that protection to the next level with additional thickness.

The Air Force's initial development of the SS was done at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, but the original group to develop the SS was the Army through the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Edgewood, Md., for use with their M-40 masks.

The sustainment of the skins and all technical responsibilities are handled through Robins' LE directorate. In addition, the Defense Logistics Agency is the supply source and covers all procurement

and distribution.

In the past three years more than 314,000 masks have been fielded, and since the first quarter of 2003, when the second skin were first available, more than 500,000 have been put to storage at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"The SS are issued on an as needed basis as personnel are deployed to hot or potential high threat areas," Laurie Beebe, LE engineer, said. "All new mobility personnel are issued a mask, therefore Robins fills new needs as well as replacements on a daily basis."

The Robins IPT recently award-

ed a five-year contract on the order of \$258 million to support the war fighter's needs including current demands for the masks.

Since the SS is out in relatively small quantities and has been out for a short time the feedback is limited, but the possibilities are endless.

"We expect it to improve survivability and save on wear and tear of the more expensive mask," said Mr. Don Waddell, LE engineering branch chief. "The second skin is a big step forward and it's going to make it a much better item than it was in the past in many ways."

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# Workers complete production on 10 F-15 aircraft in 11 days

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The F-15 Production Branch of the Maintenance Directorate recently sent 10 aircraft back to their home stations in an 11-day timeframe.

But, it might not have happened without a lot of hard work and a team effort between the branch, across the aircraft division and with the 339th Flight Test Squadron. All of the aircraft flew out between June 21 and July 1.

With the closure of Robins' runway for repairs from May 28 until June 12, there wasn't time to plan the F-15 outputs around it, so a plan was laid out early in the year to accelerate five jets.

The F-15s have a continuous flow with a scheduled output every two days. The plan required "speeding up" the line to be sure the jets scheduled to fly during the shutdown were flown and produced prior to the closure. Unfortunately, problem jets in May caused a backlog at Functional Test.

George Reid, deputy section chief for the Functional Test Section, said a good game plan following the shutdown helped eliminate the backlog and made it possible to return the jets to the field. While the runway was closed, no planes



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp  
William Rimmer, aircraft mechanic, seals a wind screen on an F-15.

were able to complete functional check flights.

"We had to adapt, improvise and overcome," Mr. Reid said. "We had to change some of our procedures."

One of those changes involved having the aircraft complete the painting process before the functional check flights.

"We had to come up with a contingency plan and back up a little and regroup," he said. "We made up a schedule for the aircraft to get painted before we actually flew them. If we hadn't started painting the jets before we (flew) them, we would have wound up with

even more of a (backlog)."

The branch was able to continue work – albeit not quite like normal – during the runway shutdown. To accomplish that, the branch contacted all the home stations scheduled to deliver aircraft for maintenance during the runway's closure. All the planes that would normally have arrived during that time were brought in early so programmed depot maintenance could begin on time.

Because an F-15 was coming out every two days, space to park them had to be found, according to Mr. Reid.

"We've got five bays out there and a shed that will hold two jets," he said. "We had to get with the C-130s and partner up with them and use the ramp space they had available behind Building 91 for an alternate parking pad."

Ellen Griffith, F-15 production chief, said she was proud of the way everything came together.

"I can't begin to express how proud I am of the team effort involved in making this happen, from the docks to functional test, and especially the above and beyond efforts of our test pilots in the 339th," she said. "Without their help we wouldn't have been able to work down the backlog so quickly."

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## Ceremony marks reunion of AFRC 'family'

By 1st Lt. John Fage

Air Force Reserve Command  
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Air Force Reserve Command senior leaders cut a ceremonial ribbon in front of Building 210 July 15, marking the official end to a long, somewhat "dusty" journey.

After four years of hammering, drilling, cutting and painting, life is getting back to normal for hundreds of people who were displaced while their building was being renovated.

People who had been working in the main Headquarters AFRC building when renovations began in December 2000 were forced to relocate elsewhere in the building or to another location.

During the \$18 million transformation, construction workers installed new mechanical, electrical and communications systems, new carpet, new furniture and new roofing, just to name a few of the changes.

"We have a very nice, modern facility," said James McElroy, an engineering program manager in Headquarters AFRC, who served as the building renovation project manager. "Our personnel



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, left, and Lt. Gen. John Bradley, AFRC commander, speak with attendees of a ceremony celebrating the renovation of Building 210 July 15.

should be proud of it."

In addition to the approximately 125,354 square feet that was renovated, Building 210 now boasts 38,084 new square footage, including a state-of-the-art command conference center and two new third floor annex additions.

People who were displaced by the renovations, to locations such as Green Street or the Cold War-era radar building on base, welcomed the change of scenery.

"It's nice to be closer to the main part of the base," said 1st Lt. Cedric Clark, a person-

nel officer in the personnel directorate's plans division. "It's great to finally have windows," he joked.

The personnel directorate had been temporarily housed on the other side of the base in the windowless radar building commonly referred to as "Pave Paws."

"It's great to have everyone back in the headquarters building again," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander. "In addition to being a hard-working team, Headquarters AFRC is a 'family.' Now our relatives are no longer so far away."

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# C-130 team provides support for 22 countries

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Their passports are stamped with exotic locations like Argentina, Egypt, Portugal, Botswana and Japan, but they aren't your average jetsetters.

The men and women of the C-130 Technical Coordination Group, provide technical, engineering and a limited amount of logistics support for 22 countries' C-130 aircraft, according to Charles Cofield, technical branch chief.

Many of the member countries are new to the world of the C-130, and use their membership in the TCG as a method of getting the much needed support required to keep their fleets flying.

Mr. Cofield said in the mid-1980s the Air Force was charged with answering technical and engineering questions for all foreign military sales customers, but their priority lay with Air Force issues which meant the FMS questions usually got put on the bottom of the stack.

Because that was the case, in 1988 the Air Force came up with the TCG where countries pay a pro-rated share for a membership giving them their own staff to work their issues.

"The TCG operates at no cost to the Air Force," said Mr. Cofield. "The staff is paid by the member countries' membership fees. The equipment is also paid for by those fees."

With membership in the TCG, countries get a quicker response and are able to keep their fleets operating at maximum potential.

A group of 20 people,



Courtesy photo

TCG employees Todd Engelman, standing with hat, and Burke Wood, seated, inspect the tail section of a C-130. Korean Air Force Major Kim inspects the vertical stabilizer for damage. The TCG went to South Korea to inspect damage caused by a 'hard landing'.

comprised of equipment specialists, engineers, country managers, financial and administrative staff, make up the TCG.

Throughout the year they receive questions from members on various C-130 issues via e-mail or fax. The questions come into the country managers who route them to the engineers or equipment specialists who handle the issues.

Those who work in the TCG say it's a job they love, and free travel to some of the

world's most exotic and historic places is just one of the perks.

"It's an extremely exciting job," said Mr. Cofield. "You do work, don't get me wrong, but you get to see things you've only read about in books. You also learn to appreciate life here in the U.S. a lot more. Of course

there is job satisfaction, knowing you have helped someone else."

Rita Ritchie-Fowler, a country manager for Nigeria, Portugal, Spain and Egypt, agreed.

"I love my job," she said. "You get the opportunity to travel and get a perspective on how the other half of the world lives."

She joined the TCG team in October, and said she realized how lucky she is to live in the United States when she saw other countries that don't have "the things we have here."

She serves as a direct focal point for the countries she serves.

"We work any action items they may need like contracts and parts," she said. "We work in conjunction with the equipment specialists and engineers."

According to Mr. Cofield, the usual tour of duty overseas for TCG personnel combines two countries in each trip and usually lasts about two weeks. Those visits are called in-country reviews and

are done yearly – only if the country wants it.

## Job satisfaction

Mr. Cofield said the best part of this job is the satisfaction of knowing you've been able to help a country.

"These countries look up to the U.S. Air Force as the best in the world. When you're able to help them and answer their questions or show them how to do something to help them do their mission – that's satisfaction," he said.

Some examples of that satisfaction came this year when they helped South Korea and Japan with the installation of self-protection systems on their C-130s, so they could perform humanitarian missions in Iraq.

They have also helped many countries upgrade their older models with newer engines to keep them running longer and cheaper.

"We get some that have a lot of money and can afford to keep their aircraft in really good condition, and then we get those who really don't

## What to know

The TCG was established in 1988. Once a year they conduct in-country reviews, or ICRs, if the country desires. Each October they conduct a Worldwide Review, or WWR, here and countries send delegates to discuss issues, to learn new things and to share information.

have a lot of money and are barely able to keep their aircraft flying. It's scary, but that's the way it is. We can't give them money. And that, in some cases, is what they need," said Mr. Cofield.

They travel to areas where there could be danger, but they haven't had any serious incidents. We get warnings about travel from the State Department and try not to send our people in if it's too dangerous.

"We've never had any close calls that we knew about," he said.

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## Families offer thanks to Robins community

From the Schliepsiek and Bielenberg families:

No words can adequately describe the overwhelming sadness that we experienced this week at the loss of Andy and Jamie, whose lives were cut short through such a senseless and heinous act. Andy and Jamie

were greatly loved and respected by all who knew them. They contributed selflessly to their families, their community and their country. We will forever miss them and honor their memory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the third victim and his family; we wish him a full and speedy recovery. In addition, we

are grateful to the authorities for responding to this tragedy so quickly and for making an immediate arrest in this case. While we will continue to grieve the loss of Andy and Jamie, we have faith in our judicial system and are hopeful that the person responsible for these crimes will be quickly brought to justice.

Our thanks also go out to our families, friends, loved ones and communities for their support during this very difficult and trying time. We appreciate each and every one of you.

*Editor's note: To honor their memory, the families have created the Andy and Jamie*

*Schliepsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund to award scholarships, based on need, to Peoria Richwoods High School graduates. To contribute, make checks payable to: The Andy and Jamie Schliepsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o First Federated Church, 3601 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61604.*

## The conscience is a wonderful thing when you listen

By Col. Walter Saeger Jr.

Air-to-surface munitions directorate director

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFP) – How many times have you started to do something only to stop and ask yourself, “Should I really do this?” Maybe it doesn’t happen too often for you, but it does for me.

Every time I have to decide what action to take, I hear this little voice that guides my decision. Some people would call it my conscience.

The conscience is a wonderful thing when it’s there

and listened to. It can keep us from doing things that could get us in trouble.

But, it has to be there and it has to be listened to. Most people have a conscience that they listen to – at least I assume they do or we would have a lot more crimes being committed or laws being broken.

So why am I worried about whether you have a conscience or not?

It comes down to the business that we are in. Being in the Air Force – civilian or military – we are entrusted to perform a service for our country. How we perform that service

depends highly on our conscience.

How many times have you stretched your coffee break an extra 15 minutes and thought it didn’t harm anyone since you still got all of your work done for that day? How about the time you went TDY and came back when you were scheduled to even though the meeting ended early and you could have come back a day earlier? Hopefully no one reading this has been tempted to do the latter although I’m sure many people have done the former.

Both scenarios are examples of the Air Force being

short-changed; in the first example it’s “only” time while in the second it’s both time and money. Maybe you work hard and rationalize that the Air Force owes you that much, but does it? If you were paying the bill, how would you feel then?

That is how you should look at everything you do. If I were paying the bill, would I still be willing to do what I am about to do?

Another way to ensure you do the right thing is the “60 Minutes” test. If someone from “60 Minutes” – the TV show with Mike Wallace – were to walk up and ask what

you were doing and why, would you be willing to tell them everything and wait to see it on TV? Or better yet, have someone from your family see it on TV?

I’ve always asked myself why I would do something that I wouldn’t want to read about in the newspaper or see on the TV news. When your actions can stand the “60 Minutes” test, you can be pretty confident that you’re doing the right thing for the right reason. There will always be exceptions, but unless you’re lying to yourself (and your conscience won’t help you there), people will trust you.

Now I’m sure you’re asking yourself, “What does all of this have to do with me?” It goes back to being in the Air Force.

Americans trust us to do our best to protect them and our way of life. This trust is based on each of us doing what is right, no matter what others may think or do, and you cannot always do what is right without guidance like your conscience or the “60 Minutes” test.

Use them often enough and eventually you won’t even hear them – it will just be natural to do the right thing all the time.

### 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.

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### Base gym outdoor pool

I understand the outdoor pool at the Fitness Center will not be open this year due to high levels of lead and poor construction. When will the pool be fixed and reopened? I’d also like to know if the high levels of lead were present last year because I swam in the pool three or four times a week and wonder if it will cause health problems.

**Commander’s reply:** First and foremost, let me assure you that the closure of the outdoor fitness pool was not based on high levels of lead, but rather on the overall condition of the pool liner. The life expectancy of a Gunitite pool liner is no more than 35 years, and the pool’s liner is 38 years old. Because of its age, the plumbing system is antiquated thereby increasing maintenance costs – base civil engineers spent roughly \$35,000 annually to keep it running.

Regarding your concern on lead, lead analysis is performed regularly in all base pools, and a sample of paint chips from this pool was taken by the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron unit environmental coordinator and submitted to the chemical analysis team at the Robins Science and Engineering Laboratory in March. The painted surface of the sample submitted was analyzed using X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy and was considered lead-free under Housing and Urban Development/Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards.

We are presently reviewing cost estimates for installing a new liner, which would be necessary in order to reopen this pool. I

invite you to use one of the other pools: Officers’ Club pool, Enlisted Club pool, Crestview pool or the indoor Fitness Center pool. The Enlisted Club pool is the primary lap swim pool, and lap swimmers enjoy the Olympic sized venue.

Pool hours are from noon to 7 p.m. but are closed for maintenance on the following schedule: Crestview is closed Mondays; Officers’ Club is closed Tuesdays; and Enlisted Club is closed Thursdays. Enlisted Club lap swim hours are Sunday, Tuesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There’s no lap swim on Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday due to scheduled training and maintenance.

### Litter around base lakes

I’m appalled by the excessive amount of littering at the base’s lakes. The littering has significantly increased since the lakes have been open for fishing. Recently, while riding my bike around the lake, I was saddened and angered to see beer bottles, water bottles, fish bait containers and food containers. It’s disappointing to know that there are those who lack the integrity to remove the waste and keep the lakes clean for everyone to enjoy. The waste also poses an environmental concern. Many wildlife depend on the lakes. I plead with residents and base leaders to encourage others to clean up after themselves. Otherwise, I would like to request the lakes be shut down for fishing, a fine be issued to those who litter, or limit fishing and other recreational activities to housing residents only.

**Commander’s reply:** The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron has

a base-wide litter pick-up service contract that services those areas around the lakes’ banks down to the water surface. The lakes are serviced on a daily basis, and during the summer the service is extended to twice a day. We cannot monitor everyone who visits the base lakes and ensure they place litter in its proper place. We need everyone’s help to keep the base looking beautiful. Questions can be answered through CE’s Service Contract section. Environmental Management also shares your concern about the negative effects littering has on water quality, wildlife habitats and the beauty of our natural environment. EM, Services and Security Forces will continue to work together to address this problem.

### Kudos to base honor guard

Recently the Honor Guard performed a funeral ceremony at Magnolia Memorial Gardens for the Yarbrough family. Mrs. Yarbrough has asked to pass along her heartfelt thanks for a job well done, but she had one question about the ceremony. After the presentation of the flag, a sergeant from the honor guard handed her the shell casings from the three volleys fired at the funeral. What do the shell casings represent?

**Commander’s reply:** It’s a distinct honor for the Robins Honor Guard to perform military funeral honors to pay tribute to Fred Yarbrough and our fallen comrades. It was Master Sgt. Gary Scott who handed the casings to Mrs. Yarbrough, each one representing duty, honor and country.

### Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued year to date.

### How the points add up

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

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

Source: AF1 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: 2    July 2003: 8    Year to date: 36\*    63    As of Wednesday    Number of days since last DUI: 8

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

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# Sponsors help Airmen through PCS transition

By Holly J. Logan  
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Preparing for a move can be stressful, but Airmen can help each other ease the burden of a permanent change of station by becoming a sponsor.

You've got your orders, and now it's time to start thinking about finding a good place to live, schools for your children and other everyday life necessities.

Sponsors are there to help. Dan Wells, lead community readiness consultant with the Family Support Center, described the program as the Air Force's way of taking care of its own.

"It's a program that helps

Airmen get established in their new area," he said. "They get a chance to get acquainted with the base through these trained individuals before they arrive, and it gives them someone to greet them when they get there."

The sponsorship program is owned by the Military Personnel Flight and driven by unit commanders who select the most qualified individuals to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of sponsorship in their respective units.

Mandatory sponsorship training sessions are held twice a month at the FSC Annex in Building 945, offering morning and afternoon sessions for

perspective sponsors' convenience.

"It's a real eye-opener," he said. "It makes people think 'I thought I knew a lot about sponsorship,' but there's always room to grow and learn."

Senior Airman Naomi DeLion, a member of the 53rd Combat Communication Squadron's commander support staff and the unit's sponsorship program manager, said with the unit's high deployment rate, sponsorship is sometimes challenging, but she does her best to find individuals to lend a helping hand.

"You're coming to a new environment and a new situation," she said. "You may want someone to hold your hand, in a way. Sponsors are here to make the transition of PCS easier."

Staff Sgt. Marcellus Clark, deployed network administra-

## What to know

Sponsorship training is conducted in the Family Support Center annex in Building 945 twice a month. Training is mandatory for first-time sponsors and sponsors who haven't been active in the role in a year or more. For more information, contact the Family Support Center at 926-1256 or 926-3453.

tor with the 53rd CCS, said being a sponsor gives him a sense of accomplishment.

"We've all been to different bases and had that feeling of being lost," he said. "When individuals come to the base, and I'm able to help them feel more at home and more welcomed to our unit, it gives me a good feeling knowing that I've helped make their lives a little better."



Dan Wells

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## Thrift Savings Plan tape transmission glitch corrected

There was technical error on the Thrift Savings Plan tape transmission on the pay period ending July 10. A retransmission to the National Finance Center

was accomplished Tuesday, and customer accounts should have been posted by close of business Wednesday. The TSP deposit will still carry the "original"

deposit effective date, and there should be no lost earnings as a result.

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# a time of healing

"I've always been prepared to sacrifice for my country personally – an arm, a leg – and I've been prepared to put down my life for my country," Ed Alegre, an engineer in the Maintenance Directorate's Industrial Services Division here, said in a quiet voice while sitting in his cubical in Building 321.

By Lisa Mathews

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But recently, the retired Airman found that even more of a sacrifice would be asked of him ... and he has given that as well.

#### The phone call

Mr. Alegre received the type of call all parents with children in the military dread May 29 when he found out his 20-year-old son, Marine Cpl. Anthony Alegre, had been injured in Iraq.

He sat down, and listened very carefully to the voice on the other end.

"Unfortunately, we didn't have much news," Mr. Alegre said. "All we knew was there had been an accident, and that Anthony had a severe head trauma. It was quite a shock; there's not enough information there to process. You don't know enough."

Once the young Marine was transported to Germany, the family got more detailed information about his condition. He had surgery in Iraq and got further treatment in Germany before being transported June 5 to Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Maryland. When he arrived, his father and step-mother, Bec, and his mother and step-father, Ester and Jeff Parkerson, were waiting at the hospital. His brother, Nicholas, and sister, Alissa Irby, arrived that Monday. His fiancée, Ruby Bennett, arrived from San Diego that Tuesday.

While the staff from the hospital in Germany prepared Mr. Alegre by telephone for the extent of his son's injuries, he wasn't prepared for his physical appearance.

"He had tubes everywhere," he said. "In cases of severe trauma, the body swells up, and he had massive quantities of fluids through IVs. He looked like he weighed about 300 pounds."

Mr. Alegre doesn't have a lot of details regarding the attack that injured his son.

"We know there was an attack on the platoon squad by an improvised explosive device," he said. "His platoon leader suffered physical injuries. He ended up losing a leg. He has a hip injury – that I know for sure. The rest is speculation."

Corporal Alegre was wounded when small pieces of shrapnel entered his left temple and traversed his brain from the left side to the right in a circular arch.

#### A father's beliefs in his son's mission

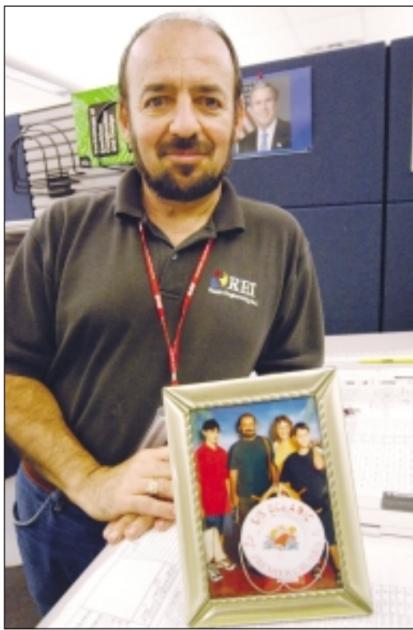
Mr. Alegre has heard national media reports where some are calling for an end to U.S. involvement in Iraq. Following his son's injuries, Mr. Alegre still firmly believes the presence of U.S. military troops in that country is important and should continue.

"I knew he was serving his country and doing something that needed to be done, politics aside," he said. "I felt very proud of him. If we don't send our boys and girls over there to do the job they're doing, then look at the television newsreels prior to us being there. Look at the people who were being hurt there. I feel we need to be there. We're not conquering the country, we're building. We're helping the people to



Courtesy photo

Ed Alegre, left, and Ruby Bennett, right, visit Cpl. Anthony Alegre at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Maryland. Since the July 4 weekend, the corporal has begun speaking some words and has spoken with his father on the telephone.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Mr. Alegre, an engineer in the Maintenance Directorate, stands at his drafting table with a photo that includes his son, Corporal Alegre (in the red shirt).

build their own country, and I've had that feeling reaffirmed."

Mr. Alegre has been added to an e-mail list through which he receives news from people currently serving in Iraq.

"I've gotten several e-mails that tell me the people are accepting their new-found freedoms. People don't want to be oppressed; they don't want to live under a dictatorship. That's what we're taking care of.

"That's what Americans do. That's what we've always done. I'm not a war monger. It's just that that is our way of life. That's why I served my country, and that's why my son continues to serve his country," Mr. Alegre said.

#### A different war, a different military

Mr. Alegre was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War era. He recalls the treatment of those in the military during that conflict.

"It's a different time; it's a different era. When I was 18 years old, I was ashamed to be off-base and wouldn't wear my uniform off-base. I was ashamed of my short haircut. In 1970 ... you would go off-base and be spotted as a military person, and you would be treated as an outcast by the nearby town where all the social life was," he said.

"It's not that way now. The communities are so much more behind our young soldiers than

they were 30 years ago," he said. "Put aside your political differences. Put aside your support of a president or lack of support of a president. Find a service man or woman, and just walk up to them and thank them for their duty – the way they are doing their duty.

"These are young men and women that are out there. They're doing what they can. It doesn't matter what you think of the government or of Iraq. Pull yourself to a higher level and go to these young men and women and tell them, 'thank you and God bless you,'" he added.

"I saw that happen in Bethesda. I saw these young men, and I saw the look on their faces when somebody would do that. That's what I want Americans to do. It doesn't matter what your politics are."

#### What does the future hold?

The future remains a mystery for Corporal Alegre and his family. He has since been transferred to the James A. Haley Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tampa, Fla., where he is making progress on his road to recovery.

Doctors have explained that it could possibly be a year before they know the full extent of his injuries.

Mr. Alegre said the family prepares itself for the long haul.

They know Corporal Alegre's recovery will include many ups and downs. He will take many "baby steps" on his journey back to life. But Mr. Alegre has no doubt his son will recover.

"I'm glad God's on my side, because I couldn't do without him. It's a very difficult time, but we've accepted and we've prepared ourselves for the worst. You're prepared for the worst; and, when you get something better, it's very satisfying," he said.

*Editor's note: The interview for this article took place June 16. Those wishing to send a message to be included in a binder his father is keeping may do so by e-mailing [edalegre@att.net](mailto:edalegre@att.net). As of June 22, Mr. Alegre had received 300 messages.*

## Marine's fiancée determined to stay by his side

*Editor's Note: A week after interviewing Ed Alegre, the reporter spoke with Ruby Bennett, Corporal Alegre's fiancée, who was in Bethesda, Md.. She reported on improvements in his condition. The following article was written from that interview which took place on June 24.*

Ruby Bennett's life took a sudden change of direction May 29 when her fiancé Marine Cpl. Anthony Alegre was injured while serving in Iraq. Miss Bennett, 23, of San Diego, has spent more than a month by his side.

Miss Bennett knows that some of her friends think she should carry on with her life rather than commit herself to staying with Corporal Alegre during his recovery, but she has chosen a different path.

"The way I see it, he was over there fighting for me. Now it's my turn to fight for him - to help him get back. It's not about me anymore; it's about him," she said.

Her voice held a note of cheer when she described the improvements Corporal Alegre has made during his recovery.

"Every day is a new day. He has his eyes open, and he's moving both his arms now. It's very slight, but he can pull them up from his side to his waist," she said.

When Corporal Alegre's father, Ed, was in Bethesda in early June, he wasn't responding to voice commands, but that has changed.

"I have gotten him to stick his tongue out when I tell him to," Ruby said during her June 24 interview. She has also managed to coax him into a special gift for his mother, Ester Parkerson.

"I've gotten him to pucker his lips up to give his mom sugar."

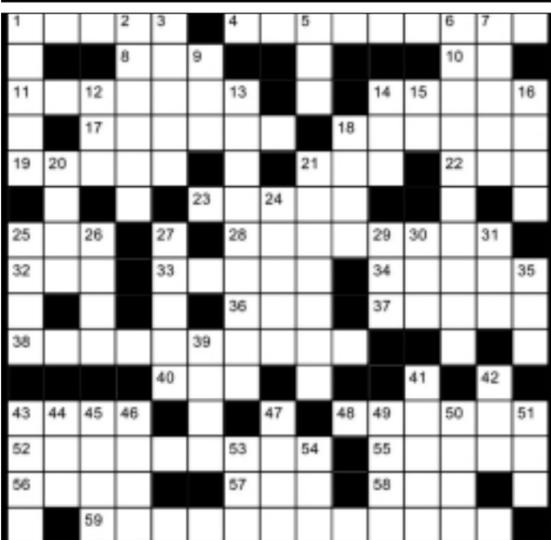
Corporal Alegre will remain at the James A. Haley Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tampa, Fla. throughout his recovery.

Miss Bennett's parents Lauren and Donna Bennett are firmly behind their daughter's decision to remain with Corporal Alegre through his recovery process.

As to what she would tell others who find themselves in the same situation, Miss Bennett said, "Be strong, because you have to. If they see that strength and that love, it gives them the courage and the power to heal better and to carry on with life."

– Lisa Mathews

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Number your Air Force

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. NAF headquartered at Tyndall AFB, FL
4. NAF headquartered at F.E. Warren AFB, WY
8. Questioning remarks?
10. Formulae of unique exemplification, briefly
11. Giving strength
14. Authorizes, as legislation
17. Third largest island in the world
18. NAF headquartered at Barksdale AFB, LA
19. Either of two large African antelopes
21. Petty NASCAR sponsor
22. Article
23. Embattled
25. Morgue arrival, briefly
28. Paybacks
32. AF deployment code for an IDO
33. Angry
34. NAF headquartered at Shaw AFB, SC
36. 2,000 lbs
37. Key on a computer
38. NAF headquartered at Vandenberg AFB, CA
40. Towel marker
43. Iowa city
48. NAF headquartered at March AFB, CA
52. NAF headquartered at Aviano AB, Italy
55. Ascertain
56. Singing group Kingston

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7. NAF headquartered at Carswell ARS, TX
9. Shannon, Ireland airport abbrev.
12. Lawyer's org.
13. Creates
14. Small drink
15. USAF org. concerned with complaints
16. Cast off
18. Designates diminutives
20. Despoil
21. NAF headquartered at Osan AB, Korea
24. First native-born American to be canonized
25. Homer's favorite elixir
26. Org. concerned with American rights
27. NAF headquartered at Yokota AB, Japan
29. Compass dir.
30. A type of mill?
31. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
35. Univ. degree program concerned with people
39. Ireland of old
41. Type of cabinet
42. Vehicle for off-roading
43. Movie dog
44. Former Russian orbiter
45. Leave
46. Hide away
47. Halt
49. Oil org.
50. Actor Munro of Cop Land
51. Female chick
53. Clear, as in money
54. Dept. run by Secretary Tom Ridge

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1. Allegory
2. NAF headquartered at Keesler AFB, MS
3. NAF headquartered at RAF Mildenhall, England

For puzzle solution, see July 30 edition of the Rev-Up

### Puzzle solution for July 16



## LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

**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](mailto: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.

### 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 today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

### Pre-TAP briefing

There will be a pre-TAP briefing Tuesday, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 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

The Air Force Aid Society will con-

duct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

### The spouse's connection

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

### Interviewing strategies

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

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### 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.

### Family Child Care

The Extended Duty Care program is back. A provider has been contracted to offer care to children when their parents work beyond their normal duty day or week. Care is also available evenings and weekends. For more details or to reserve times for care, contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

### ITT

Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 2. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for on the Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

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 today for installation of new carpet and wall covering. It will reopen Saturday.

### Summer bash

A fireworks display will conclude Let's Celebrate Summer Bash around 9:20 p.m. on Aug. 7 over Duck Lake. Those attending the bash will have the chance to win prizes including a five-night/six-day Kissimmee-St. Cloud (Fla.) package for two, a weekend stay and golf package for two at Jekyll Island, four passes for two free admissions to High Museum of Art in Atlanta, four tickets to the October Atlanta Opera performance of Carmen, one night weekend stay at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, two night/three day stay at the Red Horse Inn in Orlando, one year family membership to the Michael C. Carlos Museum in Atlanta, Stanley Steamer Carpet & Upholstery spot remover, \$25 gift certificate to Publix, two Emerald Coast beach baskets, two passes for the Fernbank Museum of



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

There will be rides and attractions for this year's summer bash held in Robins Park Aug. 7 from 4 - 9 p.m.

Natural History in Atlanta, four Braves Museum & Hall of Fame passes, four Turner Field tour passes (including admission to Braves Museum & Hall of Fame), two tickets to the October Atlanta Ballet performance of Dracula, two night/three day stay at Days Inn Cocoa Beach, Fla., and four tickets to the Atlanta Falcons.

The bash will be held at Robins Park (across from the Enlisted Club) from 4 - 9 p.m. For more information,

call the community center at 926-2105.

### Youth Center

Youth fall sports registration has been extended for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, fall soccer and in-line hockey. Registration 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 more details, visit the center in 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.

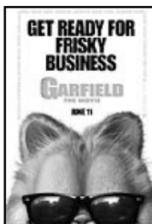
**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

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. - **Garfield - Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt**



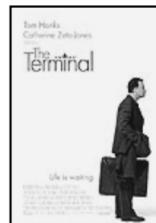
Garfield's owner takes in a sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's world upside down. Garfield wants only one thing: Odie out of his home and life. But when the pup is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, for the first time in his life, feels responsible and springs into action to return the pup.

Rated PG (brief mild language) 85 minutes

**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. - **The Terminal - Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones**

An Eastern European immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him no political home. The refugee meets and falls in love with a flight attendant, which prompts a bold escape plan.

Rated PG-13 (brief language and drug references) 121 minutes



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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. for \$6 per person.

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

The basketball court in the Health and Wellness Center will be closed from July 31 to Aug. 13 to put in a new wood floor.

A running clinic will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please wear fitness clothes. For more information, contact Jackline Baker at 926-2128 or Jamie Martin at 327-8480.

The outdoor running track will be closed Aug. 2 - 16 for resurfacing. For more information, call the center at 926-2128.

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.

REC TRAC registration will be held through Aug. 2 for all patrons, including active duty military, retirees and their dependants, civilians with a valid identifica-

tion card. Bring your CAC and locker receipt if you purchased a locker after April 2004. For more information, call 926-2128.

### Golf Course

Beginning in September, Pine Oaks Golf Course will offer children, ages 8 - 13, a new program which makes learning golf easy and affordable, but most of all, fun. Golf 4 Kids provides children with a solid foundation of the game, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play. For \$50, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction in three supervised on-course playing experiences. Participants receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will receive a free set of Ram junior clubs.

Classes will be held Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., for kids ages 8 - 10, and Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 5, 7 and 12, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., for kids ages 11 - 13. Priority will be given to dependents of E1 - E6. Children of all active duty military will be given a second priority and, if there are still spots open, dependents of any base personnel may join. For more information call 926-4103.

Dave's gone crazy with hot July specials at the pro shop. Buy now and save on Odyssey, Ping, Spalding and Ray Cook putters.

### Outdoor Recreation

The Officers' Club and Crestview pools will close Aug. 9 for the season. The Enlisted Club pool will remain open as scheduled. For more information, call 926-4001.

# Robins mom's twins assume command of Air Mobility Command squadrons

By Holly J. Logan

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Vera Keasley said one word describes her reaction to news that her daughters Majors Shawna O'Brien and Dawn Keasley assumed command of two Air Mobility Command mission support squadrons July 1 - ecstatic.

Mrs. Keasley, family child care coordinator at Robins, said she and her husband, Joe, a retired Air Force master sergeant, have always been proud of their twin daughters.

Major O'Brien came to the 319th MSS from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and Major Keasley came to the 375th MSS from the Headquarters Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel Staff, at the Pentagon.

"Both my husband and I are very excited," Mrs. Keasley said. "They've worked very hard to get to this point and are both very deserving of their achievements. We're very excited for them."

Major O'Brien, stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Major Keasley, stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., said their lives mirror each other as much as their looks.



U.S. Air Force photo 2nd Lt. Katherine Kebisek SCOTT AFB, Ill. - Maj. Dawn Keasley is the new commander of the 375th Mission Support Squadron.

"We've had overlapping assignments...but this is the first time we're having the same type of job at the same time," Major Keasley said. "And it just happens to be in the same (major com-



Courtesy photo GRAND FORKS AFB, N.D. - Maj. Shawna O'Brien is the new commander of the 319th Mission Support Squadron.

mand). It's pretty cool."

*Editor's Note: 2nd Lt. Katherine Kebisek, Air Mobility Command Public Affairs, contributed to this article.*

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### Patriotic Film Festival

The Patriotic Film Festival will continue at the Museum of Aviation's Vistascope Theater. "Twelve O'Clock High" will be shown today; and "Saving Private Ryan" will be shown Monday through July 30. Movies will begin at 11 a.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco 926-6870.

### 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. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

### Finance office closed for training

The base finance office will close at noon July 30, for official training. For emergencies, call 390-3135. The office will resume normal business hours Aug. 2.

### 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](mailto:fep-info@bcbsga.com). Leave your phone number and/or e-mail address and your appointment will be confirmed.

### School registration

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children in Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. School starts Aug. 16. For more information, call the school at 926-5003.

### Lost and found

One bowling bag with contents and one gym bag with contents have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

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# Three Airmen step into the blue

By Lanorris Askew

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For the past three months Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams and Col. Elizabeth Grote have been getting some pretty strange looks - and it may be because they're a little blue.

Well, at least their uniforms are.

The two Air Force Reserve Command Airmen are serving in a subset of individuals testing the new blue, gray, tan and green tiger-stripe camouflage Air Force utility uniform.

According to Chief Adams, AFRC command chief master sergeant, after the initial uniforms were sent to test bases, Air Force Directorate of Personnel asked each major command if they had three people at the command level they could identify to also receive the uniform.

The Reserve Command's chosen three were Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, Col. Grote, AFRC director of logistics, and Chief Adams.

"The decision was made to take three folks (who wouldn't just be) walking around at Robins, but people who are also in the field so others would get a chance to see the new uniform," she said.

They have had many opinions on the uniforms since their wear test began, but the chief said she likes it.

"I like it first and foremost because of the fabric," she said. "I have no issue with the color either. I like the fact that it's distinctive Air Force blue."

While the color may be one of the high points for Chief Adams, she said the main thing she likes about the new test uniform is its "wash and wear" ability.

"It really is true," she said. "Ever since we've had it, we've worn it, washed it at home, hung it up and put it on again. That's great."

In addition to the convenience of a wash and wear uniform, she said not having to have it commercially laundered cuts down cost and "that's just awesome."

Colonel Grote agreed.

"The utility of the uniform is great," she said. "It's very comfortable, and it almost comes out of the dryer with nothing to do to it. At the end of the day, even if you're sitting all day, the uniform still looks good."

The colonel said she has received good comments from most people.

"The usual comment I get is 'it's not as bad as I thought,'" she said. "I think that's due in part to early pictures that were released that didn't do it justice. In person, it's more of a subdued look."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams, left, and Col. Beth Grote were picked to test the new Air Force utility uniform.

Colonel Grote said she remembers when they went from green fatigues to the camouflaged battle dress uniform, or BDUs, and anytime you come up with something different there are certain people who will not like it.

"A lot of people say it kind of grows on you," she said.

"We look like our own service now," said Chief Adams. "The Marines have already done it; the Army has released theirs. I think we did it the right way by going through the test process, getting feed back and letting (people) see what it would look like."

The two said their wearing of the uniform is an education issue.

"We go to a lot of places not part of the wear test, and we are the first people they've seen wearing it," said the chief. "As we're wearing it we talk to people about it so it's an opportunity to educate people on the differences and why it's being tested."

The wear-test period will run through the end of July. If approved by Gen. John P. Jumper, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, it will take about 18 to 24 months before it will be available for purchase in the military clothing sales stores, and the mandatory phase in date would be about five years.

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