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## NEWS

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#### Clinic closed

The Occupational Medicine Clinic of the 78th Medical Group will be closed today. If medical care is needed, go to the nearest civilian health care facility. If emergency care is needed, call 911. Paperwork regarding any injury or illness should be filed with OMS the next duty day.

The OMS reception desk may be reached by calling 327-7590.

#### 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

Col. Greg F. Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater, Museum of Aviation.

Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

#### FEGLI open season begins Tuesday

Federal employees will be able to enroll or make changes to their group life insurance as part of a special open season beginning Tuesday through Sept. 30.

Information about the FEGLI program and the open season is online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm).

There is a calculator available to help compute premium cost at [www.opm.gov/calculator/worksheet.asp](http://www.opm.gov/calculator/worksheet.asp).

Hearing impaired employees may reach a benefits counselor by calling (800) 382-0893. Benefits counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT.

The federal government established the FEGLI program Aug. 29, 1954. It is the largest group life insurance program in the world, covering more than 4 million federal employees and retirees, as well as many of their family members.

#### Assumption of command

Lt. Col. Stephen H. Kennedy will assume command of the newly activated 78th Comptroller Squadron 10 a.m. Sept. 3 at the Enlisted Club.

## Newcomers explore Middle Ga.

### Family Support Center offers monthly scenic tours

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The best way to find your way around is to have someone show you around.

Sixteen adults and one toddler learned that firsthand when they hopped on a bus early Aug. 18 for the Family Support Center's newcomer community tour.

Leawanna Abernathy, FSC community readiness technician and recent guide on the eight-hour scenic excursion, said the tour gives new base employees and their families a glimpse of what the area has to offer.

"The tour is designed to help newcomers particularly," Ms. Abernathy said, "but families assigned to Robins Air Force Base can take the tour to become more acclimated with the area. The objective is that if they know places to go and things to do, it will help make their tour at Robins more pleasant."

Since 1989, Family Support Center staff members have researched Middle Georgia's history to make the tour that winds along the back roads of Houston, Bibb and Peach counties not only an enjoyable journey, but also a practical map of the area.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
First Lt. Sharon and Capt. Bobby Ehasz shop for fresh peaches at Lane Packing Company in Ft. Valley during this month's newcomer tour presented by the Family Support Center. The next tour is scheduled for Sept. 15.

## Airman killed in accident Monday

### Another Airman remains in critical condition

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One senior airman was killed and another seriously injured in a work-related accident Monday in Hangar 2026.

Senior Airman Jesse G. Williamson, Jr., died, and Senior Airman Ryan W. Robinson was seriously injured while using a hydraulic man-lift to replace light fixtures inside the hangar, said Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

The hangar is occupied by the 116th Air Control Wing.

It's used to provide periodic, scheduled maintenance on both KC-135R refueling and E-8C JSTARS aircraft, said Lt. Col. Scott Hartford, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

He added that no aircraft or 116th personnel were in the hangar at the time of the accident.

Both Airmen are assigned to Hartford's squadron.

"Both were skilled electricians who took their job and safety seriously," said Colonel Hartford.

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## Officials nominate Martin for new post

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman  
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Defense Department officials announced Aug. 19 that Air Force Materiel Command's top leader has been nominated to become the first Air Force officer to ever command U.S. Pacific Command forces.

With Senate confirmation, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, will head to Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii,

to take the command reins from Navy Adm. Thomas Fargo, who is retiring.

Pacific Command's area of responsibility ranges from the west coast of the United States mainland to the east coast of Africa; from the Arctic to Antarctica, including the state of Hawaii and forces in Alaska. In this position, General Martin will command nearly 300,000 Soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines in a command that encompasses

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Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, has been nominated to command the U.S. Pacific Command forces.

## System program office gives Hercules strength

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Long before they reach the flight line, the C-130 products being maintained or installed at Robins have typically undergone years of hard work by the C-130 System Program Office here.

Investing thousands of hours, the SPO ensures weapon system sustainment and support is of the highest quality.

In addition to acquisition lead time, they design new avionics suites, make sure they're tested, come up with an actual production run, buy all



of the parts and make sure they're supportable. Then they deliver those items with installation instructions. Once the aircraft is in the field, their work continues with the technical expertise to evaluate them.

"That's what this office is about," said Lt. Col. Mark Hays.

As C-130 Modification Division

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## F-15 trainer finds a home at Robins

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An F-15 landed at Robins recently, and for a change, there's no rush to get this plane back in the air.

And the jet, which is being retired from flying, will continue serving the Air Force — this time for maintenance training and as a static display.

Maj. Ray Shankles, F-15 maintenance supervisor, said the procurement of the plane will make training much easier.

"In the past, when training classes have been scheduled, a plane was pulled out for the training," the major said. "This plane will support the training of more than 600 mechanics."

Major Shankles said the F-15 System Program Office has worked for more than a year to get an aircraft the workers could train on. The major added that the plane, which arrived from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., is in much better condition than he had hoped.

The plane will be housed in Building 149, and classes can be conducted year round regardless of the weather.

An added bonus for Robins in acquiring the aircraft is that it may be used for static displays.

Events like the open house and air show have required pulling an aircraft from the PDM line in the past.

Major Shankles said this aircraft has been repainted and is ready for use whenever an F-15 static display is required.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
From left, Maj. Ray Shankles (under wing), F-15 maintenance supervisor, and avionics mechanics Dennis Ryals and James Carrolls check out the F-15 trainer. The plane received a new paint job, but the nose art was kept intact.

Robins 3-day forecast  
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms  
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Saturday Partly to mostly sunny  
90/72



Sunday Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms  
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# New chief tackles AFMC's top enlisted duties

By Tech Sgt. Carl Norman  
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - Total commitment to the people and mission are what Air Force Materiel Command's next command chief master sergeant says he'll bring to the fight as he takes on his duties Sept. 15.

Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake, who comes to AFMC after nearly two years as command chief for the 11th Wing at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., succeeds Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin who retired Aug. 20.

The York, Penn., native has seen permanent duty at bases in Germany, Greece, Korea and Japan as well as eight states, including two tours with the White House Communications Agency in Washington, D.C. He also deployed for 98 days to King Abdul Aziz Air Base, and 128 days to Prince Sultan Air Base, both located in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This broad background of service around the world is what Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, said led him to select Chief Hake for the command's senior enlisted position.

"Many people who have worked with me in the past often wonder why I'm not in the office any more than I am; it's because I'm out listening to what people are saying so I can share their perspective with the commander."

**Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake**  
Air Force Materiel Command's next command chief master sergeant

"Chief Hake is confident, yet unpretentious, and he connects with people quickly," General Martin said. "He'll be able to speak with credibili-

ty to the full spectrum of professionals we have in the Air Force Materiel Command."

The new command chief said he's

not that knowledgeable about what AFMC does, but he's committed to learning and doing all he can to help move the command forward.

"I'll try to take care of the people regardless of where I am," he said. "Many people who have worked with me in the past often wonder why I'm not in the office any more than I am; it's because I'm out listening to what people are saying so I can share their perspective with the commander."

Chief Hake and his wife, Eva, have one son, Jeremy. The chief enjoys running in his off-duty time and is training to run the Honolulu Marathon.

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more than half the world's population. He'll be one of a handful of combatant commanders that report directly to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the president.

PACOM, as it's known in military circles, includes the

area that's home to the world's six largest armed forces - People's Republic of China; United States; Russia; India; North Korea; and South Korea - and five of the seven worldwide mutual defense treaties.

"I'm extremely honored to have been nominated for the position of commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and if con-

firmed by the Senate, I will be proud to serve with the men and women of this proud joint military command as they continue to forge strong partnerships for peace and security throughout the pacific region.

"If confirmed for the position, I'll leave Air Force Materiel Command with a great appreciation for the hard

work the men and women of this command do every day. I do regret that my time at Air Force Materiel Command has been so short. We have made great progress toward helping the rest of the Air Force understand and appreciate the critically important role that this command plays in our Air Force. I'm sure many of the things we've begun will con-

tinue to bear fruit for years to come."

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, currently 8th Air Force commander at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., has been nominated to receive his fourth star and become the next AFMC commander. The Senate must also confirm his nomination for promotion and assignment.

"Vicki and I are honored to receive the call to serve in this exciting command," General Carlson said. "General Martin has started some exciting initiatives and moved the command ahead a great deal in the past few months. I look forward to continuing that pace and keeping AFMC as the pace setter in sustainment, test and acquisition."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Lt. Col. Scott Hartford and Col. Greg Patterson answer questions from the press Tuesday.

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An electrician from Jacksonville, Fla., Airman Williamson, was transported to Houston Medical Center and pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

He leaves behind a wife, Javonna, and three children: two daughters, Jasmine, 4, and Jaiden, 1 month, and one son, Austin, 2.

"Jesse was sharp, professional and a true asset to our unit," Colonel Hartford said. "He was highly respected by his supervisors and peers and was devoted to his family and church."

Airman Robinson, an electrician from Campbellsburg, Ky., was transported to the Medical Center of Central Georgia, and as of Thursday was in stable but critical condition.

"Ryan is also an incredible asset to our team

and touched virtually every mission at Robins," said Colonel Hartford. "We are praying for his safe recovery."

While the mission continues, Colonel Patterson asked the Warner Robins community to pray for the victims and their families.

"Our hearts are terribly saddened by Monday's events," he said. "We ask the community to join us as we keep Jesse and Ryan's families in our prayers and as we pray for Ryan's full recovery."

A board of investigators convened Tuesday to examine all facets of the accident.

Lt. Col. Dan Mokris, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center chief of safety, said the investigators will look into the cause of the accident and make recommendations to prevent future mishaps.

Additional details of the accident won't be available until investigators examine the scene.



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Jesse G. Williamson Jr. celebrates the birth of his daughter, Jaiden, with his wife, Javonna, daughter, Jasmine, and son, Austin.

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chief, Colonel Hays leads the three branches that help keep the C-130 flying. The modernizations branch where all modifications done to the current fleet are brought into existence is one.

"We have about 26 modifications we're currently working," he said. "Some of them are depot level modifications, but most will be done in the field by contract field teams that could be deployed from the depot or by existing maintenance troops in the field."

The second branch deals with the newest model of the aircraft - the C-130J.

"That branch has the greatest opportunity of bringing modifications depot level work into the Center," said the colonel. "We're doing what we call long-term sustainment on that aircraft."

Initially a commercially procured aircraft, there are about 52 J models in the fleet.

Colonel Hays said the SPO is on an integrated logistics sup-

port type structure right now but between 2006 and 2008 will be moving to mid-term and long-term sustainment bringing more work into the depot.

The third branch, which works avionics modernization, is currently working to install a glass cockpit into the aircraft.

"It won't make all of the C-130s exactly alike, but it'll reduce the number of different aircraft internal configurations we have," he said. "It's bringing our grandfathers aircraft into the new world."

A total of 70 people make up these branches, but many more work to support the Hercules.

Debbie Jackson, C-130 International Division chief, said she has the best job in the SPO, and while the world may be fascinated with fancy new aircraft, she's thrilled to work with the old ones.

"As the aircraft come out of the Air Force inventory we supply them to our allies to help fight the global war on terrorism or any other requirements we might have," she said.

The international division provides upgrades, avionics and other requirements for cus-

tomers around the world.

"We get to work with foreign governments, the depots and the Air Force," she said. "Whatever the Air Force is doing to the aircraft we talk to our countries about doing those types of modifications and initiatives."

Providing 100 percent support and new system sales Ms. Jackson is the face to foreign C-130 affairs.

"C-130 programs have become the aircraft of choice for rewarding our coalition partners," she said.

According to Ms. Jackson, 60 countries actively fly 638 C-130s today and Robins actively supports 36 countries with eight variations of the aircraft going back as far as the B model.

"Everyday I get phone calls from someone looking for C-130s," she said. "I don't think there is anyone else who can say that as far as a weapon system."

Birdie Pogue, C-130

Readiness Division chief, agrees that the C-130 is the best thing flying, but thinks her job is pretty special too.

"I support the countries that have agreements with the Air Force," she said. "So, I handle the sustainment side making sure the crews have the parts needed to do program depot maintenance and unprogrammed depot level maintenance."

About 80 people including item managers, equipment specialists, engineers and program managers support that effort. One thing everyone agrees on is the great relationship between the SPO and the Maintenance Directorate.

"It's requirements and execution," she said. "We get it, and they execute it. The Air Force and the countries love coming to us - both the SPO side and depot side - to work their requirements because they know that we can do it."

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First Lt. Sharon Ehasz, chief of customer support with the 78th Military Personnel Flight, and her husband, Capt. Bobby Ehasz, C-130 Defensive Systems Program Manager for the Modifications Branch of the C-130 System Program Office, who moved to Robins in

July, said the trip taught them a lot.

"We saw so much of the history of the area and driving down all the quaint little streets you wouldn't know about unless you lived here gave us a chance to see places we can revisit later," she said. "Being from a totally different state, you don't even know some of this stuff exists. The tour makes learning about all of it really neat."

## Want to go?

The Family Support Center community tour is offered to base newcomers the third Wednesday of each month. Active duty, Guard and Reserve, Defense Department civilians, and their families can participate in the tour that spans a large portion of Middle Georgia. The tour helps people gain a better understanding of their new living and working environment.

The next tour will be held Sept. 15.

For more information, contact Leawanna Abernathy at 926-1256 or 926-3453.

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Steve Haynes, Air Force engineering and technical services lead, stands in front of the new addition to the 5th Mob school.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## New digs for 5th Mob expand learning space

By Lanorris Askew

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Fresh new faces to the 5th Combat Communications Group Training Center of Excellence will be arriving to a fresh new addition to their learning process as soon as January.

"The new building is an addition to the training center and will be used for active duty and our total force partners," said Steve Haynes, Air Force engineering and technical services lead. "It represents an evolution to further hone the skills of our communication warriors who go into harm's way in austere locations around the world."

The new addition, which is located directly behind the training center, houses 3,700 square feet of learning and office space, and is expected to be complete by the end of August. It will consist of two classrooms and an Air Force engineering and technical services office.

"We wanted to have all of learning facilities in one area, so we began construction on the new building in the spring," he said. "It came about from lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We saw some areas we wanted to improve on and really hone the skills of these guys, and this is the way to do it."

The communications professionals begin their journey by attending the Combat Communications Readiness School, which prepares them for operating in hostile envi-

ronments. There they receive software and operating systems training in the Network Learning Center. After that portion of their learning is complete, the next step is more specialized training on the Theater Deployable Communication, or TDC, equipment in the Systems Learning and Integration Center, or SLIC, all located in Building 1371.

"In the new facility, students will continue their training with the overall integration of their specialized equipment into the communication architecture providing Command and Control," said Mr. Haynes. "An additional role we are currently investigating is incorporating training for Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance."

The AFETS lead said the goal is to make those who go through the center become the best communications professionals they can be.

"The new building is going to take our students and their knowledge to the next level," he said. "We are going to integrate all of the information they learn in the other building."

Total force and active duty will be trained here.

Mr. Haynes said they will use student feed back as a method of trial and error when deciding the course plan and class length.

"Our professionals support the war fighter with world class Command, Control, communications, computer, air traffic control and weather systems infrastructure," he said. "Our

AFETS are part of this team of professionals stationed here and throughout the combat Air Forces. They are civilians who deploy with our troops and provide technical advice and expertise to commanders on ground air and space borne weapons platforms."

One of our roles is capturing experiences from both the cream of the crop active duty and civilians who deployed during AEF, OEF and OIF."

A combination of AFETS and experts from the SLIC will teach the courses in the new building. Classes are expected to begin in January.

# Setting the example

## Mentorship Development Program helps Black Knights learn from their leaders

By Holly J. Logan

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The 19th Air Refueling Group's mentorship development program is giving Black Knights a chance to grow personally and professionally.

The group hosted the first of its mentoring forums in Building 9 Wednesday, with commanders and senior noncommissioned officers covering 12 topics.

Senior Master Sgt. William Russell, superintendent of the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's maintenance operations flight, said the program - inspired by the base's professional development program - provides an avenue for senior noncommissioned officers and commanders to pass along the wisdom they've gained throughout their careers.

"I thought that within the 19th ARG, we needed something that touches more than staff sergeants, so I expanded the program for junior officers all the way down to airman basic to attend this particular class," he said. "For company grade officers - those who aren't really accustomed to working with enlisted people - it's going to give them some insight as far as how to write a performance report, what feedbacks are and how to better empower their troops.

"For senior enlisted, it's an avenue for mentors to teach, through their personal experience, how to improve as new senior NCOs."

Col. Raymond Rottman, group commander and one of a handful of presenters in the forum, said the mentorship program is an important tool.

"It's a way for us to pass on our wisdom



### What to know

The mentorship development program is a quarterly forum that gives 19th Air Refueling Group Airmen the chance to learn how to become better at what they do by hearing from higher ranking officers on topics such as time management and career progression.

and experiences and equip others with the tools they need to succeed in the Air Force and in life," he said. "Mentorship is probably the most important way senior leaders can develop Airmen to become the leaders the Air Force needs in the future."

Tech. Sgt. Jerome Hopkins, noncommissioned officer in charge for ground scheduling in the 19th Operations Support Squadron, said the forum offered a lot of useful information that will help him as he progresses in his career.

"As I'm about to become a senior NCO, I figured I'd come over here and get a few more tricks and tips to help better myself," he said. "It helps you get organized and learned through seeing what other NCOs do as a whole to give you a better understanding of what we do at different rank structures. It's a good stepping stone for the future."

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# Museum of Aviation lands new aircraft display

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Christmas came a few months early this year for the Museum of Aviation with the acquisition of the aircraft at the top of its wish list – a T-38.

“We’ve been waiting for a while,” said Dennis Oliver, head of restoration at the museum. “The T-38 is used for pilot training, and it’s a pretty valuable aircraft.”

The two-seat, J-85 Turbojet engine aircraft was flown in from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Aug. 5. The airplane can reach a top speed of 812 mph, and was welcomed by the museum’s restoration staff. The aircraft spent a little more than a week on the flight line before it was ready to be moved to its permanent home at the museum Aug. 17.

Mr. Oliver said the aircraft, built in 1965, has begun to be put in long-term storage at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force

## What to know

The T-38 prototype first flight was April 10, 1959. Today student pilots fly the T-38A to learn supersonic techniques, aerobatics, formation, night and instrument flying, and cross-country navigation. More than 60,000 pilots have earned their wings in T-38A aircraft. Test pilots and flight test engineers are trained in T-38A’s at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Air Force Materiel Command uses T-38A’s to test experimental equipment such as electrical and weapon systems.

Base, Ariz., which allowed Robins to finally get its wish.

According to Mr. Oliver, one of the determining factors for selecting the aircraft for display is that Robins once managed some of the systems for the T-38.

“If we worked an aircraft in depot or managed some of its systems that



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The T-38 is now on display in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation.

qualifies (the museum) to get the aircraft when it becomes available,” he said.

According to History Office documents, when the Aircraft Test Instrumentation Laboratory moved

from Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, to the 339th Flight Test Squadron here due to the 1995 base realignment and closure round, the unit recorded flight and system data and made it available to the flight test engineers

for their analysis and assessment.

The T-38 test bed aircraft was one of those which had data recorded.

Prior to its arrival here the new museum display was stationed with the 412th Training Wing at Edwards - where it was used for test evaluation on other aircraft or as a chase aircraft.

The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Robins fuel pit members and the F-15 egress members assisted with the move from flight line to the Museum.

Fuel pit members helped de-fuel the aircraft, while egress shop workers helped purge the oxygen system and de-arm the canopies and seats.

“We appreciate the people on the flight line who helped us get it ready for display,” said Mr. Oliver. “It’s part of the Air Force history. People have seen them flying on television shows and they flew this type aircraft in the Top Gun movie, so they’ll recognize it when they see it.”

The aircraft is currently on display in the Century of Flight hangar.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Billy Joe Milling makes the corrosion treatment process easier by designing a cart that mobilizes three 110-gallon vats of chemicals and solution used during the task.

## Armed Forces Voter Week begins Sept. 3

Armed Forces Voters Week is Sept. 3-11. That will be the last week to submit a Federal Post Card Application, SF-76, request for registration and an absentee ballot, which meets most state deadlines (refer to the 2004-2005 Voting Assistance Guide for state registration

and ballot deadlines). The Armed Forces Voters Week goal is to attain 100 percent contact and in-hand delivery of FPCAs to all personnel.

For more information, including absentee voting, visit [www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html](http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html).

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## Civilian’s invention saves time, energy in aircraft paint process

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Preparing a C-130 for a paint job can be a lot of work – but Billy Joe Milling thought of an idea that saves time and energy in the process.

Mr. Milling, one of 47 aircraft painters who perform the etch, wash and alodine process to treat aircraft for corrosion before painting, designed a 15-foot cart that mobilizes three 110-gallon vats of the chemicals and solution to make the previously cumbersome task easier.

“Before I came up with this idea, we had to pick up each vat individually using a forklift and go a distance of about a half mile, one at a time,” the C-130 Paint Shop worker said. “It was very time-consuming. The idea I came up with cuts off approximately two hours of work time.”

The 16-year aircraft painter submitted his invention to Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness, or IDEA, a program in December 2000. Once his submission was approved workers in the Maintenance Directorate’s Industrial Services Division built two of the carts to accommodate workers on both sides of the aircraft.

For more information on the IDEA program, or to submit an idea, contact Carol Norris at 926-2536.

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## Maybe a two-second 'thank you' is in order...



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Public Affairs

Have you ever watched someone right before they cry? It's a very humbling experience.

Picture Staff Sgt. So-and-So getting off the refueling plane at his home station; he puts his right foot on the flight line and looks around for his family or friends. It's only been 45 days, but it feels like an eternity.

In the awaiting crowd, there she stands – all 39 inches of her – smile wide as the Nile, flag in her hand... "Daddy!!!" she cries.

He drops his bags, leans down and swoops her up like a sack of money. But her grasping little arms around his neck are worth more than any paycheck...more than any 5,000 square-foot house, Jaguar, Mercedes, Ping golf clubs, CDs, whatever.

"I'm home," he whispers softly in his wife's ear before

looking skyward to his God. It feels so good to know someone was waiting...

The commander, or vice commander steps up and shakes his hand.

"What I've been doing matters," he thinks.

Back at his home-station job, he left work early today. He has cooked dinner, and only wants to make his wife smile.

At another time, someplace else, a female warrior straightens the collar on her uniform as she steps off the JSTARS plane. She stands proud. She didn't have to worry about anything...he had it covered.

In the crowd her son holds a piece of poster board that he and daddy have written "Welcome Home Mommy" on in black magic marker. Her little angel has cut out pictures from his favorite comic book and pasted them to the poster – everyone needs a hero.

Blue, brown, green and hazel

eyes... they all well like someone has turned on a faucet. It brims, it leaks, it breaks the dam of an eyelid and streams down a face covered with sadness and happiness mixed with uncertainty.

They're home, and all you can do is watch – watch and pray for good things. Pray for happiness, pray for peace, pray for all of them.

And as you watch the homecoming, you think, "If you haven't thanked a military member lately, you should."

They're out there facing the mortars, listening to the snap of rounds firing above their heads – not to mention those who hear the snap that slams into their chests, arms, legs... Even so, there are some who move out sharply while a voice in the back of their head asks, "Was it worth the money for college?"

All the while, you're in your colonial, Cape Cod or ranch style house, watching it all on

CNN. You might be watching it all from the warmth and safety of your living room.

You might be numb; but still, your next door neighbor's son came home in a box today. Your cousin's daughter won't be finishing college – she died in the heat of battle last week.

I remember being on the Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., burial team during my time in the Army. I remember saluting the dead, I remember carrying a coffin to a hole in the ground and thanking God it wasn't me.

And I remember the tears – tears that could humble even a saint.

Maybe I'll go tell my neighbor, with his Air Force flag and his starched uniform, how much I appreciate what he's been doing for my country.

Maybe we'll talk politics or religion, maybe we'll talk about fishing – or how good it feels to be helping a country that needs a hand. Maybe we'll smile and

have a beer as we talk about how lucky we are to live in a free country.

And all the while, I'll know in my heart that it's all because of people just like my neighbor.

I think we all need to remember the fact that our friends and family members who wear the uniform press on with their duties regardless of the world situation. There are people joining the military heartily despite the fact that there's a war going on.

Other countries in the world have had their armies disintegrate because of casualties; their people were not dedicated to the cause they served. That's what separates them from the mightiest nation on earth – the United States of America.

Just as with POW/MIA Day, we must always remember. So the next time you see someone in a military uniform, take two seconds out of your day – to say thanks.

## Wherever you are in the world, take the time to vote – it counts

**By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe  
commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – The most important privilege our nation provides its citizens is freedom. Our nation was built on democratic principles and one of our cherished constitutional rights is the right of each American to vote.

Today our men and women are globally engaged to help bring freedom, including the right to vote, to people around the world.

By registering and voting you honor your fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who are sacrificing their personal freedoms to provide this staple of democracy.

You also reaffirm the sacred value of this privilege

to many who have yet to achieve it.

It is the right to vote that allows you to elect officials who reflect your views and will speak for you in government. Why would people choose not to exercise this right?

By not voting, you abdicate that right and responsibility of citizenship that has cost so many so much to earn. You allow others, with

whom you may not agree, to select our future leadership.

The laws and policies enacted today can, and often do, influence the long-term health of our nation. And it is our nation's future – ours and our children's – that should concern you today.

Take the time leading into the 2004 elections to register to vote and request your absentee ballot. The deadlines for completing and mailing a

Federal Post Card Application or turning in a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot are both fast approaching. The Air Force goal is for everyone to complete and mail his or her application before or during Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3 to 11, to allow applications to meet all deadlines.

America is the greatest democracy in the world. We owe it to ourselves and our great nation to get out and

vote. I urge each and every one of you to make your voice heard.

I encourage you to take advantage of a privilege that people around the world continue to fight and die for – whether you are at a geographically separated unit, a one-deep special duty position or deployed in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation – no matter where you are, your vote counts!

### 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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### Better benefits for civilians?

Why do federal civilian Defense Department workers have such paltry health and dental insurance benefits compared to the federal workers employed by the U.S. Postal Service? Who can we contact to find out how these benefits are determined, and what can be done to bring about a change?

**Commander's reply:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has the overall responsibility for the administration of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. This includes approving or disapproving carriers, contracting for, and approving or disapproving plans and negotiating benefit and rate changes with carriers' plans.

OPM must adhere to Public Law 86-382, enacted Sept. 28, 1959, which created the FEHB program. The current law gov-

erning the program is chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

While FEHB falls under the governing laws and regulations for OPM, U.S. Postal Service benefits are negotiated and fall under different regulations. Further information on federal employee health insurance can be obtained at [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure).

### Talking on cell phone while driving

Once again I nearly hit a guy backing out of a parking place while he was talking on his cell phone and not watching what he was doing. I asked him if his cell phone was working when he finally got out of my way. When I parked my truck he pulled around in front of me and stopped but a group of people walked up and he left. What is it going to take to get dri-

vers to forget the phone when they are behind the wheel of a car?

**Commander's reply:** I concur with your safety concern that using cell phones (whether personal or government-provided) while operating a motor vehicle may pose a greater risk for a vehicle accident. Due to the complex nature of this issue and the widespread use of cell phones by vehicle operators, I have assigned this issue to members of my Traffic Safety Coordinating Group for further evaluation and recommendation. Members include the Center Safety Office, 78th Civil Engineering Squadron, 78th Security Forces Squadron and 78th Air Base Wing vice commander. Your question should also serve as a reminder to all that because so many of our on-base accidents occur in our parking lots we should exercise caution when operating within them.

### Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued year to date.

### How the points add up

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

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

Source: AFI 31-204



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

### Robins DUI tracker

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

August: **3** August 2003: **1** Year to date: **43\*** 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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## PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month.

To have an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions that are

brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

### >>> Reenlistment is all in the family



Courtesy photo

First Lt. Whitney Stringham reenlists her husband Tech. Sgt. Charles Stringham, an instructor with the 5th Combat Communication Readiness School since 2002.

When Tech. Sgt. Charles Stringham thought about how he could make his last reenlistment special he could think of no better way than to make his wife an active part.

Sergeant Stringham, an instructor with the 5th Combat Communication Readiness School since 2002, reenlisted in the Air Force Aug. 9, during a 9 a.m. ceremony in front of the school (commonly known as "MOB School").

The 37-year-old

Rockford, Ill., native said he has always strived to make each reenlistment in his 19-year career a unique experience – and having his wife of four years, 1st Lt. Whitney Stringham, a program manager with the Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Management Directorate's JSTARS Sustainment Team, participate was only fitting.

"Usually, we have a flight superintendent, flight commander, or squadron commander (do the honors)," he

said. "But since I've always been unique in my reenlistments, I thought it would be neat if my wife were to do it, since she's a commissioned officer."

And the experience was just as special for her, the Lieutenant said.

"It's an honor for me," she said. "Being prior enlisted, I know what it means to reenlist. It's a way of life. For him to ask me to do this means a lot to me."

– Holly J. Logan

### >>> A big round of applause



Johnsie G. Benson



Gerald Maxwell



Wanda Foster



Annie Tyson



Denise Hardy

**Johnsie G. Benson** was selected as the Employee for the Quarter, second quarter 2004, and is the chief of the Specialized Management Division, Armament & Specialized Management Directorate.

**Gerald Maxwell**, was selected as the Logistics Management Directorate, Employee of the Quarter, award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

**Wanda Foster**, was selected as the Logistics Management Directorate, Item Manager of the Quarter, award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

The **Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Team**, was selected as the Logistics Management Directorate, Team of the Quarter, award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

**Annie Tyson**, was selected as the Logistics Management Directorate, Customer Service of the Quarter, award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

**Denise Hardy**, was selected as the Logistics Management Directorate, Supervisor of the Quarter, award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

The Federal Managers' Association, Chapter 121, awarded \$500 scholarships to three outstanding graduating seniors from the Middle Georgia area recently.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, presented the scholarships to **Kyle Gochenour, Latyacia Rouse and Cierra Small** at the annual awards luncheon June 22.



**The Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Team**

The team includes, front row, from left, Debbie Inman, Kim Powell, Stella Silva and Pam Green, and, back row, from left, Jonn Sostarich and Lynn Larramore.

Selections were based on academics, leadership, extracurricular activities and career and academic goals

Kyle Gochenour, the son of Ginger Gochenour and the late Ed Gochenour of Macon, graduated from First Presbyterian Day School in Macon. He plans to attend Armstrong State University and study civil engineering.

Latyacia Rouse, granddaughter of Essie Day of Macon, is a recent honor graduate of Rutland High School in Macon. She plans to attend Macon State College and major in nursing and later enter the military service

Cierra Small, daughter of Angela Small of Perry, is an honor graduate of Perry High

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School. She plans to obtain a degree in nursing.

The 2004 FMA scholarship committee consisted of Donna Long, Margaret Velvick, Cheryl Blair, Paul Hibbitts, Lynn Hogg and Reggie Kiper.

**Tracy Barnes**, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category I (GS-03 to GS-09), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2004.

**Velvetta S. Black**, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate,



Courtesy photo

The FMA scholarship awards were presented to, from left, Latyacia Rouse, Kyle Gochenour and Cierra Small.

Category II (GS-11 to GS-13 non-supervisory), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2004.

**Joseph Howard**, was

selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category III (supervisor), award winner for the third



**LEAAC Policy and Procedures Team**

From left to right are Col. David Nakayama, Barbara Bass, Carolyn Booze, Kattie Kendrick, Ron Banis and Frank Rogers.

quarter of fiscal 2004.

The **LEAAC Policy and Procedures Team**, was selected as the Support

Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category IV (team), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2004. Team mem-



**Tracy Barnes**

**Joseph Howard**

bers are Barbara Bass, Carolyn Booze, Kattie Kendrick, Ron Banis, Frank Rogers, Altry James and Betty Spofford.

**Joseph Eckersley**, was selected as the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate, Category V (contractor), award winner for the third quarter of fiscal 2004.

**>>> AFA scholarship**



Courtesy photo

Lynn Morley, president of the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter Air Force Association, and Jack Steed, national membership director, attended the C-130 System Program Office Director's Call to present 2nd Lt Justin Manna a \$500 Sherrill Stafford Memorial Scholarship, AFA membership and chapter coin July 30. From left are Marian Fraley, C-130 deputy program director, Mr. Steed, Ms. Morley, Lieutenant Manna and Col. Darrell Holcomb, C-130 system program director.

**>>> 40 years of federal service**

**By Lanorris Askew**  
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Ronnie Thompson doesn't have any long term plans for his retirement, but he says one thing is for sure - he won't be going to work.



**Ronnie Thompson**

For the past 40 years Mr. Thompson has been dedicated to the service of his country in one form or another. For three years he was a soldier in the U.S. Army, another 12 were spent as a postal clerk for the United States Postal Service and for the last 25 years he has worked in the F-15 aircraft production branch.

During those 25 years, he worked his way up from a mechanic to aircraft foreman and never looked back.

Sept. 3, the aircraft fore-

man will hang up his tools and head to Montana where he and his wife plan to spend about a month with her family. When that day comes he will look back over his years with co-workers and friends.

"I'm going to miss the challenge of the everyday business of moving aircraft and the satisfaction of seeing an aircraft flying away knowing that it's protecting the country," he said. "I'll also miss the people I've worked for and with over the years."

When he returns from Montana he said he'll just let things happen as they will - a philosophy he never followed at work.

As the supervisor for cell 2 in the F-15 production cycle, he had 14 days to make sure an aircraft moved from that cell to the next and that the work done on the aircraft was done correctly and on time.

That kind of thinking made him a success at what he does.

"I take pride in my work and in my production time," he said. "Getting the job done on time or ahead of schedule and trying to have knowledge of the aircraft makes a big difference."

"The government has been good to me and so has Robins," said the ex-ordnance supply specialist. "I've enjoyed working here. I never minded having a day off, but I never minded coming to work either."

Ronnie Luke, F-15 A section chief, has worked with Mr. Thompson for 25 years and said he will be greatly missed.

"The best thing about having Ronnie as a first line supervisor is that you know he is going to take care of business and produce quality aircraft on time," he said.

"He's always had a can-do attitude, and we appreciate that."

Mr. Luke said his co-workers all wish him well and his retirement is well-earned.

**LMR narrowband migration coming Oct. 9**

The migration to narrowband at Robins is scheduled for Oct. 9, 10 and 11. LMR Net managers are reminded to identify changes to existing talkgroups immediately. For details, contact Ed Stefan of the Personal Wireless Communications Systems office at 926-0066 or e-mail him at edwin.stefan@robins.af.mil.

If your unit has spare radios or radios that are currently not in use, the PWCS office encour-

ages programming them prior to Oct. 9. Take the radios to your Net manger for the programming.

Organizations that have mobile radios in their vehicles should also have these radios pre-programmed for narrowband before Oct. 9 and use a hand held radio in the interim. If interested in pre-programming, Net managers should call the PWCS office at 926-0066.

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## At the wheel



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Two stars were placed on the cockpit window for Maj. Gen. Mike Collings' C-5 flight.

**M**aj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, took the pilot's seat of a C-5 Galaxy Aug. 20.

The flight was arranged by the 339th Flight Test Squadron and the C-5 Production Branch.

The flight was the first opportunity the general has had to take the controls.

"I've been up in a C-5, not as a pilot, but as a passenger," the general said. "I'm flying today, but not without the great help of the instructor pilots," he said with a smile.

Crew members from the 339th FLTS on the flight were pilots Maj. Ron Young and Maj. Randy Robertson, and flight engineers Master Sgt. Fred Caddell and Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Campbell.



The general sits in the cockpit of the C-5 before take off.

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Right, Tim Nesley takes advantage of the indoor pool at the Fitness Center for lap swimming.



Below, Danny Thompson works on his pectoral muscles.

## On the right TRACK



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

## Robins first off the line with new monitoring system

**By Lanorris Askew**  
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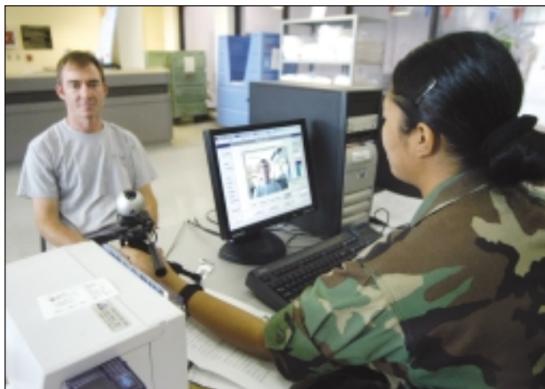
Robins' Fitness Center personnel and patrons will soon have a new way of monitoring fitness activities thanks to a new tracking system called Recreation Track.

Known as REC TRAC for short, the system is making its Air Force debut at Robins and will be used to track both civilian and military use of the facility.

"REC TRAC pulls together several separate systems we currently use into one system that will track who and how many people use which types of facilities in the Fitness Center," said Leslie Lee, Fitness Center assistant director. "We'll be able to pull up the military by unit to see how many are in the facility at one time so it'll be a good system for tracking physical training."

According to Mrs. Lee, the system, which is already being used by the Army, will also be used for towel and equipment check out and sports scheduling, activities currently recorded with pen in a paper logbook.

"With the implementation of REC TRAC we will be able to go into the sys-



Above, 2nd Lt. PiaVanessa Tupper registers Jeff Albert with REC TRAC. Right, Nancy Lamplough walks on the treadmill.

### What to know

REC TRAC registration is going on now for all patrons who use the fitness center to include active duty military, retirees, dependants and civilians (members with Fitness Center ID card) with a valid ID card. For more information on REC TRAC call 926-2128.

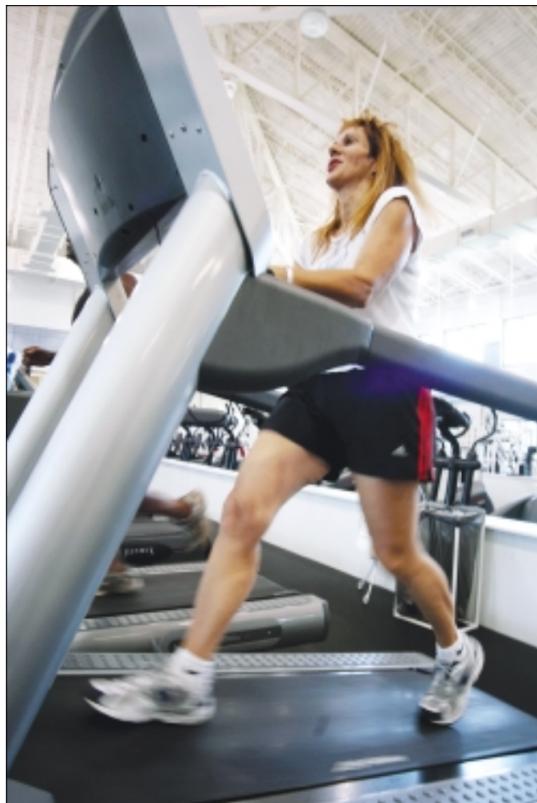
tem and do all of those things we've been doing the old fashioned way electronically," said 2nd Lt. PiaVanessa Tupper.

The noncommissioned officer in charge of the Fitness Center and REC TRAC registration monitor said they are currently registering all members for the system and expect it to be up and running by Oct. 1.

She also said the new

system will be user-friendly and fast.

"Members wishing to use the facility will come in and swipe their card," she said. "Upon swiping the card their picture will pop-up followed by a menu where they will pick which facility activities they'll be using. It will measure how many Airmen use the aerobics room, how many colonels use the track



upstairs and if we need to expand our facility it will show that too."

The lieutenant said in that respect the system may help get funding.

"If the facility needs to be expanded due to the number of people using cer-

tain areas at certain times that will be visible," she said.

A base-wide e-mail has already been sent out with deadlines for all patrons to help expedite registration.

Four additional computers and swipe machines are

being ordered to complement the equipment already used.

Currently all members, both peak and non-peak, have a Fitness Center swipe card. REC TRAC will replace that system so they only need to use their base ID cards.

In addition to the Fitness Center, other facilities on base will receive the system for similar uses.

"Information, Tickets and Travel, the Spalding Nature Center and Outdoor Recreation will also be using the system," said Mrs. Lee.

"Right now they are all separate systems, but we hope one day to be able to connect them and communicate."

Donna Smith, ITT manager, said they have been online with the system since July 14 as a method of sales and inventory tracking.

"It makes our work a lot easier," she said. "There is less paper work and less room for error. It's working very well for us."

Cheryl Dollard, Outdoor Recreation manager, said patrons can look forward to faster service there and the Spalding Nature Center when they go online with the system soon.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### In the Field

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. Part of discipline to avoid enemy attention (AFMAN 10-100)
5. Used to prevent openings, as in doors or vaults
8. Vest worn by deployed troops
9. Father
10. X marks the spot?
12. Item worn by food preparer
15. Swears
18. Bother
19. Model Carol
20. Attention, with regard to loved ones, briefly
21. Field ration, in brief
23. Duty, in the Navy
24. Body of water
26. Dues
27. Anchorage
28. Popular Algerian music form
29. Air carrier, briefly
31. Euphemism for d----d
32. Singing group Kingston
34. Tag carried by deployed military people
35. Deployment positions for troops to depart
36. Mountain lion
39. Each
40. Bags given to deploying troops
43. Center of a hurricane
46. North or South state?
48. Fuel type, in short
49. Actor Stephen of "Michael Collins"
50. Links southwest Asia with northeast Africa
51. Indian princess
52. Impudent
55. Capture, as in crooks
57. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
58. French pancake
59. Backtalk slang
60. Deployment bathroom site
61. Escape capture from the enemy

4. American poet \_\_\_ Saint Vincent Millay
5. Part of discipline to avoid enemy attention (AFMAN 10-100)
6. Talk
7. Material in helmets of deployed troops
8. Limited
11. Mythical bird with huge size and strength
12. Protect shelters against weapons
13. Oklahoma town
14. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
16. Slander
17. Pay statement needed for deployment, briefly
22. Needed to control horse
25. Competent
26. Thrifty
27. Saluted
29. To the \_\_\_ degree; infinity
30. Covering
31. Maple Leaf enforcer Tie
33. Tall annual plants used in soups and stews
34. Sheikdom of eastern United Arab Emirates
36. Type of water deployed troops should drink
37. Deployment necessity to prevent illness and improve morale
38. Deployment team that handles Personnel Accountability Kits
40. "\_\_\_ Lisa"
41. Retirement accts.
42. Made of canvas fabric over support poles (GP)
44. 365 equals 1
45. Art stand
47. Relative
53. Health resort
54. Still
56. Mock

#### DOWN

2. Dolt
3. Acronym for rescuing

For puzzle solution, see Sept. 3 edition of the Rev-Up

#### Puzzle solution for Aug. 20



## LEAVE/TRANSFER

Those interested in donating leave to **Bonnie T. Hawthorne** should fill out an "Outside Agency" leave donation form, found at [www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF\\_FILL/opm630b.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630b.pdf), process it through their personnel office and fax the completed form to Angelia Colter, Office of Human Capital Management Services Group, at (202) 606-1732. For more information, call Ms. Colter at (202) 606-8460.

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.**

### Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

### Center closed

The FSC and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Normal services will resume Sept. 7 at 7:30 a.m.

### Volunteer resource program

The FSC will offer an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities on base and in the local community, Sept. 7, 9 - 10:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The Volunteer Resource Program is the focal point that connects Team Robins members with service opportunities at Robins.

### Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Sept. 8, 8:30 s.m. - noon, in Building

905, Room 159.

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

Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Flight, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

### Federal job class

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

The next Federal Job class is Sept. 9, 9-11 a.m., Building 905, Room 246.

### Federal resume writing class

The FSC will conduct a Federal Resume Writing class Sept. 9, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

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

Advanced registration is required.

### Heart link

A Heart Link seminar will be conducted Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Officers' Club

Heart Link is designed for people

who have been Air Force spouses for five years or less.

Experience a full day of fun and activities while learning how the Air Force works and your role in fulfilling the Air Force mission.

### Transition assistance

Transition Assistance has a four-step process for ensuring active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. The process begins with

- attending a pre-TAP information class 18 to 36 months prior to separation;

- attending a resume and writing class around the 10th month;

- attending the three-day Department of Labor workshop at the sixth month; and

- attending interviewing process class at the fifth month.

These classes are offered throughout the year. Personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-separation and Individual Transition Plan counseling appointments with a TAP representative.

### Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout.

RAP also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. This informational site is for all personnel: [www.airforcesourceone.com](http://www.airforcesourceone.com); user ID: airforce; password: ready. From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Air Force One Source 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you don't have a computer you can call (800) 707-5784, and for conversation en Espanol, llame al (800) 375-5971.

For additional information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Aero Club

Private pilot ground school registration will be held Wednesday - Sept. 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Payment of \$540 is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, lasting from eight to 10 weeks and is scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867.

### CDC East and West

The Child Development Center has immediate openings for limited number of children, ages 6 weeks - 6 months and no waiting for ages 3 - 5. Child care fees are determined by total family income and cover 50 hours of care per child, per week. These National Association for Education of Young Children accredited centers in buildings 943 and 946, Tenth Street, are open Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. To register, go to [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) or visit the Family Child Care office, second floor of Building 767, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. To tour a facility, call Pam Martinez at 926-5805 or Tommy Henson at 926-3080. For more information, call Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741.

### ITT

Join ITT on a day-trip to the Mall of Georgia Sept. 18. The mall features Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom and Rich's-Macy's, plus more than 225 other stores such as A/X Armani Exchange, Ann Taylor, Barnes & Noble, Banana Republic, Delia's, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and Williams-Sonoma. A tour bus will be reserved for this trip. Cost is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-club members and includes breakfast. The tour bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8:30 a.m., and departure from the mall will be at 7 p.m. A minimum of 30 people must sign up by Sept. 3 at ITT. For more information, call 926-2945.

The 64th Annual Al-Sihah Shrine Circus will be held Sept. 11 - 12 at the Macon Coliseum. Costs for advanced tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children. Show times are Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the ITT office.

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

east turn section of the stadium. Last day to order tickets will be Sept. 15.

### Outdoor Recreation

The Enlisted Club pool will be open on Saturdays and Sundays until Labor Day, Sept. 6.

### Smith Community Center

The Smith Community Center ballroom will be closed Tuesday - Sept. 3 to receive new flooring and the hallway will be renovated Sept. 29 - Oct. 5. Pizza Depot patrons will need to use the back entrance to the Pizza Depot during the hallway renovation.

Bring the family to the movie in the park at Robins Park Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. (or when dark) to watch "Cinderella." Moviegoers may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

### Youth Center

The center will offer dance and karate classes after Sept. 6, Labor Day, on Mondays and Wednesdays and dog obedience classes starting Sept. 9. Classes are held on various days and times. Call the center at 926-2110 for more information.

## 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** (Jumua) 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.

## Reunion concert set for Sept. 12

There will be a reunion concert Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The concert will feature Robins Gospel Experience Choir, Robins Chancel Choir, New Hope Baptist Church of Perry Inc. Male Choir and a special gospel choir.

— From staff reports

## 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. — **Catwoman** — Halle Berry and Sharon Stone

Patience Philips seems destined to spend her life apologizing for taking up space. This comes to a screeching halt when Patience inadvertently becomes a human guinea pig for an anti-aging product and not only lands herself in the middle of corporate conspiracy but on the city's police force's most wanted list. Equipped with a new feline prowess, Patience is a different person come nighttime, more accurately, a Catwoman.

Rated PG-13 (action violence and some sensuality) 104 minutes

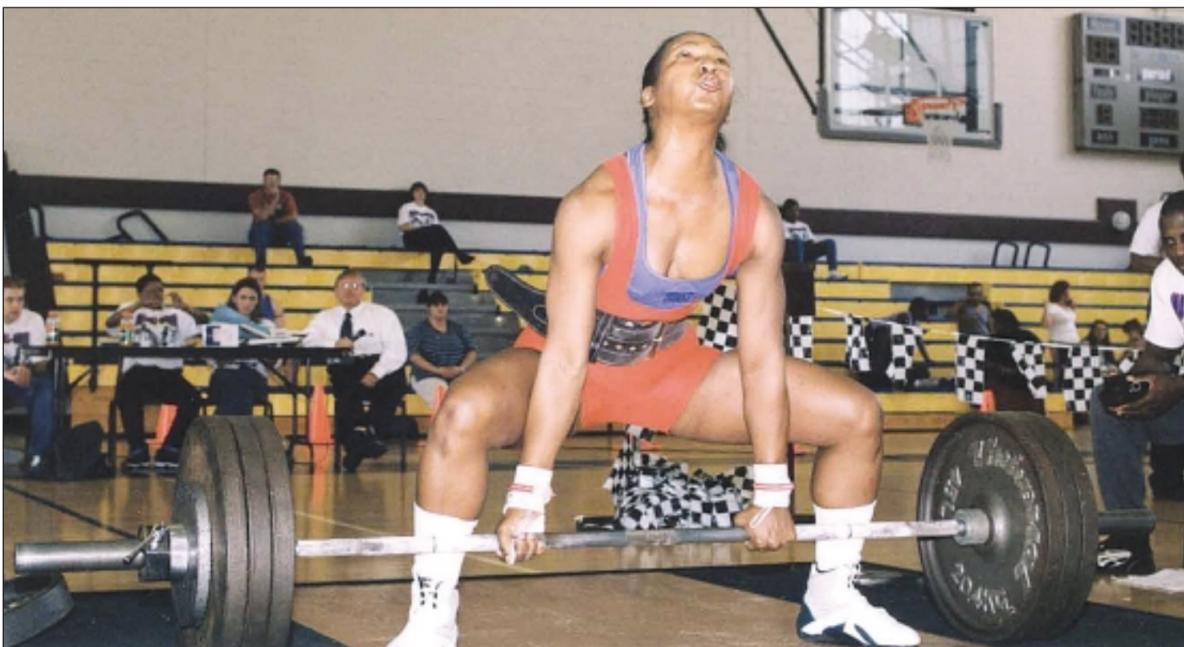
**Saturday**  
7:30 p.m. — **A Cinderella Story** — Hillary Duff and Jennifer Coolidge

Samantha Lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed step-mother and her sinfully wicked step-sisters. She finds her less-than-sparkling social life complicated when she meets her Prince Charming online. Her anonymous cyber soul mate turns out to be Austin, her high school's quarterback. Fearing rejection, she dodges Austin's efforts to discover the identity of his princess.

Rated PG (mild language and innuendo) 95 minutes



## Dead lift



Courtesy photo

Drusilla Amos performs a dead lift at a powerlifting championship here recently. Amos is a reservist with the 908th Airlift Wing's 25th Aerial Port Squadron at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. She has set six world records and is on her way to nine first-place finishes in military competitions and two first-place finishes at the regional, state, and local levels.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

Let's roll back to school is today from 6 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza and a drink.

Intramural bowling begins Sept. 9. Contact your squadron representative to enter a team. Units wishing to enter a team must register by today. Bowlers whose unit is not entering may enter the bowler's player pool by contacting Kenny Porter at the Fitness Center at 926-2128. Teams needing bowlers can also contact the center to draw from the pool. All pool members will be assigned by Sept. 3. For more information, call the bowling center at 926-2112.

### Fitness Center

A body fat analysis is slated for Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Wear comfortable shirt and shorts and don't exercise before the assessment. For more details call 926-2128.

A Family Bike Hike Poker Run Five Card Draw is scheduled for Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your bike and join the center for a hike around the base. Children on their own bikes must be 7 years old or older. Participants will draw a card at check points throughout the run and turn them in for a best hand and win a prize. Bring plenty of water, wear comfortable clothing and remember your bike helmets.

A 5K and 10K Race will be held Sept. 25 at 9 a.m.

### Golf Course

A Cha Cha Cha tourney is scheduled for Saturday with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 for annual green fee members and \$55 for guests, which includes breakfast, lunch, drinks on course, green fee and cart fee. Play a six-hole scramble, six-hole two-low net and six-hole one-low gross.

Beginning in September, Pine Oaks Golf Course will be offering 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 about 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 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27 for kids 8 - 10 years olds and Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 5, 7 and 12 for 11 - 13 year olds. Priority will be given to dependents of E1 - E6 military. 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 the golf course at 926-4103.

A ladies social golf league will be held Mondays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 25 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

A junior championship is slated for Sept. 18 with a tee time at 2 p.m. Age groups consist of 11 years old and younger, 12 - 13 year olds and 14 years old and older. Cost is \$10.

### Golf tournament

The Contracting Directorate golf tournament will be Oct. 1 at Waterford Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$40. To register, contact Angela Harris at 222-1922 or [angela.harris2@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.harris2@robins.af.mil) or Jason Dozier at 926-7055 or [jason.dozier@robins.af.mil](mailto:jason.dozier@robins.af.mil).

### Youth Center

The Robins Youth fall sports program will continue registration until teams are full. Sports include youth tackle football for ages 11 and 12, and flag football for ages 5 - 10; the cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers; youth fall soccer, ages 5 - 18; the cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

## Women's soccer falls 4-1 in exhibition match

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Llane Grimditch scored two goals to propel defending Sun Belt Conference Champion Denver over the U.S. Air Force Academy team, 4-1, Aug. 20 in their soccer exhibition opener here.

The Denver Pioneers scored the first goal 42 seconds into the match and never looked back. Holly Huppert took a pass from Laura Mann on the right side and fired from 5 yards out past Air Force goal keeper Jennifer Drew for the opening score.

The Pioneers made it 2-0 at the 8:50 mark as Air Force Falcon defender Jennifer Ford's pass back to Drew missed its mark and ended up in the Falcon's net. Grimditch was credited with the goal, and Taryn Hemmings got the assist.

Denver made it 3-0 six seconds before the half as

Diana Brunkhardt bent a shot from 25 yards out straight-on over the Falcon defense. It became a 4-0 game as Grimditch, the reigning Sun Belt player of the year, also curled a shot from 24 yards out over the Air Force defenders at the 50:47 mark.

Air Force got on the scoreboard with 22 seconds left to play when Christin Brodie took a pass from Elaine Taterek and sent a shot over the keeper from 25 yards out to make it a 4-1 match.

Denver dominated the Air Force squad that saw nine freshmen play in their first collegiate exhibition match, as the Pioneers out-shot the Falcons 10-8 and had the decisive edge in corner kicks 10-1.

The Falcons open the 2004 regular season here Sunday against Northern Colorado.

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