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Safety Day is Wednesday

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings and Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, the Center commander and vice commander respectively, will present safety briefings throughout the day Wednesday to the entire Center work force beginning early in the morning and continuing into the evening.

Both say they believe one mishap is one mishap too many. They are committed to the safety of Robins' personnel and want to emphasize that point by speaking to Robins' workers.

Also next week, each organization will be responsible for spending at least another three hours addressing safety issues within their particular units.

Center Safety Office personnel are available to assist. For more information, contact the safety office at 926-6271.

— Center Safety Office

CFC kicks off Oct. 1 at museum

Robins will kick off this year's Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 1.

The kickoff ceremony will be held at the Museum of Aviation's VistaScope Theater at 9 a.m.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will be the guest speaker.

The campaign will run from Oct. 6 to Nov. 17 across Air Force Materiel Command as directed by Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander.

— From staff reports

Air Force expands awards eligibility

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force has expanded the eligibility criteria for the Time-Off Incentive Award to include recognition of civilian teams.

The Civilian Team Incentive Award allows supervisors to grant a time-off award to individual employees who comprise a team.

The team's joint achievements must contribute to meeting organizational goals or improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the government.

Air Force Personnel Center officials here said justification for a team award given for the same accomplishment should document the team nature of the achievement and why all members of the team deserve to share equally in the recognition.

For more information, contact Robins' civilian personnel flight at 926-3805 extension 160.

— Air Force Personnel
Center News Service



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
C-5 tail number 70-459 sits on the flight line recently. The aircraft returned to Robins for its second PDM here.

First C-5 flies in for 2nd PDM

By Lisa Mathews
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The C-5 programmed depot maintenance program came full circle Sept. 9.

When tail number 70-459 arrived here in 1998, it was the first C-5 to be worked through public, private contract with the closure of the organic depot workload for C-5s at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. That first PDM was completed in 161 days, one day ahead of schedule.

"Because it was the first C-5 (aircraft at Robins), all the stops were pulled out to make sure this plane was produced on time," said Col. George Ireland, C-5 production branch chief.

"This is a milestone for the people who work the C-5 program - to see this aircraft come back again, full circle, here to Warner Robins. We're looking forward to the workload and to continued success here in the C-5 program," Colonel Ireland said.

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U.S. Air Force photo
Second Lt. Nathan Dozier, a member of the AFRL Materials and Manufacturing Directorate's materials integrity branch, investigates corrosion on an aircraft component using an optical microscope.

AFRL experts support C-5A evaluation

By Timothy Anderl
Materials and Manufacturing Directorate

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - Scientists and engineers here are literally putting parts of a C-5 Galaxy under a microscope to help Air Mobility Command officials determine the cargo giant's current condition and future needs.

Materials integrity experts from the Air Force Research Laboratory's materials and manufacturing directorate are supporting a joint effort between the C-5 Systems Program Office, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Air Mobility Command to tear down and analyze C-5A components.

This program is the first study of its kind done on the C-5A, the Air Force's largest cargo aircraft

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BROTHERS IN ARMS



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Ridenhower, Airman 1st Class Maurice Glenn, Warner Robins Police Department's Lt. Todd Edwards and Georgia State Patrol's Trooper 1st Class Brian Steward discuss off-base coordination of mass evacuation due to possible hurricanes Sept. 17.

78th SFS recognizes local law enforcement agencies' support

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In a show of appreciation for solidarity and continuous support of Robins Air Force Base, the 78th Security Forces Squadron presented three local law enforcement agencies with a framed lithograph during a ceremony here Sept. 10.

Those agencies include the Warner Robins Police Department, the Houston County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Patrol.

"These agencies have been pivotal

in the security of Robins, especially in the wake of 9-11," said Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Ridenhower. "We wanted to take the day to say 'thank you very much' for all of the hard work they have done"

Maj. Jim Seward, 78th Security Forces commander, agreed.

"We wanted to show a token of our appreciation to these agencies because they've been with us every step of the way," he said. "They've helped with our training and inspections, and have been there for real world events."

He added that although all of the local agencies provide support to the base, the three honored last week have been called on more often because "Robins is in their backyard."

Sergeant Ridenhower said the agencies have a much greater influence than they could ever know.

"You see it as the way to do business, but we see it as fabulous community relations," he wrote in an e-mail to the three agencies. "You've

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Uncovering the mission of BEAR bases

By Lanorris Askew
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What do you do with a BEAR in the middle of the desert? Well, if you're a deployed member of the Air Force to a remote location with a mission to support flying operations, you use it to make a home away from home.

According to Lt. Col. Jeff Hess, Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources single manager in the Support Equipment and Vehicles Directorate, setting up military operations in the middle of nowhere has never been an easy job, but with BEAR it's always possible.

"The mission of BEAR is to give

What to know

BEAR is the fundamental enabler that provides the required airfield operational capability to open any austere airbase to meet the mission requirements across the spectrum of AEF operations. It gives the Air Force the capability to deploy to an area that just has a runway and a source of water.

war fighting commanders increased mobility and strike capability by providing expeditionary basing assets for use at austere airfields," he said.

"In other words we put the expeditionary in expeditionary Air Force. If you are going to go somewhere where there are no facilities, you've got to have our assets to operate that base."

The BEAR program gives the Air Force increased mobility and strike

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Courtesy photo

The BEAR program gives the Air Force increased mobility and strike capability with the use of house-keeping, flight line and industrial operations sets made up of lightweight air transportable assets.

Directorate avoids storm damage

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Having withstood fierce winds that accompanied Tropical Storm Frances, the Maintenance Directorate began preparing early for the possible wrath of Ivan last week.

Divisions moved objects which could be tossed by high winds inside facilities where possible.

Dana Stanley, chief of the Aircraft Resources Management Branch, said the flight line area employees have learned that preparation is key to preventing aircraft damage.

"We in MAB take the threat of weather very seriously," she said. "Historically, damage to aircraft occurs because ground support equipment and other debris blow into aircraft on the ramp.

"For that reason, a lot of time and resources go into securing equipment - like chaining stands - or removing them from the flight line all together. Although we didn't get the wind and rain from Frances, MAB was well prepared. In both instances, there

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Robins 3-day forecast
Today Partly cloudy
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Saturday
Partly cloudy
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Sunday
Partly to variably cloudy
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David Mann, a section chief in the C-5 branch, remembers the first time tail number 70-459 was here. "It got a lot of attention. There were so many people watching us. They thought it couldn't be done."

"It was a big event the first day it went into the hangar. Half the flight line was down here watching it go in," he said. "Within a week of it getting here, the (then Center commander, Maj. Gen. Richard Goddard) scheduled a press conference for the day it was supposed to be delivered. There was a lot of pressure to make sure we made that press conference."

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set the example for other communities to follow, even our inspectors were amazed. They said that the cooperation between the civilian authorities and the base is the best they've ever seen."

"We couldn't do the job that we get recognized for without their help," said the commander.

From traffic control and emergency services training to aerial surveillance support, these agencies help make Robins a safer community.

Cpl. Hamilton Halford, who accepted the Georgia State Patrol award, said he and his

Steve Tomblin, deputy chief of the C-5 production branch, said that the first time this aircraft went through PDM here it was under the public, private contract. Things have changed since then.

"(The aircraft) is back now and, as opposed to a contract, it's now an integral part of our workload," he said. "The package that we do on this airplane today is based on an engineering and major command evaluation on the kinds of things we see on the airframe over the years," Colonel Ireland explained. "As we find the problem areas of the airframe, we include that in the maintenance package."

Colonel Ireland said when the maintenance requirements

review board is done, the directorate looks about three years out to figure out what's going to be done to each airplane.

"This particular model is an A-model airplane," Colonel Ireland said. "As this model gets older, we see more work than we do on the B-models."

The first time this plane was at Robins 37,947 man-hours went into the PDM. This time, with the plane going through the depaint process, it is expected that approximately 20,000 man-hours will be added to the process.

The average flow days it took to produce a C-5 in 1998 was more than 300, Mr. Tomblin said. It remained in that range until about one-and-one-half years ago. That num-

ber has dropped to an average of 230 this year, and is expected to drop even more in spite of the branch taking on added workload.

"For fiscal year 2005, our goal is to produce 100 percent of the aircraft on time, to do an A-model in 250 days or less, to do a B-model in 210 days or less and to do the torque deck work. Torque deck work has been unscheduled depot level maintenance in the past, but now we want to do it in conjunction with the PDM without adding any additional flow days. If (the panels) are available we think we can do that workload in the hangar without adding any flow days. That's the difference between last year and this year," the colonel said.

co-workers greatly appreciate the recognition.

"It's our obligation to support Robins anytime we're called on, and we do it without hesitation," he said.

"It's not too often people in the law enforcement field get recognized for their accomplishments as far as helping other agencies, but I'm very grateful for the recognition, and look forward to helping Robins in the future."

Officers with the Warner Robins Police Department - which is credited for helping with traffic control in the mornings and during special events - said they were also pleased with the recognition.

"Without (the base), Warner Robins wouldn't be here," said Maj. John Wagner who accepted the award on behalf of the

department.

"It's a nice reminder when you hear those engines rev up in the morning. With all of you out there with us elbow-to-elbow, we learn as much from you as you learn from us. We appreciate everything you do."

Houston County Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Stokes agreed.

"We enjoy working with the Security Forces ... always have," he said. "This was a very nice surprise."

In addition to the agencies represented at the ceremony, the squadron also sent out a special word of thanks to other local agencies.

Those agencies include the Macon, Centerville and Perry Police departments, the Bibb County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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capability with the use of house-keeping, flight line and industrial operations sets made up of light-weight air transportable assets. The sets, which are self-contained and designed to be transportable with C-130 aircraft, provide billeting, latrines, showers and kitchens to bed down troops, as well as a supply function, flight line support and vehicle maintenance capability.

According to the colonel, BEAR is not a new concept. Formerly known as Bare Base, then Harvest Falcon and Harvest Eagle, it was part of the overall Air Force War Reserve Materiel Program and dates back to 1950s and '60s.

"From the mid-1960s through the '80s, the idea for Harvest kits came about to reduce size and

weight of support equipment into more modular expandable capabilities," he said.

"They were also developed to support pre-positioning efforts in specific areas of responsibility, such as Southwest Asia, to move the bulky equipment forward to reduce the time necessary to stand up offensive operations. More than 80 percent of our sets are pre-positioned forward."

Although BEAR provides the hardware to build a base, Air Force civil engineers actually do the muscle work.

"We provide everything from the major components such as water and power distribution systems and shelters, to the knives, forks and spoons in the kitchens" said Colonel Hess. "Without BEAR you wouldn't be able to deploy into remote locations."

He said in Afghanistan and Iraq there are certain fields away from populated areas that you

would like to build up, but there's no infrastructure.

"You don't have a Holiday Inn Express in the middle of the desert," he said. "We provide that Holiday Inn Express."

The BEAR procurement approach has recently changed from commodities to capability buys. A weapon system office was set up in the LE directorate in July without any delay to the customers in the field.

The individual products are no longer shipped directly from the manufacturer to the customers in the field. Now an aggregator puts together the weapons system and ships it as a complete system to storing commands throughout the world.

"We currently have a contract facility in Albany, Ga., to perform this operation," said Colonel Hess.

The equipment aggregated in Albany includes major equip-

ment items such as water purification units, self-help laundries, mobile aircraft arresting systems, water transfer pumps, and showers as well as support and repair parts, which all fit neatly into storage units for transport.

"The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., will be our second aggregator," said Colonel Hess. "By having two-aggregation locations, we will shorten our lead time to the war fighter by 15 months and reap cost avoidance in the out years."

"So, think of everything you would want to do for a small city or base and it's in there or can plug into this package."

In addition to the Weapon System Office, various Integrated Product Teams within the directorate as well as the Army and various sources within the Defense Logistics Agency support the program.

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and among the oldest in its inventory, according to Capt. Chris Lietch of the materials integrity branch. The study is being done to determine whether the aircraft's structure and components are living up to predictions and evaluate long-term maintenance requirements.

Captain Lietch said the program's purpose is three-fold. Experts analyzing integral aircraft components will allow AMC officials to identify the magnitude of future fleet component repairs and replacements.

The teardown may reveal unexpected structural integrity concerns. And the analysis

results will be used to validate the Aircraft Structural Integrity Program process and the fleet structural maintenance plan.

Directorate experts have already provided guidance while developing the project's analysis requirements.

"The materials integrity branch has a legacy of providing quick response capability in a variety of very important material areas," Captain Lietch said. "Because we have studied components in various stages of service life, we are confident we'll be able to provide the data needed to make decisions about the capabilities of the aircraft in its current state and identify ways to make improvements and eliminate future concerns."

Earlier this year, materials integrity branch members led

the integrated product team that developed detailed nondestructive, disassembly and metallographic analysis requirements for the program. Those specifications will make sure test procedures and data reporting are standardized.

"We are also in the process of providing independent audits of several subcontractors who were identified to participate in this project," Captain Lietch added. "These audits will verify the organizations' ability to follow and report results that Warner Robbins, AMC and the C-5 SPO can use."

All of the data collected will be entered into a Damage Tolerance Analysis Program, which will allow experts to make accurate life predictions for the aircraft and its compo-

nents.

In addition, branch members have identified several components for in-house evaluation. Each of those components was identified as a high priority component. Testing will determine fatigue and stress corrosion cracking issues with the components.

"We have agreed to evaluate any 'surprise' components identified by WRALC later on in the program as requiring a closer look despite their not being included on the original component list," Captain Lietch said.

All the major components will be cut by members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and shipped to participants by the end of the year. The program is expected to be complete by 2006.

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was no reported damage to aircraft," Ms. Stanley added.

Part of the preparation in the flight line area included putting

as many aircraft as possible into hangars. Additionally, C-5s left on the ramp were weather vanned, or pointed into the wind, and C-130s were chained down. Also, aircraft were fueled to weigh them down in case of high winds.

THE WEEK IN PHOTOS >>>

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Things aren't always what they seem when it comes to e-mail messages

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This photograph of an alligator with a deer in its mouth circulated at Robins, but it wasn't taken here.

By Lanorris Askew

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E-mail has become a household word, and using it to disseminate information to a large audience is one of the most common types of communication used today.

But when the information is bad, it can cause more trouble than it's worth.

According to Bob Sargent, that was recently the case when an e-mail photo - supposedly set at one of Robins' lakes - began circulating through Robins' inboxes.

If the photo, which depicted a large alligator with a deer in its mouth, has prompted you to steer clear of Robins' lakes, read on.

The Environmental Management Directorate's wildlife biologist said although the photograph is real, it wasn't taken at Robins or even in Middle Georgia.

"The photo was taken at Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge south of Savannah, Ga.," he said. "We don't want people

"If you receive what appears to be a sensational e-mail regarding wildlife on base, it probably is inaccurate. I encourage you to contact our office to determine if it is accurate before distributing it to others."

BOB SARGENT

Environmental Management Directorate's wildlife biologist

to jump to conclusions when they see these e-mails with sensational information because if it seems outrageous, oftentimes it is."

Mr. Sargent said it's unfortunate that so many people distributed the e-mail and assumed it to be fact.

"Items like this cause people to be fearful of the environment when it's not warranted," he said.

"We occasionally do find alligators in base lakes, but they are generally small, and we promptly remove them from these public areas and relocate them to remote areas."

Mr. Sargent said the alligator

lives in various wetland habitats on base, and for the most part, doesn't come into close contact with humans.

"There's a fascination with them because people don't get to see them in the wild," he said. "They're not abundant on base, and on any given day you are hard pressed to find more than three or four."

"If you receive what appears to be a sensational e-mail regarding wildlife on base, it probably is inaccurate," he said. "I encourage you to contact our office to determine if it is accurate before distributing it to others."

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What to do

If you do observe an alligator in one of the three base lakes (Duck, Scout or Luna), contact Bob Sargent at 926-1197 extension 119. Alligators on base are usually between 3- and 8-feet long.

Trees require inspection after recent storms

By Lanorris Askew

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On the tails of hurricanes Ivan and Frances, the Environmental Management Directorate and Civil Engineer Group teamed up to see why some trees at Robins weathered the storms while others didn't.

"CE is responsible for grounds maintenance, and EM provides technical guidance concerning appropriate things to plant in the landscape, as well as providing guidance concerning arboricultural requirements," said Bob Sargent. "I give them guidance concerning maintenance needs for trees in the urban areas which is important because we have more than 15,000 trees in those areas."

Although the landscape of Robins is constantly changing, the teamwork of the two directorates will ensure the flora will always remain.

"After (Tropical Storm) Frances, we provided information - mostly as a follow up - as to why some trees failed and the kinds of things

What to know

EM and the Civil Engineering grounds contractor, as well as a number of small contractors who do individual projects ensure the landscape of Robins continues to flourish.

we might want to consider in the future in order to minimize those failures," said Mr. Sargent.

He said they essentially assessed the root causes of the various failures including fallen trees and broken branches and discovered a pattern.

"We saw large pine trees that blew completely over often because they were on the edges of small forests or out in the open and as a result weren't buffered from strong winds by other trees," he said. "We had a number of pine trees fall in the family camp ground."

The arboricultural expert said years ago the family campground had a much

denser pine forest than today, and when a large number of trees are removed from a forest of that age, the remaining trees aren't as strong because their root systems aren't as strong as trees that grew up without buffering from adjoining trees.

In addition to the pines Mr. Sargent said a number of water oak trees also failed probably because of the severe drought in five of the last six years and the stress of age.

Those trees he said are entering senescence (old age) and this causes decay.

"We try to head this off in advance to minimize problems by doing weekly tree surveys in coordination with CE," he said.

Those tree surveys include touring sites looking for maintenance problems, tree removal needs and areas to plant new trees. A weekly prioritized list of trees with problems is then sent to CE and their grounds contractor.

"That's a teamwork arrangement that we set up several years ago," said Mr. Sargent.

He said that arrangement coincides with a new urban forest management plan that provides specific recommendations above and beyond the day-to-day things they do and deals with which trees should be removed in the next five to 10 years and which areas they should plant new trees.

"We will use that information, lessons learned from the storm damage and meetings that we'll have with CE to talk about joint force management efforts to plan for the future," he said. "A lot of people look at an urban forest and think that because it's green it's healthy. That can be deceiving. We are planning now to replace trees that look really healthy but in fact are starting to show signs of age."

A tree farm located near the golf course is one way they are helping. Those trees will serve as replacements for those removed.

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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.

>>> Combat Electronics Systems Directorate



Submitted photo

Employees from the Combat Electronics Systems Directorate received the BAE Team of Distinction Award recently. From left are Rich Kurtz, BAE; Kim Mattox, Lisa Schmidt, Dina Inhulsen, Gerry Sienicki, BAE; Nat Clayton, BAE; Kathy Green and Col. Bruce Litchfield.

Representatives of BAE Systems CNIR, a worldwide aerospace contractor, presented the BAE Team of Distinction Award to members of the Combat Electronics Systems Directorate Aug. 20.

In the past, this award has almost exclusively been presented to process teams internal to BAE. According to visiting BAE representatives, this is the first time government employees have been included for this award.

As part of the fighter data link team, LS employees **Lisa Schmidt, Kim Mattox, Kathy Green and Dina Inhulsen** joined several BAE employees who were honored for their supply support efforts on this critical F-15 component.

The fighter data link provides position, location, identification and other information to a real time network used by multiple platforms, services and allies operating in a battle theater.

From induction of repair and testing to inspection, shipment and asset allocation, the team identified problems, proposed solutions and executed corrective actions. These efforts were apparent in the substantial improvements in support measures most critical to the F-15. A spirit of teamwork and cooperation unified the public and private supply efforts and the result was dramatically improved war fighter support.

>>> ISR Management Directorate award winners

The ISR Management Directorate Third Quarterly Award Winners for 2004 are:

Company grade officer – **1st Lt. Joe Roberson**

Senior noncommissioned officer – **Master Sgt. Shane Korytko**

Noncommissioned officer – **Tech. Sgt.**

Evelyn Porcher

Supervisor of the Quarter – **Gary Conlee**

GS-12 and above – **Irelle Dixon**

GS 8 – 11 – **Donna Lambert**

WG/GS-07 and below – **Sherry Haney**

Contractor of the Quarter – **Darrel Fox**

>>> Civilian Service Awards

In a ceremony celebrating their accomplishments and service to the C-17 Partnership Office here, nine members of Team Robins were presented civilian service awards Sept. 13.

The Exemplary Civilian Service Award, which is given to recognize civilian employees for outstanding service in support of the command mission or goals, was awarded to six employees in recognition for their distinguished performance in the C-17 partnership office, here from May 1, 2001 to May 30, 2003.

They are credited with leading a cross-center team of logistics, financial and depot maintenance experts that directly supported the Center's work to create organic depot maintenance capability at Robins as a key part of the Air Force's public/private partnership with Boeing for long-term sustainment of the C-17 Globemaster III fleet.

The civilians recognized are:

Charles Pollard, lead logistics and financial analyst, product support coordination team

Darlene Meloche, lead resources control officer

Janice Gray, avionics team lead and airframe support equipment lead, depot maintenance coordination team

James Icard, avionics team lead, depot maintenance coordination team

Kenneth Hall, structures team lead, depot maintenance coordination team

Lori Bloodworth, software team lead, depot maintenance coordination team

The following people were presented the Meritorious



Charles Pollard



Darlene Meloche



Janice Gray



James Icard



Kenneth Hall



Lori Bloodworth



Scott Wrigley



Jerome Brady



Donna Frazier

Civilian Service Award, which is given to recognize an individual or group for outstanding service to the Air Force in the performance of duties in an exemplary manner. Since this type of recognition serves as an incentive, it is not appropriate for employees about to retire.

Scott Wrigley, division chief and product support coordination team lead

Jerome Brady, division chief and partnership integration team lead

Donna Frazier, division chief and depot maintenance coordination team lead

The three are credited with leading a command-wide team of product support experts, contracting efforts, and team of depot maintenance experts who led the logistics and technical development and implementation of the Air Force public-private partnership with the Boeing Company for the long-term sustainment of the C-17 Globemaster III fleet.

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Help is available for those who want to make their vote count

By Lt. Col. Robert DeStasio
1st Fighter Wing voting officer

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. – It has been said before, but it bears repeating: Exercising our right to vote is the most fundamental and important responsibility we have as citizens of the United States.

Many Americans will vote in the November elections. Unfortunately, many will not.

Since 1972, less than 56 percent of voting-age eligible people actually cast their votes in federal elections. In non-presidential elections between 1972 and 1996, average voter turnout fell to less than 38 percent.

Needless to say, the outcome of the highly contested presidential election of 2000 might have been different had more than 52 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots.

This year's federal elections will decide the president and vice president of the United States, more than 30 seats in the U.S. Senate and the entire House of Representatives.

The people who are elected into these positions will create policies that govern our way of life. Those who choose not to vote give up their chance to influence those policies as they are formed.

As active members of the military community, we

have sworn to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." It is what we do every day, whether we are at our home station or a deployed location.

The Constitution, specifically amendments XV and XIX, gives us the priceless right to vote.

I find it ironic that in Afghanistan, Afghans are being murdered simply because they registered to vote.

Yet, in America, the home of Afghanistan's liberators, voting has seemingly become almost an afterthought.

Our military lifestyle may complicate the voting

process, but help is available to those who want it. Air Force units with more than 25 people have a voting assistance officer.

Each has been trained to lend assistance with voter registration to vote, requesting absentee ballots and answering questions about the process.

If a voting officer hasn't contacted you already, seek one out. The local military personnel flight can provide contact information if necessary.

Also, important voting information is listed on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.

If you are one of the 48 percent of eligible

Americans who are happy to sit by and let the other 52 percent make policy that affects your life, by all means, stay at home – but don't be surprised or disappointed if the people elected and the resulting policies aren't to your liking.

Most people wouldn't let someone else take away their input in choosing a car or picking out their clothes. Why let someone else choose your leadership?

Personally, I can't fathom why so many people decide not to participate in choosing their own government. Many non-voters say, "My vote doesn't count."

In truth, the only vote that doesn't count is the one that isn't cast.

Where to find voting information

Voting information is listed on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov. Robins Military Personnel Flight can also provide military members with their unit's voting assistance officer's contact information by calling 327-7362.

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.

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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CE work order cost estimates

As an occasional submitter of work requests to the 78th Civil Engineer Group, I have often noticed a circular loop about funding. CE handles two types of work orders very differently. If the work order is checked as unfunded, then it goes into a pile of work orders that will never get done. If the work order is marked funded, then it gets on a track for accomplishment. Many users, including my organization, have found out that it's always best to mark your work order as funded, and then haggle with CE about the cost.

CE should have a system where a cost range estimate is prepared for every work order before it goes to the work order review meeting. They should set up a small cost estimating team to work on the work orders. This team should contact the user to get a better idea of the work that's required. They should do a quick write-up, and then put a rough but reasonable cost estimate on each one. Then they can know better what office should do the work, and they can go ahead and tell the users the rough estimate.

The current process causes a lot of paper pollution in CE and with users. The process could be Leaned to make it smarter and more efficient.

Commander's reply: Thank you for allowing me to address this area that causes much confusion for our base facility managers requiring repairs and upgrades. The majority of work called in or submitted to CE is accomplished within 30 days (depending on availability of parts) as "direct scheduled work" or DSWs. DSWs are within the ability of our in-house technicians and are primarily maintenance or sustainment oriented (leaking faucets, broken doors, infrastructure repairs). DSWs constitute 91 percent of CE's workload. The other 9 percent of work is "work orders" or "projects." These tasks are larger in scale and, upon first reading, seem beyond the ability of our in-

house craftspeople. Work orders and projects often require multiple crafts, new construction, the help of an outside service contractor or special engineering expertise. This type of work is seen at the work order review board.

The purpose of the work order review board is to determine the initial direction of each work order. An educated decision is made as to who within CE is best suited to handle the described work (Maintenance Engineers, Programming, IDIQ, Planning, etc.). If the work order is later found to have been misdirected it's returned to customer service and directed to the proper office or reappears at the work order review board with more information. Like everyone else, man-power is a premium and has to be used where it will be most effective. The facility managers could help tremendously by putting as much information as possible to help us make the right decision at the work order review board.

The funds block on the AF Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, should only be marked if the requesting unit is willing to fund the work. If an estimate is desired in order to make a funding decision, then that should be stated on the 332 with as much information as possible. The CE in-house planners, Saber coordinators and IDIQ coordinators can provide a planning estimate (usually within 15 percent of the actual cost) if one is requested. Again, the work order review board will be used to determine which CE agency is best suited to do that estimate.

CE receives roughly 15,000 customer requests a year and completes \$83 million in DSWs, projects and work orders. Non-DSW work competing for base funds are prioritized and as funds become available an estimate is prepared and projects awarded based on the funding line. Currently more than 1,000 DSW's are in the system for in-house accomplishment. These are waiting manpower and are prioritized by the three classes – emergency, urgent or routine. We have about 2,000 projects in our Engineering Branch waiting to be designed based on cus-

tomers' top priorities. The Engineering Branch sends out call letters each year to base customers asking them to prioritize the work requests in the queue. Once they have been prioritized, the projects are approved by the facility board (chaired by 78th ABW/CC) and CE funds are requested unless the customer provides their own funds. These projects are then worked. The June facility board approved 343 projects for fiscal 2004-06, and is estimated at 127 million excluding Military Housing.

The CE process may seem complex, but your organizational facility manager should be able to help you through it. Refresher facility manager training is available through the CE Customer Service Section at 926-5820 extension 120.

Government vehicle abuse

While I was at a local convenience store recently, I witnessed what I consider to be improper use of a government vehicle – the person driving the vehicle purchasing lottery tickets. As a taxpayer I find this very troubling and a waste of valuable tax dollars.

Commander's reply: Thank you for your vigilant awareness concerning the proper use of government resources. Government vehicles are procured for the purpose of conducting official business only and are not authorized for personal business, convenience or pleasure. Rest assured leadership from the top down takes violations of these guidelines very seriously. Our entire staff is briefed on the proper use of government vehicles and our Traffic Management Office inspectors are provided with a copy of AFI 24-301, Vehicle Operations and Department of Defense 4500.36, Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles. The sole purpose of a government vehicle is for accomplishing official business, therefore we will continue to investigate this incident for possible disciplinary action. Thank you again for keeping a "watchful eye" for possible misuse of Department of Defense's resources.

Remember to slow down

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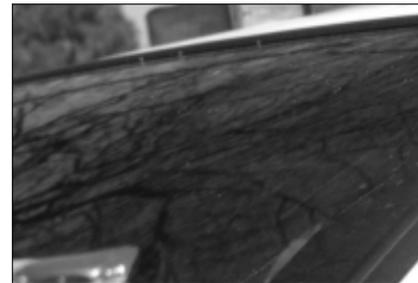
speeding tickets issued year to date.

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.

September: **8** September 2003: **4** Year to date: **52*** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday
Number of days since last DUI: **4**

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

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

KC-135R photo shoot

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron and 19th Operational Support Squadron spouses are offering a fun way to remember your time at Robins. They will be taking photos of singles, families or couples in front of a KC-135R. Appointments can be made today from 4 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. and from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Two dates will be available in October, dates and times are to be announced. Package prices are \$25, paid at the time of sitting, for 1-8x10, 2-5x7, and 4-3x5. Each pose ordered will be a \$25 package. To schedule an appointment time, contact Rhonda Paulk at 953-8521 or at rdpaulk@cox.net.

Toastmaster Speech-arama

Toastmaster International will host humorous speakers in the Division C Speech-arama Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Flint Energies Building training room on 96th Street in Warner Robins. The "best of the best" speakers from Robins, Milledgeville, Macon, Columbus and Warner Robins Toastmaster Clubs will prompt you into laughter and gut splitting howls as they unravel their hilarious stories. The contest winners will compete in the District 14 Toastmasters contest in October in Atlanta. The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Laird Van Gorder at 926-0586 or Wilma Felton at 222-3760.

Air Force Sergeants Association

Air Force Sergeants Association will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the NCO Club Heritage room. If you have any questions or would like to join AFSA, contact Master Sgt. Kevin Swogger at 926-5820 extension 101.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony 10 a.m. Thursday at the Base Theater. 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

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program 2004 open season will end Sept. 30. As with all benefits elections, Air Force-served civilian employees will submit FEGLI open season enrollment elections electronically via the Web-based Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) at

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm or the BEST automated phone system at 1(800) 616-3775. Hard copy enrollment forms will not be accepted. No one knows when the next FEGLI Open Season will be. Visit www.fegli2004.opm.gov to read about the FEGLI 2004 Open Season.

Legal assistance

The Base Legal Assistance Office wants to enhance the convenience of persons who

need legal assistance. Active duty, activated reserves and guardsmen, retirees and their dependents are eligible for Base Legal Assistance. Eligible persons are now encouraged to call ahead for appointments or other arrangements. To consult an attorney, appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Powers of attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The Base Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 215, Suite 178, at the North entrance. Eligible persons who need legal assistance are encouraged to call Stephanie Wynne at 926-3961, extension 111.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871 or

Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts and leaders needed

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

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page

Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Also, the shop is looking for volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, call 923-1686.

Museum volunteers

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

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Air Force, Robins enhances response to sexual assault victims

By Capt. David Cox

Assistant Staff Judge Advocate

Every two minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted. Although incidents of sexual assault, including rape, have fallen by roughly half since 1993, just under two-thirds of these cases go unreported to law enforcement officials.

The most common reasons given by victims for not reporting the crimes are the belief that it is a private or personal matter, and they fear reprisal from the assailant. Air Force victims face numerous real or perceived reporting barriers.

The lack of privacy and confidentiality is the most frequently cited barrier to reporting.

Other barriers include stigma, fear or shame; fear of disciplinary action because of a victim's misconduct; fear of being reduced in the eyes of one's commander and colleagues; and fear of perceived operational impacts, including loss of security clearances, effect on training and impact on overseas deployments.

If a sexual assault is not reported, the chances that victims are getting the necessary care and counseling are very low, not to mention the assailant is free to attack again.

A majority of sexual assaults that occur in the Air Force are likely to go unreported.

Only about one-third of rape cases involve an assailant that is a stranger to the victim.

That means most victims know

their attacker and often are related or intimately involved. Four of 10 rape cases occur in the victim's own home.

Studies indicate that many victims are uncertain about what constitutes sexual assault.

Thus, there is a great need to educate the Air Force population on what constitutes sexual assault.

Sexual assault includes a wide range of victimizations, distinct from rape or attempted rape.

Those crimes include completed or attempted attacks generally involving unwanted sexual contact between the victim and offender.

Sexual assaults may involve force and include such things as grabbing or fondling. Sexual assault also includes verbal threats.

Rape is forced sexual intercourse, including both psychological coercion and physical force.

This definition includes attempted rape, male and female victims, and heterosexual and homosexual rape.

Many victims require care and counseling to recover. While rape is only one form of sexual assault, rape trauma is now recognized for the harmful effects it has not only on victims but also on their families, co-workers and others involved in their lives.

Victims may experience feelings of intense fear and anger, helplessness, and a profound sense that they have lost control of their lives.

When a non-stranger commits an assault, the victim also experiences a profound sense of betrayal and loss

Victim's rights

If you have been or know a victim of sexual assault, you should know the following: A victim of or a witness to a crime has the right to:

- be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy.
- be reasonably protected from the accused offender.
- be notified of court proceedings.
- be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that your testimony would be materially affected if you heard other testimony at trial.
- confer with an attorney for the government in the case.
- available restitution.
- information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment and release of the offender.

Interested persons may contact the base victim and witness assistance coordinator at 926-3961 or the Family Advocacy Office at 327-8398 for a victim support liaison, for more information or for assistance.

of trust. Rape trauma has physiological, psychological, and social consequences on the victim, characterized by the loss of personal worth, self-esteem, or power, and a disconnection from others.

This results in involuntary psychological movement between the expectation of danger (hyper-vigilance, flashbacks, sleep disturbances and anxiety) and emotional numbing (indifference to pain, lack of empathy and difficulty with intimacy and tenderness).

Trauma affects interpersonal attachments and the ways people relate to and perceive the victim, as well as ways the victim relates to and perceives others.

Feelings of shame, stigma and isolation are common. In most cases, victims suffering from this level of trauma need ongoing care and support to make a full recovery.

In April, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force instituted an interim Victim Support Liaison program as the first step to a permanent enhancement of victim care capabilities.

Robins has implemented this program and has volunteer Victim Support Liaisons ready to assist.

This is in addition to the existing Victim Witness Assistance Programs already in place at every Air Force installation.

Sexual assault, family violence training Oct. 1

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Family Advocacy Office and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Victim/Witness Assistance Program have collaborated to provide training enabling commanders and senior enlisted Airmen to receive their required sexual assault and family violence training at one time.

The session will be held Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Robins Conference Center. Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander, will provide opening remarks.

A number of static displays will be exhibited at the conference center during the training and throughout the day.

— *Becky Moody,*
Staff Judge
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U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Top of the pops

Reserve Generation belts out hits from the '60s to Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 listing including rock, rap and hip-hop

Above, Reserve Generation members, from left, Tech. Sgt. Craig Stevens, keyboard, Master Sgt. Leroy Wilson, drums, (also below) Tech. Sgt. Rob Walker, lead guitar, Senior Airman Angie Long, vocalist, Senior Airman Sam Kennedy, bass, and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Miles, vocalist, perform a free concert Tuesday. Right, concert goers applaud the band's performance.



Left, Senior Airman Angie Long provides half of the vocals for the band. Below, Nicholas Branch, 5, dances.



Reserve Generation, a component of the Band of the U. S. Air Force Reserve, gave their second in series of three concerts Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater. They entertain thousands each year, performing a mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz and country while representing the Air Force and Air Force Reserve in concerts at high schools, colleges and universities in cities throughout the United States. They play hits from the '60s to today's Billboard Magazine Hot 100 listing to include rock, rap and hip-hop.

AFRC jazz ensemble closes out concert series Tuesday

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

The Full Spectrum Jazz Ensemble, a unit of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, will stage a concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Museum of

Aviation Amphitheater. The event is the last in a series of free, public concerts honoring local heroes and employees at Robins Air Force Base.

Full Spectrum is a nationally acclaimed musical group, renowned for its distinctive sound and entertaining blend of musical styles.

Composed of 13 musicians, the jazz ensemble provides audiences around the world with a mixture of selections, ranging from original compositions by today's most esteemed composers to the familiar sounds of the Big Band era.

Full Spectrum has per-

formed at several jazz festivals in the Southeast to include Jacksonville, Clearwater and Hollywood in Florida and in Atlanta and Savannah in Georgia.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth C. Trimmins, who has performed with recording artists Faith Hill, Vince Gill, Amy Grant,

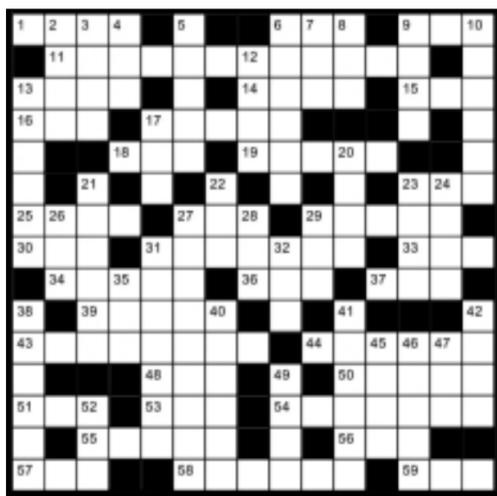
Crystal Gayle and Ricochet, is one of Full Spectrum's musicians.

On Thanksgiving 2002, Sergeant Trimmins represented the U.S. Air Force Reserve on national television by playing two horns at the same time on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Air Force band members are professional musicians working in support of the Air Force Reserve, recruiting and community relations.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Century of Flight Hangar next to the amphitheater.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Airmen Heroes: Medal of Honor recipients, Vol. II

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Art movement
6. Military bed
9. Appendage
11. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Edward V. _____ (WW I)
13. Distance measurement
14. _____ buco; Italian veal dish
15. Hound
16. Penn movie Sam _____ (two words)
17. Aroma
18. British explorer John _____; charted Canadian Arctic coast
19. Mirror
23. Strategist Karl _____ Clausewitz
25. British title
27. Bomb that doesn't go boom?
29. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. George A. _____ (Korea)
30. Roadway, in short
31. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Col. Leon W. _____ (WW II)
33. Stallone's nickname
34. Brief vivid portrayal or depiction
36. Bristles found on spikelets of grass
37. _____ Paulo, Brazil
39. Sandberg and Lewis
43. The physical attraction or joining of two substances
44. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt Lloyd H. _____ (WW II)
48. Lubbock, TX school
50. People who don't tell the truth
51. Beginning of British ships
53. Roddick's org.
54. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt William E. _____ (WW II)
55. Bewilder
56. Travel org.
57. Pig's pen
58. American inventor of incandescent lamp
59. Caviar

3. Carpe _____; seize the day
4. Dramatize
5. Truce
6. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Brig. Gen. Frederick W. _____ (WW II)
7. Army comm. source
8. Ring result
9. St. Louis landmark
10. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt John C. _____ (WW II)
12. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Richard I. _____ (WW II)
13. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Bernard F. _____ (Vietnam)
17. Droop
20. Cardinal great Musial
21. Cleft
22. Expression of surprise
23. MasterCard rival
24. Capital of Norway
26. AF person responsible for launching, landing aircraft
27. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. James H. _____ (WW II)
28. Basic building block of man?
29. Actor Johnson of Nash Bridges
31. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. John L. _____ (WW II)
32. Region that includes Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, etc.
35. _____ West; actress known for sultry stage persona
38. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 1Lt Jack W. _____ (WW II)
40. _____-up; improved, as in car engines
41. Ruler of Muslim land, especially in Ottoman Empire
42. Former USA foe
45. Site of Great Pyramids
46. _____ the Horrible
47. Previous to; before
49. Hebrew prophet of the eighth century BCE
52. State

DOWN

2. Region

For puzzle solution, see Oct. 1 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Sept. 17



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

James Scott McLendon, MABFW. Point of contact is Stanley Knight at 926-9270.

Sandra L. Murphy, WR-ALC/LFM. Point of contact is Sandy McEachern at 926-5501.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

The following is a list of events being hosted by the Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month.

Wednesday - There will be a golf tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Registration is at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Marcos Reyes

or Nelson Rosa at 926-2363.

Oct. 2 - There will be a picnic at Friendship Park from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Gloria Muñoz at 926-1146 or Master Sgt. Richard Macias at 926-2100.

Oct. 16 - There will be a banquet at

the Enlisted Club. There will be a social at 6:30 p.m., and the program will be followed by dancing from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Taboga is the featured entertainment.

For more information, contact Miriam Rodriguez at 953-4443, Elizabeth Reis at 926-9249 or Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.

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.

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; user ID: airforce; password: ready.

If you don't have a computer you can call (800) 707-5784, and for conversation en Español, llame al (800) 375-5971. For additional information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-Deployment Briefings are offered by the FSC readiness team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

The Aero Club open house will be Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Points of interest will include watching aviation movies, browsing through the surplus aviation items and free time on the simulator. Dennis Peterson, club manager, will grill hamburgers and hot dogs free for guests. Discovery flights for up to three passengers will be available and guests can enter a drawing for a discovery flight gift certificate.

Club Membership

A squadron challenge is underway, in conjunction with the "Get In On It" club drive now through Nov. 30. "The challenge will allow three highly competitive units the opportunity to win a party at the club," said Al Uroliia, Enlisted Club manager. The challenge is divided into three categories: a party valued at \$1,000 for large units consisting of 100 or more people; a party valued at \$600 for medium units consisting of 50 - 99 people and a \$300 party for small units consisting of 49 or less people.

"Motivated club members who recruit new members will receive \$5 in club bucks for each new member they gain," said John Filler, business operations flight chief. "To obtain credit for the new member, please ensure that your name is printed on the new club member's application."

There is no limit on the number of club bucks a current member can earn during the club drive. Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and reserve military, DoD and NAF civilians.

Membership dues for the Enlisted Club are \$8 per month for E-4 - E-9 and \$4 per month for E-1 - E-4. Officers' Club dues are \$18 per month. For complete details on membership eligibility visit the Services Web site at www.robins.af.mil or call the Officers' Club at 926-2670 or the Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

Enlisted Club

Football Frenzy 2004 is ready to make a touchdown at the Robins Enlisted Club. By participating, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to the Super Bowl game XXXIX in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 6 or a pro game in Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 13. Call the Enlisted Club at 926-4515 for complete

details and contest rules.

Family Child Care

Returning home care offers 16 hours of free care per child to members returning from deployment. For more information, contact the FCC coordinator at 926-6741.

The Robins Child Development Centers, Youth Center and Family Child Care announce the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food program. Nutritious meals are available, at no separate charge, to children enrolled in each program without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For more information, contact Josie Carter, USDA food monitor, at 926-6741 for family child care. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against, should write immediately to: Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

ITT

Georgia National Fair admission tickets for \$5.50 and ride sheets for \$10 are available at ITT. The fair is scheduled for Oct. 8 - 17.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 29 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; color pencil Oct. 4, 18 and 25 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; beginning Quilting (7 weeks course) Oct. 27 from 6 - 8:30 p.m., cost \$70; landscapes in oil (evenings) Oct. 4, 18 and 25 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; landscapes in oil (daytime) Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; scroll saw second and fourth Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10; watercolor Oct. 4, 18 and 25 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; cross stitch Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., cost \$12.50; scrapbooking Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. - noon., cost \$8.50; beginning matting and framing Oct. 19 and 21 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; card making Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; paper crafts Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; calligraphy Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 - 11 a.m., cost \$10; sewing Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50

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.

Today

7:30 p.m. - Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie - Animated

After the Battle City Tournament, an ancient evil has awakened. Anubis, who was defeated centuries ago by Yugi's mysterious alter ego has returned for revenge. Anubis is determined to destroy Yugi and take over the world.

Rated PG (scary combat and monster images) 90 minutes

Saturday

2 p.m. - Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement - Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews

Princess Mia is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse, but she soon learns that Clarisse needs her to take over as a queen. The catch? Genovian law states that all queens must be married, so the search for the perfect groom begins.

Rated G 115 minutes

7:30 p.m. - Collateral - Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx

A struggling comedy writer named Max, who drives a cab in Los Angeles to earn a living, gradually realizes that the passenger he's been driving around all day is a hit man who has been rubbing out people at every stop. Max has to figure out how to prevent the killer from knocking off his last victim and how to come out of the situation alive.

Rated R (violence and language) 127 minutes



And they're off



Courtesy photo

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – More than 3,800 runners competed in the 8th annual official Air Force Marathon here Saturday. The half-marathon event began just as the sun was coming up, following the full and wheelchair marathon starting horns. The race also included a marathon relay and 5k event. The individual overall male winner was James Bresette of Clinton, Ark., with a time of 2:40:55. Repeating her win from last year, individual overall female winner was Jill Metzger of Ramstein Air Base, with a time of 3:06:06. Final race results can be found on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. Next year's Air Force Marathon is scheduled to take place Sept. 17.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Columbus Day, Oct. 11, is red head pin day. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and receive that game free.

Fitness Center

A 5K and 10K race will be held Saturday at 9 a.m.

Golf Course

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

Register now for Link Up 2 Golf classes. Course of study includes orientations, eight hours of group lesson and course etiquette, complimentary rental clubs, three-hole graduation scramble, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Cost is \$99 per person and valued at more than \$400.

Class schedule: Class I Oct. 4, 7, 14, 18 and 21 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; Class II Oct. 12, 16, 19, 23 and 26 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; and Class III for retirees 50 years old and older Nov. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 22 from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

A base championship is slated for Oct. 9 and 10. Cost is \$35 for annual green fee member and \$55 for guests, does not include golf cars. Format consists of 36

hole stroke play, flight by handicap and men's and women's divisions.

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 or Jason Dozier at 926-7055 or jason.dozier@robins.af.mil.

Paintball tournament

The first 19th Air Refueling Group five-man paintball tournament fundraiser will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at On Target Paintball, Macon. There is a \$75 early registration fee per team and a \$100 regular registration fee per team; fee includes gun rental and all day air. This will be a round robin style event, and teams can expect to play six to eight games. The event is open to the Robins community age 10 and older. The top three teams will be eligible for prizes: first place, paintball guns; second place,

paintball jersey; and third place, gift certificates. For more information, contact Capt. Pete Fravel at 327-3145, 335-6635 or linden.fravel@robins.af.mil; or Joel Pfiel at On Target Paintball at 714-2003 or jwpfeil1@earthlink.net.

Youth Center

The Youth Center JR NBA and JR WNBA basketball registrations will be held Oct. 16 - 23, Monday through Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$60. The program emphasizes fundamentals of skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive adult participation with the goal of providing a fun and rewarding youth basketball experience. Young players can also create a bond with the game while learning what it takes to be successful away from the court. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required.

Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

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Far from home



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard

SOUTHWEST ASIA - Senior Airman Jessica Carson updates equipment account listings for the new rotation of AEF 1/2 as part of her job in the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron. Airman Carson is deployed from Robins.

Robins narrowband migration deadline coming

The Robins land mobile radio narrowband migration is scheduled for Oct. 9 - 11.

Radios must be identified by your unit Net Manager prior to Oct. 9, and delivered to the personal wireless com-

munications work center in Building 270 prior to the migration weekend. Cutoff for delivery is 7 a.m., Oct. 9.

Radios may be delivered for pre-programming at any time.

The 78th Communications Squadron PWCS facility is ready to assist you with this migration. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Ed Stefan at 926-0066 or edwin.stefan@robins.af.mil.

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ROBINS NEWS BRIEFS

New process coming soon to 78th Medical Group beneficiaries

The 78th Medical Group is implementing an additional customer satisfaction process for obtaining timely feedback from patients about their outpatient visit.

The expected start date is approximately Oct. 1.

An authorized individual will contact patients by phone to obtain feedback on the quality of the service they received related to their appointment within a few days after their visit between 5 and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays), and asked six to seven questions.

The caller will not have access to personal medical information nor will patients be requested to provide that information.

Your participation and feedback is encouraged to ensure that your needs and expectations are met.

Your comments and feedback will be greatly appreciated and will assist in improving services.

If you have any questions concerning this program, contact Fay Rutherford, customer service manager, 78th Medical Group, at 327-8475 or fay.rutherford@robins.af.mil.

Family Medicine Clinic sick call hours limited to active duty

The 78th Medical Group conducted a trial sick call for non-active duty and retirees in an attempt to increase access to care during an extended staffing shortage and to gauge how the clinic staff would

respond to a faster pace. After studying usage patterns, available resources and effectiveness on patient care, the 78th Medical Group executive committee decided to limit the Family Medicine Clinic Sick Call hours and make it available to active duty only.

To further enhance appointment availability, the 78th Medical Group will welcome four additional primary care managers soon.

This increase in providers, two military and two civilian, will yield a 33 percent overall boost in appointments.

Availability of care for family members and retirees will be back to normal by Oct. 1.

Family Medicine sick call

Starting Oct. 1, the Family Medicine Clinic will return to an "active duty only" sick call from 7-8 a.m. Active duty members requiring use of the Family Medicine Clinic sick call must sign in at the Family Medicine front desk by 7:30 a.m. in Uniform of the Day in order to be seen.

Flight Medicine sick call

Flight Medicine sick call will remain unchanged. Flight Medicine sick call will remain active duty only from 7-8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 9-10 a.m. for dependents assigned to a primary care manager in the Flight Medicine Clinic. Additionally, Flight Medicine will hold sick call for active duty only from 1-1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday with the exception of Wednesday.

Expert riders



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

A group of motorcycle riders took the expert rider course Tuesday. The one-day course is for riders with 6 months or more experience. There is also a beginners class, which lasts 2 1/2 days, for riders with less than 6 months experience. Anyone who rides on base has to complete one of these courses. For more information on classes or motorcycle safety, contact Jerry Morningstar, Robins Safety Office motorcycle administrator, at 926-6271. Above, Stephen Feathers accelerates down the practice course.

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