



THE ROBINS REV-UP

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

THE MACH READ

78th ABW annual awards
Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the 78th ABW 2006 annual awards ceremony Feb. 26 at the Base Theater. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and will cover 11 categories. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the base will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

WR-ALC annual awards
Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will host the WR-ALC annual awards ceremony March 2 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attire will be uniform of the day for military members and business casual for civilians. See your unit POC to sign up to attend the ceremony by Feb. 23.

Base housing privatization
When the Air Force divests 300 Huntington Hills houses, it simply means the Air Force does not oversee the terms of the lease. This does not suggest the houses will be demolished. Huntington Village currently has a 95 percent occupancy rate, and Hunt Military Communities has no plans to demolish these houses or displace the families.

National Prayer Luncheon
The National Prayer Luncheon has been sold out, with more than 500 tickets sold. The luncheon begins at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Ticket holders are asked to arrive early to the Tuesday luncheon and to be mindful of traffic. Parking will be limited.

Tops in Blue Tickets
The 2006 Tops in Blue team will perform at the Warner Robins Civic Center Tuesday at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets will be available outside the front door of the civic center on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 4:15 p.m. One ticket will be issued per person present. All attendees must have a ticket. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. All attendees are subject to security searches prior to admittance. A shuttle bus will pick up people with base access at the Enlisted Club (Bldg. 956) and leave at 6 p.m. The bus will shuttle people back to the Enlisted Club after the show. Volunteers are still needed to help with the show's set up. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Center of Excellence

The following performance goals are set for the Center

DUIs as of Feb. 2
50% reduction from fiscal 2004

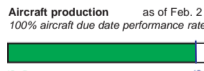


- Maximum DUIs allowed, 6
- Current DUIs obtained, 7

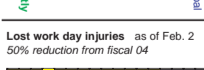
Training attendance as of Feb. 2
90% attendance of training



Aircraft production as of Feb. 2
100% aircraft due date performance rate

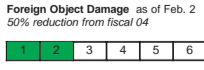


Lost work day injuries as of Feb. 2
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum lost work days due to injury allowed, 16
- Current days lost, 13

Foreign Object Damage as of Feb. 2
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum FOD incidents allowed, 5
- Current FOD incidents, 2

Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

Two Airmen, one dream



Above, 1st Lt. David Pina and 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz have been selected for pilot training.

Below, Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman, 339th Flight Test Squadron, meets and congratulates 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz and 1st Lt. David Pina on being selected for pilot training during a visit to the functional test facility.

Two Robins officers selected for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Two first lieutenants at Robins will soon take their Air Force careers sky high.

First Lt. David Pina, deputy program manager for the ALR-69A Radar Warning Receiver in the 542nd Combat Sustainment Group, and 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz, chief of capabilities and integration in the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, are among the 50 officers Air Force-wide to recently be accepted into the Selective Undergraduate Pilot Training program.

The Specialized Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board met at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9-11 to consider active-duty Air Force applicants for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, among other specialized undergraduate programs.

The board considered 249 applications and selected 50 officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain to attend the pilot training, including sending 10 officers to Euro



NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. SUPT is held at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss; Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla.; Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas; and at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla.

The 13-month intensive program includes four to six weeks of study in aerodynamics, aerospace physiology training, computer-based training courses and other related studies.

Lieutenant Pina said SUPT students will generally start their primary aircraft training in the T-6 Texan II. Students are then "racked and stacked"

according to their flight abilities, academic scores and other factors. Next, students' track selections are considered. The four tracks include the T-38 (fighter/bomber track), the T-1 (tanker/airlift track), the UH-1 (helicopter track), and the T-44/C-12 multi-engine turbo-prop (C-130 track).

The age cutoff for the training program is 29. As a 30-year-old candidate, Lieutenant Florschuetz had to submit special paperwork to have his age waived by a Board for Correction of Military Records

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2006 Tops in Blue team set to take stage at Warner Robins Civic Center

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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With Valentine's Day on the heels of the 2006 Tops in Blue team's upcoming performance, the singing and dancing group is asking "What's Love?"

The heart-felt question is the theme of the team's Tuesday performance at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

Lynne Brackett, Smith Community Center director and project officer for the team's upcoming show, said the 32-member team, made up of active-duty and Air Force Reserve members, is exceptional.

"The show is phenomenal,"

she said. "It's extraordinarily professional. It lasts about an hour and a half. They sing. They dance. They entertain. The lights, the costumes, it's just spectacular. If it's not sequined, it's not Tops in Blue."

According to Mrs. Brackett, two members of the 2006 team got their start at Robins. Senior Airman Danny Griner, an entry controller with the 78th Security Forces Squadron, is a vocalist for Tops in Blue. Senior Airman Michael Manfredonia, a tactical systems technician with the 78th Communications Squadron, is the audio director for the 2006 Tops in Blue tour.

Mrs. Brackett said the road to Tops in Blue begins at commu-

nity centers Air Force-wide, where Airmen display their many talents, whether its singing, dancing or technical support. Tops in Blue hopefuls then compete for a spot on the world-famous talent team at World-wide Talent, a 10-day Air Force-wide talent competition, where dreams of making the group are realized.

The Warner Robins stop is near the end of the group's tour, which kicked off in May 2006 at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. The 2006 team will move on to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. after their Middle Georgia visit. The tour ends with a stop at

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19th ARG wins eighth consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

By AMANDA CREEL
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The 19th Air Refueling Group was recently awarded its eighth consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The Black Knights, who are part of Air Mobility Command, earned the honor for their service from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

"This is definitely a group-wide recognition. It's a validation of all the great service, hard work and dedication of all the members of the Black Knights," said Col. Chris Bence, commander of the 19th ARG.

The group has two vital capabilities: KC-135 air refueling and airlift coupled with C-5 isochronal inspections and field-level maintenance in partnership with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Along with earning the outstanding unit award the group set a record for flight hours completed without a mishap for the third consecutive year. The group flew 214 percent of its programmed flying hours total-

ing 9,883 hours, setting this years record with a fleet of just 12 KC-135s.

During the award period, the 19th ARG refueled the majority of airframes in the U.S. Air Force inventory and a host of U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and coalition aircraft. The group flew more than 1,776 mishap-free sorties, during which they off-loaded more than 59 million pounds of fuel. The group also delivered 29.7 tons of cargo and multiple aircraft to areas of responsibility.

One of the biggest things about earning the outstanding unit award this year was that the unit not only maintained three deployed locations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, it also maintained the home front by earning an outstanding or excellent for all of the four major inspections that occurred in the spring of 2006, said Lt. Col. Marc Van Wert, deputy commander of the 19th ARG.

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Budget proposal includes 3-percent military pay raise

President Bush's defense budget request for fiscal 2008 includes a three percent military pay raise as well as increases for housing, health care and other quality-of-life benefits and programs.

Bush's proposed budget, submitted to Congress today, includes \$137 billion in pay, benefits and health care for 2.1 million active- and reserve-component troops and their families.

That includes \$2.1 billion more than this year for military pay, continuing a trend that has boosted military pay an average of 32 percent since 2001. If Congress approves the request, the typical E-6 sergeant or petty officer would see a \$1,099 pay increase, and the average O-3 captain or Navy lieutenant, a \$1,657 hike in fiscal 2008.

The request also includes

\$15 billion for the basic allowance for housing, up 4.2 percent over the fiscal 2007 figure, with a continued goal of ensuring no out-of-pocket housing costs for servicemembers.

An additional \$4.3 billion is earmarked for basic allowance for subsistence.

Also included in the budget request is \$2.4 billion for recruiting bonuses and retention, which officials say is critical to sustaining the all-volunteer force.

The proposed budget provides \$38.7 billion for health care for 9.2 million military members and their families. Officials said this funding level is important to sustain one of the world's best health-care programs and to ensure that Tricare remains fiscally sound.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Tops in Blue instrumentalists provide the high energy music at a previous performance in Warner Robins. This year's showcase, themed "What's Love?," will be Tuesday at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN

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

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY 54/37 SATURDAY 61/34 SUNDAY 60/35

PILOTS

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to gain eligibility for the program.

Lieutenants Pina and Florschuetz applied for the SUPT program in September of 2006. But their dreams of becoming pilots took flight long before their pens inked their pilot training program applications.

For Lieutenant Pina, it all began at age 4.

"I still remember the day it happened," he said. "I sat in the cockpit of an F-16 at an air show at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, which is right smack in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean."

Similarly, Lieutenant Florschuetz also had high hopes for a pilot career at a young age.

"My dad worked Sundstrand Aviation which makes different parts for civilian and military

aircraft," he said. "Because of his career, he would take me to air shows every year, and that's where my interest in aviation all began."

Lieutenant Pina, a Valdosta, Ga. native, and Lieutenant Florschuetz, a Rochelle, Ill. native, both attended the Air Force Academy with their budding military careers steered toward the pilot career field. And both met a similar fate that detoured their pilot dreams.

The two officers each sustained injuries before pilot training that medically disqualified them from the pilot program.

With a bachelor's degree in engineering mechanics, Lieutenant Florschuetz was able to enter the engineering career field, which brought him to Robins. Before his current job, the 30-year-old officer worked in engineering in the 752nd Combat Sustainment Group.

After Lieutenant Pina's pilot slot fell through, he entered his first non-rated career choice, acquisitions, and came to Robins since he was already scheduled to come to the base on casual status under the SUPT program.

Years later, Lieutenants Pina and Florschuetz received the news that their aviation dreams weren't lost forever.

During their organization's weekly staff meeting Feb. 1, Jack Blair, director of the 542nd CSW, announced that the two officers were accepted into the year-long SUPT program.

"I've been hoping to hear this news basically ever since I got the slot taken away in the first place," said Lieutenant Pina. "I've been on cloud nine. I've been on top of the world since I heard the news."

Lieutenant Florschuetz had a similar reaction to the news.

"It was nuts," he said. "I was like, 'No kidding?' My brain

was definitely elsewhere for the rest of the meeting, just trying to soak it in, you know."

Both officers said they're very appreciative of the support their Air Force leadership and families gave them that helped them reach the career milestone.

Colonel Lawrence Kingsley, vice director of the 542nd CSW, said he's proud of the two outstanding officers.

"This is one of those things where you're glad to see some of your best folks do well, and that happens to all of us, whether it's someone being promoted or you have a good subordinate that has been selected," he said. "You lose them and you're going to have to find someone else. These folks are hard-working, proactive officers. So that contribution will be missed."

The two lieutenants will start their undergraduate pilot training at one of the program's four locations in the near future.

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However, the maintenance mission is also a valuable asset to the group. The 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron delivered 18 C-5s to the field saving more than 85,000 man-hours.

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hamilton, group superintendent of the 19th ARG, said one of the things that set the unit apart is the relationship between the aircraft maintainers and the operators.

"I know over the 22 years I have been in the Air Force I have never seen maintenance and ops get along better," Chief Hamilton said.

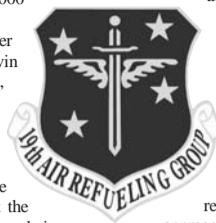
Lt. Col. Blaine Holt, deputy commander of the 19th ARG said while the men and women of the black knights meet and exceed the expectations on

duty members are always willing to give back to the local community, which makes the accomplishment of being named an outstanding unit even more impressive.

"Our people are still taking the time to invest in the local community even with the accelerated ops tempo," Colonel Holt said.

Colonel Bence said, he felt the award showed the black knights were not going to rest on their laurels as they approach the closure of the unit in 2008. The 19th ARG has a long and proud heritage and that the unit continues to build upon, he added.

"The 19th ARG is aware we still have a mission and an obligation of service. We will execute our service and our mission until the very end," Colonel Bence said. "We will perform in true black knight fashion."



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Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Feb. 23.

But before they go, Mrs. Brackett said they'll leave a lasting impression with their audience here. Show-goers can expect to get an up-close and personal feel for the show, when male and female performers take to the crowd with their acts and pass out roses along the way.

Julie Hawkins, chief of the Family Member Programs Flight in the 78th Services Division, said while she has seen Tops in Blue perform, this will be her first time going to a state-side show.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I got the opportunity to

WHAT TO KNOW

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see Tops in Blue in Okinawa (Japan) and Osan (Korea), but not in our continental U.S."

Ms. Hawkins said she looks forward to the famed event.

"I think it will be fantastic as always," she said. "It's a very high-energy show, very entertaining. The crowd loves them, so I expect it to be the same as I've seen it overseas. I encourage everyone to come out and support our troops, since everyone in Tops in Blue is an active-duty person. I think it



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Tops in Blue vocalists perform a sultry version of "Natural Woman" at a previous performance in Warner Robins. Two Airmen from Team Robins were selected for this year's showcase.

would be a great support for them to come out. They support our community. It's time for us to support them."

BUDGET

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Family housing will receive \$2.9 billion under the proposed budget to support an ongoing privatization trend. This will pay to privatize 2,870 additional family housing units, bringing the total to 194,000 by the end of fiscal 2008, officials said.

The budget request also includes \$10 billion to maintain training centers and base infrastructure, an increase of \$1.9 billion over this year's budget, and \$8.2 billion to implement Base Realignment and Closure plans.

These plans, recommended

by the 2005 BRAC Commission and approved by Congress, include 25 base closures and 24 major realignments.

Officials said the proposed budget will ensure the finest training, equipment and force protection for those who serve in harm's way while continuing the department's commitment to provide a high quality of life for servicemembers.

The proposed budget, officials said, reaffirms the nation's top military priorities: to prevail in the war on terrorism, increase combat capability, improve force readiness and improve quality of life for military and their families.

—American Forces Press Service

NSPS Performance Appraisal Application Tool and training now available

The Performance Appraisal Application tool is now available through MyBiz and MyWorkplace. If you previously entered your performance plan on the fileable form (DD Form 2906) you can now cut and paste your performance plan information into the PAA. The PAA is an electronic tool that supports the National Security Personnel System performance management system. The PAA stores, organizes, manipulates, and routes information regarding all aspects of the NSPS performance appraisal process, including performance plans and appraisals. The

PAA will be used by supervisors to prepare employee performance plans, rate employees, and document interim reviews, provide feedback, etc., throughout the rating cycle. Employees will use the tool to review their performance plans, provide self-assessments, and additional feedback throughout the rating cycle. All employees who converted into NSPS 21 Jan. 21 must be on their new Performance Plans no later than Feb. 20. With Feb. 19 being a federal holiday supervisors and employees should plan accordingly to meet the Feb. 20 deadline.

NSPS Online Training, establishing a performance plan tutorial, is available to employees and supervisors through the following link: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/NSPS/>. To access to the tutorial participants must select "web demonstration" listed in the Resource Section. Additional resources (text version of documentation, and user guide) can also be downloaded from the featured site to assist employees and supervisors. The NSPS Online Training Tutorial will provide supervisors and employees with information they will need once we have

access to the PAA. Rating officials and employees under NSPS should complete all 5 lessons in the tutorial and should complete them in the order to ensure that they fully understand the entire process. The tutorial takes approximately 40 minutes to complete.

iSuccess, NSPS web-based training, provides employees and supervisors an opportunity to practice writing effective SMART objectives, accomplishment statements (self-assessments) and align their achievements to the organization's mission. iSuccess is now available and can be accessed

via the DOD NSPS web site at: www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/isuccess. In order to access the course you must select option "Launch Course".

The web based training takes approximately one hour to complete, but is designed to be a self-paced training tool. If at any time a user is unable to launch the course, a PDF version is accessible and can be downloaded. Questions related to the PAA and iSuccess should be directed to Organization NSPS POC's or Organization NSPS Expanded Cadre Members.

—NSPS Office

**PLEASE
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PAPER**

February is Heart Health Month

Georgians urged to learn signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke

In 2004, cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, was the number one killer of Georgians, claiming the lives of 22,378 individuals and accounting for 34 percent of all deaths. Cardiovascular disease caused more than 145,000 hospitalizations and \$3.8 billion in hospital charges in 2004. The Department of Human Resources is encouraging all Georgians to learn the signs and symptoms of heart and stroke so that they can act quickly if they experience any of these signs or symptoms.

"In 2004, Georgia's cardiovascular disease death rate was 14 percent higher than the national rate," said Dr. Stuart Brown, director of the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Public Health. "This could be because of Georgia's high prevalence of preventable risk factors, such as smoking, physical inactivity, poor diet, obesity, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes."

Risk factors for cardiovascular disease are extremely common among Georgians: three-quarters of adults in Georgia have at least two risk factors that they can improve, while one-in-thirteen has five or more. These risk factors are frequently due to behaviors that are learned before becoming adults. For instance, data from youth surveys show high rates of physical inactivity, poor diet, obesity, and smoking. The process of arterial narrowing can begin as early as the teenage years and death from blocked arteries often occurs before old age.

Health officials say identifying the symptoms and seek-

ing immediate medical attention is crucial in reducing the damage of heart attacks and stroke. Only 55 percent of Georgians were able to correctly identify all the heart attack symptoms and warning signs from a list.

Twenty-seven percent of adults in Georgia correctly identified all the stroke symptoms on the heart health list.

The symptoms and warning signs for heart attack you need to be aware of are as follows: chest discomfort; most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. Discomfort may occur in other areas of the upper body; symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Shortness of breath may occur with or without chest discomfort. Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

The symptoms and warning signs for stroke are as follows: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion and trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking; dizziness; loss of balance or coordination; sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

DHR encourages Georgians to take steps to prevent cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases by not smoking, engaging in regular physical activity, eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, controlling high blood pressure, reducing blood cholesterol.

There are many steps you can take to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Partner with a friend, co-worker or spouse to exercise and eat

healthy; having a partner will make it easier to stick to your plan. Eat less fat and keep junk food out of the home, and reward yourself in other ways. Know your family's heart history, and communicate that to your doctor or healthcare provider. Check your blood pressure and cholesterol level; recognize and treat diabetes; and remain tobacco free. Getting checked for heart disease and other chronic diseases is an important part of DHR's Live Healthy Georgia campaign, launched in partnership with Gov. Sonny Perdue, which encourages Georgians to Eat Healthy, Be Active, Get Checked, Be Positive and Be Smoke Free.

— Georgia Department of Human Resources

WHAT TO KNOW

Many people are unfamiliar with the signs and symptoms and wait too long before seeking help. Most heart attacks begin slowly with mild pain and discomfort. Would you know?

February is Heart Health Month, and we are working hard to let Georgians know they need to seek treatment quickly when symptoms signaling a heart attack or stroke occur. With more awareness about the symptoms and what needs to be done, we believe that much of the death and disability resulting from cardiovascular disease will decrease.

To learn more about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke, call 1-800-AHA-USA-1 (242-8721) or 1-888-4-STROKE, or talk with your physician and learn more about the signs for heart disease and stroke. Get Checked is part of the Live Healthy Georgia campaign, which also encourages Georgians to Be Active, Eat Healthy, Be Smoke Free and Be Positive.

For more information visit www.livehealthygeorgia.org.

Military OneSource offers free online tax filing to military families

The Defense Department's Military OneSource family support program is once again offering free, online tax preparation and filing for servicemembers and their families, officials said Feb. 2.

The service began Jan. 15. It's available to active duty servicemembers, National Guardsmen and reservists and their families.

This is the second year of the program. Last year, more than 327,000 tax claims were filed using a similar program, said Jane Burke, the principal director in the office of the deputy undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

Ms. Burke added servicemembers can put their tax refunds to good use as a deposit in a savings or retirement account or to pay off

debts.

"How to use the refund may be the first financial decision of the year" for servicemembers in improving their financial readiness, Ms. Burke noted. DOD is launching a campaign called "Military Saves" to encourage servicemembers to save money and eliminate or reduce their personal debt.

Filers who use Military OneSource's online system can expect to receive their refund within 10 days, Ms. Burke said. And Military OneSource tax consultants, she said, are trained to answer questions on preparing and filing taxes and provide other financial management information.

Additionally, through the Military OneSource Web site at www.militaryonesource.com,

servicemembers and their families can get guidance and answers to questions, Burke said.

The Military OneSource service augments the long-standing voluntary income tax assistance program offered through legal centers at most military installations, Ms. Burke said. Volunteers at the centers provide free tax preparation and filing services.

Tax-filing assistance also is available through the Internal Revenue Service's electronic filing program.

Military OneSource's online tax preparation and filing was very popular with servicemembers and their families last year, Ms. Burke said.

"It is just one more way we can help improve the quality of life for our troops and their families," she said.

— Armed Forces Print News

Thrift Savings Plan security notice

In December 2006, the personal computers of several TSP participants were infected with key-logging software, allowing criminals to record all key strokes made by the participant without the participant's knowledge, including the participant's TSP PIN and other account information. Approximately two dozen participants had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts and electronically forwarded to fraudulent accounts. Total amount of loss involved is approximately \$35,000, and all affected participants have been notified.

The TSP system has not been breached. The compromises took place when key

loggers monitored each keystroke as participants entered their TSP information into their personal computer. The U.S. Secret Service has advised that such personal information is increasingly available on key logger lists that are for sale through criminal networks.

Participants using the TSP Web site (<http://www.tsp.gov>), or any Web site involving PII, should be vigilant and protect their computers. Although the TSP cannot be responsible for participants' negligence or poor security practices, the TSP will ensure their web page security is current and the risk of fraudulent activity reduced to the greatest extent

possible. The TSP will be implementing additional security measures in the near future.

Keystroke logging (often called key logging) is a diagnostic used in software development that captures the user's keystrokes. It can be useful to determine sources of error in computer systems and is sometimes used to measure employee productivity on certain clerical tasks. However, such systems are also used by computer hackers, providing a means to obtain passwords or encryption keys, thus bypassing other security measures.

— Air Force Materiel Command Communications Coordination Center

78th ABW commander kicks off National Children's Dental Health Month at Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Children from Robins Elementary were on hand to help Col. Theresa Carter kick off National Children's Dental Health Month, Feb. 1 at the 78th Medical Squadron Building. NCDHM is a nationally recognized event to develop "Oral Health" awareness in all children, from infancy to adolescence.

Children's Dental Health Month

Baby bottle tooth decay

Baby bottle tooth decay has been seen in children as early as 12 months of age. Also known as "infant caries (cavities)" and "early childhood caries," the teeth most commonly affected are the upper front teeth. Severe cases can lead to the need for fillings or extractions of teeth.

Early childhood caries are due to the frequent, extended exposure of the baby teeth to sugar or carbohydrate-containing liquids. Some examples of these fluids include milk, breast milk, infant formula, fruit juices and soft drinks. When teeth begin to erupt around eight months of age, the practice of offering a child a bottle as a pacifier at naptime or bedtime should be avoided. Babies who fall asleep while nursing should be burped and then placed in bed. It is important to not allow liquid to pool around the child's teeth because this provides an

environment ideal for the formation of cavities.

Another good idea to help prevent early childhood caries is to always clean your baby's teeth and gums after feedings. Simply use a damp washcloth or gauze pad to wipe the teeth and gums to remove plaque. This can easily be done with the child's head in your lap, or with the child lying on a table or the floor. These positions allow for ease of visibility inside the mouth. As your child gets older, you may begin to incorporate a toothbrush as part of their cleaning routine. It is never too early to begin healthy brushing habits.

Your child's baby teeth are not only important for looks, but also for function. Children need strong, healthy teeth to chew their food and speak, in addition to having a good-looking smile. The baby teeth also retain adequate space in the mouth for the permanent



adult teeth to erupt. With advanced cases of baby bottle tooth decay, some primary teeth may have to be extracted. When these teeth are lost prematurely, it can lead to an eventual crowding of the adult teeth due to a lack of space.

One last tip to help prevent early childhood caries is to make regular appointments for your child to see your local dentist. An infant should be seen by a dentist for a checkup by their first birthday. Dentists and their professional staff can make this an enjoyable experience for both the child and the parents.

Taking just these few simple steps can be extremely beneficial in the prevention of baby bottle tooth decay. Good habits at home, as well as having an excellent relationship with your dentist will establish a foundation for a lifetime of good oral health.

— Capt. (Dr.) Nicole Kniffin, U.S. Air Force

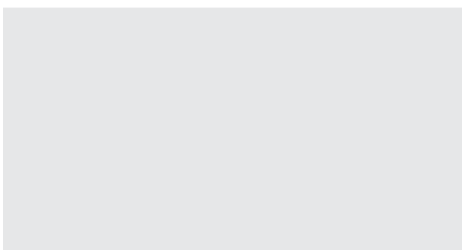
Robins Civilian Retirements

The following Team Robins members retired at the end of January or the beginning of February:

Rita Albert
Ethel Beavers
Johnsie Benson
Robert Bovitch
Gerald Brody
Kelly Dawsey
Larry Deese
Ouida Glisson
Judy Heath
James Henley
Jerry Herrin

Marlene Humphry
Janice Jones
William Lawson II
Michael Michelson
Joseph Mullis Sr.
Gregory Pickren

Bacilio Reyes
Michael Speer
Jerome Stephens
Claude Thom Jr.
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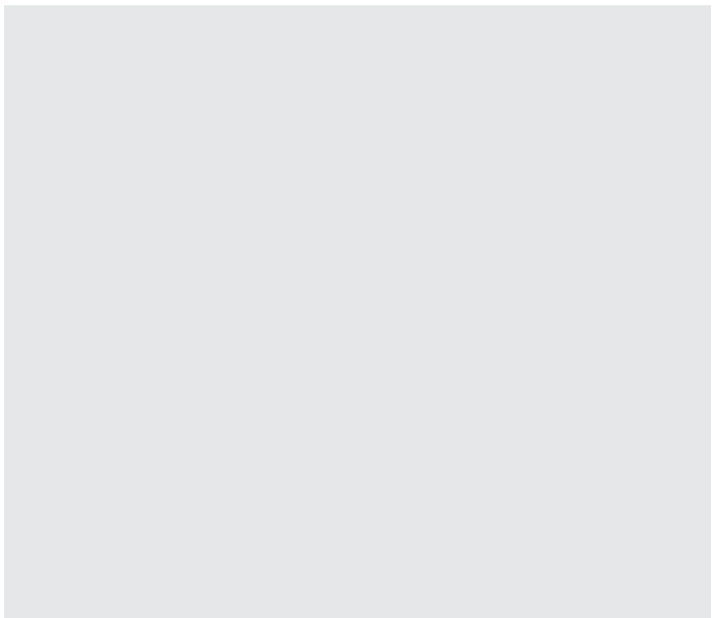
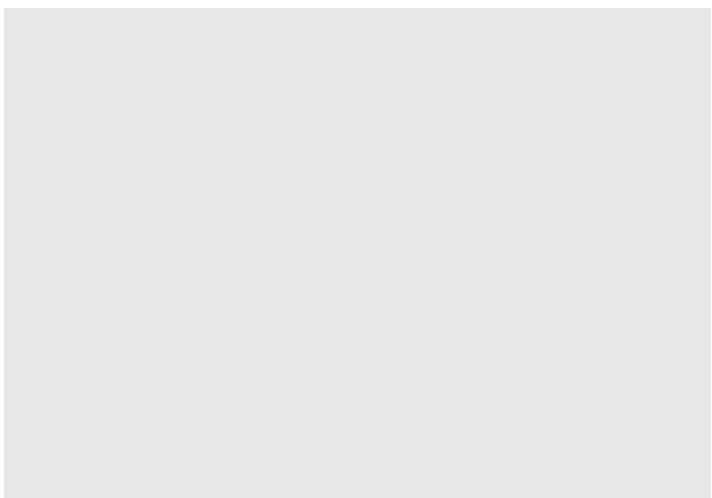


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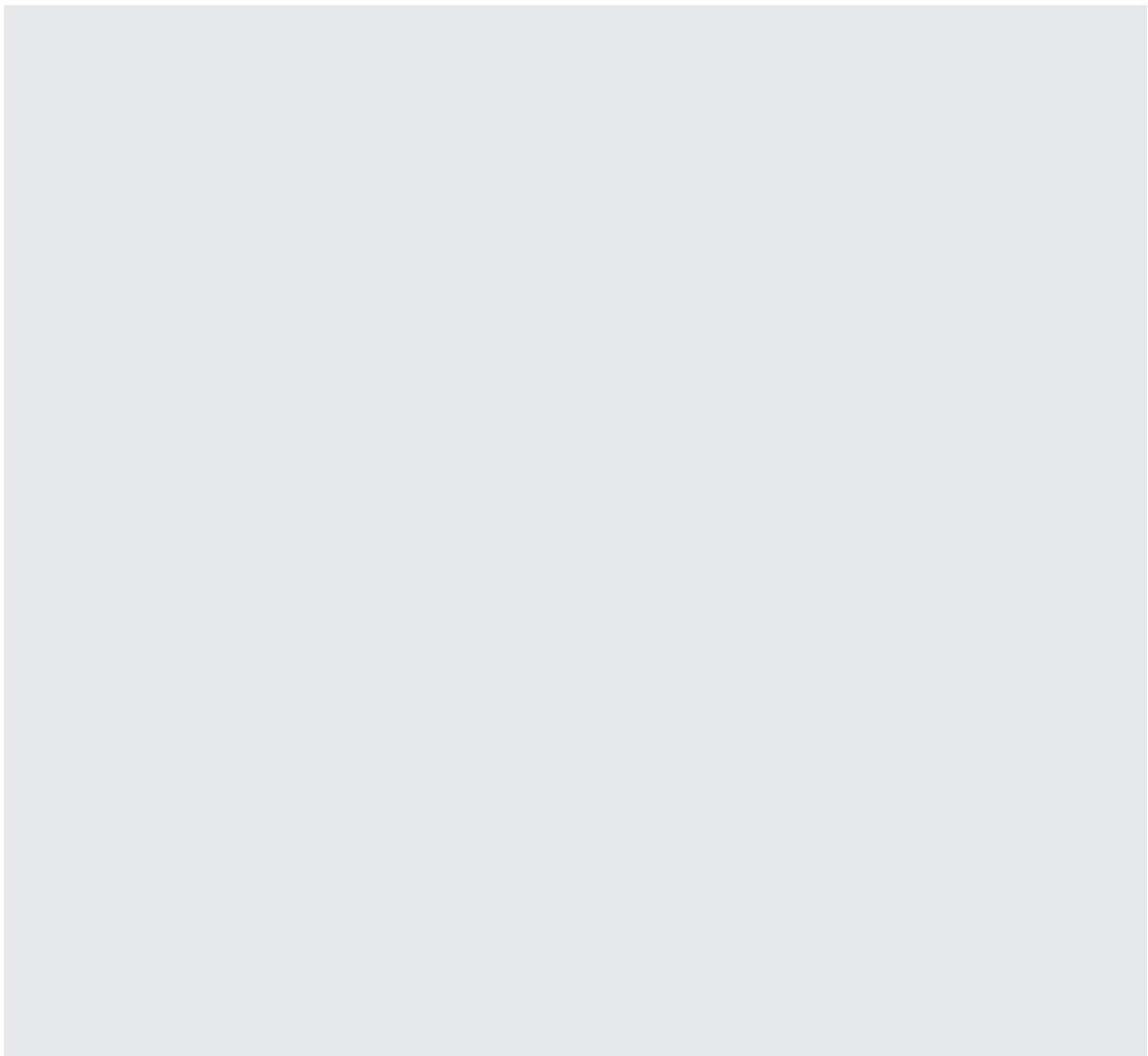
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Above, Capt. Mike Carruthers, Capt. Wes McConnell, Staff Sgt. Da-Vonna Cromwell, Tech. Sgt. Tracy Huffman and Staff Sgt. Marleena Patterson wear the uniform of the day Jan. 31.

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A day in the clouds



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Capt. Shawn Timpson, an aircraft commander with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron works with Capt. Don Landgrebe during an incentive flight Jan. 30.

19th ARG helps journalist find pride in Robins mission

When I arrived to Bldg. 2072 Jan. 30, it was more than just another assignment as a member of the 78th Air Base Wing public affairs office.

It was the opportunity to see the mission of the 19th Air Refueling Group up close. As a staff writer for the Rev-Up, I am constantly writing about the mission of the units that call Robins home, but describing the ability of the KC-135 to refuel an aircraft airborne was difficult having only seen models and photographs.

So when Col. Chris Bence offered me the opportunity to join members of the group during an incentive flight, there was no hesitation, just a loud "Yes!"

It wasn't long after arriving to the group's auditorium before I received my first of several sets of earplugs I would receive that day. Then it was time for a safety briefing, instructions for the fastening of seatbelts, evacuation procedures such as the emergency escape slide and, my favorite, the emergency passenger oxygen system, which reminded me of an out-of-this-world helmet that would be more fitting on Mars. I was informed the bright yellow hood would be my only protection if the aircraft lost pressure and I

should keep the strap attached to my shoulder at all times when moving about the aircraft.

None of the evacuation procedures and safety precautions made me uneasy. I had already had the privilege of working with numerous members of the group and knew if they could be trusted to fuel the fight against terror, then they were more than capable of bringing me back safely.

After the safety briefing and a quick snack break, it was time to pile on a bus and head to the flightline. Before we stepped off the bus it was time to plug up those ears. I of course had already lost my earplugs somewhere between my pen, reporters notebook and my camera bag. Luckily, Capt. Jamil Emel-Bjorkland, the host for the incentive flight, had spares, so there was no loss of hearing and no need to head back without boarding the KC-135.

This was a chance to do more than talk to a pilot or boom operator about their job. It was an opportunity to fly side by side; I flew nuzzled in between the pilot and co-pilot in a small flat seat. It was equipped with a seatbelt, which I needed the assistance of our boom operator, Senior Airmen Ben Davis, to fasten. It

was amazing to watch as we left the base behind and began to climb the clouds. As I watched the altitude climb on a gauge in the cockpit, I was mesmerized by the scene around me.

Once we got in the air, I made my way back to the deck of the KC-135, where I would finish out my flight. This is where I along with 13 other members of Team Robins began to mingle in preparation for the arrival of eight F-22's from the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base which we would be refueling during the flight.

Though I was thrilled with the cockpit experience, nothing could compare to lying in the boom pod beside Airman Davis and watching an F-22 pull in as if to say "fill'er up." And though KC-135s could be compared to a portable gas station, it is more reminiscent of the days when a car pulled in and the attendant would come out and give the customer full-service, as the boom operator operates the flying boom and fills up each of the F-22s.

Witnessing the refueling of the F-22s was just another piece of evidence that proves how broad the mission of the Air Force is in the Global War on Terror and how important Team

Robins role is in that mission.

Each day I get the opportunity to highlight the contributions of people throughout the Robins family and Jan. 30 was no different. I had the opportunity to fly with the some of the Black Knights, who fuel the fight against terror and I will be forever grateful to the 19th ARG for giving me a glimpse into their mission. As a member of the public affairs staff I am thrilled I have the opportunity to not only experience the mission of Robins first-hand but that I am entrusted with the responsibility of sharing it with others within the Robins community.

The 19th ARG is one of the many units who make me proud to serve the Air Force as a writer highlighting the incredible contributions of the men and women who serve here each day. The 19th ARG is no exception and should be celebrated for their no-holds-barred attitude as they prepare to deactivate in May 2008. They are still going above and beyond to serve their country and the Robins community, in what I have been told is "true Black Knight fashion."

— This commentary was written by Amanda Creel, Robins Rev-Up staff writer.

Alcohol Issues Working Group aims at culture change

I am Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Pope, the chairman of the alcohol issues working group here at Robins. With all the alcohol issues swarming about the base lately, I want to ensure our Airmen are aware of our group's existence — it's history, purpose and then what goals we'll be working towards in the near future.

On the history part, as some of you may remember, back in 2003 and early 2004, alcohol related incidents such as assault, underage drinking and DUIs were on the rise. We had an Airman die from alcohol poisoning early one morning in one of the dormitories and then, less than a year later, we almost lost another Airman the same way. The Air Logistics Center commander took action and eliminated alcohol in the dorms and the

command chief initiated the alcohol issues working group.

Our goal was to better understand alcohol issues, push responsible drinking and provide sound advice to our leadership on how to curb some of the problems. While we have grown and evolved over the past two years, our basic goal remains the same: to effect a culture change of drinking alcohol responsibly.

The AIWG meeting is the first Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the 78th Air Base Wing conference room and is open to all. Our team includes security forces, Airman Against Drunk Driving, life skills, first sergeants, services, public affairs, the chapel, safety and legal. At the AIWG meeting, we review sanitized reports from ADAPT, Security Forces and AADD,

evaluate trends and then take action. We improvised the 0-0-1-3 program, developed and conducted briefings, established a Web page with numerous resources and posted a variety of advertisements, all to drive Airmen to make smart choices about alcohol.

Smart choices, unfortunately, are few and far between when mixed with alcohol. Air Force leadership sees alcohol abuse as a "clear and present danger." Those are some powerful words, and none are truer. Airmen are our most valuable resource, but irresponsible behavior, like assault or drunk driving, ruin Airmen's lives and careers almost every day. The subsequent discipline after an incident could range from administrative action to discharge.

Imagine the experience, wasted training and knowledge the Air Force loses every year. Our manpower is so thin now, every incident impacts our mission. Bottom line is we must protect our most precious resource.

This is a very complex issue involving peers, supervisors, and leaders at every level. It is a matter of awareness, discipline, accountability and leadership. Each area plays a vital role in our future, so never pass up an opportunity to lead. Be smart, be safe, have a plan, and always be an Air Force core value leader, every day, 24/7.

— This commentary was written by Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Pope, Robins Alcohol Issues Working Group chairman.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing
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Commander's Action Line

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.

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- Military Pay 926-3777;
- IDEA 926-2536;
- Base hospital 327-7850;
- Civil engineering 926-5657;
- Public Affairs 926-2137;
- Safety Office 926-6271;
- Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393;
- Housing Office 926-3776.

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 or for the quickest response, e-mail 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, use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also visit <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 Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.



78th SFS Tip of the Week

Theft in the Workplace

Most everyone has items that are of some value at your desk or work area whether it is CD's, sunglasses or a wallet. Items that you leave on your desk are vulnerable and can easily be picked up in passing. Ensure you mark valuable items of with an identification number then write it down in a safe place. 78th Security Forces Police Services section has engravers available to the base populace that may be signed out on a first come first serve basis for 72 hours. If you have a drawer with a lock, utilize that to store your most valuable items such as your wallet or purse. Remember, when someone steals your wallet or purse they are also stealing your identity.

78th SFS Police Services can be contacted at 222-1990.

Robins Airmen must meet new Combat Arms training requirements in near future

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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New combat arms training requirements may have some Airmen spending more time on the firing range in full gear in the near future.

Sergeant Tracht said his work section recently received notice from Air Force leadership that the combat arms requirements were stepping up a notch.

"The new requirement is going to call for anyone that deploys to shoot 90 days prior to leaving for a deployment, whether they're already certified on a weapon or not," he said.

While the new initiative was expected to take effect Feb. 1, Sergeant Tracht said Robins won't implement the new requirement just yet.

"We're in a holding pattern until they (the Air Force) can work through all the hiccups this is going to cause," he said. "We had a meeting with all the UDM (unit deployment managers) and unit schedulers and briefed them on what to expect. But we're still stuck in that holding pattern."

Sergeant Tracht said the new requirement will call for a lot more classes to filter through Robins' firing range.

Tech. Sgt. Jerrod Tracht, a combat arms instructor in the 78th Security Forces Squadron's Combat Arms Section, said Airmen's combat arms training requirements formerly were dependent upon the arming group in which they fell.

"It used to be your arming group dictated how often you had to fire," he said. "Arming group A—your cops, special forces people, combat controllers, special ops—these guys would have to stay proficient on their weapons every six to 12 months. Group B—your combat communications, civil engineering, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron—don't use weapons as much. Their (firing) requirements were every 15 months. All other squadrons fall into firing group C and they train on combat arms every 30 to 36 months."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Tech. Sgt. Jerrod Tracht, combat arms instructor, helps Tech. Sgt. Christopher Maddox at the firing range.

The training recertifies Airmen on weapons that pertain to their career fields. For enlisted Airmen, that weapon is the M16A2 semiautomatic rifle. For officers, it's the M9 semiautomatic pistol.

Staff Sgt. Jason Harter, a combat arms instructor in the 78th SFS, said the new requirement will be a challenge for the five-instructor staff.

"I'd like for us to get more instructors, but I don't see us getting any in the near future," he said. "We're just going to have to pick up the slack and take the workload like we have been."

Still, Tech. Sgt. A.J. Henry, a combat arms instructor in the 78th SFS, said he's concerned the staff's minimal manning and limited time to train volumes of Airmen may put a heavy burden on instructors.

"Currently, we already work a weekend a month," he said. "So, the Air Force could always throw in there that we have to work on Saturdays as well. That's when we'll really start feeling the pinch."

Sergeant Henry said no matter what the change may bring, he and his fellow instructors will do whatever it takes to meet mission needs.

Sergeant Tracht said the staff will most likely change the way it schedules the nearly 6,000 Airmen it trains each year.

"Before, the staff built the classes three months out and classes would fill in as needed," he said. "But with everyone having to fire, if you're not deploying, you won't come to us."

Once Airmen train on a weapon, their qualification is good for at least 12 months under the new policy, Sergeant Tracht said.

Additionally, the new requirement will call for Airmen to wear their Individual Combat Equipment, including interceptor vests with body armor plates, flak vests and helmets, when training on the local firing range, Sergeant Tracht said.

Sergeant Tracht said while the requirement is nothing new for security forces Airmen, it may take some getting used to for oth-

ers.

"I think it's great," he said. "I think it's about time. The change was needed."

The staff said the new ICE requirement brings up a question of where to store such equipment that is usually issued to Airmen once they arrive at their deployed location.

As with the change in combat arms training frequency, Sergeant Tracht said Robins is delaying implementation until further guidance is received from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

Sergeant Tracht said once the requirements take effect, they will be implemented at bases Air Force-wide.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, contact 78th Security Forces Squadron's Combat Arms Section, at 926-5031.

Radar warning receivers get a boost with help from Team Robins member

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A Team Robins member's problem solving skills helped create a digital crystal video receiver design, which will revolutionize the future of radar warning receivers in aircraft throughout the Department of Defense.

Charlie Clark, a member of the 579th Software Maintenance Squadron, has worked with radar warning receivers for more than 20 years in support of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Group. Mr. Clark has been working at Robins since 1980 and began working in the Electronic Warfare Avionic Integration Support Facility in 1985, where he has dedicated his efforts to RWRs, which is a pilot's first line of defense. The RWR detects and displays threat identification to the aircrew. The added situational awareness provided by the RWR provides the warfighter with the information needed to avoid threats or to take counter measures.

Though his supervisors have always applauded him for making innovative contributions to the system, recently one of his ideas to solve an existing problem resulted in a patent for his ability to implement leading edge technology.

The problem was providing

a clean signal from both a close threat encounter or high power and one from further away or low power while using an analog system such as an extended range detector log video amplifier. The new digitized system solves that, while providing a higher quality product at a lower cost.

The system required the receiver to be able to receive and split the signal. On one path the signal gets amplified while the signal on the other path doesn't. Then the two signals are combined together again in order to process both high and low powered signals. However, the signals wouldn't come together without causing a mismatch in the signal output.

"This is not rocket science. You've got a real problem and you just use the basics to try to solve that problem," Mr. Clark said.

The new design allows both of the split signals to be digitized. Then the disturbance is removed through computer software as the signals come back together. The objective was to find a way to get the analog circuits to line up, which would eliminate any problems with the analog output, Mr. Clark said.

"In an analog world you have to get the components just so. In the digital world, all you have to do is change a little program to get the system to do what you want it to do," Mr. Clark said.

When Mr. Clark first started looking in 1989 for a way to be able to receive close range and far range signals without any problems, he would have never imagined the answer would be found in the digital age.

"When we first started, the technology was not there," Mr. Clark said.

After three failed attempts to create an analog circuit that would work, the economical technology to digitize the split signals became available.

"It was a learning experience, deciding when to jump on the technology wagon," Mr. Clark said. "If you jump too fast you have to spend a lot of money to make it work and if you jump too slow, then you are left behind."

He added that the three-man team including himself, Michael Willis and Michael McGuire, worked together to create the digital solution.

Today, he and his partners from the Georgia Technical Research Institute have received a patent for their endeavors to digitize the older analog receiver.

"What the patent does is take an old analog receiver, and digitizes the signal through a computer. It really perfects the problems with the analog receiver," Mr. Clark said.

Though the concept was Mr. Clark's, the patent is a joint endeavor between the Georgia Technical Research Institute and the government.

"The concept upgrades an older analog crystal detector or logarithmic amplifier technique by using a combination of cheaper analog and digital components," said David Schuler, 579th SMXG Flight C chief. "By characterizing cheaper, less adequate analog circuitry and then using digital look-up tables for compensation, this new concept can easily outperform the older form of crystal video receivers."



Charlie Clark is with the 579th Software Maintenance Squadron

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Incentive to excel

■ 19th ARG gives a peek into refueling mission through incentive flights

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The 19th Air Refueling Group is always willing to show off their KC-135s on the ground or in the air, which is why the Black Knights are always looking forward to hosting the next incentive flight.

The incentive flight program allows members of Team Robins to be nominated by their units to accompany a crew of Black Knights on a refueling mission.

"The incentive flight program is our way of giving back to Team Robins for all the outstanding support the 78th Air Base Wing and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center provide us," Col. Chris Bence said.

Colonel Bence said it is an opportunity to educate others on base about the mission of the 19th ARG by highlighting the air refueling mission, aeromedical evacuation capabilities, cargo and airlift operations and the ability to serve as an escort service for fighters across long distances.

"It is still amazing to me each time a group goes (on an incentive flight) someone who has lived and worked at Robins for many years still has no idea about our mission, or as they would say, 'what those planes do over there,'" he said.

During an incentive flight Jan. 30, participants arrived to Bldg. 2072 where they attended a safety briefing in the group's auditorium. They learned the basics about evacuation procedures and what the different alarm signals are.

Capt. Jamil Emel-Bjorkland, a co-pilot with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, was the first to greet incentive flight passengers as they made their way into the auditorium, where they received ear plugs and had the opportunity to order a flight lunch.

Each flight can accommodate up to 15 people on the flight and allows those who fly to join the pilots in the cockpit and join the boom operator in the boom pod.

Colonel Bence said units on the base nominate their members for a variety of reasons from formal awards like quarterly award winners to less formal, such as a way to say thanks for doing such a good job.

Once the safety briefing is over, everyone gets a chance to stretch their legs before loading onto the bus that will take them to the flightline, where they will

depart for somewhere over Florida to set up what resembles a portable gas station as aircraft line up to get gas.

During the Jan. 30 incentive flight, travelers watched as the tanker refueled eight F-22s from the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base.

A Robins firefighter, Salvador Cano, was lucky enough to be first in the cockpit, where he was able to buckle in for take-off. Mr. Cano, who earned the opportunity to fly by being the third quarter award winner for Team Robins, was impressed with the entire flight from beginning to end.

"To be able to see this in real life, it makes you appreciate it more," Mr. Cano said. "It's awesome." He added more civilians should go airborne with the 19th ARG.

He was at a loss for words as he climbed out of the boom pod beneath the deck of the aircraft and showed off the pictures he had taken as the flying boom refueled an F-22 just beyond the tail of the KC-135.

"Being down there and looking at that lets you know that job (being a boom operator) takes a lot of training," Mr. Cano said.

Senior Airmen Ben Davis, who was the boom operator for the flight, said, "It's nice to show people what we do and what the tankers job is."

Airman Davis of the 99th ARS spent most of the flight in the boom pod either refueling the F-22s or answering questions and explaining how the flying boom worked to the passengers.

Airman 1st Class Joseph Lambert of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron said his favorite part was watching the jets get refueled, as he knelt next to a window on the deck taking photographs of an F-22 waiting by the KC-135's wing to be refueled.

Captain Emel-Bjorkland told passengers the goal of the incentive flight is to give everyone who flies a chance to see the refueling mission from the perspective of the crew.

The experience ended for the passengers on the bus as they returned to Bldg. 2072 with two words from Captain Emel-Bjorkland, "Mission Accomplished." He added the mission of the day was achieved because all the passengers had an opportunity to get horizontal in the boom pod and a chance to sit in the cockpit.

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Above, 2nd Lt. Grant Harwell lays side by side in the boom pod with boom operator, Senior Airman Ben Davis. The pair discussed the refueling mission of the 19th ARG, while refueling F-22's Jan. 30.

U.S. Air Force photos by AMANDA CREEL

Below left, An F-22 from Tyndall Air Force Base maneuvers into position to be refueled by one of the 19th ARG's KC-135s.

Below right, Airman 1st Class Joseph Lambert, a member of the 51st Combat Communication Squadron, takes photos of the F-22s as they line up beside the wing of the KC-135. Airman Lambert took more than 500 photos during the flight.



Above, from left to right, Senior Airmen Joshua Buford, Airman 1st Class Michael House and Airman 1st Class Joseph Lambert, all with the 51st CBCS dig into their flight lunches of chicken sandwiches, chips and some fruit salad after the F-22s departed and the incentive flight started its trip back to Robins.



Above, Capt. Don Landgrube, a pilot with the 19th ARG, works with his co-pilot during an incentive flight Jan. 30. The flight was a refueling mission aboard a KC-135

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TODAY

The Black History Month 5K Run/Walk will be today at 11 a.m. The run/walk will begin in front of the Health and Wellness Center. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree I.D. card to the cashier. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children (3 to 10 years old) and children 3 years and younger are free. Members receive a \$2 Members First discount. For more information call officers' club at 926-2670.

Texas Hold 'Em will be Sundays starting today with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. Prizes include the following: first place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

MONDAY

Place a Valentine's order by today at the Arts and Crafts Center and it will be ready for pick up Wednesday. Add balloons and receive a 15 percent discount on the entire package. For more information call the arts and crafts center at 926-5282.

Step Up to the Plate will run now through March 31. Club members who eat lunch at the officers' club will receive a scratch-off card worth as much as \$1,000 club card credit or a 26-inch flat screen television. One card per member per day. Open to all ranks and grades. If you are not an instant winner, fill out the card for a chance to win an iPod at the end of the contest. For more information call the officers club at 926-2670.

Triple S Mondays with soup, salad and sandwiches has arrived at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5.95. Enjoy made to order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades.

TUESDAY

The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2006 "What's Love" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center today at 7 p.m. Admission is free and doors will open to the public at 6:15 p.m. All attendees will be required to go through the civic center security checkpoint. A shuttle will take off at 6 p.m. from the Robins Enlisted Club parking lot and arrive at the civic center around 6:15 p.m. to allow passengers to get in line. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Kids 10 years and younger eat free during divine dining at the officers' club Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 – 8 p.m. when ordering through the children's menu and with a purchase of an adult entrée. Also enjoy dining every Friday and Saturday from 6 – 9 p.m. at the officers' club. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

All retirees get a free cup of coffee with their breakfast (\$2.50 minimum purchase) or a free fountain drink with their lunch (\$5 minimum purchase) when they show their retiree I.D. card on Tuesdays in February. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided.

Free tacos and draft specials are available to club members on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club.

WEDNESDAY

A "Chocolate Kiss Night" will be held today and a membership bar bingo to be held Feb. 21. There will be no bingo on Feb. 19.

Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD O or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

Hottest ticket in town

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Frank Harden, leisure travel specialist, makes travel arrangements for a customer at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office.

The travel office is now located in the Enlisted Club Bldg. 956.

For more information on tickets and events, call 926-2945.



Take your sweetheart flying on Valentine's Day today for \$49 a couple or fly any time Tuesdays in February and March and receive a discounted rate. Fly any time on Tuesdays in February and March and receive a discounted rate. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

A Sweetheart Valentine's dinner dance will be held today from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Gourmet entrees include crab stuffed mushrooms, cranberry chicken roulade or smoke beef medallions and raspberry Mont Blanc. Cost is \$65 per member couple and \$75 for nonmember couple. Open to all ranks and grades but reservations are recommended. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy Wednesdays at the enlisted club with M.U.G. night and karaoke with DJ X-Man. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-7625.

Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Robins Youth Center will have baseball, softball and T-ball registration for ages five through 17 years old today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart baseball for three and four year olds will be held on Feb. 15 for \$45. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Enjoy a new JR Rockers menu with a grilled New York steak, cole slaw and baked beans for only \$8.95 Thursdays. For more information call 926-7625.

Enjoy dining at the Robins Officer's Club every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

A 2007 Winter Sports Day will be held Feb. 23 starting at 7:30 a.m. Open to all base units and will begin with a unit formation run. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A children's art show will be held Feb. 23 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and West.

A gourmet night will take place March 3 in the Georgia Room at the Officers' Club. An exquisite five-course menu paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Menu is created by Chef Calvin. Cost is \$40 per person. Tickets go on sale Feb. 20 at the officers' club cashier's office. Tickets available to the first 60 club members.

ONGOING

Applications are now being accepted at the Robins Youth and Teen Center for the Teen Aviation Camp that will be conducted June 2 - 7 at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. The camp is open to eligible high school students, who will be entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2007, interested in attending the Air Force Academy. Family members of active duty military assigned to or living on Robins, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees and active Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members may apply. Interested teens must complete a nomination form and familiarization exam and submit the package to the Youth or Teen Center. The last day to apply is Feb. 23. For more information, contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

The Air Force 4-H Ultimate Outdoor Adventure & Fitness Camp will be held in Little Rock, Ark. June 24 through 29. Family members of active duty military

assigned to or living on Robins AFB, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees and active Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members may apply. Interested teens, ages 13 through 18 years old, must complete and submit an application to the Youth or Teen Center. The last day to apply is March 10. For more information, please contact Mr. Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

Several new evening dining programs will be held at the officers' club.

Tuesdays kids eat free from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a paid adult entrée; Wednesday is Prime Rib from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$11.95 (not available on Valentine's Day); Thursday a Butcher's Choice from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eat steak, lobster, lamb, shrimp shishkabobs and many more choice cuts that will be wonderfully displayed on ice for you to select (item prices will be determined by market) and Friday and Saturdays enjoy a la carte menu with rotating dinner specials from 6 to 9 p.m. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Robins Youth Center Soccer registration for ages five to 17 years old will continue until full. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

Registration for summer camp will be held online at the Services Web site through March 7 with camp beginning June 4. Camp is open to children, ages five through 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Hand carried forms will only be accepted from March 12 to 15 until 5 p.m. at the youth center. Priority is given to current users of the school-age program, all others will be filled by a lottery. The drawing will be March 28 at 11 a.m. Parents will be notified by April 13 if they were selected. There will be a \$25 deposit for each week of requested care within 48 hours of this notification. For more information, call 926-2110.

A no-cost reading motivation program "Read By Mail" is going on now through April. Kids grades K – 8th create their own book list of over 15,000 recommended titles, read the books and their mentor signs their record of books. This is a fun way to earn points and incentives. Local incentives per pages read include the following:

150 pages - \$2 discount on children's tickets at Six Flags & Wild Adventures through ITT; 200 pages – free small one-topping pizza with a minimum \$5 order at Pizza Depot; 250 pages – 50 percent discount on all youth instructional programs at the arts & crafts center; 500 pages – three free games of bowling and shoe rental at Robins Lanes Bowling Center and 750 pages – 25 percent discount on one-day rentals of inflatable party equipment at outdoor recreation equipment rental. Look for the published list of books and a special display area of these books at the Base Library. To register for Read By Mail log on to www.bookadventure.com and complete the required fields. For teachers name field enter Hinds for all grades and name of school field enter robinsyouth. For more information please call the youth center at 926-2110.

The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' Clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more about Services Designated Drivers programs, please call 926-2670.

Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience required, training will be provided. The Youth Center Sports program needs volunteer soccer coaches for the U6,

U10 and U12 age divisions for the 2007 spring season. No experience is required and training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Information, Tickets and Travel (New location Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956) has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Motor Speedway April 28 and 29. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only. Tickets are also available for the Nicorette 300 and the Atlanta 500 to be held March 17 and 18 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Cost for both days is \$75, located in the east turn seating (Elliott Grandstand).

► Tickets are available for the Georgia Aquarium located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$19 for adults (savings of \$3.75), \$16 for seniors 55 years and older and \$14 for children 3 through 12 years old (savings of \$3).

► Information, Tickets and Travel is selling Atlanta City Passes and includes the following venues: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, High Museum, Inside CNN Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History or Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Zoo Atlanta or Atlanta History Center. Cost is \$66 for adults and children ages 3 through 12 years old \$49.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

► On Spot Café February special is a barbecue sandwich, fries and medium drink for \$4.25. For more information call the On Spot Café at 926-5240.

► The 7th annual World Wide Bowling program will be held Feb. 10 through April 14. Bowl Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Open to all youths five to 18 years old. Cost is \$5 for three games. All games are scratch.

► A special Valentine's Thunder Alley will be held Feb. 16. Join us and pay regular price and your date is half price.

► The bowling center will be open Feb. 19 from 1 to 7 p.m. during Presidents' Day. Wear red, white and blue and bowl for \$1.50 per game. Get a strike with a red head pin and receive that game free.

► A pee wee bumper league will start Feb. 24. Cost is \$22.50 per child for 10 weeks, one game per week. Register Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

► A 2007 Warner Robins Bowling Association All Star tournament will be held Feb. 24 and 25. Bowl at all three bowling centers and qualify for the All Star Tour.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► Purchase a meal at the Fairways Grille Feb. 12 (Lincoln's Birthday) using a \$5 bill for payment and receive an entry form to win a movie package and purchase a meal Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday) using a \$1 bill for payment and also receive an entry form to win a movie package.

► In February enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95. Feb. 5 through 9 build your own salad includes soup and drink; Feb. 12 through 16 build your own tacos includes chips, salsa and drink; Feb. 19 through 23 build your own pasta plate includes salad and drink and Feb. 26 through March 2 build your own gourmet burger includes chips and drink. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. now through Feb. 28. For more information call 923-1717.

► Now is the time to book a tournament in February and receive a special rate of \$17. Price includes golf, cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5.

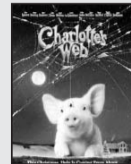
► Hit all the range balls you can from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for only \$5 in February.

► A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 17 with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The event package includes golf cart, green fee, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$30 per person AGFP and \$35 for guests. Sign up at the Pine Oaks pro shop.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER

Cedric The Entertainer and Elizabeth Hurley

Jake, a seemingly regular guy who has no idea who he is after being hit over the head by mysterious assailants, finds himself entangled in a government conspiracy, Jake and his pursuers become convinced that he is an undercover agent. (sexual content, crude humor and some violence) Rated PG-13. 84 minutes.

SATURDAY

CHARLOTTE'S WEB @ 2 P.M.

Dakota Fanning and Oprah Winfrey

Fern is one of only two living beings who sees that Wilbur is a special animal as she raises him, the runt of the litter, into a terrific and radiant pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a second profound friendship with the most unlikely of creatures, a spider named Charlotte, and their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family. When the world gets out that Wilbur's days are numbered, it seems that only a miracle will save his life. Rated G 96 minutes.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Ben Stiller and Carla Gugino

Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley, despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even he could never have imagined how big, when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur. (mild action, language and brief rude humor) 109 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 11 a.m. in the Base Theater, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Building 905 at 9:30 a.m.

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

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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 Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew

at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: Darrell Redden, 581st SMXS, POC is Brod Bourque, 926-6928.

► IN BRIEF

AIRLIFT AND TANKER ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The Airlift and Tanker Association will host a luncheon Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Georgia Room of the Officers' Club.

U.S. Air Force, Retired Lt. Gen. Edwin Tenoso, from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, will be the guest speaker. Reservations must be received at julie.treasurer@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Feb. 16.

78TH ABW QUARTERLY AWARDS

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the Robins 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the base will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, fam-

ily members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show unit pride and spirit; join in congratulating the troops for their stellar achievements.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Evelyn Porcher at 9266-0792.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

The Engineering and Technical Management awards are presented annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of scientists, engineers and technical teams to the mission of the Center and to aerospace power. This year's awards will be presented at a luncheon Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Enlisted Club Grand Ballroom. Maj. Gen. (Ret.) C. Nugteren, senior advisor of operations and Air Force customer relations, Mercer Engineering Research Center, will be the guest speaker.

The Center has nominated 64 of its best technical people for the E&TM awards in 16 categories. Local winners will be submitted to Air Force Materiel Command for competition across the command and the Air Force. AFMC winners will be announced and recognized by senior leadership during a banquet in May.

To purchase tickets, contact Lori Connell at 327-4036 or Holly Hobbs at 327-4035 by Feb. 13. Tickets are \$12.

ROBINS OFFICER SPOUSE'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Officer Spouse's Club Scholarship applications are now available.

Graduating seniors may pick up a packet from their high school counselor and continuing education students may pick up a packet from the thrift shop, family services, continuing education office or the officer's club. Completed packets must

be received by March 16.

For more information or eligibility criteria call Amy Noel, scholarship chairperson at 337-257-0757.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Feb. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers. The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 140, no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated is offering two educational scholarships. The primary scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500 for one year. The second scholarship, the

Pratt and Whitney sponsored Golden Eagle Award, is in the amount of \$20,000. It will be disbursed in increments of \$5,000 per year. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 9. For more information contact Walter J. Randall Jr., chapter scholarship committee chairperson, at 478-329-0576.

OSC MARDI GRAS

The Robins Officer Spouses' Club will celebrate Mardi Gras Thursday in the Officers' Club Ballroom. A social will begin at 10 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:30. Cost is \$9.75 for O'Club members and \$11.75 for non-members. RSVPs must be received by noon Monday.

For more information call Pam Piekarczyk at 225-2043 or Kathy Tufts at 218-0427.

PALACE CHASE

The Palace Chase program allows Airmen to apply to separate early from their active duty

commitment, and serve out their time in the Air Force Reserve. All AFSC's are eligible. For more information on the Palace Chase/Early Separation program, call Tech. Sgt. Deserie Jackson at 327-7367.

HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Share your good news with family and friends back at home by taking part in the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service.

Submissions may include professional military education graduations, permanent changes of station, reenlistments, retirements, quarterly and annual awards at all command levels and participation in national news events.

Submit DD Form 2266 within 30 days of the event. Photos are not mandatory, but are highly encouraged. For more information contact 1st Lt. Sequoia Lawson at 222-0802 or sequoiya.lawson@robins.af.mil.

Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family

Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a two-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a four-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a three-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a

child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

Call Family Advocacy at 327-8398, to sign up.

Starting your own business

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting Your Own Business" workshop Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Information will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, information or resources available for your use and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to get started.

Federal job search basics

The A&FRC is offering a

Federal Job Search Basics class, Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is to educate personnel on the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and classification process, the steps to apply, and how to write a Federal Resume.

Uniformed thrift saving plan

The A&FRC financial management program is offering a briefing on the Uniformed Thrift Saving Plan Thursday, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

In 2007 you may contribute up to \$15,000 to the TSP program. A major advantage of the TSP is that you pay no taxes on contributions or earnings until you withdraw from your account. Additionally, you can choose among the six investment funds in consideration of your personal risk tolerance: Government Securities Investment Fund, Fixed Income Index Investment Fund,

Common Stock Index Investment Fund, Small Capitalization Stock Investment Fund, International Stock Index Investment Fund, and the Lifecycle Investment Fund.

To educate individuals, the Web site www.tsp.gov has the "Summary of the TSP", forms, and a question and answer section to assist you, in addition to this class.

Center closed

The A&FRC, loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day. Normal services will resume Feb. 20 at 7:30 a.m.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is four hours of information on how to get from here to there

with the least amount of 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.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Feb. 21, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the A&FRC Readiness Team at 9 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794. Call 926-1256 for details.

Coach uses basketball to teach life lessons

By KENDAHL JOHNSON
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Most people have a hobby or pastime. For many, it's nothing more than an enjoyable way to pass the time. But for others, it's much more than that. Their pastime is an integral part of their lives, something that is forever in their blood.

For John Bailey, basketball is that pastime, the kind that gets in the blood and becomes a way of life. But for Bailey, it's a healthy obsession and he has found a way to use his love for basketball to affect others in a positive manner.

"I try to use basketball as a way to teach youth about life," said Bailey, an item manager for the C-17 Product Directorate. "You can learn a lot from sports, including camaraderie and team work. Playing team sports can help you become stronger in facing adversity and in dealing with life's ups and downs. It can help you be successful in your career and in life."

Bailey has seen success following this philosophy. He recently worked with the Macon Police Department in bringing to life a program called Midnight Basketball, which helps provide a weekend activity for high-risk youth. It's a program he's proud of, one that has kept youth out of gangs and off the streets.

"If I see kids with talent and promise, I try to keep them going in the right direction. I let them

know they have to first of all, go to school and being productive will increase their chances of playing in college," Bailey said.

Bailey's basketball talent and athleticism were clearly evident by his teenaged years, when he played for Northeast High School in Macon. As a senior, he was team most valuable player, was selected to the all-state team and competed in the state all-star game. Upon graduation in 1978, he fielded scholarship offers from numerous col-

leges, including Division I programs Virginia and Georgia. Eventually he settled on the Big 10, choosing the University of Wisconsin.

The first two years of his collegiate career, Bailey, a 6-foot-3 shooting guard, saw limited action because he played behind eventual first-round NBA draft choice Wes Matthews. When Matthews turned pro, Bailey got his chance to shine, starting the next two years and averaging in double figures both seasons. His first season as a starter, in 1980-81, he was selected to the all-Big 10 third team. His senior season, as co-captain, he made the second team all-Big 10 and earned his team's MVP award.

Although he wasn't drafted by the NBA, he still had dreams of playing professionally, and he signed a free agent contract with the San Diego Clippers. Unfortunately, it was when the Clippers were transitioning to Los Angeles and none of their free agents were invited to training camp. Hoping to get noticed by other teams, he played for the Wisconsin Flyers of the Continental Basketball Association for several years. Eventually he abandoned his goal of playing for the NBA and enlisted in the Air Force in 1984.

"Rather than jumping around from team to team trying to pursue a career in basketball, I decided to join the military. Fortunately I was able to rediscover basketball in terms of playing for the All-Air Force team. I didn't even know about the Air Force sports programs when I enlisted." He said he was the only player in the history of the Air Force team to play for 10 consecutive years, and he was selected to the All-Armed Forces team six of those 10 years.

Recently, Bailey made the transition from playing to coaching. He has coached the All-Air Force basketball team for the past two years, leading the team to a first place finish in the Armed Forces tournament and the All-Armed Forces team to a third place finish in the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe tournament in Belgium. He will coach the team again next year.

Bailey said he is very fortunate to have the support of Robins leadership. Without it, he would not be able to take the time off work to lead the All-Air Force team in the Armed Forces tournament each year.

"Col. Madeline Lopez, commander for 564th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, Billy Mitchell, deputy director, my immediate supervisors, Horatio Robinson and Jacqueline Ellison, the gym staff -- they have all been very supportive," he said. "They want to see me bring recognition not only to myself but to the base and to the Air Force community as a whole. They have been bending over backwards to give me the opportunity to do this."

Bailey said coaching the Air Force team can be challenging. Budget cuts Air Force-wide have eliminated many of the tournaments he formerly used to scout potential players. Now, he relies on gym staffs at other bases to scout



Courtesy photo

John Bailey, head coach of the All-Air Force basketball team, prepares to slam it down during his collegiate playing days at the University of Wisconsin.

talent, as well as the AF Form 303. And Form 303, the application submitted by players who wish to compete, can often be unreliable.

"It's just a paper list so occasionally we'll have a guy who says he's 6-foot-9 and then when he gets to camp he has mysteriously shrunk to 6-foot-5, so we have to really scrutinize the applications in advance," Bailey said. "We only bring in 25 athletes from the entire Air Force community so it's a strenuous and competitive selection process."

Despite the challenges, coaching has been very rewarding for Bailey. In

► see BAILEY, 5B



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

BAILEY

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In addition to coaching the Air Force team, he is also head coach of the World Basketball Association's Southern Crescent Lightning, a semi-professional team out of Peachtree City, Ga. Bailey was recently selected as one of Probasketballnews.com's "top 10 coaches you don't know about but should." He has aspirations to coach at the collegiate level and hopes his current coaching stints will give him the experience he needs to get there.

When he's not coaching, Bailey will still occasionally find his way onto the court as a player. He recently returned to the University of Wisconsin to play in an alumni game. Sharing playing time with 30 other former players, he scored 13 points, proving he "still got game." He said it was fun, but he'll stick to coaching. "I miss the competition but not the wear and tear playing takes on my body."

Whether it's playing, coaching, refereeing or just attending games as a fan, Bailey continually immerses himself in the sport he loves. "I have tried to stay with basketball in every capacity possible." It is in his blood.

Courtesy photo

John Bailey was Wisconsin's starting guard during the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.



Robins intramural basketball: final standings

Tues/Thurs League

TEAM	W	L
116 ACW	7	1
116 LRS*	7	1
78 LRS	6	2
5 CCG	5	3
581 SMXS	4	4
78 CES	3	5
78 MSS	2	5
51 CBCS	1	7
116 MSG	1	7

* Team had one forfeit

Mon/Wed League

TEAM	W	L
402 EMXG	7	0
78 CS	5	2
78 MDG	5	2
78 SFS	5	2
653 CLSS	4	3
Over 30 League		
TEAM	W	L
78 MSS	4	1
5 CCG	4	1
78 LRS	3	2
78 MDG	3	2
116 ACW	1	4

Postseason tournament

The top four teams from each of the two leagues are competing in a double-elimination tournament. (The over 30 league teams will compete in a separate tournament.)

First round results:

402 EMXG def 5 CCG, 61-43
78 MDG def 78 LRS, 51-40
78 LRS def 78 CS, 73-58
116 ACW def 78 SFS, 71-34

Intramural soccer

The deadline to submit a letter of intent for intramural soccer is Feb. 23.

USO representative relocates to Airman, Family Readiness Center to help deployers

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The United Service Organization has a reputation for helping Airmen and their families. So, it's no wonder the Airman and Family Readiness Center and the non-profit organization would share a common home as it has shared a common goal of helping families here for nearly 20 years.

During the first week of January, Becky Anderson, a USO representative who relocated from the local community to Robins in the 1980s, moved from the Smith Community Center to the A&FRC in Bldg. 794 in an effort to help the center serve deploying Airmen and their families' needs.

"We are here for the military and their families and we kind of fill in the gaps when there's something the military doesn't cover or their families need," she said.

From picking up medicine for families whose cars wouldn't operate to helping a newborn baby and mom come home while dad is deployed, Ms. Anderson said she has personally touched the lives of military families in more than one way.

"I'm the mother that's on-hand when theirs isn't," she said.

And just like a mother would, Ms. Anderson makes sure Airmen don't leave for a deployment without knowing they're cared for.

"The USO provides a care package for everyone that gets on a plane to deploy," she said. "It contains such things as a phone card, a camera, toiletries, a deck of cards, a pen or pencil, cough drops, hand lotion and reading material. Every one is just a little bit different."

The packages, formerly put



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Becky Anderson, USO representative and Tech Sgt. Mike Bullard, A&FRC NCOIC, sort through a USO care package.

together at Robins, now come from Washington D.C.

Tech. Sgt. Mike Bullard, Family Readiness noncommissioned officer in charge at the A&FRC, gave out more than 200 of the USO care packages to deploying Airmen Jan. 26.

"All of the goody bags have some kind of food in them," he said. "They include snacks and treats to help them get through the plane ride."

Sergeant Bullard said he provides the packages at pre-deployment briefings, which are held each Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. at the A&FRC,

and at individual and unit pre-deployment briefings by appointment.

"I think it's just a little something special that we can add a little touch to it so they know we care before they leave and that we're going to do everything we can to support them as well as their families," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Victor Gonzales III, a supply management craftsman in the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron's Support Flight, said he appreciates the help the USO brings.

"It makes me feel good that the USO supports the troops,"

he said. "It's always good to get a little package from home before we leave or even while I'm deployed. It's always nice to stop in at the USO centers and just kind of lay back during the stressful times during the deployment. It just kind of makes you feel at home."

The 32-year-old Texas native said it's also a good feeling to know that a USO representative is on stand-by should his active-duty wife, Heather, and their two children need assistance while he's on deployment.

Sergeant Bullard said the USO also helps boost the morale of military members by providing entertainment such as comedians and musicians while Airmen serve in the deployed environment. He added he's happy to have the USO representative on board.

"To have her on board in our building and that we're able to stay connected is a Godsend," he said. "She has the same common goal we have and that's to support our troops no matter what it takes."

WHAT TO KNOW

The United Service Organization is a non-profit organization funded by private donations and staffed by volunteers who provide assistance and morale support to military members and their families. The USO celebrated its 66th birthday on Feb. 4. Robins USO Representative, Becky Anderson, is available to assist military members and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256 or after hours through the Command Post at 327-2612.

78th CPTS management analyst retires after 44 years of dedicated service to Robins

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Trecia Brower, a former management analyst in the 78th Comptroller Squadron at Robins, never thought her civil service career would last so long. The Macon native recently bid farewell to her 44-year career here.



Trecia Brower retired from Robins in January

"I never thought it would be that long for me," she said. "When I first went in, I was much younger. I looked around and saw some folks that were in their later years, 50s and 60s and said, 'Oh no, never, not me.' So, you learn your lesson."

Mrs. Brower said she treasured her career.

"I liked Robins because there were opportunities avail-

able," she said. "I guess I've worked 10 to 12 different jobs. I didn't stay in one place. I was always advancing."

Mrs. Brower began her federal service in 1962 as a General Schedule 02 clerk typist for the Air Base Wing's Civil Engineering Division. In a short time, she became a GS-03 clerk stenographer in the Transportation Division of the Directorate of Distribution. She worked around the clock during the Cuban missile crisis, supporting travel and transportation of goods and workers.

In September 1963, Mrs. Brower changed directions in her civil service career, becoming a GS-04 clerk typist in the accounting division's payroll office. She later continued her climb up the career ladder, taking on various positions in the Comptroller Office and its related office areas.

In 1972, Mrs. Brower's sights were set on higher education. She earned a bachelor of science in business at Macon Junior College in 1974. In June

1977, Mrs. Brower earned a four-year bachelor of business administration degree with a concentration in management at Georgia College.

"I worked full-time and took evening classes at the resident's center and was able to obtain my degrees," she said. "That was very helpful in my career."

In the remainder of her career, Mrs. Brower touched many career fields before settling into her final assignment as a GS-12 management analyst with the 78th CPTS' Cost and Economic Analysis Office, taking responsibility for the Robins Air Force Base Economic Resource Impact Study.

Now, at the end of her lengthy career, Mrs. Brower said it's time to relax.

"I plan to travel and I have some home projects that I'm working on that I've put back for many, many months and years," she said. "I'm tackling those one at a time and once I get those finished, I'm going to take a short trip and rejuvenate and start again."

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