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Winter Sports Day Rescheduled

A 2007 Winter Sports Day has been rescheduled for March 6 with the day's events beginning at 7:30 a.m. The events, which are open to all base units will begin with a unit formation run and include 3-on-3 basketball, bowling, table tennis, volleyball, bowling and racquetball.

Deadline for team entry is March 1. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Coming soon: Commanders Access Channel

A commander's access channel will be introduced to Robins this month. The channel will be found on Watson Cable, Channel 15. For more information, look for an article in next week's Rev-Up.

Services Holiday Hours

Services has announced the operating hours for its facilities over the upcoming Family Day and Presidents' Day holiday. See page 3 A for a complete listing.

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 sequoia.lawson@robins.af.mil.

Air Force reopens job reservations for nine career fields

Most first-term Airmen serving in nine Air Force specialty codes will now be eligible to apply for a career job reservation.

Airmen serving in the 2A0X1D, 2A5X3D, 2E0X1, 2M0X2, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1 or 3E3X1 AFSCs will be granted a CJR regardless of their CJR window of eligibility.

"This change to the program is a direct result of an analysis of the career fields and their sustainment levels. Air Staff (officials are) using the flexibility inherent in the CJR program to continue to force shape," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch here.

"However, Airmen who have already applied for and signed their approved retraining are excluded from this opportunity."

Eligible Airmen should contact their base military personnel flight if they desire more information or to apply for a CJR since consideration is not automatic.

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Giving the gift of life



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Specialist Cecilia Hutton draws blood from Tech. Sgt. Eric Hogan. The recent blood drive was a huge success, with 157 units of blood donated by members of Team Robins. The next blood drive is scheduled for April 13.

'PRICE OF SERVICE PAID BY FAITH'

National Prayer Luncheon draws record-breaking crowd at Robins

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The Robins National Prayer Luncheon drew a record breaking crowd Tuesday when more than 540 members of Team Robins attended the event to focus on faith and service, according to Base Chapel personnel.

The event focused on recognizing the many different faiths practiced by the Robins community, with the highlight of the luncheon being a message presented by Vietnam veteran Clebe McClary, who evoked laughter and passion from the guests.

The passion came from Mr. McClary's love of his country and his will to survive after suffering devastating injuries while fighting in the Vietnam War on

March 3, 1968.

"I never wanted to live so badly in all my life," he said while speaking about the hand-to-hand combat that resulted in the loss of his left arm and his left eye. Since he left the battlefield that day, he has survived more than 40 surgeries and countless hours of physical therapy and has spent his time sharing his experiences and dedication to service and faith with audiences around the world.

Mr. McClary said although he was raised in church and with Christian values, he never had a personal relationship with Christ until after he was injured in combat.

He encouraged all in attendance to "do right" and to exemplify strong moral values such as honesty, integrity, proper manners and being faithful, emphasizing the importance of "one man, one woman for life."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Retired Marine lieutenant Clebe McClary speaks at the National Prayer luncheon Tuesday.

A former Marine lieutenant, Mr. McClary used military language by implementing acronyms to help remind attendees of the importance of having faith as

they serve their country, whether as a civilian or as a service member.

Mr. McClary's acronym dictionary included such terms as "PRIDE" which means personal responsibility in daily effort, "PATCH" which means positive attitude that characterizes hope, "PIG" which stands for professional, integrity and truth, and "FIDO" which means forget and drive on.

"Forget your problems if you had a tough childhood or a bad day; forget it, learn from it and drive on," he said.

Mr. McClary uses the acronyms to help stress the importance of many of the themes he presented during his message.

He summed it all up with a quote, "'In this world of give and take, there are not enough people willing to give what it takes.'"

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'STEP' IN UP

Two Robins Airmen receive STEP promotions

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Two enlisted Airmen at Robins were recently rewarded for career-long superior performance when they received on-the-spot promotions through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Tech. Sgt. Darryl Rios-Maldonado, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron depot aircraft structural maintainer, and Staff Sgt. Vanessa Pressley, 78th Civil Engineer Group commander support staff assistant, were promoted to master sergeant and technical sergeant respectively.

The STEP program is a highly visible promotion recognition program used by commanders at all levels to recognize the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants who work hard and are clearly a "cut above the rest."

"The STEP promotion program is for individuals who have exceeded the common day to day work schedule. They go above and beyond to make sure the mission is done no matter what the sacrifice," said Capt. Eric Brown, 78th CEG section commander.

This year, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, had STEP allocations to promote one technical sergeant to master sergeant and either one staff sergeant to technical sergeant or one senior airman to staff sergeant.

Each wing commander had the opportunity to submit one Airman in each of the three categories. Once all submissions were in, the ALC commander, vice commander and 78th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant reviewed the nominations and made their final selections.

Keeping with STEP promotion tradition, General Owen surprised Sergeant Rios-Maldonado with his sixth stripe at an impromptu commander's call with members of the 653rd CLSS.

"General Owen was doing a question and answer session with some of us. I asked him a question and while he was answering, he was including a lot of things I've accomplished in the (ALC over the past couple of years) and then he said, 'as a matter of fact, Sergeant Rios, your name has been

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Robins engineer still going strong after 50 years of service

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When Bob Wade came to work at Robins as a co-op student in the late 1950s, he didn't foresee such a long career. But, 50 years later, he's still here.

On Jan. 26, in front of a room full of people in the conference room of Bldg. 323, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, presented Mr. Wade, a general engineer in the technology and reliability branch of the Engineering Directorate's Aerospace Systems Division, with a special pin to mark the career milestone.

The 70-year-old father of two said it was his interest in aircraft that led him to leave his job as a student trainee (aeronautical engineer) who worked along with others to develop

and test Redstone missiles in Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and pursue a career at Robins at the early age of 20.

"I'm an airplane man instead of a rocket man," he said.

Mr. Wade came to Robins as a student trainee in the engineering career field. The Georgia Technical Institute graduate worked in shop support to remedy problems on aircraft like the F-80, the C-147 and the C-130 early in his career here.

In the half century he has worked at Robins, Mr. Wade has seen many technological changes in the mission. Engineer programs that once took several weeks to translate and transfer from code sheets to punch cards are now fashioned on computers.

But, the spry elder has managed to roll with the changes his career has brought.

"I'm somewhat of a workaholic," he said. "If I'm here, I'm ready to work. If I'm assigned something to do, I'll do it. I'll give it what I've got and when it's done, I'll go on to something else."

Mark Thomas, chief of the technology and reliability branch, said Mr. Wade is one of the hardest working people in his organization.

"He's generally in the office maybe 40 minutes before his shift starts and he starts right in to work," he said. "He works doggedly all day long. He's super productive. He's one of those guys that's neat and organized."

Mr. Thomas said Mr. Wade is one of those people who really dives into his work.

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courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, pins a 50 year pin onto the lapel of Bob Wade, a general engineer here at Robins during a pinning ceremony Jan. 26.

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 49/26 SATURDAY 51/24 SUNDAY 53/31

Robins small arms program office manages AF's lone gunsmith shop

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When you walk into the land of cubicles in Bldg. 301 and enter the office where June Sims works, you would never guess the office and its personnel are responsible for the Air Force's small arms program including the only gunsmith shop in the Air Force.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center small arms systems program office took control of the gunsmith shop in December 2005 and together the gunsmith shop and the small arms program office provide for acquisition and support for the Air Force small arms program, which are used at every Air Force installation in the world.

"We work together as a team to support the mission of the warfighter," said June Sims, lead small arms program manager.

When the gunsmith shop celebrated the one year anniversary of their realignment to Air Force Materiel Command, they invited Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the WRALC, to join former and present employees in a celebration of the gunsmith shop's accomplishments — past, present and future. Though many leaders from Robins did make the trip to Lackland Air Force Base to tour the facility and trade stories, General Owen was forced to take a rain check.

General Owen cashed in that rain check Feb. 8, when he headed to the lone star state for some "Texas-style Barbecue" and the opportunity to meet the Airmen, both civilian and active duty, who work at the gunsmith shop.

General Owen wasn't the only Robins leader to make their first trip to the gunsmith shop that day, he was accompanied by Colonel Lawrence Kingsley, vice director of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing.

"The most excitable thing was we were able to really showcase all the people who work in the shop and showcase the type of work we do," said Master Sgt. Ruben Lucio, gunsmith shop superintendent.

Sergeant Lucio said because of the unique nature of the shops projects and small arms testing, he was excited to have the opportunity to give General Owen a glimpse into the mission of the gunsmith shop team.

"I saw examples of the over 1,600 M16s being modified for improved reliability, serviceability, and combat capability. They



Courtesy photo

Joel Layton, program manager for the gunsmith shop, describes to Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, an M-249 automatic rifle upgrade done by the gunsmith shop.

also showed us a clever measurement tool they conceived and constructed themselves. These 19 NCOs, civilians, and contractors were so very impressive because of the quality of their work, as well as strong team identity and close teamwork," General Owen said. "I am proud and gratified that these professionals are part of Team Robins. I will continue to watch for more of their unique team support of the war on terrorism."

The general spent the day touring the gunsmith shop facilities and learning about some of the projects the shop is responsible for.

"It was quite rewarding to have him listen to us intently about the job we do every day and then ask questions," said Tech. Sgt. Les Huddleston, who works in the gunsmith shop.

Sergeant Huddleston said the general was impressed with the M-16 A2 rifle project, where the gunsmith shop received 20,000 rifles from the Marines and tore the guns down and rebuilt them with new parts, and the M-11 Office of Special Investigations pistols project, where they took 200 guns from the Internal Revenue Service and rebuilt them. The work helped replace all the Air Force OSI pistols presently on backorder.

Colonel Kingsley was equally impressed by the projects displayed by the gunsmith

team.

"If there is one thing I've learned in over 30 years of Air Force service, it is the unique contribution our teams make to our world-class success. From acquisition teams, to flying crews, to sustainment teams, each is specialized, proficient, and accurate. On 8 February, Maj Gen Owen and I visited one of our WR-ALC teams located on Lackland AFB. The Air Force Gunsmith shop is on Lackland AFB, but is one of the units of the 542 Combat Sustainment Wing, headquartered here at WR-ALC. The Gunsmith shop sustains all the hand-held weapons in the Air Force through repairs, modifications, and testing," Colonel Kingsley said. "These folks are recognized experts in their business and are enthusiastic about their work together. They demonstrated some of the work they have done as our weapons have matured over the years. I was impressed with their pride in their craftsmanship and their technical expertise."

Both of the projects revolved around the team's ability to take a gun down, clean it, test fire it and send it back to the warfighter, said Sergeant Huddleston.

Although General Owen came to see the mission of the team first hand, he left some time to kick back and relax with the gunsmith shop team and enjoy a "Texas-style barbecue."

PRAYER

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He said people need to prepare themselves physically, mentally and spiritually and they need to give what it takes for faith, family, flag, freedom and the future.

His message concluded as the audience rose to their feet in a standing ovation and sang "God Bless America" in unison.

His message was so inspirational, one member of the Robins civilian population, Jeannie Hargrove, said if she could go back and change anything in her life after hearing him speak she would serve in the military.

Ms. Hargrove, who works in

the 642nd Combat Sustainment Group, added she was honored to hear him speak and that his love for his country was evident in everything he said.

She said one of the things that impressed her most about the speaker is that he took the time to personally greet everyone who attended the prayer luncheon before speaking.

Other members of the audience were equally impressed by the speaker even if it was their first time hearing Mr. McClary.

"This is the second time I've heard him speak and it was just as thrilling as the first time," said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Berry, 78th Mission Support Group superintendent.

"I regret we couldn't get the entire base in here to hear him."

STEP

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mentioned and I have something here for you. Come on up.' So I went up to the front and when he opened the certificate, out jumped these stripes," Sergeant Rios-Maldonado said.

In similar fashion, General Owen stunned Sergeant Pressley with her fifth stripe while fielding a staged question from Captain Brown at a group award ceremony.

When Captain Brown asked General Owen about the future of the CEG commander support staff, General Owen deferred to Sergeant Pressley saying, "As a staff sergeant, you should know what's going on but as a tech sergeant, you should know even more. From this point on, from this minute on, you're a tech sergeant."

It caught Sergeant Pressley by complete surprise. "She was just looking in space like she didn't know what was going on. I don't think reality hit her until the general and I pinned the stripes on her," said Capt. Brown.

For Sergeant Pressley, this promotion has taken longer to sink in than promotions past. "Right now I'm still in shock. It's been over a week but it hasn't really set in yet."

While personal accomplishments are considered during the STEP process, nominated Airmen are largely viewed through the whole person concept. STEP recipients do not earn an extra stripe simply for what they've done in the past but because they show a promising future as an Airman in the "world's greatest Air and Space Force."

"Sergeant Rios-Maldonado is an outstanding Airman. It's not about him; it's about what he can do for the Air Force and what knowledge base he brings in to



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Tech. Sgt. Darryl Rios-Maldonado, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron depot aircraft structural maintainer, was promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

Below, Staff Sgt. Vanessa Pressley, 78th Civil Engineer Group commander support staff assistant, was promoted to the rank of technical sergeant.



give to the younger Airmen through mentoring and doing his everyday supervisory responsibilities," said Master Sgt. Thomas Helm, 653rd CLSS depot aircraft structural maintenance section chief.

Although Sergeants Rios-Maldonado and Pressley have each earned an extra stripe, they readily acknowledge the hard work of their fellow Airmen, civilians and contractors who help carry out the Robins mission each and every day.

Air Force Assistance Fund 2007 campaign began Feb. 12

This year's Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign, from Feb. 12 to May 4, will provide Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations.

Now in its 34th year, 100 percent of designated AFAF contributions will benefit active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal as they contributed more than \$7.33 million.

People can contribute cash,

check or money order or use payroll deduction for:

-- The Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base staff members at airman and family readiness centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information also is available online at www.afas.org.

-- The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund supports the Air Force Village in

Shalimar, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base. The fund provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

-- The Air Force Villages Indigent Widows' Fund supports the Air Force Village in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

-- The General and Mrs.

Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.afvw.com/lemay.html.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit the Air Force Assistance Fund Web site or the Air Force Personnel Center's Voting and Fundraising Web site. Installation project officers have information on local procedures and goals.

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Services hours for Presidents' Day

Open

- ▶Bowling Center, open Monday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center, open today and Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center Annex, open today and Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Flight Line Kitchen, normal hours
- ▶Golf Course, normal hours and tee times (hotdogs, cold sandwiches and beverages available at Pro Shop)
- ▶Lodging, normal hours
- ▶Rasile Indoor Pool, open Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Closed

- ▶Aero Club, administration and sales
- ▶Arts & Crafts Center
- ▶Auto Hobby Shop, closed Wednesday

- ▶Bamboo Grill
- ▶Base Library
- ▶Base Restaurant, closed Monday; all snack bars close at 1 p.m. today
- ▶CDC East & West
- ▶Community Center
- ▶Enlisted Club
- ▶Equipment Rental Center
- ▶Family Child Care
- ▶Flight Line Dining Facility
- ▶Food Service office
- ▶Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness Office
- ▶Human Resource office
- ▶Information, Tickets and Travel
- ▶Marketing
- ▶Officers' Club
- ▶Pizza Depot, closed Sunday and Monday
- ▶Resource Management office
- ▶Skeet Range
- ▶Teen Center
- ▶U.S. Veterinarian Services
- ▶Wood Hobby shop, closed Tuesday
- ▶Youth Center

50 YEARS

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"I read an article once that said one of the ways you could manage, is management by piles," he said. "This particular author said you should have five things you're going to do during the day. You should pile them up and just tackle them during the day. Mr. Wade is not one of those kinds of guys. He sees a project. (He's) going to work that project until it's done and then (he's) going to go to number two."

Gary Chamberlain, an aerospace engineer in the EN Directorate's Aerospace Systems Division, said he has learned a lot from his senior co-worker of 21 years.

"He's reliable," he said. "He's a good mentor and a good support. When he leaves, I'll miss him. I'm hoping when I retire, he's still here."

Mr. Chamberlain said it's evident that Mr. Wade loves what he does.

But, work isn't the only

thing the engineer enjoys.

When he's not taking in the sights of Europe or breathtaking views during an Alaskan cruise with Karen, his wife of 45 years, the avid reader gets lost in the pages of non-fiction books by one of his favorite authors, Ayn Rand. He also enjoys reading about people like Benjamin Franklin and other famous figures in history.

Mr. Wade is a self-proclaimed movie buff as well, who enjoys watching films like "The Da Vinci Code" to compare its contents to that of the novel.

Airplanes have been known to maneuver their way into his personal time as well. Models of C-130, F-15 and other aircraft he has worked on in the past have found their places around his Middle Georgia home.

His love for aircraft has yet to fade. Maybe that's why he's still a part of Robins after all of these years.

"I didn't sit down and say, 'I'm going to work for 50 years or 55 or 70' or whatever," he

said. "It's just you work them day by day and soon enough, you get up to 50 years. It piles up."

While Mrs. Wade, who works in the public and private education sector in Bibb County, would rather her hus-

band retire and spend more time with her at home, the devoted civil servant said he's not ready to retire just yet.

"If I see that handwriting on the wall that says, 'Bob, it's time to go,' I'll know it's time to go," he said.

New meter system to improve Robins energy efficiency

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A group of five workers from CH2M Hill are at Robins this week helping to implement an advanced system to meter energy use in base buildings as part of Robins efforts to continue to reduce energy use.

The advanced meter system is one of many steps Robins will take in an effort to continue to meet and exceed energy conservation procedures and policies established by the federal government. In the past two years, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13423 – Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management – have provided stronger requirements and restrictions for energy use at federal and Department of Defense facilities.

“The goal of the energy program here is to exceed the congressional act and executive order. Robins wants to be a national leader,” said Mr. David Hopper, resource efficiency manager with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, whose sole purpose as a contractor at Robins is to help improve and supplement the energy program.

“We can do it remotely and we don’t have to send people out to read these meters,” said 1st Lt. Bryan Karlan, energy specialist with the 78th CES.

“The new system will give us near instantaneous metering capability,” Mr. Hopper said. Not only will the meters report their findings in real-time, the new system will allow them to monitor for problems such as a leak or an unusually large use of energy and make adjustments immediately. In the past, they would have had to wait until the

end of the month to identify problems, he said.

“It will help us become more effective as energy managers,” Mr. Hopper said. “We can see we have a problem and take corrective action.”

The advanced system of metering will only be installed at three bases in Air Force Materiel Command: Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Robins. The advanced meter system is being implemented through a cooperative between CH2M Hill and the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency.

Along with installing the advanced meter system, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires all federal and DOD buildings that are 35,000 square feet or larger and buildings that are smaller but are considered energy intensive to have meters installed.

Mr. Hopper said the number of meters on Robins buildings will not rise drastically, because Robins is a leader in the Air Force when it comes to installing electricity meters on buildings. However, he said the base will see the addition of some water meters to meet the requirements.

Mr. Hopper said the new meter system has room for expansion, which will allow any newly metered buildings to join the system.

Robins already has metered about 360 buildings on base which monitor the use of gas, water, steam and electricity as energy sources.

“The meters primarily help us manage our energy consumption,” Mr. Hopper said.

This is just one of many steps Robins has taken to ensure they are working diligently to meet and exceed the guidelines set for DOD and federal facilities.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required federal and DOD facilities to reduce their energy use by two percent each year for 10 years using

2003 energy use as its baseline, while the executive order raised the requirement to three percent each year during the 10-year period. Along with reducing the energy use at federal and DOD facilities, renewable electricity consumption must be at least 7.5 percent by 2013.

Lieutenant Karlan and Mr. Hopper said Robins will continue to strive for ways to reduce energy use and to implement renewable resources as energy sources throughout the base.

One of the other things the pair said is under considera-

tion is the use of different light fixtures, which could reduce energy use related to lighting up to 30 percent.

Another measure Robins is considering is the use of renewable energy from the Seminole Landfill in DeKalb County, which is a green energy facility.

The facility uses methane gas created by the decay of landfill waste as its primary form of biomass energy. The base is presently in negotiations with Georgia Power to begin using the renewable energy at that green energy facility, Mr. Hopper said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Vernon Manibusan, Ed Rocha and Danny Dickman locate and analyze a gas meter for future upgrades.

Military justice

Commanders and First Sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, Administrative Discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate’s Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:



order and failed to report to his place of duty at the appointed time. For these offenses, the member received two Article 15s, a reduction in grade from senior airman to airman 1st class, a reduction in grade from airman 1st class to airman basic, two letters of reprimand, and a letter of counseling.

Article 15s:

A staff sergeant operated his privately owned vehicle, while drunk. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman.

A staff sergeant misused his government travel card on multiple occasions and failed to pay a debt. Punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Administrative Discharge

An airman basic received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct. He had previously fallen asleep while posted as gate sentinel while deployed to Qatar, disobeyed a lawful general order by wrongfully entering the sleeping quarters of a member of the opposite sex, disobeyed a lawful no contact

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Aero Club helps Team Robins earn its wings

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Aspiring pilots and all those who prefer the clouds to the grass, will find themselves in good company at the Robins Aero Club.

The club can help those who dream of piloting their own aircraft attain their private pilot's license and can even accommodate those who prefer to just relax and enjoy the scenery with its discovery flight program.

"I give the operations here a thumbs up," said Heriberto Castro, who has been a member of the Robins Aero Club for one year. "I am very pleased and think more people should take advantage of it."

The club offers numerous kinds of flight training, monthly safety meetings and 24-hour access to the aircraft and aero club facilities for club members.

Mr. Castro said one of the things that impresses him the most about the aero club is its commitment to safety.

"Safety is a big issue and these guys are always making sure we are up-to-date on training," he said.

The on-base facility also offers discovery flights where anyone, with base access, can go up with one of the aero club employees for a spin in the clouds.

To become a member of the aero club the membership fee is \$25 and aircraft can be rented at prices ranging from \$80 to \$180 an hour depending on the type of aircraft. Aircraft available at the aero club include three Piper Warrior IIs, one Piper Warrior III, one Piper Arrow IV and one Beechcraft Baron.

The most popular course at the aero club is the eight-week private pilot ground school course. In addition, the club offers three Federal Aviation Administration flight training programs: private pilot certification, instrument airplane rat-



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Cres Wise, a rated pilot working on an advanced instrument rating, gets some instruction from Hugh Holloway, assistant chief flight instructor.

WHAT TO KNOW

For information about the Robins Aero Club and its training classes call 926-4867.

ing and commercial pilot certification. The club also offers instructor certification for certified flight instructors, instrument flight instructors and multi-engine flight instructors.

The aero club is making it easier for club members to get their certification in these courses by becoming an FAA testing center, said Ryan Vinton, aero club manager.

"By the end of March we will have an FAA testing center, where we will be able to administer private pilot, instrument and commercial testing to club members on site," Mr. Vinton said. "Right now they have to go to Middle Georgia Technical College."

The testing center will also offer testing for FAA certified aircraft mechanics.

Mr. Vinton said one of the biggest advantages for aero club members is that the aero club is an FAA certified flight training school.

"Because we are certified our flight training is more

accelerated. A non-FAA certified school requires more flying hours and training to be able to get a private pilots license," Mr. Vinton said.

He added all the aero club's equipment, training syllabus and aircraft are all FAA approved.

Staff Sgt. Jay Steppat, a member of 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said his decision to begin ground school at the aero club was an easy one with the 100 percent tuition reimbursement available to all active duty members. However, now that he has worked with instructors like Mr. Vinton he said anyone interested in flying should consider the aero club.

Along with active-duty military, retired military, reserve and National Guard, Department of Defense employees, including non-appropriated funds employees, family members, base contractors, academy and advanced ROTC cadets and Civil Air Patrol members are eligible for club membership.

"It's been pretty good. I have learned a lot and flying is really cool and hopefully I am going to make a career of it," Sergeant Steppat said.

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Celebrating heritage together



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Participants leave the start line in the Black History Month 5K Run/Walk Feb. 9. The Robins observance of Black History month will continue through the end of February and will include various events including a grand finale Feb. 24 at the Museum of Aviation.

African-American History Month: Heroes for all Americans

February, as African-American History Month, is a time to reflect on the contributions of African-Americans to our country. Though no single article can adequately cover African-American history justly, there are few areas that can rival the vast participation of African-Americans in war.

African-Americans came to the aid of their country every time it called. From the foundations of independence to the sands of Iraq, African-American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines demonstrated they too have a fierce love of country and a stubborn fortitude to succeed in battle.

African-Americans stand proud in our fighting history and deserve their rightful place in the study of that history.

From Crispus Attucks, who was killed by British soldiers during the Boston Massacre in 1770, to the freed and escaped slaves of the Civil War, through the Buffalo soldiers of Wild West fame to the Tuskegee Airman and right up to today, there has been no shortage of African-American patriots. Here are just a few.

The 369th Infantry Regiment, a "colored" New York National Guard unit known as the "Black Rattlers"

fought in World War I under the French 4th Army and achieved amazing battlefield successes. Despite the obvious racial prejudices of the time, they earned an impressive number of awards for valor receiving more than 171 decorations. The entire regiment received France's prestigious Croix de Guerre. While they still had to ride on the back of the bus, their heroics were so well-known that they led the New York City World War I victory parade.

World War II brought forth another wave of distinguished African-American patriots. On the USS West Virginia, Doris Miller, a cook third class, was up early the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. As he served breakfast, explosions rocked the mighty ship and he went to the upper deck. Seeing flames, chaos and death, Petty Officer Miller first aided his wounded commanding officer, taking him to safety. Then he took up a station at one of the many unmanned machine guns and began firing.

Although he was trained only as a cook with no instruction in the use of the automatic weapon, Petty Officer Miller reportedly downed two Japanese aircraft before the attacks stopped. He never left his post during the hours of the attack, a post he

assumed out of necessity. The commander of the Pacific Fleet, Navy Adm. Chester Nimitz, personally presented Petty Officer Miller with the Navy Cross, an award for valor second only to the Medal of Honor.

Vietnam saw Army Pfc. Milton Olive III receive the Medal of Honor for an act of bravery few people in any war have equaled. Private Olive's unit was under heavy enemy attacks from the Viet Cong. As the enemy fled the counterattacks of Private Olive's 3rd Platoon, a few VC turned back and threw grenades.

One grenade landed in the midst of Private Olive, three buddies and the platoon leader. Olive grabbed the grenade and covered it with his body, absorbing the blast and saving his fellow soldiers while ensuring success of the counterassault.

At the White House ceremony to present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Private Olive's parents, President Johnson summed up the reason we should remember the example of Private Olive and others like him: "In dying, he taught those of us who remain how we ought to live."

Another Vietnam war hero, Col. Fred Cherry, endured torture, solitary confinement and

repeated beatings as a prisoner of war for more than seven years. He was brutally tortured when he refused to sign statements that the United States was a racist country or make broadcasts encouraging African-American Soldiers not to fight. Even after suffering the most brutal torture, he never gave in to his captors, telling them, "You'll have to kill me before I denounce my country."

All of these men practiced and validated ideals that are uniquely American. As Americans, we should look at these examples and so many more — not just in February, but all year — to remind us all Americans contribute to the preservation of what makes America great.

Hopefully, through role models like these African-Americans, we can all live Colonel Cherry's words, "Race has nothing to do with it — I'll succeed because I'm good," both in our own goals and how we look at others. Their ability to do just that is what makes them not just heroes to African-Americans, but heroes to all Americans.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. George Farfour 595th Operations Support Squadron Commander

Promotion ceremonies, a tradition worth celebrating

Promotion — what a momentous occasion for any individual.

As the promotion order states, it shows the Air Force believes in your abilities to perform at the next higher grade. It is a reward for hard work, dedication, discipline and sacrifice.

It is exactly the type of event that should be celebrated, yet many people opt to forego a promotion ceremony. They don't want to inconvenience others or to have a big deal made about them. While these feelings are understandable, these individuals have missed the point — this ceremony isn't just about them.

Although the promotee is certainly the focus of the ceremony, I contend the event itself is as much about tradition and the attendees as the honoree.

It is military tradition to celebrate achievements, whether they are part of a team or an individual event. These celebrations take many forms and are intended to motivate others to excel and to perpetuate our values of service before self and excellence in all we do. The promotion ceremony is no different. At this event, we will heap praise and recognition upon the promotee, hopefully in such a manner as to inspire the audience to strive for their own goals.

Through our recognition of the promotee's hard work and sacrifice, we not only remind junior members of the price to be paid, but reinforce the idea that these efforts are not in vain. And we hope to encourage the promotee to continue to excel and strive for the next grade.

Commonly overlooked is the fact that these ceremonies are as much about the attendees as the promotee. Let's face it, rarely, if ever, are great accomplishments attained single-handedly. In attendance at the ceremony will be co-workers who helped the promotee with that big project, picked them up when they were down, or helped explain the finer points of some technical issue. There will be supervisors who mentored, trained, educated and motivated the promotee, often pushing him to accomplish that which the promotee believed impossible.

Most importantly, there will be family, who sacrificed with the promotee to help him or her reach his or her goals. Attendees have a stake in the promotee's accomplishments — they take

just as much, if not more, pride in the promotion for it validates their confidence and investment in that person.

Skipping the ceremony deprives these deserving individuals of an opportunity to share in the celebration of a great achievement in which they have played a major part.

The next time you or your co-worker finally gets that promotion, ensure a ceremony happens. Not only is it an important tradition that enables us to reinforce our core values, but also it is an opportunity to celebrate with and thank those who helped make the event possible. None of these things are an inconvenience.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Andrew Gale, 42nd Communications Squadron commander.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing commander

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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- Security Forces 327-3445;
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- EEO Office 926-2131;
- MEO 926-6608;
- Employee Relations 926-5802;

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

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

Deter, Delay and Detect... crime prevention begins at home

Do you feel safe enough to leave your home while you go out of town? Burglars look for homes that are unattended for extended periods of time as a prime target. Get to know your neighbors and ask them to check your house while you're away. Always leave a light on and lock all doors and windows. A burglar wants to avoid being caught, so the longer it takes to force a door or window open the greater their risk. Outside lighting is also key because you will increase detection time if you force a burglar to work where they can be observed. You can even call 78th Security Forces at 926-2187 and request us to conduct a Quarters Check on your residence. Cancel delivery of the newspaper to your house. A pile of newspaper outside your door is a telltale sign that you're out of town. Remember that crime prevention begins at home.

A signing of the times



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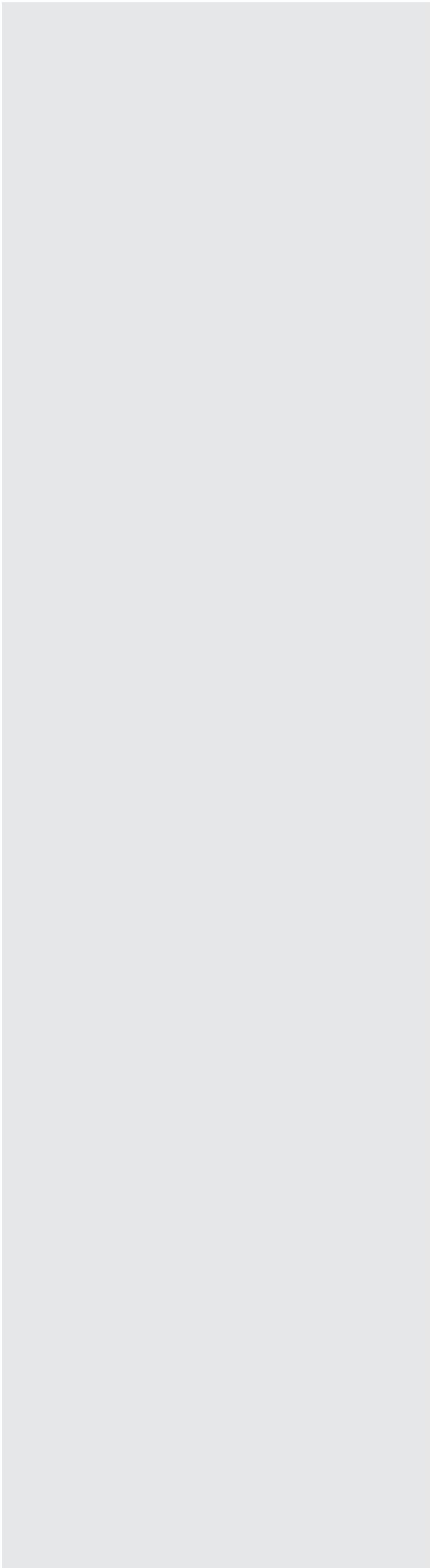
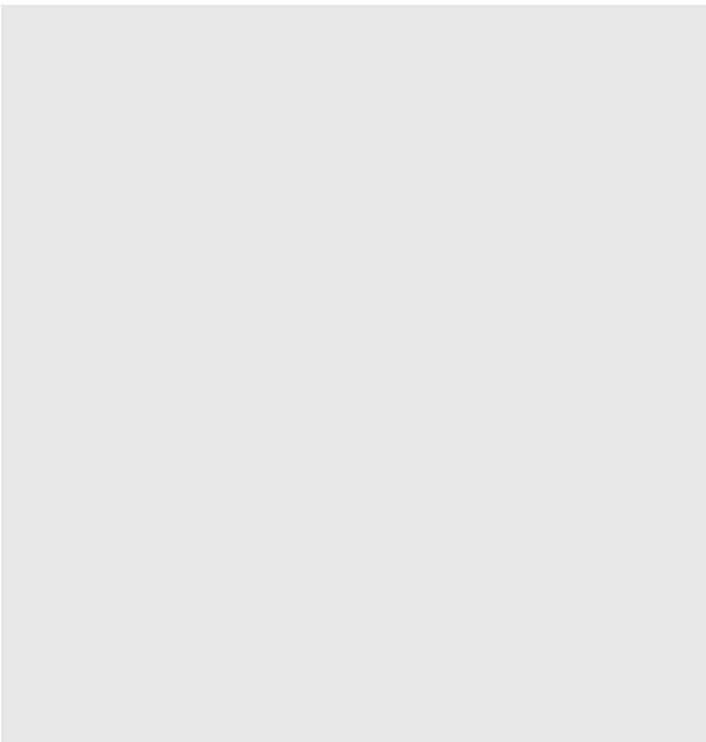
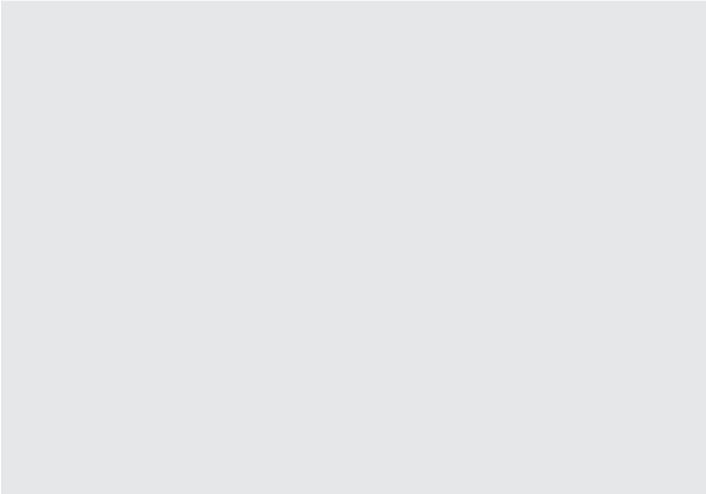
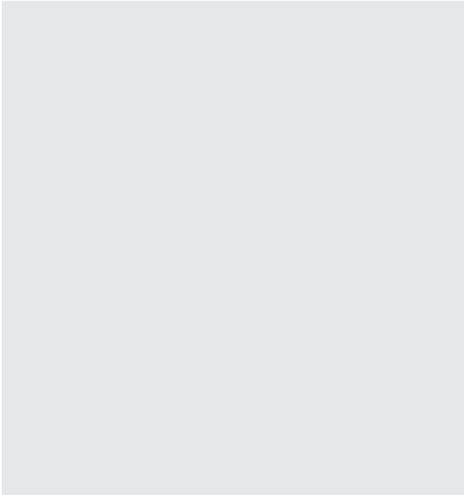
Rusty Adams, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local F-107 president, and Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, sign a partnership agreement between the two organizations in a signing ceremony Monday. The renewed partnership agreement establishes a cooperative council which provides a forum for managers and union officials to work together to support and enhance the Robins mission and improve working conditions for the firefighter workforce.

Buckle up ... It's the Law

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Tanker Winter Symposium helps 19th ARG connect with other tanker units

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 19th Air Refueling Group recently learned that work and play can go hand-in-hand.

About 16 Black Knights were among more than 60 Air Mobility Command Airmen who attended the 2007 Tanker Winter Symposium at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Feb. 7-10.

Robins' Airmen joined others from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas; Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; and Airmen from the host base to discuss issues and ideas and build camaraderie among others in the tanker community.

The symposium, which was first held in the frigid weather of the North Dakota base in 2006, offered numerous briefings that covered maintenance and air operations, formation policies and other areas of concern for the tanker units.

Maj. Gen. Quentin (Pete) Peterson, director of Air, Space and Information Operations at Air Mobility Command Headquarters, served as the guest speaker at the symposium's dinner and

awards ceremony.

Col. Chris Bence, commander of the 19th ARG, said the symposium proved to be an all-around great experience for the group.

"On the maintenance side of the house, we discussed best practices for some of the big maintenance items like the isochronal inspection process," he said. "The isochronal inspection process recently changed command-wide, with new cards and new steps. This discussion gave people a chance to learn the new process."

Maj. Korwin Miike, commander of the 19th Maintenance Squadron, said the event gave his people an opportunity to learn from their fellow maintainers in the Air Mobility Command.

"For the maintenance side of the house, the biggest agenda items were that Grand Forks, in the maintenance area, has been leading the way in a lot of Lean initiatives," he said. "We were able to tour and see first-hand some of those initiatives they've done to cut down their time in isochronal inspections."

Major Miike said the inspections are conducted approximately every 60,000



courtesy photo
Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group participate in the human dog sled race during the athletic competition portion of the 2007 Tanker Winter Symposium at Grand Forks, Air Force Base, N.D.

flight hours to check an aircraft's panels, bolts, fuel levels and other major components for functionality. Isochronal inspections can take an average of five to 10 days. Grand Forks has reduced the inspection time and reviewed their technology to improve the process.

The major said getting a chance to share ideas was one of the most valuable parts of the symposium.

"From the maintenance side of the house, (the most valuable aspect) was probably the value of crosstalk with other units," he said. "You go out

and visit units and find out what they've done and the lessons they've learned. You get the value of not having to go through the same growing pains."

The 19th ARG took a tour of the University of North Dakota's Aviation Department and everyone from the symposium toured the university's athletic facilities, including their world-famous Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Black Knights were able to share in the hockey experience when they all attended a game between the University of North Dakota and Minnesota

State.

The symposium was a first for Capt. Jordan Bounds, 99th Air Refueling Squadron executive officer and KC-135 aircraft commander.

Captain Bounds said the group discussed formation policies for the KC-10 and KC-135, with particular focus on the Coronet.

Colonel Bence said the group discussed current issues surrounding Coronet planning.

"That's where all the (tanker) units will be tasked by the Tanker Airlift Control Center for moving large numbers of fighters long distances over the ocean where they need multiple air refuelings because they have such small gas tanks," he said.

The colonel said the symposium focused on the safety of Airmen as well.

"Both the maintenance and operations sides focused on operational risk management," he said. "The focus was on what we do on the prevention side to mitigate risks while flying and also maintaining on the ground."

The captain said the symposium was a good opportunity to get to know people you work with better.

"The briefings were really

good," he said. "It was interesting and a lot of fun because you get to see a lot of people that you might see deployed from other bases, but you get to see them in a different kind of setting."

That setting turned into a spirited one when the symposium's heated athletic competition cranked up in the sub-zero temperatures of North Dakota.

Games included a human (dog) sled race, Crud (a game where people try to knock billiard balls into their opponents' pool table pockets using a cue ball), floor hockey, a 1.5 mile run, a wall climb and dodge ball. The Black Knights placed fourth in the human sled race, second in Crud, second in floor hockey, second in the 1.5 mile run, second in the wall climb and fourth in dodge ball.

The team placed third in the overall competition, losing their first-place championship title from the previous symposium to the symposium's host, Grand Forks.

But Colonel Bence said he remained proud of his team.

"The Black Knights were outstanding," he said. "(The competition) was just a lot of fun and a good way to break up a half a day of doing professional development seminars."

Tops in Blue



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



“What’s Love?”

Above right, Female vocalists enlisted the help of a few young girls from the audience to sing about the love of a daughter, one of the many kinds of love the tour highlighted during the show.

Above, Tops in Blue Tour male vocalists also got into the spirit of things by flirting and singing to audience members during the musical showcase Tuesday.

Traveling military musical showcase lands at Warner Robins Civic Center

By SUE SAPP
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In spite of uncertain weather, a crowd of more than 1,000 was feeling the love at the Warner Robins Civic Center Tuesday when the 2006 Tops in Blue team performed their high energy program “What’s love?” for the Warner Robins community.

For 90 minutes non-stop, the talented entertainers presented songs representing the many types of love, including romantic love, family love and love of one’s country. Some lucky audience members were serenaded or given roses by Tops members.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, had high praise for this year’s show.

“It was a strong, talented group. The one consistent thing about the show is the energy. There are no better spokesmen for the Air Force than what the Tops in Blue men and woman do,” the general said.

The group has spanned the globe this year performing in all 50 states as well as the Middle East, Honduras, Greenland and Europe, according to Capt. Sean Carter, Tops in Blue operations officer.

He said being a member of the tour is hard work. In addition to performing the Broadway style show, the team also has to be its own stage crew as they unload, set up, and then tear down and reload around 50,000 pounds of equipment for each show.

Helping with the production of this year’s show are two members of Team Robins –



Tops in Blue, the Air Force’s expeditionary entertainers share the many facets of love as they presented “What’s Love” Tuesday at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

Senior Airman Daniel Griner, 78th Security Forces entry controller, is a vocalist and Senior Airman Michael Manfredonia, a tactical systems technician with the 78th Communications Squadron, is the audio director.

“There’s the long hours and not sleeping and if you do sleep, it’s on the bus, but, it’s been a very enjoyable year,” said Airman Griner. “The coolest part has been interacting with the other people on the team. Living so close they

become like family, like your brothers and sisters.”

After leaving the tour, Airman Griner plans to get his commission and then perhaps try out for another tour with the group.

Airman Manfredonia was on the 2004 Tops in Blue team as well.

“Touring with the group has given me, as an audio technician, a wealth of experience in my field. I get to work with all the latest up-to-date equipment Tops in Blue supplies.”

He joined the 2006 team just 36 hours after arriving at Robins so there wasn’t time before he left to meet co-workers.

“When this tour is over I look forward to meeting people in my squadron who have been supporting me and handling paperwork and things for me and putting faces to names,” he said.



Above, a Tops in Blue vocalists interacts with the audience.

Below, Senior Airman Michael Manfredonia, assigned to Robins 78th Communications Squadron, adjusts the sound for the concert Tuesday.



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Center commander, is serenaded by a Tops in Blue Tour member.



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TODAY

An after work super cool party, with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. 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 the officers' club at 926-2670.

Texas Hold 'Em will be held every Sunday 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

The Step Up to the Plate scratch and win game will continue through March 31 at lunch time at the Robins Officer's Club. Club members who eat lunch at the club will receive a scratch-off card worth as much as \$1,000 club card credit or 26-inch flat screen television. For more details, 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

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.

Kids 10 years and younger eat free during divine dining at the officers' club Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 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 to 9 p.m. 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.

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea (\$5 minimum purchase) when they show their retiree I.D. card on Tuesdays in February. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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.

Fly any time on Tuesdays in February and March and receive a discounted rate. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

WEDNESDAY

A membership bar bingo to be held Feb. 21. There will be no bingo 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 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.

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

Award winning dining

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robby the Robin talks with diners at the Hennessy Food show Feb. 8 at Wynn Dining Hall. The Hennessy Evaluation team was here to assess Robins' food services. The John L. Hennessy trophy is an annual award presented to the Air Force installation, in single and multiple-facility categories, having the best food service program in the United States Air Force.



926-2670.

THURSDAY

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.

UPCOMING

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.

Join outdoor recreation on a ski trip to Cataloochee, N.C. Feb. 23 through 25. Meet at outdoor recreation at noon Feb. 23 with a departure of 12:30 p.m. Bus will return at 7 p.m. Feb. 25. Cost is \$225 for individuals; \$380 for two; \$500 for three and \$620 for four. Package includes travel, one room only, lift ticket and ski or snowboard rental. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 16. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

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 through 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, 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, call 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; 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.

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.

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.

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 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 call 926-2670.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride call 222-0013.

A recreational vehicle and trailer storage lot available through outdoor recreation. Lot fees are \$15 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$20 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet for military family housing occupants. All other base I.D. cardholders are \$20 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$25 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

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.

The base restaurant serving lines will be closed until May 25 for renovation. The food court will be closed now through May 9. The restaurant continues to remain open to serve its customers. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

The Officers' Club barber shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and

grades are welcome. For more information, call 918-0775.

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 Cafe at 926-5240.

► The 7th annual World Wide Bowling program will be held 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 Team.

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

► 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. 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 car, green fee, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$30 per person for annual green fee patrons and \$35 for guests. Sign up at the Pine Oaks pro shop.

► Every Monday - Friday in February pay \$15 for green fee and cart all day. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

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

HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER

Sigourney Weaver and Sarah Michelle Gellar When the wizard in charge of Fairy Tale World goes on holiday, Cinderella's wicked stepmother takes over the world, which is home to characters such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Seven Dwarves and Rapunzel. Rated PG.

SATURDAY

FREE SCREENING @ 2P.M.

Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen

From the time he was a child, Charles Farmer had only one goal: to be an astronaut. Earning his degree in aerospace engineering and joining the Air Force as a pilot, Farmer was a natural for NASA's astronaut training program and was well on his way when a family situation forced him to drop out and return home - effectively ending his career. But Farmer was not a man to let anything stand in the way of a dream.

Free passes are available today at local food court, Burger King, service station, shopette and main exchange central check out counters. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. General seating available 15 minutes prior to show time.

ALPHA DOG

Justin Timberlake and Bruce Willis

Johnny is a Los Angeles drug dealer. He comes from a good family, owns his home, several cars and enjoys partying with his friends. Johnny is 19. When his friend Jake welches on a debt, Johnny and his boys kidnap Jake's 15-year-old brother Butch and hold him as a marker. Even though Butch has numerous chances to escape, he doesn't. He's enjoying partying with them, losing his virginity and having a good time - until something goes horribly wrong. Rated R.

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.

► IN BRIEF

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.

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 point of contact to sign up to attend the ceremony by Feb. 23.

ROBINS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

Military and civilian employees interested in sign-

ing up for broadcast courses through Robins Education and Training Services should contact Chad Langford, Robins Distance Learning Center administrator, to assure rooms are available for scheduling and they have completed all necessary steps for registration. Air Force Institute of Technology broadcasts require approval from supervisor, course manager and must usually apply to one's job. Mr. Langford is located in Bldg. 301, west wing, Bay C, Room C10, he may be reached at 926-3528 or chad.langford@robins.af.mil.

For a full list of distance learning classes visit <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/FT/Lists/DLC%20Broadcast%20Schedule/calendar.aspx>.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS LUNCHEON

The American Society of

Military Comptrollers will host a luncheon Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Officers' Club Ballroom.

Topic of discussion will be ethics privatization, and new public management presented by Dr. Jerry Herbel.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. Must RSVP with a ticket representative by today. For more information call Amy Galeazzo at 222-0381.

HEALTHY HEART WALK

The Health and Wellness Center will host a Healthy Heart Walk at the Fitness Center's outdoor track today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check in will be held at the HAWC at 11 a.m. Participants will walk three laps on the track. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be held inside the old Base Gym next to the HAWC. For more information, call 327-8480.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

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.

Center closed

The A&FRC, loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday in observance of

President's Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to a Resume and Cover Letter Preparation class Thursday, 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.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be Thursday 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.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop Thursday 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

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

may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Sponsorship training

The A&FRC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Feb. 27, 9 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., Bldg. 794.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his or her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

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.

Falcons extend home win streak to 29

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Jacob Burtschi chewed on a piece of strawberry Laffy Taffy as he concentrated on the question.

The Air Force senior was asked if the Falcons were playing these days to catch the attention of the NCAA selection committee.

"We just go out there and play," Burtschi said after No. 17 Air Force beat Utah 69-43 on Wednesday night to extend its home winning streak to 29 straight. "If we impress the committee, that's great. We have to just keep playing our game."

It's certainly working — especially at home. The Falcons (22-4, 9-3 Mountain West Conference) are tied with Brigham Young for the longest home winning streak in the nation after Gonzaga's 50-game home win streak was snapped Monday night by Santa Clara.

The Falcons haven't lost at Clune Arena since a 65-56 loss to Utah on Feb. 19, 2005. They've now won 53 of their last 54 games at home.

While keeping the streak alive was motivation enough Wednesday night, the Falcons also had this — a 85-79 loss to Utah on Jan. 16 that halted their school-record tying 13-game win streak.

"We were embarrassed," said Dan Nwaelele, who added 19 points.

And so the Falcons used a swarming defense to force Utah into 19 turnovers and limit the Utes to almost half the number of points as in the first meeting.

Air Force led by as many as 30 points with 7:37 remaining in the game.

"Everyone came

out with fire and passion," said senior Nick Welch, who tied a career high with 20 points. "That's the way we have to play the rest of the season, with that chip on our shoulder. That's when we're at our best."

Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said the Utes (9-15, 4-7) simply lost their focus, which spelled disaster in front of Air Force's hostile crowd.

"We have a pretty good understanding of what we need to be able to do to have a shot, and we didn't do the things we needed to do," he said. "We had a lot of breakdowns."

The Utes were led in scoring by Luke Nevill with 16 points. Ricky Johns had seven points as Utah's two-game winning streak was ended.

The Falcons had no one to match up with the 7-foot-1 Nevill, so they relied on the quickness of Burtschi, who was giving up 7 inches, and Welch, 5 inches shorter.

"It was hard to get the ball inside to me," said Nevill, who came in averaging 17.1 points. "I got too passive on the court."

On one occasion in the second half, Nevill was going in for a layup and Burtschi smacked him hard in the face, drawing the ire of Nevill.

But Burtschi quickly explained to him that it wasn't intentional.

"I was like, 'I can't jump as high as you,'" said Burtschi, who finished with nine points and seven boards.

Welch became the 20th player in Air Force history to score more than 1,000 points in his career with a free throw in the first half.

"Nick played a heck of a ball game," said Air Force coach Jeff Bzdelik, whose team is off to a 22-4 start for the first time in school history.

Welch was 3 of 4 on 3-pointers against Utah and feels like his shot is finally coming around.

"I've been struggling for a long time," he said. "I've been trying hard, but sometimes trying hard isn't enough. I've been in the gym, shooting. Now they're finally starting to fall. Hopefully it will be a continuous trend."

— Associated press



Courtesy photo

Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group intramural basketball team accept a first-place trophy from Kenneth Porter, sports director. Playing in the 30 and over league, the team battled back in the loser's bracket, defeating the 78th Medical Group twice to take home the championship. They won 51-46 in the first game, followed by a 49-42 win in the title game.



Courtesy photo

Jacob Burtschi notched nine points and seven rebounds, helping the Air Force Academy win its 29th straight home game.