

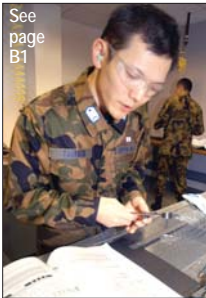
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New handicap parking regulations

A new Robins Air Force Base parking regulation has recently been approved.

Several new actions will be implemented, one of which is handicap parking will no longer be designated to individuals.

Existing designated handicap parking will continue to be valid until changed by the 78th Civil Engineering Group.

Handicap parking will begin to be marked as undesignated handicap parking spaces starting March 5.

Additional details will follow in a future edition of the Rev-Up.

Base Maps

2007 Robins Air Force Base maps are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center located in Bldg. 794.

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 Security Forces minimal manning

Several 78th Security Forces Customer Service functions (police services, installation security, reports and analysis) will be minimally manned from March 1 through April 2. Most personnel who perform these functions will primarily support our shift personnel during our upcoming Air Expeditionary Forces bundle deployment. During this time, we'd ask for your patience as we strive to provide prompt customer service in these functions while simultaneously securing the installation.

This minimal manning will not affect the Pass and ID function. For more information call 926-3212.

78th ABW annual awards

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the 78th ABW 2006 annual awards ceremony Monday 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 today.

Commander's access channel set to debut at Robins



Several 78th Security Forces desks will be minimally manned March 1 - April 2. For U.S. Air Force illustration by 1st LT. SEQUOYA LAWSON

Above is a depiction of the actual screen that will be displayed on Watson Cable channel 15 beginning Tuesday

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Keeping Team Robins in the loop will now be even easier thanks to the addition of a commander's access channel. The commander's access channel will join the Web site and Robins Rev-Up as additional avenues for getting information out to the public.

The commander's access channel is a staple at many bases across the nation and Col. Theresa Carter, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, thought it was time to bring one to Robins.

"I was surprised when I got to

Robins to find out we didn't have a commander's access channel; it's a common feature at every base to which I've been assigned or visited in a TDY capacity," Colonel Carter said.

She said although it's most commonly used to disseminate information about core installation services, its most effective use is to quickly communicate information to base personnel in the event of an emergency. The colonel said the commander's access channel will be an invaluable tool if the base is challenged with a natural disaster or other scenario requiring immediate dissemination of information detailing specific actions base

employees and residents need to take in order to stay out of harms way.

"At Maxwell Air Force Base during Hurricane Ivan, we were able to post information about actions employees and residents should take during each HURCON level and ensure everyone on base would be safe. When you consider the huge transient population at Maxwell with over 2,200 lodging rooms, this capability was absolutely essential to quickly communicating important information," Colonel Carter said.

Although one of the major

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ON TARGET



Above, Joe Harbin, Staff Sgt. Christopher Williams and Master Sgt. Patricia Logue load an AIM-120B onto a missile stand. U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Below, Staff Sgt. Christopher Williams straps an AIM-120B in place. A total of 690 of the missiles will undergo a rocket motor transfer here.

AIM-120 missile undergoes rocket motor transfer to improve launch capability through teaming effort at Robins

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD holly.birchfield@robins.af.mil

Robins is working with the Raytheon Company on a three-year project that will give fighter aircraft the right power at the right time.

Five munitions workers from the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron are teaming up with four Tucson, Ariz.-based Raytheon workers in a three-year, \$4.6 million project which started its first phase Feb. 5. About 360 missiles out of 690 to undergo rocket motor transfers will take place here during fiscal 2007.

The air-to-air missile, designed to shoot down enemy aircraft, is the primary weapon for the F-15 and F-16. The AIM-120C is the primary weapon for the F-22 and eventually it will go on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Master Sgt. Patricia Logue, senior inspector in the 78th

LRS Munitions Storage Area, said the change over in the weapon was necessary to address problems in the missile's makeup.

"Basically, what we're doing is we're moving the rocket motors off of the AIM-120A and we're moving them over to the AIM-120B," she said. "It's called a rocket motor transfer. The reason for that is there's a mild defect in the aero jet rocket motor. They have a service life of 10 and a half years and they're ending (their viability)."

Edward Louie, senior multi-discipline engineer at Raytheon, said the swap out on the AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles comes as the missile's initial model is aging and losing its programming capability.

"The AIM-120A is the first generation AMRAM and they don't have any program memory, so they're less capable than the B and C versions that can be



reprogrammed," he said. "The AIM-120As have all the good rocket motors in them, while the AIM-120 Bs and Cs have the faulty rocket motors. The Air Force wants to start decommissioning the A missiles because they're 15 years old now. So, we're going to take all the good rocket motors out before we take them (to Letter Kenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania) so they can be demilitarized, and we're put-

ting our good rocket motors into the B and C missiles, which can be reprogrammed and have a higher capability and they're going to be updated with software."

Mr. Louie said previously, the missiles posed a danger of blowing up once they left the aircraft.

Raytheon and Robins identified problems with the missiles

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Watch out

Online information predators can ruin financial future

By AMANDA CREEL amanda.creel.ctr@robins.af.mil

When it comes to guarding your personal information, you can never be too careful. This is a lesson learned the hard way by several federal employees who participate in the Thrift Savings Plan.

Several TSP participants' personal computers were infected by keylogging software, which allowed criminals to monitor and record all key strokes made by the participants without their knowledge. Keylogging software allows criminals to retrieve passwords, personal identification numbers or encryption keys. About a dozen TSP participants' computer systems were breached by the keylogging software and the breach resulted in a combined loss of about \$35,000.

Although neither the TSP nor myPay systems have been breached, Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials are urging all users of both systems to take the necessary steps to make sure their personal information is not vulnerable to scams and identity theft.

One of the first steps to safeguarding your finances is making sure you have updated security software such as firewalls, anti-virus and spyware detection; the lack of such software appears to be one of the reasons the TSP participants' computers were compromised.

Any Department of Defense employees concerned about the security of their personal computer can update their security software for free through the Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations. The service is available at the Robins secure Web site inside the information links box, where a link is available for software for home use.

Along with ensuring the security of your personal computer is updated, DFAS officials encourage personnel to

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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.

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SECURITY

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never use public-use computers such as those in Internet cafes to conduct personal business.

"Every one must be diligent in taking time to monitor all accounts, such as personal checking and savings accounts and all credit card accounts, not just their TSP or myPay accounts," said Cheryl McNeil-Jordan Robins, financial services flight chief.

"Make sure the expenditures showing match your records," said Ms. McNeil-Jordan.

She said it is important to monitor accounts daily because the longer the unauthorized activity goes without being detected the harder it is to trace back to the person responsible.

She also said DOD employees should carefully check all balances related to their Leave and Earnings Statement on the myPay Web site.

DOD employees should check their LES each month to make sure everything is OK. They should be aware of all their balances such as their leave balance, she said.

Once you have installed or updated security software, DFAS officials advise users to also be careful to log off secure Web site after they are finished and then to close the browser completely. DFAS officials said using the back arrow or button does not guarantee your secure session was ended.

The security measures don't end when you turn off your computer; there are other steps that should be taken to ensure your financial safety.

"My best piece of advice for anyone is to buy a nice crosscut shredder," Ms. McNeil-Jordan said. "I shred anything with my name and address on it and obviously everything with my account number."

Other steps individuals should take to safe guard their financial information include being aware of your surroundings such as covering your PIN when entering it at retail stores or at an Automated Teller Machine.

"If you are proactive, you can nip it in the bud," said Ms. McNeil-Jordan.

Shoppers and bankers should also attempt to shield account numbers when standing in line to withdraw cash or purchase items.

Other ways she said individuals should protect their finances are by not including their social security numbers on their checks or their driver's license.

"Guard it (your social security number), don't give it out to anyone without making sure they have a valid need for it," Ms. McNeil-Jordan.

She also said Airmen who live in dorms or have roommates should also be careful and lock up personal information because you never know who might come in when you are not around.

"Be careful leaving things out for people to see," said Ms. McNeil-Jordan.

She encourages supervisors of young Airmen to help educate them on how to protect their financial information. She said safeguarding finances is a great Wingman's Day or Commander's Call topic.

"Five or 10 minutes of vigilance could save someone a lot of heartache," she said.

Look ma, no cavities



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

February has been designated as Children's Dental Health Month and Robins is celebrating it with a variety of activities to teach its youth about the importance of starting proper dental care early.

Above, Nathaniel Leahigh, 2nd grade student at Robins Elementary, views some dental x-rays during a visit by the 78th Dental Squadron Feb. 21. The squadron spent the day at the school educating the children on dental health.

At right, Alex the Alligator, 78th Dental Squadron mascot, mingles with the students at Robins Elementary.



FLUORIDE- THE BUILDING BLOCK OF STRONGER TEETH

The substance that makes your teeth grow strong, protects themselves against decay, and provides a lifetime of smiles, is fluoride.

Fluoride strengthens your tooth enamel and helps prevent or lessen the number of cavities you may get. According to the American Dental Association, fluoride makes teeth more resistant to acid attacks caused by bacteria in plaque. Fluoride also helps reverse the early decay process and creates a tooth surface more resistant to decay.

Fluoride is obtained either through direct application to the teeth or by ingesting it through tap water or fluoride supplements. Besides various toothpastes and home mouth rinses that contain fluoride, your dentist can apply several types of topical fluoride treatments.

With the popularity of bottled water that often does not contain fluoride, many people miss out on the benefits of fluoride found in tap water. Although some bottled water producers are now adding fluoride to their products, you may want to talk to your doctor or dentist if you are not receiving fluoride in your drinking water.

If you have any questions about fluoride such as if your children are getting enough, please contact your dentist.

—Capt. (Dr.) Beth Jablonowski, 78th Medical Group Dental Squadron.

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criticisms of commander's access channels has been that few people watch or pay attention to messages being displayed. Colonel Carter feels that this initiative has the potential to be effective.

"I believe it will be very effective over time. New technology will help us make the (channel) an even better tool for communicating command messages and information. Rather than simply replaying a series of power point slides, we will be able to incorporate streaming video and text to help communicate the information," the colonel said.

Anyone on base will access to Watson Cable will be able to tune to Channel 15 to see the commanders access channel. The colonel said she would like to see the CAC played on TVs in waiting areas and break rooms. Eventually, she'd like to see the channel available on Cox Cable as well as Watson, as many residents in family housing use Cox for their cable TV provider.

Although excited about the

potential, Colonel Carter recognizes it will take time for the channel to build an audience. "It will take some time for personnel to know the channel is there and for us to continue fine tuning the information presented to ensure we meet their needs," she said.

The 78th ABW Public Affairs Office will maintain the channel, with 2nd Lt. Evan Lagasse being the content manager. Lieutenant Lagasse said the channel will be more than just a set of scrolling slides.

"I envision the channel as being a great tool to educate, inform and possibly even entertain our Airmen here at Robins," Lieutenant Lagasse said. "We don't just want it to be Powerpoint slides; we want to include audio, video and much, much more. The potential is there for something great, but growing something from scratch takes time. I hope people on base will be patient and give it a chance."

Public affairs has a written policy with guidelines outlining what content will be approved for display on the channel, but Lieutenant Lagasse said he is welcome to input from members on base as to what they'd

like to see on the channel.

The commander's access channel will be live Tuesday.

WHAT TO KNOW

Information displayed on the channel will be of interest to the general internal audience. In addition to mission-essential and emergency announcements, information about official programs and events, combat and special interest program events, services events, chapel events, college seminars and registration dates, and meeting times and dates for military and Services-sanctioned organizations may be aired on the commander's access channel. The channel will not be used for personal reasons, such as birthdays, retirement ceremonies, sales and concessionaire promotions or classified advertisements. Squadron commanders will designate a single agency or point of contact to submit items for the access channel. To have content considered for commander's access channel, contact 2nd Lt. Evan Lagasse at 222-0812 or evan.lagasse@robins.af.mil.

ROCKET

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about a year and a half ago, Mr. Louie said. But plans for the project didn't begin until October 2006, after Global War on Terrorism funds became available in September to support the effort.

Field units from around the country have been shipping the missiles to Robins for the swap outs.

Mr. Louie said in addition to Robins, his team has worked with Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in the project. The team plans to visit Robins 12 more times throughout the year, spending about two weeks at the base each time.

The Raytheon worker said the transfer provided a safer

capability for the warfighter.

"By swapping out these rocket motors to the Bs and Cs, we've given the warfighters multiple capabilities and we're protecting them at the same time, by giving them the correct rocket motors," he said. "We're just really excited to be out here because we know how important it is for the Air Force to get this done and we're hoping to get it all done on time and on schedule."

Joe Harbin, a 78th LRS munitions inspector, assisting Raytheon munitions inspectors in disassembling and reassembling missiles in the project, said he has learned a lot as the physically-challenging project has begun to unfold.

"The Raytheon people have been real professional," he said. "It's been a real challenge for us

each and every day to find out new schemes and new ways of doing things."

Once completed, the B and C models of the missile will be shipped to units across the Air Force and Air National Guard who use them.

Sergeant Logue said the project will ensure Airmen who are stateside and in the area of responsibility are mission ready.

"Basically what we're doing by taking the motor off the model that has the ending service life and transferring it over, we'll get the right missiles back out to the right place at the right time to hit the right target to defend our country and our fellow Airmen," she said.

Raytheon representatives are set to visit Robins March 3 to continue the project, Mr. Louie said.

State-of-the-art Decision Support Center gives way to open discussion, anonymous collaboration

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

By LISA MATHEWS
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Have you ever needed a forum in which all opinions could be expressed without any attribution? Are there times you wish you could freely state your concerns without fear of retribution? If so, you might want to check out the Decision Support Center.

Located in Bldg. 255, the DSC is a state-of-the-art facility designed and developed by personnel within the Plans and Programs Directorate Acquisition Center of Excellence. The center is a conference room with 30 modular workstations that can be configured to meet any group's facilitation needs.

The center uses GroupSystems, software designed specifically for collaborative decision making. The software allows participants to type in their opinions, concerns or issues on the keyboard. When they hit the enter key, their input is shown on the screen at the front of the room with no attribution and no way to track who entered which comment.

The program can also sort and categorize inputs by a variety of means which can be tailored to a group's particular needs.

"The collaborative environment fostered by the DSC stimulates open discussion in a virtual non-attribution forum since participant issues and concerns are entered anonymously," said Mark Leslein, the ACE contact for DSC information and reservations. "The DSC levels the playing field by treating everybody's

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information or to schedule an event, contact Mr. Leslein at 926-0281 or via e-mail at mark.leslein@robins.af.mil.

inputs as equal. Whether you are a large business or a small business, a ranking officer or an airman, a user or a provider, everyone has the opportunity to be heard."

The DSC supports risk assessments, brainstorming sessions and real-time group document reviews. Acquisition teams also use the DSC to support Industry Days, where representatives from industry meet government representatives to discuss upcoming acquisition issues.

"The environment reduces the impact of dominant players to steer a particular acquisition decision down a certain path since all participants have equal opportunities to express their issues in the virtual environment," Mr. Leslein said.

Mr. Leslein said the DSC tools have amazed customers in supporting their critical acquisition events and the results have always exceeded their expectations.

"The time saved by the automatic report-generation tools eliminates a lot of administrative burdens on the program office in developing and distribution of the session results to the event participants. Next-day data deliveries to the customers are the norm," he added.

The monitors in the room do not allow e-mail checks. They are not connected to the main server systems for the base. One computer in the cen-

ter can be connected to the Internet if a group needs to have Internet connection for data gathering in a more global environment.

Groups wishing to use the DSC for an event should contact Mr. Leslein at least one week in advance.

"While the tools can be tai-

lored to on-the-spot sessions, the degree of success of a function is how well the meeting is planned and executed against expectations," he said. "The most successful sessions are a result of pre-planning what the group wishes to achieve from the GS tools available."

► IN BRIEF

ROBINS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

Military and civilian employees interested in signing 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>.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A free sample presentation of Financial Peace University, a 13-week, video-driven course taught by Dave Ramsey and facilitated by Chaplain Victor Pagan will be offered Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at the Robins Education Center in Bldg. 905.

Financial Peace University teaches families and individuals how to manage their resources. FPU covers all areas of personal finance.

To sign up e-mail, victor.pagan@robins.af.mil or call 926-2821.

NETWORK 56 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Network 56 is the forum for all E-5s and E-6s to get their voice heard on enlisted issues and make a difference in the community. Join us at First Friday at the Robins Enlisted Club March 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. for a Network 56 membership drive. An information booth will be set up in the club foyer and there will be a drawing for cash prizes with your paid Network 56 membership application.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kimberly Hutchins at 327-6716.

Robins psychology professional shares journey to finding himself

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Capt. Steven Schmidt found his love of psychology in his early 30s. But his journey to the career was filled with many winding turns.

Captain Schmidt, chief of Behavioral Health Consultation Service in the 78th Medical Group's Medical Operations Squadron here since October 2006 started down the path to higher education at the University of Missouri at St. Louis in 1985.

At first, Captain Schmidt dabbled with majors like business, English and engineering. After some time, the wandering student transferred to St. Louis Community College, still trying to find his niche.

He searched further for his calling and found himself enlisting in the U.S. Navy.

Toward the end of a nine-year stint in the U.S. Navy, Captain Schmidt headed back to school at San Diego Community College and eventually made his way to San Diego State University in California to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology.

The Air Force officer, who recently earned Air Force's 2006 Alan W. London Company Grade Psychologist of the Year Award, said it was then he realized that psychology was the one thing that continued to keep his interest. He did some voluntary

research and hands-on work in the field with professors at the university.

"I've always liked helping people," he said. "Initially, it was probably more of the research and seeing how different things affect people that really got me. I've really done most of my work in health psychology, so it was really kind of how psychological factors, behavior factors, social support and other things in people's lives that traditionally hadn't been thought of as part of medical care were starting to be shown to have a big impact on people's physical health as well as their mental health."

The aspiring psychologist knew he had to go higher in his education to make his passion a profession. He earned his master's and doctorate's degrees in clinical psychology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Captain Schmidt stepped into the blue in 2003, joining the Air Force to start his residency.

The psychologist said getting to the core of who he was going

to be when he grew up was tough.

"Deciding what I wanted to do with my life was one of the most challenging things," he said. "It's taken some years. It was spread over so many years. It doesn't seem like such a big, huge challenge, but when you add it all up, it probably was."

Captain Schmidt admits he has had days when he has doubted his belonging in the mental health field. Like many, it's an on-going inner game of tug-of-war.

"There are still days that are like, 'Well, why am I doing this?'" he said. "There are times when you're not seeing results or patients start doing worse, and it's just exhausting sometimes."

But, it's the good days that keep the 39-year-old psychologist going.

"It's good to see somebody who originally came in to your office falling apart begin to function well again and move on with their lives," he said.

The Air Force captain now spends most of his time working with people who have work and relationship stress or people who have more severe mental illnesses.

Captain Schmidt enjoys helping people who come through the Life Skills Support Center and Primary Health Clinic. But, he has no problem keeping his work out of mind when he's out of the office.

"Being a psychologist, I get all kinds of comments," he said. "When I meet people or talk to relatives, (they say) 'Oh, you're probably analyzing me,' and I'm like, 'Nope.' I don't think about it I don't worry about why you function the way you function. It doesn't matter."

When away from work, the Missouri native and his wife, Ann Alriksson, a Sweden native who works as a researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, enjoy traveling, playing golf, cooking and trail running.

The captain has ran a half-marathon, a marathon and a 31-mile ultra-marathon. Now he spends most of his time running to keep up with his 7-month-old daughter, Alexandra.

"It's all new," he said. "It's a wonderful thing. As a psychologist, you're supposed to know these things, but there's still no manual. So, I'm learning every day."

When he can find time, he still enjoys cooking, a skill he picked up while working in the restaurant business in his early college days. Italian cooking is his specialty.

In fact, the novice cook, who has less than 10 years until he's eligible to retire from his military career, said he's thinking about starting his own business, possibly in the restaurant industry, when he hangs up his Air Force blues.



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Airmen work alongside Peruvian military during joint exercise



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. ERIC KREPS

An F-16 Fighting Falcon piloted by Lt. Col. Tom "Divot" Smith flies over Peru during dissimilar air combat training as part of Falcon and Condor 2007, a joint exercise between the U.S. and Peruvian Air Forces. The exercise allows the U.S. military to build relationships with military and civilian leaders of Peru. The F-16 is from the 34th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

The Air Force's most valuable resource

Transformation. Modernization. Force shaping. Lean reengineering. Recapitalizing the force.

If you're in today's Air Force, chances are you've heard one of these buzzwords that all allude to the myriad changes taking place across our service. Multiple, radical changes are nothing new to the military. As a matter of fact, changes have been taking place since the Air Force was born in 1947.

Perhaps you've heard some form of the old adage, "If you don't like today's changes, just stick around long enough and we'll come full circle." Fortunately, there is one thing that has remained constant: people are the Air Force's most valuable resource. You are the Air Force's most valuable resource.

Sure, there are days when we don't feel that way. Force shaping and reduction-in-force

boards don't exactly make us feel invaluable. But the fact of the matter is, without you, the mission would never get accomplished.

True enough, technology has enabled us to perform a number of tasks with far fewer people than we needed in the past. It wasn't long ago that leave forms were filled out manually and every squadron had a leave monitor for tracking purposes. Today, LeaveWeb enables us to accomplish everything online, individually.

Gone are the days when the squadron secretary typed up your temporary duty orders and you had to buy your resource advisor for a fund cite. Now it's all done electronically, through the Defense Travel System. And 10 years ago, who among us envisioned a "virtual" military personnel flight?

Although we've been able to streamline many of our

processes, it is still people who perform the mission. Today's Airmen are the brightest, most talented to ever enter the military. No modernized piece of equipment can provide the ingenuity, innovativeness and flexibility of the human mind. Today, we have an unmanned aerial vehicle, but without the human controlling that aircraft, it would wander aimlessly and fail to achieve its desired objective.

Yes, we have information systems that can provide us with unimaginable quantities of data, but without a person analyzing these products, they would never become coherent, actionable information.

It is critical that military leaders maximize their Airmen's potential by fostering an environment of respect and trust. Part of this is ensuring our folks have the training and education necessary to perform their duties. A piece of equip-

ment may be able to flawlessly perform the same function over and over again, but only a person has the ability to adapt and overcome ever-changing conditions on the battlefield. Never have these attributes been more important than in the continuing war on terrorism.

Machines and equipment are merely means to accomplish the mission, and it is leadership's responsibility to ensure our Airmen have the necessary resources to succeed. Force recapitalization is helping to provide our Airmen with the best, most modern equipment available.

But you are more than a means to an end. You make mission accomplishment possible. You are undoubtedly the Air Force's most valuable resource.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Daniel Liggins, 319th Communications Squadron.



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.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:

- ▶ Security Forces 327-3445
- ▶ Services Division 926-5491
- ▶ 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/action-line.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

Operating a vehicle on Robins

Driving a privately owned vehicle on an Air Force installation is a privilege granted by the installation commander. When accepting that privilege, one must comply with the laws and instructions governing motor vehicle operation and registration on the installation. Everyone operating a motor vehicle on a military installation must produce, upon request from Security Forces, the following:

- Proof of valid vehicle ownership or registration
- Valid state driver's license
- Proof of current vehicle insurance

Driving on base is no different than driving off base. There are traffic laws that must be obeyed and consequences for those who fail to do so. Here at Robins, security forces issue DD Form 1408s, Armed Forces Traffic Citations. Consequently, personnel can receive suspension of base driving privileges. 78th SFS Reports and Analysis, 926-5842, is the point of contact for points assessed to citations.

The 78th SFS goal is to ensure the safety of all personnel on Robins and its most important asset...people. For more information on operating a vehicle or traffic regulations, call 78th SFS Police Services at 222-1991, 222-1992 or 222-1993. You may also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/sfs/> and select Reports and Analysis on the left hand side for additional citation information.

Learn to appreciate what you have

Is it just me, or does there appear to be an increased amount of complaining coming from the American populous?

Like most Americans, I get my news from the TV, radio or print media, and lately all I get is a lot of negativity about how bad someone's life really is.

I'll be the first to admit there were times when I was right there with the complainers. I can remember as a child, teenager and young Airman complaining about the tribulations in my life, that to me were paramount, but in reality more or less inconveniences. I was sure to complain if I didn't make it to lunch on time, get enough sleep or have enough money.

Education and experience, both of which came with age, taught me to reflect on life and truly appreciate the good fortune I had. One of the tools that helped me appreciate my surroundings was to compare my perceived woes to those around me. My eyes became open to the true problems many face in the world. When many of us feel like we have a legitimate

gripe, just think about the examples below. Maybe we don't have it that bad after all.

Ever feel like you are bored because you have nothing to do or no one to do it with? Just think about former Navy Lieutenant Everett Alvarez Jr. He was shot down over North Vietnam on Aug. 5, 1964. He endured eight-and-a-half years of brutal captivity, while spending more than one year of this time in solitary confinement. He was not freed until April 1973.

Ever hear people complaining about how hungry they are because they are late for lunch? Think back a few years ago to those young U.S. Marines pushing toward Baghdad along a 300-mile invasion route. They were advancing so quickly they left much of their resupply structure in their wake. This forced many to eat only one MRE per day for about a week. Eating one meal a day is tough, but think about doing this while sprinting in full gear, in the spring heat of Iraq while being used for target practice.

Think you are inconve-

nient because you have to sit in that middle seat on an airliner? Just do a little research on what the African slaves had to endure on an eight-week oceanic trip from Africa to the Colonies in the 1700s, or what Jewish Holocaust survivors experienced while being transported by rail to concentration camps during World War II. Somehow our middle seat doesn't even compare to being stacked like cord wood.

I'm sure many of you have heard spouses complain during PCS moves, wondering how he or she will fit 15,000 pounds of household goods into their 2,500 square foot home. Right now the 1,000,000 people in Southeast Asia left homeless by the 2004 tsunami would love to have that same problem.

Upset because you look in your closet and have nothing to wear? There are hundreds of thousands of your fellow Americans relying on charity, gifts or handouts because they lost everything during Hurricane Katrina.

Are you really upset because you don't think you make

enough money? Try watching the recent film "Cinderella Man". You will see how boxing legend James J. Braddock provided for a family of five during the Depression Era. Trust me, there were thousands more like him who had it even worse.

I know we as Americans will always complain about something. This is one of our inalienable rights our forefathers fought and died for. However, we should look at our own inconveniences through a different lens, and see how our problems look from different perspectives. We may see that our problems pale in comparison to many around us. In fact, we may seize the opportunity to seek change or help those less fortunate. We recently celebrated the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We should reflect upon a great individual who had much to complain about, but instead sought to better the lives of all Americans.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Chuck Metrolis, 1st Rescue Squadron commander.

BEYOND BORDERS



Tech. Sgt. Tatsuya Sato drills rivet holes in a simulated battle damaged piece of sheet metal so a patch can be attached. U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

653rd CLSS maintenance instructors provide aircraft battle damage repair training to Japan Air Self Defense Force

By AMANDA CREEL
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Some 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron training instructors not only have the responsibility of training Robins maintainers, they also have the opportunity to train maintainers from some of the United States' allies.

On Feb. 12, five members of the Japan Air Self Defense Force arrived at Robins to attend Aircraft Battle Damage Repair training.

The ABDR training teaches techniques designed to help maintainers repair aircraft quickly and get them back to the fight, said Tech. Sgt. Glen Weaver, a training instructor for the ABDR program at Robins. Most of the repair techniques focus on damage that occurs in battle, but the repair techniques can also be applied to aircraft damaged in other situations, such as crash landings.

Lt. Col. Masafumi "Happy" Ito, Robins liaison officer with the JASDF, said the five students are attending training at Robins because Japan does not have an ABDR training program and these students will replace students who completed the training two years ago.

The Japanese maintainers are here to train on both the F-15 and the C-130. Before departing March 8, the students will participate in three differ-



Tomohiro Matsuo, the civilian member among the students, gets instruction from Tech. Sgt. Glen Weaver, 653rd Aircraft Battle Damage Repair training instructor.

ent courses: the Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Technician, the Aircraft Battle Damage Assessor and an F-15-specific or C-130-specific class, depending on which aircraft the student works on. Once the students have completed the training and spend six months working on their respective aircraft they are ABDR certified.

Two of the Japanese students, 1st Lt. Yusuke Asano and Staff Sgt. Masayaka Takeuchi, will return to Japan to be maintenance instructors.

The pair agreed watching the instructors here and being trained in the ABDR techniques would be helpful as they returned to teach their troops aircraft maintenance.

"We came to learn ABDR and also to communicate with the U.S. Air Force. It's an opportunity to communicate deeper," Lieutenant Asano said.

1st Lt. Atsushi Furusato, another student with the group, said Robins provided a good environment to learn all the

material required during the ABDR training. He added it was also a good opportunity to study English.

Not all of the students were members of the JASDF. Tomohiro Matsuo is a civilian contractor who works for Kawasaki Industries, the company that maintains the C-130 aircraft for the JASDF.

"The mission has recently expanded and we have to maintain and improve our support abilities to meet the demand," Mr. Matsuo said.

Above top, Staff Sgt. Jacob Wall watches as 1st Lt. Yusuke Asano makes a repair.

Above bottom, 1st Lt. Atsushi Furusato looks at a simulated battle damage hole that he will be repairing.

To teach the principals and procedures of the ABDR training to the foreign students, some alterations have to be made to the training syllabus, such as OPSEC checks to make sure no classified information is released.

"We had to actually revise our lesson plans to fit their aircraft," Sergeant Weaver said. He said although both forces fly F-15s, they use different models resulting in some discrepancies between repair procedures.

Staff Sgt. Paul Hockaday, an ABDR training instructor, said we have to go through the Foreign Disclosure Office, "to make sure what we are teaching isn't classified."

The Robins instructors said they wouldn't trade the opportunity to teach both Robins Airmen and foreign students because it allows them to bring a broader perspective to the classroom.

Sergeant Hockaday said the language barrier doesn't hinder them from training the

Japanese students or keep the trainers from gaining knowledge from the Japanese students.

"In maintenance, we all kind of speak the same language, even if it is two different languages," said Sergeant Hockaday.

Sergeant Weaver said the foreign students have a solid approach to learning and that they are meticulous about every detail of the technical orders they learn in the training.

"They hang on every word we say in class. They are very serious about learning everything we teach them," Sergeant Weaver said.

All five students and the instructors agreed participating in the training was a good opportunity to develop and enhance foreign relations between the two countries.

"It helps with foreign relations. We learn a little bit about them, they learn a little bit about us," Sergeant Hockaday said.

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TODAY

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

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

Congratulations to Carl Vogt, Air Force Reserve Command, who won the \$1,000 club card credit by playing Step Up to the Plate Feb. 9.

Step Up to the Plate scratch and win game will continue through March 31 at lunch time at the Robins Officers' Club. Club members who eat lunch at the club will receive a scratch-off card for a chance to win prizes such as a 26-inch flat screen television, two months free dues, next lunch on us, extra \$1 off next visit a coffee mug or H2O bottle. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

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

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

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 First Friday "Country & Western" will be held at the Robins Enlisted Club and the Robins Officers' Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 2. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is

High times at the Robins Aero Club

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Hugh Holloway, assistant chief flight instructor uncovers a Piper Warrior at the Aero Club. The Robins Aero Club is located at 186 Perimeter Road and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One of the current specials offered by the club is fly any time on Tuesdays in February and March and receive a discounted rate. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.



members free and nonmembers \$5. Entertainment will include the Bob Cummings Quartet at the officers' club and DJ Willie Nelson at the enlisted club. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

The 2007 Winter Sports Day will be held March 6 starting at 7:30 a.m. Events include the following: unit formation run at 7:30 a.m., male and female 3-on-3 basketball at 8:15 a.m., bowling at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m., table tennis at 9:15 a.m., wallball at 10:15 a.m., male and female racquetball at 11:15 a.m., swimming at 11 a.m. and volleyball at 12:15 p.m. A trophy presentation will be held at 3 p.m. at the fitness center annex.

The events are open to all base units. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Gourmet Night has been cancelled at the Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Take part in paintball fun when Outdoor Adventure takes a trip to On Target Paintball March 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person and includes 1,000 paintballs, a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment and an air conditioned room for breaks will be available for use. Transportation departing from and returning to outdoor recreation will be provided. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Persons 10 to 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 14 people are required to participate. Please register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by March 13. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Join outdoor recreation on a horseback riding trip to Forrest Hills Mountain, Ga. to be held March 24. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. with a departure of 9 a.m. Bus will return at 4 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. Package includes travel, one-hour guided horseback ride, picnic table area for lunch, horseshoe pit, basketball and volleyball court. Age requirement is 10 years and older. Long pants and closed toed shoes are required. Deadline to sign up is March 8. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information call 926-4001.

ONGOING

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

The Enlisted Club barber shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 923-9593.

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.

► Visit ITT's 7th Annual Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel Show March 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956. Visitors will have chance to win a variety of prizes and gain information to plan their next weekend getaway or vacation.

► 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 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.

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

► Every Monday through Friday in February pay \$15 for green fee and cart all day.

► Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in February for \$15 with green fee and cart.

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 call 926-2670.

Want to sell a car, boat or truck? Place it on the sales lot near Bldg. 640. Registration is held at Bldg. 914 and cost is \$15 for 15 days or \$30 for 30 days. No dealers allowed. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

For Services information any time call 222-4636.

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.

ERIDAY

STOMP THE YARD

Columbus Short, Brian J. White

DJ is a troubled youth from Los Angeles attending the historically black Truth University in Atlanta, Georgia. When adapting to his new environment proves difficult, DJ finds solace in joining a struggling fraternity where he begins implementing his street-style dance moves in an attempt to help the step team win the coveted National Step show Championship. Before long DJ becomes the competing fraternity's main rival, while trying to pursue his new love interest, deal with his own troubled past and learn the true meanings of brotherhood and fraternity along the way. (A scene of violence, some sexual material and language) Rated PG-13. 114 minutes.

SATURDAY

FREEDOM WRITERS

Hillary Swank, Imelda Staunton

A dedicated California teacher finds a way to unify her disadvantaged, racially divided students, and to improve their grasp of academics, partly by having them keep journals about their violent, troubled lives. (violent content, some thematic material and language) Rated PG-13. 123 minutes.

UPCOMING

THE QUEEN

Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen

A revealing, witty portrait of the British royal family in crisis immediately following the death of Princess Diana. (brief strong language) Rated PG-13. 103 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.



U.S. Air Force photo by JOHN NIEDERKORN
From left; Brian Keeling, a Simpler consultant; Ron Ritter, special assistant and deputy for Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Office; Steve Arflin, change manager for the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group; Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert, director of AFSO21 Office; and Col. Dennis Daily, commander of the 402nd EMXG, discuss an A3 board which is used during Lean and AFSO21 events.

AFSO21 leadership gets tour, close up view of Lean at Robins

By LISA MATHEWS
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Two Lean experts recently visited Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, touring various sites around the Center to see at what level AFSO21 initiatives have been inducted into the areas.

Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert, director of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, and Dr. Ron Ritter, special assistant and deputy for AFSO21, have been touring various Air Force bases around the country. After their Feb. 13 visit to Robins, the duo said the Lean principals practiced at Robins make up 98 percent of AFSO21.

One of the tenets of Lean thinking is that perfection is

impossible to achieve, thus there is always room for improvement. During a briefing by Robert Williams, deputy director of the Personnel Directorate, he mentioned that improvements in the hiring process at Robins have brought about some very good results. Still DP was not ready to sit back and relax, and intends to continue with continuous process improvement initiatives.

"I like to hear that you're proud of what you've done, but that you've got further to go. This shows you continue to work toward even more improvement," General Gilbert said. "We're walking across the Air Force and seeing various stages of maturity. You are several steps ahead of the others and you recognize what you do

and its effect on the warfighter."

Lean is not a means for a quick fix to a problem. Some Lean events call for extended time to work projects before a solution is in place. The Lean thinking concepts do allow for problems to become obvious so they can be addressed.

Dr. Ritter said while it may not be possible to fix something immediately, there has to be awareness of the problem before it can be solved.

"Lean is not for the faint of heart," he said.

During the visit the two toured areas within the 402nd Maintenance Wing, the 78th Medical Group and the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing. They also attended the prayer luncheon at the Museum of Aviation.

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.

Sponsorship training

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

The training provides information on what 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.

Volunteer resource program

The Center offers an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities, both on base and in the local community, Tuesday, 9 to 10 a.m., Bldg. 794.

The Volunteer Resource Program is the focal point that connects Team Robins members with service opportunities at Robins.

TAP workshop

A three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop will be March 5 - 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day in Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: job search skills, resume and cover letters, interviewing skills, career planning, veterans benefits, disabled veterans issues and more.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and find you cannot attend, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center to cancel your reservation—there is a waiting list.

Job connection

The A&FRC will host a "Job Connection," job fair March 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Bldg. 794. More than 15 employers are expected to attend. This job fair is open to all veterans, all Team Robins members, eligible family members and the middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the A&FRC has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. Informational site for all personnel, www.militaryonesource.com.

From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Military One Source 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If

you don't have a computer you can call 1-800-342-9647, and for conversation en Espanol, llame al: 1-877-888-0727.

Henry H. Arnold education grant program

Applications for the Air Force Aid Gen. Henry H. Arnold \$2,000 college grant are available and can be picked up at the A&FRC, Bldg. 794, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30.

Since its inception in 1942, the Air Force Aid Society has been committed to helping Air Force members and their families realize their academic goals. In recent years, the Society's emphasis has been on direct funding of new initiatives that provide greater value to Air Force families.

The centerpiece of the Society's education initiatives is the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides \$2,000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies.

Awards for the 2007 academic year will be announced in June 2007. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books, fees, or other curriculum-required materials.

Pre-deployment briefings

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

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

For up-to-date
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116th ACW gets overtime win in intramural finals

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Some say it takes a little luck to win big games. Others say good teams create their own opportunities for luck. Either way, fortune smiled down on the 116th Air Control Wing Feb. 15, as the intramural team notched a 44-43 overtime victory over the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group in the championship game of the men's intramural basketball tournament.

Trailing 40-37 with just two seconds remaining in the game, Prentiss Law got a loose ball just across half court and launched a desperation shot attempt. Miraculously, the ball landed through the hoop as the buzzer

sounded, sending the game into overtime.

"I thought it was a good shot, but I expected it to be fouled or for the shot to be blocked. I really didn't expect it to go in," Law said. "The team was hustling and they kept the ball alive and I just shot it and it went in."

Good fortune was on the 116 ACW's side again in overtime. After both teams traded baskets, the ACW decided to play for the final shot. But with the score tied 42-42 and just 13 seconds remaining, the 402nd EMXG stole an inbounds pass and made a break for the basket. A foul sent the team to the free throw line.

The first free throw attempt was good, but an intentional

miss on the second attempt proved to be a poor decision, as the 116th grabbed the rebound. With just a few seconds remaining, the team sent flying another desperation three-point attempt. This one was errant, but Ronnie Carter was underneath the basket and had just

enough time to grab the rebound and sink the put back to give his team the one-point victory.

The 116th ACW was fortunate even to be in a position to send the game into overtime. They led 20-19 after a low scoring first half, but came out flat in the second half. The 402nd opened the second half with a 16-4 run to take an 11-point lead. The 116th gradually chipped away at the lead.

Trailing by six points with 30 seconds remaining in the game, the team hit a three pointer to pull to within three points of the lead and give the team a chance to send the game into overtime. The 402nd had several chances to put the game out of reach, but twice missed the first end of a one-and-one situation at the foul line in the final 30 seconds of the game.

The 116th ACW finished the season with an 11-1 record, including a 4-0 record in the tournament. The 402nd EMXG went unbeaten during the regular season, but had two losses in the double elimination tournament, both to the 116th. The 78th Medical Group finished in third place in the tournament.



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Despite this blocked shot by a member of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron, the team still suffered a 44-43 loss to the 116th Air Control Wing in the intramural basketball finals.



Members of the 116th Air Control Wing

Best face forward: Flightline kitchen supervisor uses personal stamp of approval for flight lunches

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Every flight lunch at Robins is accompanied by a smile; some boxes are stamped with a smiley face and others are stamped with the smile of Paula McCollum, flight kitchen supervisor.

The stamp bearing Mrs. McCollum's likeness was a gift from a former Joint STARS commander and is one she proudly still uses to label lunches after she prepares them.

Mrs. McCollum said no matter which smile accompanies the flight lunch, the same care and good wishes go with it.

"It is so rewarding to make someone smile when they come through the door sad," Mrs. McCollum said. "That's what I think I was put here for."

Along with stamping a smile on each flight lunch, Mrs. McCollum and her staff have been known to add stickers or candy as an extra treat in honor of special occasions such as Valentine's Day or Easter.

Mrs. McCollum, who has been adding a little sunshine to each flight lunch for about 22 years, said knowing how special the Airmen are and that they are out there fighting for us makes her look forward to reporting to the flight kitchen each morning.

She said, "I want them to know just because they are away from home, it doesn't mean they are not cared about."

However, it isn't just the extra touches she takes pride in. Mrs. McCollum takes pride in the flight kitchen's pledge to provide eye-catching and good tasting box meals.

"There are no soggy sandwiches wrapped in foil in my flight kitchen," she said.

The box lunches are each prepared with a selection of non-perishable goodies including a bag of potato chips, a Mello Yello, a multi-grain bar, a bottle of water and condiments. The box lunches also contain an apple, a fruit cup and a sandwich with choices such as breaded chicken, sliced turkey or tuna salad. Each additional ingredient, such as the fresh romaine lettuce and tomatoes, are packed in their own individual plastic bags to ensure freshness, she said.

"Our food is the best in Warner Robins and I don't think you can get a better meal than we serve here or from people who care as much as we do," she said.

If some one prefers wheat bread to the white bun that usually accompanies the meal or a diet soda rather than a Mello Yello, the flight kitchen staff is glad to accommodate if possible.

"If you request it and you want it, we are going to do our best to get it," Mrs. McCollum said. "We got our babies out here pretty spoiled."

And the box lunches have impressed those who eat them.

"Excellent, best I've seen in the Air Force. They are always friendly and it's great food," said Capt. Josh Warren with the 330th Combat Training Squadron while picking up two flight lunches.

Though Mrs. McCollum's upbeat spirit seems impossible to dampen, there is one phrase that can turn her optimistic smile to a frown: "Box Nasties."

Her pride in each lunch she and her staff packs makes it hard to hear people call the lunches anything but good. She said she thought the term was a thing of the past until an Airman recently came and ordered lunches referring to them as "Box Nasties."

However, the young Airman no longer calls the lunches by such a term, she said. After a full tour of the flight kitchen and a demonstration of the ingredients and love that goes into each lunch, she said he too is a believer in the power of a smiley lunch box.

She said she appreciates everyone who orders a flight lunch and she tries to let them know she appreciates them by greeting them with a hug and a smile.

And when people visit the

flight kitchen and give Mrs. McCollum a token of their appreciation for her and the rest of the flight kitchen staff, they can rest assured the token will not be forgotten and will be dis-

played at the kitchen for all to see. Some of the treasures displayed in the flight kitchen include patches from many of the units that have used their services, letters from base personnel

thanking the flight kitchen, pictures of various people and their families who have enjoyed flight lunches and even business cards and autographs from public health inspectors and Air Force

inspectors who have visited the kitchen.

Mrs. McCollum said she challenges everyone to show their appreciation for those around them.

"I challenge everyone to take just a moment each day and make someone else smile, take them and hug them, and let them know someone else cares," Mrs. McCollum said.



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Paula McCollum, flight kitchen supervisor, prepares a box lunch that she will later stamp with a smiley face.