



# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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## THE MACH READ

### Robins Readiness Flight



### 78th Contracting Squadron move

The 78th Contracting Squadron will relocate from 235 Byron Street, Bldg. 300 West Wing to the first floor of Bldg. 255 at 375 Perry Street. The office will close from March 14 through March 19. Normal business hours will resume March 20. Contact numbers for squadron personnel will remain the same.

In case of an emergency during this time, contact Lt. Col. Kurt Bergo at 951-2304.

### Traffic Management Office

Summer is nearly here and this means the Traffic Management Office is moving into its busiest time of the year, peak-move season. Peak-move season is May through September. The goal of the TMO is to ensure PCS moves are as smooth and effortless as possible. The TMO wants the customer to receive the very best quality of service. In order to make this happen, and to better serve the customer, the TMO recommends leaving Airmen visit the office immediately upon receipt of PCS orders. During this busy season the TMO requires a minimum of three weeks notice to schedule a pack and pick up date for household goods shipment. Please understand and keep in mind that this TMO fully supports the current world situation in many varied capacities while balancing the stringent demands of day to day operations. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon through Friday. The office closes for training Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. For any questions or concerns, contact the customer service section at 222-0119.

### Women's History Month

Robins is celebrating Women's History Month with a calendar of events that will cover health, leadership and more.

The next event is the Women's Cancer Lunch and Learn which will be Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 207, Room A120. Participants are asked to bring their lunch.

For more on the Robins celebration of Women's History Month see next week's Robins Rev-Up.

### Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The banquet will be hosted by Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, commander of the 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. The banquet is a base-level event to recognize Team Robins winners in eight categories. All base personnel are invited to attend.

## Chief Master Sergeant of AF visits Robins Airmen

### Chief McKinley gives advice, forecasts future of Air Force

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For more than 45 Robins Airmen, Thursday's lunch menu included the opportunity to rub elbows with Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

Chief McKinley recognized eight Airmen during the Feb. 22 luncheon for their efforts on behalf of the Air Force.

Senior Airmen Jiarzen Chang was stunned when Chief McKinley called her name. "It's a memorable experience. If anyone asks me my most memorable experience while I was at Robins, I have one now. It tops all the others," said Airman Chang, of the 78th Medical Group.

Senior Airman Kristal Lee said she was still nervous after the luncheon adjourned and said she really appreciated the opportunity to meet the Chief, not to mention being recognized in front of her peers.

Airmen Lee said she went to the luncheon after completing a 12-hour shift at the 78th Air Base Wing Command Post. She said no matter how tired she was, it was worth the extra effort to hear him speak.

"I think he touched on everything important and a lot of things all the Airmen were looking forward to hearing," Airman Lee said.

Chief McKinley offered Airmen in attendance a preview of some of the Air Force's future initiatives and offered some advice to Airmen as they continue to serve their country.

"I'm proud to be in the Air Force," he said. "I'm proud to be serving with each of you. As I look around Robins Air Force Base I can see you are doing a fantastic job."

Along with speaking at the luncheon, Chief McKinley also spoke with Airmen Friday at an Airmen's Call.

Throughout his visit, the chief highlighted the top three Air Force priorities.

The first priority is winning the war on terror, he said. "We are fighting an enemy that will not give up, so we are going to do this as an away game," Chief McKinley said. "We are going to take the fight to the enemy and not let them attack us in our homeland."

After stressing the importance of winning the war on terror, Chief McKinley said the war could not be won without the contributions of every Airmen.

"A puzzle may have 1,000 small



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Above, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney J. McKinley, shakes hands with Airmen at a luncheon at Wynn Dining Hall Feb. 22. The chief met with Robins Airmen, offering advice and encouragement, as well as providing answers to questions and concerns regarding the future of the Air Force.

Below, Chief McKinley, right, and Air Force Materiel Command Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake respond to questions from Airmen.

pieces. But to have a complete puzzle you need them all," Chief McKinley said. "One piece may be the job you do, but without it, the puzzle is incomplete."

The second priority, developing and caring for Airmen and their families, is accomplished by providing a high quality of life. He then shared with the Airmen the list he presented to Congress as his top four quality of life priorities.

First, he said he wants to continue to care for wounded Airmen and their families.

"We are a nation at war and when we are at war the most important thing we can do is take care of our wounded," Chief McKinley said.

Second on his agenda is providing quality childcare and the third is to provide quality housing to both accompanied and unaccompanied Airmen.

"Privatization is the wave of the future and will provide great housing for our Airmen and their families," he said.

His fourth goal is to minimize negative permanent change of station effects on Air Force families, such as the inability to transfer high school credits from state-to-state, family members not receiving in-state college tuition or spouses making



career sacrifices during PCS moves.

"Our families should not be penalized when we PCS because we are serving our country," Chief McKinley said.

The chief went on to say that the third priority of the Air Force is recapitalization and modernization.

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## Robins to eliminate assigned handicap parking

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Robins is discontinuing its implementation of assigned handicap parking spaces and reviewing the need for other designated parking spaces as many reserved spaces often sit empty on the base.

Beginning April 5, the base's 700 handicap parking spaces will be open to all — that is all who have a handicap sticker or handicap placard issued by the county tax commissioner's office.

Terry Landreth, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's Design Branch chief, said in the past, individuals with special parking needs were assigned a parking space of their own. But a new policy is changing that.

"The basic philosophy for the new handicap parking is that all handicap parking will not be assigned to individual people,"



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

he said. "We will be providing sufficient handicap parking for those who need it, but it won't be assigned to a particular person."

Under the former handicap parking procedures, assigned spaces were marked by an individual's organization symbol followed by a two-letter designation, such as WR-ALC/ PK-

XX. Now, handicap spaces will merely display the universal handicap symbol.

Mr. Landreth said the changeover will take months to complete.

"It will take us a couple of months to go through and paint all the parking," he said. "It's not something that can be done overnight."

The change is coming as Robins is trying to open up more parking for general use, Mr. Landreth said.

"A lot of it had to do with merely trying to limit the number of assigned parking spaces so we don't have a proliferation of everybody getting their own spot," he said. "Also by making it open, during the course of the day, people end up having to change work stations. A lot of times people get frustrated trying to find parking spots only to find designated parking spots that are not

being used; but they can't use them because they're assigned to someone else. The idea is just to try to make parking more available to more people."

First Lt. Shaun Sumpter, Saber Project manager in the 78th CES, said people on the base have had concerns about the parking issue for quite some time.

"I think the big drive was trying to open up more available parking to the general public," he said. "We get a lot of Action Line complaints regarding the number of open handicap parking spaces that seem to be unutilized throughout the base. When the new parking operating instruction came up and I was tasked with (finding) a better way to do things, I did some research and (found that) as long as enough open parking spaces were in front of the

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## Verifying records, personal info may affect promotions

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

The one constant among all Airmen is the desire to be promoted.

There are many things Airmen can do to affect their chances for promotion, but perhaps the most important is ensuring their personal information is correct. Missing or inaccurate enlisted or officer performance reports, decorations, awards and citations can affect promotion scores for senior airmen through general officers.

While some decorations may earn points toward scoring for enlisted Airmen, winning quarterly awards or an academic award from a professional military education school can help strengthen records for both offi-

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### THINK SAFETY

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### SLOW DOWN

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OCS/O5W  
TODAY 70/49 SATURDAY 65/42 SUNDAY 60/36

## CHIEF

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and to satellites utilized by Air Force Space Command, he said.

He also highlighted some of the upcoming changes, such as the extension of basic training from six and a half weeks to eight and a half weeks.

"We develop a Warrior Ethos in basic training and need to carry the ethos throughout the rest of our Air Force career," Chief McKinley said.

He said the extended time also provides the opportunity for Airmen to learn lifesaving skills so Airmen have the knowledge and training to save lives.

Another upcoming change is the implementation of the Air Battle Uniform. A big change with the ABU is the addition of women's sizes to the clothing racks and women's boot sizes, rather than women having to buy men's sizes. He added changes are also being looked at for the Air Force physical training gear and service dress uniform.

A decoration has also been added for Airmen who are involved in combat operations, the Air Combat Action Medal and Ribbon, which will be diagonal stripes in red and gold, and will be worn on the service dress.

"When you wear it (Combat Action Medal) on your blues it will be easily identifiable," he said.

Other areas the Air Force is looking at improving include examining whether all computer based training required is necessary and reevaluating the more than 1,900 additional duties the Air Force presently assigns, the Chief said.

"We need to find ways to eliminate the amount of time that is spent away from their jobs and their ability to lead and supervise their Airmen," he said.

Chief McKinley ended by thanking all the Robins Airmen and their families for all they do for our Air Force and our nation.

## Question and answer with Chief McKinley

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley recently visited Robins Air Force Base. While here, he took a moment to share some thoughts and goals.

**Question: What do you hope to accomplish as Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force?**

**Answer:** I am not so concerned with a personal legacy. My goal is to go out there everyday and do the best job I possibly can to take care of our Airmen and their families. I also want to do whatever I can to ensure that we properly organize, train and equip our Airmen for war and to make sure we are doing our part in helping them return home safely."

**Q: How important for Airmen is education?**

**A:** I would like to help our enlisted force increase their education level. More of our Airmen should be getting their Community College of the Air Force degrees — and getting them sooner. Another part I can play in educating our Airmen and the American public while I am on the road is in spreading our Warrior Ethos. We are a warrior Air Force, and we are at war. We start teaching Airmen the ethos in basic training, and we want to see this process continued on through technical schools and into future assignments.

**Q: Why should we develop an appreciation of Air Force heritage?**

**A:** Our enlisted heritage is something we should all be very proud of. I would like to see an increased awareness of our enlisted heritage throughout the Air Force. Wouldn't it be outstanding to see art depicting a squadron's heritage on display when walking through a dormitory or squadron? I would like to see us focus on the heritage within our units so Airmen better understand their unit mission and heritage."

**Q: Is enhancing Airman pride important?**

**A:** Airman Pride is important to me, as it should be to all Airmen. Marines are proud, and are referred to as a Marine for life. We are Airmen, and we are Airmen for life too. At basic training, during field training day, we have an Airmen's coin ceremony where Airmen are presented an Airman's coin for the first time. From that day on, we call them Airmen. Air Force wide, I would like us all to use the term 'Airman' anytime we refer to other Airmen. Airmen are not 'kids,' not 'troops' — they are Airmen. Airman pride is also about pride in our Airman appearance, fitness and how we represent our Air Force."

**Q: Is the Air Force adopting an Airman Creed?**

**A:** We are developing an Airman's Creed for all Airmen CEO's — civilian, enlisted, and officers — a

creed we all know by heart and can be proud of. This creed will be something to help guide our actions. Presently, we have about 15 to 20 creeds in the Air Force. However, no one seems to have any ownership of these creeds. I've traveled around the Air Force, and our Airmen can't quote or recite these creeds. I'm looking forward to having one creed across the Air Force, a creed we can all identify with and be proud of."

**Q: Your thoughts on tending to wounded Airmen...**

**A:** We are at war, and with war we have wounded warriors. We are caring for our wounded Airmen, but need to remain ever vigilant to ensure our Air Force warriors receive the quality care they deserve. We already have a great program in place to care for our wounded Airmen — it's called PALACE HART. PALACE HART cares for our Airmen with combat-related injuries — from their point of injury, into recovery and rehabilitation, and will even follow them into a post-separation period if need be. So whether their injuries are physical, or emotional, as with those of PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder), we are committed to taking care of their needs. We will continue down this path of caring for our wounded and their families."

**Q: If you could personally deliver a message to every Airman at Robins what would that message be?**

**A:** You should be proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. America is at war and the nation needs its Airmen warriors to defend the nation's security and interests. This is an extraordinary time to be serving our Air Force, and every Airman wearing the uniform today — active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard — should be able to look back and say 'When my country was at war — I did my best.'"

**Q: How would you encourage Airmen as the Air Force continues its force shaping efforts?**

**A:** Our Airmen, as well as everyone in America, needs to understand we have to modernize and recapitalize the Air Force. The average age of our aircraft is 24 years. That's just too old. We have to modernize our equipment and in many cases that means we have to make some tough decisions. Some of those tough decisions mean we have to trim our Air Force end strength to become smaller. We are going to do this smart, and so we'll continue with targeted force-shaping efforts. However, if every Airman can't continue to serve with our Air Force, they should always be proud of their service to our nation."

## PARKING

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buildings, you could accommodate not only the employees working there, but also the transient visitors that utilize multiple buildings throughout the base."

Handicap parking spots aren't the only designated spaces being reviewed.

As civil engineer officials make efforts to address on going parking challenges on the base, they're also closely examining reserved parking spaces owned by many organizations.

"We have tried to clarify the requirements of who is permitted reserved parking spaces and we hope that might reduce the number of designated parking spaces and not just handicap, but in general all across the board which would free up parking spaces for everyone else," Mr. Landreth said.

As it stands now, squadron commanders and deputy commanders, group commanders and group deputy commanders, and senior-level officers and civilian employees are permitted to have reserved parking spaces, Mr. Landreth said.

Changes to designated parking on base are Robins way of accommodating its new wing structure and new operating instruction, Mr. Landreth said.

Tiffany Evans, a civil engineer and base traffic engineer in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's Design Branch, said while the changes to designated spaces are coming, the number of spaces for each building hasn't been determined yet.

Ms. Evans said in addition to wing parking monitors, the base will soon assign wing parking wardens to help address parking needs within their wing's structure. The same parking warden concept is being proposed for associate units on the base as well, although Ms. Evans said the concept is still in the planning phase.

Lieutenant Sumpter said the new approach to designated parking spaces hasn't been met with open arms.

"I know there was a lot of distress when this issue was first brought up," he said. "I think people are afraid they're somehow getting ousted if they really need a handicap parking spot. I think it's important that people understand that that's not the intent of the change to the document. The intent is to better facilitate parking to the entire base and to allow handicap people who use multiple buildings to have more access."

Ms. Evans said 778th CES will be getting the word out about the change through the base newspaper, the base marquee, the commander's access channel and all government computer login screens at Robins. People with special handicap parking needs may request a designated handicap parking space. Requests will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

## Lean helps 568th EMXS cut flow days, make model cell

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Robins recently worked with other bases in a rapid improvement process event to make the F-15 avionics support process more efficient.

About 14 core team members here including subject experts in item tracking systems, Express Super users, Materiel Induction Center, supply managers, technicians and supervisors, and an additional 10 subject matter experts from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla., worked together in the event at Robins Monday through today, to make support of the induction process for the Line Replaceable Unit and Shop Replaceable Unit more efficient.

Maj. Gen. John H. Folkerts, director of plans and programs at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, participated in the week-long event as well, giving the general an inside view of the Air Force Smart Operations 21 process in an organic site in a depot (Center) unit.

The general said Robins was impressive. "I've been tremendously impressed with the professionalism, expertise, and attitude of everyone I've met during the process, and that applies not only to my teammates, but also to the mechanics on the shop floor," he said. "Rapid improvement events are tremendously important in that they eliminate waste, provide for an uninterrupted smooth flow of work, but perhaps most importantly, they involve people from all aspects of the wings and center in the change process."

General Folkerts said such Lean events are great for bringing management and workers closer, bridging the communica-

tion gap.

Joe Romanelli, deputy flight chief of the 569th Electronics Maintenance Squadron Manufacturing Flight and the Lean event's lead facilitator, said the event gave other squadrons an example to follow.

"Our goal is to reduce the amount of flow days, the amount of hand-offs, and the amount of process waste that's going on," he said. "This is all part of a bigger picture which is part of our Strategic Alignment and Deployment. We have our goals and objectives that come down from the wing, the group, and the squadron, and part of our squadron's strategic alignment deployment this year is to create a model cell, a model area within every squadron. The event is focused on the F-15 Avionics side of the house right now. But, we're also including representatives from other squadrons because other squadrons have the same SA and D and the same action plan within their squadrons to develop these model cells."

Mr. Romanelli said prep work for the event began nearly six months ago.

"We did a value stream map back in October, which identified a model cell, and what we wanted to do is look at that whole process, from beginning to end, how a Line Replaceable Unit comes in, how it goes out, how a Shop Replaceable Unit gets pulled out of a Line Replaceable Unit and gets repaired and comes back," he said. "Part of our objective was to reduce the through-put time of when a Line Replaceable Unit hits the production line until it goes out the door. Our focus is on reducing that amount of time which is focused on the support side of it."

Robert Fremont, 568th Electronics Maintenance Squadron's Exchangeables



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Maj. Gen. John Folkerts, AFMC plans and programs manager, observes Derrick Ryals, electronic mechanic, during mapping of shop replaceable units to identify wastes in the process and looks to decrease flow days and get parts to the customer in a more timely manner.

Production Support Center Flight chief and Lean event team lead, said the model cell is a resource control center which is made of the repair of common assets, such as weapons systems.

"These people come in, are organized with a specific layout that will optimize the flow of assets as they go through their shop in the repair process," he said. "What this event is going to do is its going to take a look at the support that feeds this model cell (materiel flow aspect). The whole idea is to reduce hand-offs and also to eliminate a lot of the waste in our current day processes."

Mr. Fremont said experts helped determine the best practices for the model cell.

"What we're hoping to do is to bring into the forum a lot of experts that address the legacy systems that we use and the tracking of the materiel as it flows through the process so that we'll be able to have their valuable input in coming up with the very best way that we can feed materiel flow into the model cell shop," he said.

Brent Inman, 568th

Electronics Maintenance Squadron (Fighter Avionics) director and Lean event sponsor, said his organization is a 'lead the fleet' group in Lean.

"The Fighter Avionics Squadron is a documented 'lead the fleet' (organization) in Lean activities," he said. "This Lean event, dealing with model cells, is taking our continuous process improvement journey to the next level. It's a significant level when we establish model cells and this is on the glide slope for establishing a model cell. We've done value stream mapping, but this is the first Lean event where we're actually getting into inducting and looking at the flow and looking at materiel support for that model cell."

Mr. Inman said the group also aimed to reclaim floor space for increase of the F-15 avionics capacity.

The 568th EMXS has led more than 400 Lean Process Improvement events since 1999, said Mr. Romanelli. He said he looks forward to what the event could mean for the avionics field down the road.

## RECORDS

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cer and enlisted members.

Fortunately, the Air Force makes it easy for Airmen of all ranks to check their records online through the virtual Military Personnel Flight.

"Every Airman is responsible for his or her career and should review his or her record on a routine basis or prior to any board where the record may be reviewed," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, Air Force Personnel Center commander. "Each and every one of us takes the time to prepare our vehicle prior to taking a long trip or in preparation for winter temperatures...that's what we're looking for...each and every Airman taking the time to be proactive in taking control of his or her career."

Airmen receive e-mail notifications around their birthday each year advising them to review their electronic personnel records maintained within the Military Personnel Data System.

Officials suggest after Airmen log in to vMPF and accomplish a records review; a hard copy should be printed for personal safekeeping. If all record information is correct, no further action is required until the next annual review.

If errors are discovered and individuals can make the needed changes to those parts of the record where update links are provided, they should do so. Other errors should be directed to the commander's support staff or Air Force Contact Center for resolution.

AFPC's Promotion Board Records Branch is responsible for providing Airman a copy of the selection record within 30 duty days of receipt of a valid request. This timeframe actually stretches to about 45 cal-

endar days when you add in non-duty days. Each request is accomplished in a "date precedence order" from the time it's received at the PBR branch.

There are two categories of requests: "As Is" and "As Met." Officers and senior non-commissioned officers may request one "As Is" copy and one "As Met" copy of their selection record within a consecutive 12-month period per each request. The "As Is" request provides a copy of the record "as it is" when requested. To request an "As Met" copy, the record must have met a selection or evaluation board within the past 12 months. "As Met" copies cannot be requested until after promotion results have been publicly released. "As Met" copies will reflect the selection record "as it met" the selection or evaluation board the person is requesting it for.

Officers and senior NCOs can request a copy of their personnel records by completing a Selection Record Request Worksheet by visiting the AFPC Web site and typing "selection record" into the search engine.

The completed worksheet should be e-mailed to Records.Review@randolph.af.mil, or faxed to either DSN 665-2693 or commercial (210) 565-2693. Selection records will only be forwarded to an authorized military e-mail account.

Finally, AFI 36-3003 grants everyone the opportunity to request permissive TDY to review their record in person here at AFPC.

For more information, Airmen should visit their commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775, commercial 210-565-5000 or DSN 665-5000.

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## Can you hear me now?



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NATHAN DOZA

Senior Airman Ricardo Reveles and Airman 1st Class Sven Bickham install an antenna and align a satellite dish for the best signal Feb. 17 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The Airmen are 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron satellite communication journeyman and support 50 installations in the region.

## Time to reconsider 'work hard, play hard' motto

"Work hard, play hard" — it's a phrase we've all heard and many Air Force organizations use it as an informal motto.

The phrase communicates the notion that we are intensely committed to doing what it takes to get the mission done, but we're not one-dimensional, mission-only people — we approach off-duty endeavors with the same zest and passion we demonstrate on duty.

The problem is that somewhere along the way, some folks started using "work hard, play hard" to rationalize clearly destructive behavior like alcohol misuse, illicit drug use, tobacco use, fitness deficiencies (such as a lack of proper diet and exercise) and failure to follow safety and injury prevention guidelines.

In other words, we began to believe that working hard entitled us to stretch the limits of acceptable behavior when we weren't working.

While the "work hard,

play hard" mentality needs to change, it's a bit simplistic to blame destructive behavior on a phrase or motto. It's probably more accurate to point to the fact that the Air Force is a reflection of our society, and we do see an abundance of destructive behavior there, particularly in the 18 to 24 year-old age bracket.

Statistically, 43 percent of college students (ages 18 to 24) can be classified as binge drinkers (five or more drinks in one sitting at least once in the past two weeks); 21 percent are frequent binge drinkers (5 or more drinks in one sitting at least three times in the past two weeks); and 31 percent meet criteria for a substance abuse diagnosis.

Air Force statistics are equally troubling and the population most at risk comprises junior enlisted Airmen, ages 17 to 24. While comprising only one-third of the total active duty Air Force, they account for 81 percent of the

Air Force's alcohol-related incidents.

The Air Force averages 5,300 alcohol-related incidents each year. Irresponsible drinking is a factor in 33 percent of suicides, 57 percent of sexual assaults, 29 percent of domestic violence cases and 44 percent of class A (fatal) motor vehicle accidents. This isn't "working hard, playing hard," it's "working hard, playing recklessly."

The Air Force has launched a campaign to establish a Culture of Responsible Choices — a way to transition from "work hard, play hard" to "work hard, play smart." The program was launched last year as a means of encouraging each of us to make responsible decisions.

The Culture of Responsible Choices Web page, located at [www.afcrossroads.com/web/sites/core.cfm](http://www.afcrossroads.com/web/sites/core.cfm), contains the statistics cited above, as well as a wealth of additional information that will help

transform our culture from "work hard, play hard" to "work hard, play smart."

There is no shortage of literature and guidance on the Culture of Responsible Choices campaign. The real power of cultural change lies in the individual Airman who makes responsible decisions by weighing risks and benefits and takes action to ensure we all play smart so we can continue to serve with honor and reflect positively on our great Air Force.

While statistics show that our junior members are most at risk, destructive behavior isn't limited to a single age group or rank. Commanders, leaders, supervisors and mentors all play a vital role in creating an environment where "work hard, play smart" becomes the new culture.

— This commentary was written by Col. Tom Schluckebier 66th Air Base Wing commander.

## One child can make a huge difference

I just witnessed something that moved me deeply and I wanted to share this feeling. I hope you do not mind reading this.

The other day I was coming home from work carrying a lot of stuff — physical training uniform, shoes, school books and my laptop — when the music for the National Anthem sounded.

I was almost inside the apartment where I live. All I had to do was make a run for it and within seconds, I could have been inside.

Any other day, I would have been very happy to stop on a dime and face the music, but I had a long drive from Camp Zama (I commute from Yokota Air Base to Zama each day, to and from work, by choice, for those people who don't know) and I was tired. I just wanted to make it inside.

Then I thought about the people serving in deployed locations who can't be with their love ones; I thought about those who died serving our

great nation; I also thought of the fact that it angered me when others do what I was feeling like doing.

When those thoughts came to me, I stopped, turned around and walked back to where I was when I first heard the music. I freed one of my hands and faced the music and rendered a salute during the Japanese National Anthem.

What followed is what moved me and is the point of this story.

There were some children playing in the playground as the National Anthem was being played. One boy saw what I did and stopped playing and faced the music, as I was doing, and put his hand over his heart and stood silently.

This really touched me, yet, it didn't end there. Another child saw what this boy did and he stopped playing and stood in silence. When that boy stopped, a little girl who was playing stopped and then all of a sudden every child who was playing stopped and paid

respect and stood in silence until the National Anthem was over.

What makes this so amazing is how the positive actions of one child spread throughout the playground. Yet, there were still adults driving and walking around. Can you believe that? The children were setting an awesome example and some of the adults didn't even notice.

As the music played, I felt a great sense of pride and got all choked up inside. In my 23 years of service, I had never seen anything like what I witnessed that day.

After the National Anthem, I picked up my stuff and headed into the apartment, and the first boy who stopped playing followed me in. I so much wanted to thank him and all the kids who paid respect to the National Anthem, but I was so choked up and emotional that I could not say a word. I just smiled at the boy and nodded my head.

I briefly talked to him while in the elevator and still, I was

too emotional to express what I felt. I would love to thank the parents of those kids for bringing up such wonderful respectful children.

Because of their example, I know that their parents must be excellent military citizens.

That small example made me reflect on the fact that as military members we have a heavy role in the world: we have the role of serving our great nation and we also have a role of being excellent members of society.

People are watching us, especially young ones, so it is important that we not only be the best military members that we can, but we need to be the best Americans we can — all the time (even though it is hard).

Let me end this here because I feel my emotions getting the best of me.

— This commentary was written by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Crawford 374th 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](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also visit <http://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.



## 78th SFS Tip of the Week

### Sponsoring an event on Robins

Robins offers numerous places to host social events. Besides reserving a venue for an event, sponsors must remember to coordinate with the 78th Security Forces Squadron to allow entry for attendees without access to the installation.

An entry authority list must be generated and provided to the 78th Security Forces Squadron at least two weeks prior to events with six or more guests who don't have independent access to the base. This list must be typed and contain the following information:

- An alphabetized list of the first and last names of each visitor who does not have base access
- Notation next to children's names who are under 18
- Start and end times and dates and location of event
- Name of event
- Event sponsor phone numbers

After completing the list, the sponsor must hand carry three copies of the list to the 78th SFS Police Services section in Bldg. 263. The sponsor will sign a sponsorship responsibility letter and the list will be forwarded to the 78th Mission Support Group commander for review and approval. All approved lists will be hand carried to the main gate by a member of the Police Services section at the end of the duty day prior to the event.

Additions to the list can be made up to two duty days prior to the event. For any further information, regarding entry authority lists or responsibilities of being a sponsor contact Police Services at 222-1990.

# Dozens of Robins facilities eligible for historic registry

By AMANDA CREEL  
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Robins Air Force Base may have only opened its doors in the early 1940s, but it still has a story to tell – a story of more recent history, including life during World War II and the Cold War. There are places on base that spell out the fear Americans felt as they fought to win World War II and there are other places that house the technology developed as America feared an attack by the Soviet Union.

“Instead of looking at a building as simply old, look at it as unique and realize it has lessons to teach us,” said Bob Sargent, Robins natural resources manager.

Of the more than 1,100 buildings on base, there are 26 eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Buildings can be designated as historic for many reasons including their significance to American history, architecture, archaeology and engineering. Other factors that make buildings historic are their location, design, materials used in construction and workmanship. Other things considered are the age of the structure. Although most buildings less than 50 years old are not eligible to be considered for the historic register, several buildings at Robins are eligible because of their association with the Cold War.

Because Robins was born as a World War II base, many of its historically significant buildings are part of the World War II era.

One of the relics of World War II resides on the flightline and is embodied in the large metal curtain rods that still sit above the windows in Bldg. 110, or the Operations Hangar, now known as Base Operations.

“The rails ran around the top of the building and they were for black out curtains in the ‘40s,” Mr. Sargent said.

The blackout curtains were used to hide the maintenance repairs and other work housed in the building from aerial views.

Just beneath the large metal curtain rods begins rows of clerestory windows used to bring light into the industrial setting. The windows have been repaired



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Above, Building 220, built and occupied in 1942, was the first post headquarters.

At right, The Art Deco design elements can be seen on the facade of Bldg. 125, which was built in 1942.

over the years to prevent leaks, but the integrity of the building was kept intact by using a façade to repair the windows allowing the building to keep its original look, Mr. Sargent said.

Just behind Bldg. 110 on the flightline sits Bldg. 125. Built in 1942 it boasts signs of recovery from the Depression.

“The art work on this building is all part of the new deal through the Work Projects Administration,” said Bill Head, chief of the history office.

Not only is the art work courtesy of the Work Progress Administration, but the art is also the only examples of Art Deco design present on the base.

“It wasn’t everywhere the Air Force or the Army Air Corp decided to use Art Deco elements on industrial buildings, said Stephen Hammack, a contract archeologist at Robins.

One of the stucco pylons was later the inspiration behind the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center emblem, Mr. Head said. The new emblem, which was adopted when Gen. William P. Hallin was the commander of the WR-ALC, allows the center to preserve the past, while embarking on the future, said Mr. Head.

It wasn’t just Bldg. 125 on the flightline with WPA roots, Bldg. 110 was also designed by WPA architects.

“It wasn’t just nuts and bolts architecture, it was artistic,” said Mr. Head of the work done by the WPA architects at Robins.

Architects with the WPA also designed Bldg. 220, the original post headquarters, which today

serves as administrative offices for the Air Force Reserve Command.

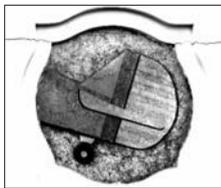
However, Bldg. 220 has an unusual connection with the original flightline construction.

Mr. Head said the flightline construction required the removal of so many trees that Lt. Col. George Keagin, pitched the idea to Colonel Charles E. Thomas, the first Robins commander, to buy a portable saw mill and use the timbers to build some of the buildings on base. Each timber was branded with an iron with the initials WAD, which stood for Wellston Air Depot, the original name for Robins Air Force Base before the town of Wellston and base were renamed in honor of Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins.

Many of those timbers were used to construct Bldg. 220 and the brand could still be seen on the timbers for many years, said Mr. Head.

Another building that is important because of its place in history is the Crew Readiness Facility or Bldg. 12, which is symbolic of the Cold War Era.

The Readiness Facility, also known as the Alert Facility, was built in 1959 as part of the Air Force’s Strategic Air Command facilities and was designed as part of a ground alert program where fully armed bombers and fuel-laden tankers stood ready for immediate takeoff from the Christmas Tree area of the flightline. Aircraft crews waited for the Klaxon or alerting device to signal them to rush to their aircraft and takeoff.



## Junior Force Council meeting

There will be a Junior Force Council meeting Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Base Library conference room (Bldg. 905). Those interested in becoming a member of the council or

who simply want more information are welcome to attend. The Junior Force is comprised of military and civilian members of WR-ALC and associate units with less than 10 years of total service.

“From the mole holes they (Airmen) could run out to the planes at a moments notice,” Mr. Hammack said.

When NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) said “scramble the SAC (Strategic Air Command), B-52s, put them in the air,” the Airmen would immediately head to the planes and prepare to take-off,” Mr. Hammack said.

Not far from the Alert facility is the ammunition storage area where several of the ammunition storage areas are eligible for the register because of their role in storing armaments such as for the B-52 during the Cold War.

Some of the other areas on base with historical significance are the first two housing districts built: Chief’s Circle and Officer’s Circle.

“It isn’t just the age of these houses that make them significant, they have housed every commander over the generations from the very first one,” Mr. Sargent said.

He said one of the most important things about the buildings on base being eligible for the historic register is that the structures have to be protected as if they were on the register. The buildings don’t necessarily have to serve the same purpose such as the upcoming transfer of Chief’s Circle from a housing area to an administrative area for the AFRC.

“We have to think of ways to do creative modifications to retain the buildings and still contribute to the mission,” Mr. Sargent said.

## Reserve command doctor chosen to serve on medical specialty board

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The chief of Air Force Reserve Command's line-of-duty board was chosen to serve on the American Board of Preventative Medicine beginning in August.

Col. (Dr.) Susan Northrup was selected in January to serve a three-year term on the ABPM, the only U.S. agency that certifies medical doctors in occupational, preventive and aerospace medicine.

As the ABPM's aerospace medicine representative, she will supervise the process of screening, testing and certifying every person seeking board certification.

"It's an honor to be selected," said Colonel Northrup, who compared the appointment to a lawyer being selected to write and oversee the bar examination. "Serving your profession by being the person who sets the standards ... it's incredible."

The ABPM is part of the 24 boards that make up the American Board of Medical Specialties, the certifying agents for physicians who work in specialties like pediatrics, psychiatry, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, plastic surgery and internal medicine, among others.



courtesy photo

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"Being chosen to serve on the board is a very important selection," said Navy Capt. Glenn Merchant, the director of the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board and current chair of the ABPM.

"Physicians who serve on a specialty board help develop exams that determine whether a person becomes board-certified."

Captain Merchant said Colonel Northrup was chosen for her excellent qualifications, knowledge of aerospace medicine and her professional reputation.

"She's knowledgeable, personable and enthusiastic," he said. "There's never a task she can't handle with ease. She does a great job."

Though it's not uncommon for military members to serve on the board, the ABPM is a civilian agency, which indicates a broad level of acclaim and endorsement for Colonel Northrup.

"It's peer recognition at the highest level — recognition of her professionalism and the expertise she is known to have in the aerospace community," Captain Merchant said.

For all the responsibility that comes with the appointment, the position is unpaid. According to Colonel Northrup, who was a flight surgeon for an F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron in Operation Desert Storm, money just isn't the point.

"It's something people do because it's the right thing to do," she said. "For a long time I've wanted to serve my profession in such a capacity. I was honored just to be asked."

## CHPS gives free civilian health screenings



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Kelley Denney, RN with Civilian Health Promotion Service, does a blood pressure check on Bobby Mosley, 573rd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, Wednesday during a Cardiac Risk Screening at the fitness center annex in Bldg. 301. The free screening checked blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar and provided a body mass index calculation. To schedule a free health screening in your work area contact Kelley Denney, RN, CHPS, at 327-8030.

## 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:

### Article 15s:

A senior airman willfully failed to refrain from operating a motorcycle on Robins Air Force Base without having first completed Motorcycle Safety Foundation training. He was also charged with making a false statement to his commander concerning this issue. Punishment was reduction to the

grade of airman 1st class and 30 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class willfully failed to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while assigned standby duties. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman and 30 days restriction to Robins Air Force Base.

A staff sergeant willfully and wrongfully exposed himself in an indecent manner on two occasions while in the doorway of his billeting room at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He was also charged with simple assault. Punishment was reduction to senior airman.

An airman 1st class was disrespectful in language and deportment to two senior noncommissioned officers. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months.

An airman 1st class damaged a



government vehicle by driving through a wooded area without sufficient lighting.

He was also charged with making false statements concerning his involvement in damaging the government vehicle. Punishment was reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

### Administrative Discharges

An airman received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for drug abuse. The airman wrongfully used marijuana between Sept. 19 and Oct. 19. For this offense, the airman received an Article 15 with a reduction in grade from airman 1st class to airman, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand for violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The airman has also been barred from re-entering Robins Air Force Base for a period of 10 years by order of the installation commander.

## ► IN BRIEF

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Robins Chapel will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the base community March 31 at Robins Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be inflatables, games, face painting, food, drinks and of course an easter egg hunt. For more

information contact Marcia Little or Liz McCarthy at 926-2821.

### BHOC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Robins Black History Observance Youth Committee is accepting applications for three scholarships to qualified high school seniors pursuing higher education in the 2007 - 2008 school year.

Completed packages must be received no later than March 15.

For more information visit <http://www2.robins.af.mil/blackhistory> or go to the Robins Homepage and click on 'Black History Observance.'" Other points of contact are Zipporah Fleming at 926-3541 or [zipporah.fleming@robins.af.mil](mailto:zipporah.fleming@robins.af.mil) and Bobbie Moore at 222-3622 or [bobbie.moore@robins.af.mil](mailto:bobbie.moore@robins.af.mil).

# Ready Willing & Able



Above left, Airman 1st Class Brandon Madden, readiness apprentice in the Readiness Flight training section, teaches a class on proper procedures to follow.



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Above right, Senior Airman Chris Butler, a Readiness Flight readiness logistics journeyman, tapes loose edges of an anti-C (radiation suit) worn by Senior Airman Nick Pompa to minimize skin exposure.



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Above, Senior Airman Chris Butler places a substance on a HazMat ID to identify it. The walking lab can identify substances to a percentage of certainty.

Below, the hammer of a HazMat ID machine compresses a sample on top of a diamond sensor to identify the sample.



## Robins Readiness Flight prepares installation for the worst case scenario, mission success

By AMANDA CREEL  
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For many Robins Team members, the Readiness Flight is synonymous with CBRNE training, or chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives training, where more than 4,400 team members were trained last year. But according to members of the flight, there is a lot more to their mission than meets the eye.

One of the unusual things about the mission of Robins Readiness Flight is the small flight is responsible for programs that affect the entire installation.

"If there was to be a disaster on base, we are one of the focal points for the disaster control," said 2nd Lt. Robert Bouffard, readiness flight officer. "If that disaster happens we are going to be ready for it with plans, procedures and checklists."

The readiness staff is involved with every aspect of disaster preparedness, such as operating the Emergency Operations Center or Disaster Control Group during exercises, testing unidentified substances for contamination and making sure all deployable team members are trained in nuclear, biological and chemical defense.

"When we do set up and operate the DCG, it is interesting to see everyone pull together and do what needs to happen," said Senior Airman Melissa Dunn, a readiness journeyman.

The team develops the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which is a written plan explaining how Robins would react during a natural disaster, major incident or terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction, said Sgt. Mark Martinez, superintendent of the readiness flight.

The readiness flight's mission is so unusual the readiness career field was presented with its own occupational badge Oct. 1, 2006 by Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff to help them be more identifiable.

The readiness logistics section is responsible for maintaining all government vehicles and the Mobile Emergency Operations Center or Mobile Command Post.

"We maintain it and run the generators to make sure when we go out there and crank it up, it is ready to go," said Senior Airman Chris Butler, readiness logistics journeyman.

The logistics section is also responsible for weapons of mass destruction equipment including maintaining, testing and utilizing chemical detectors, chemical agent monitors and radiation detectors, Airman Butler said.

Some of the detectors are attached to a siren and strobe light so if they detect harmful levels of contaminants, such as radiation and chemical agents, those in the area will be warned even if it is a high-noise level area like a flight-line.

The logistics section is also responsible for maintaining all of the 78th Civil Engineering equipment needed for deployments including body armor such as helmets and bullet-proof vests.

The logistics Airmen also handle and store all CE weapons making sure they are ready for deployments and exercises, said Senior Airman Nick Pompa, readiness logistics apprentice.

"We are one of the few organizations on base that maintains our own weapons," Airman Pompa said. "We have (numerous) weapons in our armory and it is connected to security forces by an alarm



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Substances may be tested with a handheld biological sampling kit to determine if they might be a threat.

system."

Though for many, the readiness flight is known only as those responsible for their unpleasant trip through the gas chamber.

Readiness journeymen Senior Airman Kevin Phillips and Senior Airman Melissa Dunn agreed the trip through the gas chamber is necessary, because it allows Airmen to see the difference between being protected from the influences of the gases and being exposed to the gases.

"We tell them if you are not feeling the effects it's because your equipment works. Then we make them line up and we stop each individual one by one and get them to take their mask off," said Airman Phillips.

"We ask them a question to make sure they are breathing and to make sure they feel the effects," Airman Dunn said.

The pair said the lesson of exposure helps everyone understand the importance of wearing their gear correctly. The gear required for NBC training is a suit, gloves, chemical protective over garment, boots and mask.

"The mask is your essential gear, what you survive on. Air goes into the canister and gets filtered and then you are able

to breathe clean air," Airman Phillips said.

Both Airmen agreed the main objective is to make sure Airmen leave understanding what is necessary to survive during chemical and biological attacks.

However, before instructors can train, training has to be scheduled and individuals who need training have to be located and those who complete training have to have their records updated in the training database, said Airman First Class Brandon Madden, readiness apprentice in the training section of the flight.

The flight is also responsible for keeping the Robins community prepared and informed for any natural disasters or other emergencies.

"We help educate the population on base about what to do when a disaster happens on base," said David Warren, a disaster preparedness specialists and deputy flight chief.

Mr. Warren said the flight maintains an emergency management Web site and publishes an Emergency Management Information Program newsletter. You can visit their secure Web site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/ceg/778CES/cex.asp>.

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**TODAY**

**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. today. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is 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.

**SATURDAY**

**The teen center will conduct a female self-defense class** at the youth center today and March 10 at 5 p.m. For more information call Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

**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**

**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 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**

**The 2007 Winter Sports Day will be held today** 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., wallyball 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.

**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.

**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**

**All retirees get a free fountain drink** with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree I.D. card on Wednesdays in March. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**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.

**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.

**UPCOMING**

**Registration for the summer camp lottery will be held through March 9** with camp beginning June 4. Camp is open to children, ages five to 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Priority is given to current users of the school-age program all others will be filled by a lottery.

Drawings are drawn first to single

## An honor to serve

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The Honor Guard is looking for sharp, motivated and professional individuals. If you are active duty and interested in serving, contact your first sergeant. For more information go to the Honor Guard Web site at [www.2robins.af.mil/services/honorguard](http://www.2robins.af.mil/services/honorguard).



employed parents (active duty or Department of Defense civilian) and then dual employed parents (dual military/DOD and active duty with DOD spouse). The drawing will be March 28 at 11 a.m. and will continue until all available spaces are full. Parents will be notified by April 13 if they were selected. At this time parents must complete the required paperwork and pay a \$25 deposit for each week of requested care within 48 hours of this notification. Please go to [www.2robins.af.mil/services.htm](http://www.2robins.af.mil/services.htm) to print/fill out the registration form and either bring it or fax it to the Youth Center at 926-2356. You may also email it to [donna.healey@robins.af.mil](mailto:donna.healey@robins.af.mil). If you email or fax the application, call 926-2110 to verify that your application for the lottery was received by the Youth Center.

**Beginning at 9 p.m. March 16** a March Midnight Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**A nutrition walk will be held at the fitness center** annex on March 16 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fitness assessments will be available and the kick off of the Presidents' Physical Fitness Challenge. For more information call the fitness center annex at 926-2840.

**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. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by March 13. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**A St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance** will be held in the officers' club ballroom March 17 from 6 to 11 p.m. A dinner buffet will be held 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 for members only and \$12.95 for nonmembers. The menu will include carved top round of beef, grilled salmon, sautéed chicken breast and all the fixings. Live dance music will be available. Open to all ranks and grades. No a la carte dining will be available. For more information call the 926-2670.

**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.

**An Air Force Chess tournament** is scheduled for March 24 starting at 10 a.m. in the community center. Players need to register by March 23. To learn more call the community center at 926-2105.

**The Artist Craftsman and Photography Gallery program** will be held May 14 through 18. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**A yard sale will be held April 14** from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club.

Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). This is a first come first served basis for the tables. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**ONGOING**

**Visit the Arts & Crafts Center** and fill out a survey during the "Luck of the Irish" drawings in March. The drawings will be held April 3 and participants need not be present to win. The drawing is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians assigned to Robins. For full price and drawing details call 926-5282.

**The Oscar's Amphitheatre is now available** for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information call 926-4001.

**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.

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

**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 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](http://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 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** 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 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 also on sale for March 16, 17 and 18 (includes Fridays Georgia Power qualifying and NASCAR Craftsman Series Truck race) for \$90. Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Super Speedway April 28 and 29. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only.

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

► On March 3, sing the National Anthem correctly and receive one free game of bowling.

► 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.

► Wear visible green on St. Patrick's Day March 17 and bowl for \$2 a game.

► Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the bowling center. Bowl a strike when the green pin is in the number one position and that game is complimentary.

► March 22 is God-Off Day at the bowling center. All day all games \$1.

► On Spot Café March special is a Philly cheese steak, fries and medium drink for \$5.50. For more information call the On Spot Café at 926-5240.

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

► Every Monday through Thursday in March pay \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

► Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in March and pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

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

► A Link Up 2 Golf orientation class will be held April 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course with classes starting April 10. Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class I will be held April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and 8 at 5:30 p.m. and Class II April 12, 19, 26 and May 2 and 10 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop.

## NOW PLAYING



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

**FRIDAY**

**THE QUEEN**  
Helen Mirren,  
Michael Sheen

A revealing, witty portrait of the British royal family in crisis immediately following the death of Princess Diana. The setting for this fictional account of real events is no less than the private chambers of the Royal Family and the British government in the wake of the sudden death of Princess Diana in August of 1997. In the immediate aftermath of the Princess's passing, the tightly contained, tradition-bound world of the Queen of England clashes with the slick modernity of the country's brand new, image-conscious Prime Minister, Tony Blair. The result is an intimate, yet thematically epic, battle between private and public, responsibility and emotion, custom and action - as a grieving nation waits to see what its leader will do. (brief strong language) Rated PG-13. 103 minutes.

**SATURDAY**

**DREAMGIRLS**  
Beyonce Knowles,  
Jamie Foxx

Effie White, Deena Jones, and Lorrell Robinson - three friends from Chicago - are a promising singing trio called The Dreamettes. Accompanied by their songwriter C.C. White (Effie's brother), they travel to New York to compete in a talent show at the Apollo Theater. Although the girls lose this first bid for fame, their talent attracts an ambitious manager by the name of Curtis Taylor, Jr., who use unscrupulous tactics to move the girls from backup singers of superstar James "Thunder" Early to superstars of their own. (language, some sexuality and drug content) Rated PG-13. 131 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](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

# 5th CCG builds morale, hones skills in newly named Group Challenge Day



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

A team from the 51st Combat Communications Squadron competes in the tug-of-war competition. The tug-of-war was just one of many activities during the 5th Group Challenge Day, a morale-building event formerly known as the Gator Challenge.

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About 400 Airmen in the 5th Combat Communications Group faced off in the group's 5th Group Challenge Day bright and early at the unit's training site Feb. 23.

The event, which has been held yearly as the Gator Challenge, included sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, a relay race consisting of a litter carry and a

field strip and reassembly of an M-16A2. The day also included a Deuce (2.5 ton truck) obstacle course run and a game of tug-of-war.

Second Lt. Alan Fraser, a 5th CCG unit public affairs representative and acting Mission Systems Flight commander in the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, said the quarterly challenge is a good way for everyone in the group to sharpen their skills

and have a little fun in the process.

"The challenge helps our Airmen maintain their knowledge of our mission," he said. "It also increases esprit de corps and gives us an opportunity to have good, healthy competition among our people."

Staff Sgt. Antwaun Flowers, a Voice Network Systems apprentice in the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron whose eight-member team bat-

led against other squadron members in the tug-of-war portion of the challenge, said he had a good time.

"It was fun," he said. "It was a little bit of a challenge. It built competitiveness between the squadrons in a positive way."

Sergeant Flowers said the challenge gave him the chance to get to know people better.

"There was a lot of team building, team bonding," he said. "You got to work in a different environment with people from other work centers. You were able to participate and have some fun and talk on a different level with people who work outside of your building or your work center."

Col. Carl Block, 5th CCG commander, said the 5th Challenge Day was a great way to bring his Airmen together.

"The PT (physical training) event was the result of our brilliant Airmen working to constantly improve the various ways we maintain and enhance readiness in the 5th Combat Communications Group," he said. "I am very proud of how our Airmen work to constantly improve the unit."

Lieutenant Fraser said the mini-version of the larger scale Gator Challenge is not a permanent fixture for the group. He said 5th CCG leaders are still considering the quarterly event's fate with the unit.



Bottom: Senior Airman Wing Mihelcich, 5th Combat Support Squadron, field strips an M-16A2 during the gator challenge relay race. Teams had to field strip, reassemble and function check the weapon.

Top: 1st Lt. James Emge, 52nd CBCS, carries teammate Senior Airman Brett Randolph during the buddy carry portion of the relay race.

# Additions to 5th CCG Combat Communications Readiness School helps prepare Airmen for deployment missions

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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The 5th Combat Communications Group Combat Communications Readiness School's new training site is taking a down-to-earth approach to educating Airmen.

The school, commonly called "Mob School" by its students, began using its new field exercise location, a 200-by-100 yard dirt field scattered with patchy weeds near the area known as PAVE PAWS (Perimeter Acquisition Vehicle Entry Phased Array Warning System) Feb. 18, when the first class took to the field for its four-day field exercise.

Col. Carl Block, commander of the 5th CCG said the new exercise location helps Airmen develop the necessary skills for deployment missions.

"The 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Readiness School trains warriors," he said. "We focus on developing leadership, basic survival, physical fitness and warfighting skills in each of our students. These skills are tested in a four-day field training exercise during which students must build and defend a field camp. We provide realistic scenarios complete

with role players and real-time communication feeds to test commanders' skills in realistic wartime situations."

The 5th CCG and the 3rd Combat Communications Group at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla., are the only two units in the Air Combat Command that have Combat Communications Readiness Schools.

1st Lt. Brant Tretter, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron's Training Flight deputy commander, said the CCG school's new training site is a more realistic environment for the school's mission of training Airmen to set up BEAR (Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources) Base communications in a potentially hostile environment than its former training site.

"The way it was before, we were working out of Warrior Air Base and that's basically owned by the base," he said. "So, we had to schedule when we were going to use that around when different units would be out there training."



Lieutenant Tretter said the new training site that once was the radiation hazard area for PAVE PAWS has lost its radiation hazard status, making it an ideal location for the school's training purposes.

The area received more than \$100,000 in infrastructure to tailor the area to meet the school's needs. Water, power and a few loads of concrete brought the field up to speed with the school's mission requirements.

Tech. Sgt. Randy Heidelbach, a combat skills instructor at the Mob school for 14 months, said the school's new addition gives Airmen the feeling of being in the real-world environment.

"It's a more realistic area, more of an open desert environment," he said. "The area is more like an airfield or a runway repair (area)."

Colonel Block said the new training site is a great asset to the school.

"The new exercise location provides a number of benefits," he said. "First, it is on a wide-open field, surrounded by a fence line, simulating an air base defense environment close to

what we have seen in Southwest Asia. This provides a more realistic air base defense than our previous training location. This will better prepare our Airmen for the situations they will encounter as they deploy to Southwest Asia than the older facilities that we had which were surrounded by dense trees and did not have a fence line like most air bases."

The colonel said the training site is an example of the group's efforts to exceed the standard in preparing Airmen for the warfighting mission.

"The 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Communications Readiness School has always met a higher standard in preparing our warriors for deployment because personnel in the 5th Combat Communications Group must be prepared to deploy to a hostile combat environment, and must be trained to a level that they can successfully defend themselves and their mission," he said. "Because of this requirement, students at our combat readiness school spend four days in the field testing themselves in a variety of scenarios including sniper fire, mortar attacks, and defending against full base attacks."

## 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 to Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

### TAP workshop

A three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop will be Monday through Wednesday, 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 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 quarterly Job Connection March 9 in Bldg. 794. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be approximately 15 employers in attendance ready to answer questions and receive resumes. Jobs vary and are both local and national. Come dressed to impress and bring resumes.

For more information call 926-1256.

## ► IN BRIEF

### AFSA MEETING

The Air Force Sergeant's Association will meet today at the Wynn Dining Facility at 11:30 a.m. New officers will be voted in.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Steven Brown, AFSA vice president, at 497-7822 or steven.brown@robins.af.mil.

### 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 today 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 TECHNOLOGY

#### EXPOSITION 2007

The 2007 Robins Technology Expo will be March 14 in the officer's club ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Directorate of Information Technology is hosting this event. All personnel are invited to attend free of charge.

More than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in communications technology, network operations services, data warehousing, information assurance, IT solutions, storage solutions, audio and visual equipment, hardware and software and more.

Free refreshments and giveaways will be available while supplies last.

For more information, contact Max Greenberg, at 888-603-8899 or 301-596-8899

ext. 222 or via email greenberg@ncsi.com.

### RECRUITING VETERANS AS TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center March 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to those who have served as members of the Armed Forces and are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

For more information visit [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com).

Mr. Kirkland will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. Information on this companion program can be found at [www.spousetoteachers.com](http://www.spousetoteachers.com).

The briefing will be in Bldg. 905, room 140, no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or contact Mr. Kirkland at [bill.kirkland@gapsc.com](mailto:bill.kirkland@gapsc.com).

### GEN. SCOTT MEMORIAL

#### GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Museum of Aviation Foundation will hold the second annual Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, Jr. Memorial Golf Scramble April 13 at the Healy Point Country Club in Macon. The tournament will include a noon lunch at the clubhouse, greens fees, riding cart, range balls, a distinctive commemorative golf shirt and an evening birthday celebration buffet. Golfers have a choice of an 8 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. tee time. The tournament fee is \$98 for players and distinctive General Scott books, lithographs and models will serve as prizes. To register, call the Museum of Aviation Foundation at 923-6600.