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Quarterly awards ceremony

Col. Theresa Carter will host the 78th Air Base Wing 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Enlisted Club Ballroom. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the 78th ABW will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating the troops for their stellar achievements. For more information, call Master Sgt Evelyn Porcher at 926-0792.

Road closure

Byron and East Byron Streets will be closed to all traffic except for deliveries from May 9 through May 25 in order to mill and overlay the asphalt roads.

Outdoor water use restrictions expanded

Rainfall continues to be scarce in Georgia. As a result, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has declared a "Level Two" drought, which requires all Georgia residents follow a more stringent outdoor water use schedule than the Level One requirements described in previous Rev-Up articles.

Under the State Drought Management Plan, a Level Two drought condition limits outdoor water use to mornings only. Outdoor water use includes watering lawns, washing vehicles and cleaning driveways or lawn furniture. Based on the GA EPD outdoor watering restrictions, and in compliance with RAFBI 32-7064, the following rules are now in effect for Military Family Housing, Huntington Village residents and all other facilities on base:

►Homes and facilities with odd-numbered addresses are permitted to use outdoor water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►Homes and facilities with even-numbered addresses are permitted to use outdoor water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►No outdoor water use is allowed on Fridays.

The decision to increase the current restrictions to Level Two was a result of a meeting between the State Drought Response Committee, the state climatologist and the GA EPD director April 18.

"Every area of Georgia has been in a persistent and progressive drought condition since last June. It's important that we take steps now to prepare for the warm, typically dry summer months," said Carol A. Couch, GA EPD director.

"A relatively dry winter has contributed to the deepening drought. We must continue to promote any and all water conservation opportunities in our base industrial operations and in our living areas. We appreciate all the efforts of Robins housing residents in complying with these rules," added Russell Adams, Robins Water Quality Program manager.

For more information visit <http://www.caes.uga.edu/topics/disasters/drought/>. To learn more about the rules for outdoor water use or tips for water conservation at Robins call Mr. Adams at 327-8304.

— 78 Civil Engineering Group Environmental Management Division

New commander takes reins of 78th MSG

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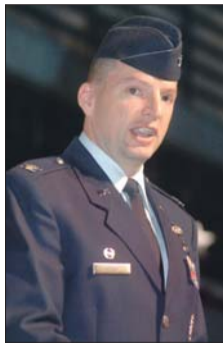
Colonel Patrick Higby recently took charge as commander of the 78th Mission Support Group, receiving the group's guidon at a change of command ceremony April 20.

Colonel Higby comes to Robins from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where he served as the Network Systems Division chief. He said although he enjoyed working at Headquarters Air Combat Command, he is blessed to be back at base level.

"We are certainly blessed and honored to be joining Team Robins. My last job was great and I worked on a lot of far-reaching programs, which have an impact across the whole Air Force, but for officers, I think we all long to be at base level or to be commanders at any level," he said. "I feel honored that General (Tom) Owen and Colonel (Theresa) Carter saw fit to hire me for this position and I hope I'll meet their expectations."

Colonel Carter, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, said the wing is very fortunate to have Colonel Higby join the team.

"He's an incredible leader who has excelled in every assignment and led his units to multiple best in command or best in Air Force awards," Colonel Carter said. "He understands not only what it takes to support the warfighter in a deployed environment but also to support a very large and diverse set of customers at home station. We're thrilled to have



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Col. Patrick Higby speaks after taking command of the 78th Mission Support Group.

Patrick and (his wife) Heather with us at Robins and look forward to working with them over the next two years."

Colonel Higby said one of his top priorities will be to support the wing commander and her vision and goal of fostering the culture of proud, passionate and professional Airmen.

He has three additional goals he will be working towards in his time here at Robins. First, he wants to make sure all Airmen, including active duty, Guard, reservists and civilians, understand we are striving for victory in a long war and that they understand their role in that undertaking.

"We will be working towards fostering a warrior ethos, which includes everything from physical fitness to combat training to family readiness to reintegration into the unit upon returning from deployment," Colonel Higby said. "We especially want team



Col. Patrick C. Higby (center) salutes Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, as he takes command of the 78th Mission Support Group during a ceremony April 20 at the Museum of Aviation. Colonel Higby comes to Robins from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where he was the Network Systems Division chief. Outgoing commander Col. Joel Benefield (right) is heading to the Pentagon where he will be chief of the Bases and Unit Branch.

members who are required to deploy, and their families, to be ready for deployment when the time comes."

Next, Colonel Higby wants to put additional focus on the basics.

"In the MSG we are all about customer service and taking care of our people...people first, mission always. Those two elements are the basic underpinnings that encompass all the other things. That's important to me," the colonel said.

The final area of focus for the colonel is supporting and leading Air Force transformation.

"We are faced with an ongoing Air Force transformation. We have an important role in supporting and leading that transformation which comes with cultural, organizational and doctrinal changes that probably make people uncomfortable," Colonel Higby said. "As a commander, I can help overcome some of the discomfort and clearly explain why we're doing some of the things we're doing and how that helps us prevail."

Colonel Higby said he hopes as commander, he can stay in touch with reality as he strives for these goals. He said he is

about four echelons above reality and that there is a well-intentioned tendency for his staff to want to insulate him from that reality.

"As a colonel in the Air Force it's very easy to be consumed with 'my world and my vision,' but I think it's very important to keep a finger on the pulse of what's really going on where the rubber meets the road. And that's the young Airman or civilian who works on the day-to-day mission."

The colonel, who plans to

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Crew members work to put in the last piece of concrete on the runway in June, 2004. Similar work is being done to the north side of the flightline, which will be closed May 4-18. Forty concrete slabs and 90,000 linear feet of joint seals will be replaced. The project will cost about \$1.5 million.

Mission continues despite flightline closure

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The Robins flightline will be shut down for 14 days, May 4-18, for repairs, but Team Robins members are working to ensure the mission impact is minimal.

"We look at the runway as a weapon system and any weapon system requires maintenance and this is our preventive maintenance," said 1st Lt. Anthony Hayes, airfield operations flight operations officer.

He added no one wants to close the flightline, but in order to continue the mission; the preventive maintenance must be completed.

It will be a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operation in order to complete the repairs in the two-week time frame and with minimal impact on Robins' mission, he said.

One of the biggest challenges was finding a time to repair the flightline that would work for all the units affected by the closure.

"We came up with these dates because they would minimize the impact to all involved," he said. "Mainly it will inconvenience the 116th (Air Control Wing) and the 19th (Air Refueling Group), which will be going TDY with their aircraft during the entire closure," Lieutenant Hayes said.

He added the 402nd Maintenance Wing will also be affected by the closure because it will be unable to bring aircraft in and out for depot maintenance during the closure.

"I know runway closures are a fact of life. We have to do them and we have to maintain our infrastructure. We have been working for at least

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Robins first air logistics center to implement BRAC 2005 decisions

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is the first of the Air Force's three air logistics centers and the first of 13 industrial sites across all four military services to implement the Base Realignment and Closure 2005.

The BRAC 2005 decision calls for the Department of Defense to reconfigure its industrial supply, storage and distribution infrastructure into one integrated provider supporting WR-ALC depot maintenance requirements. This infrastructure will reduce duplication of functions and inventory, optimize resources and streamline processes.

The Defense Distribution Center was tasked by the BRAC decision to elevate the Defense Distribution Depot at Robins and at Oklahoma City, Okla. to a strategic distribution platform.

A joint implementation team has been formed to plan the execution of the BRAC 2005 Supply, Storage and Distribution Management Reconfiguration decision at the Center.

The team consists of Air Force Materiel Command and Defense Logistics Agency personnel charged with creating a plan of action and milestones

for the supply, storage and distribution implementation. The action plan will define specific tasks to be completed that will support a successful transfer of functions and people without degradation of support to readiness and the warfighter.

"As we continue to integrate with the Air Force BRAC implementation team to meet the BRAC 2005 decisions, DLA pledges to ensure uninterrupted customer support," said Army Brig. Gen. Dave Kee, executive director of the DLA BRAC Implementation Office.

DDC's Distribution Reengineering Directorate, led by Air Force Col. Arnold Flores, is planning the transition. He said that DDC has developed and DLA has approved an organizational structure for all four SDPs called "the SDP construct."

Implementation of this construct will occur in phases as customers are transitioned to Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Okla. (DDOO) and Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins (DDWG).

This will expand the number of SDP managed by the DDC to four. The two existing platforms are located at the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., and San

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emphasize the importance of family life during his time here, is joined on his journey to Robins by his wife, Heather, and two children, Hannah, 4, and Noah, 2.

"I consider myself a God-fearing family man and that's a high priority for me. With ongoing force reductions and mission tempo increasing, the temptation, or problem, is that we can all turn into workaholics. I need to set the example by striking a good balance between how much time and effort I spend on the job versus being a good role model to other families," the group commander said, adding that family is just one of the things that could get neglected when we end up



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Col. Joel Benefield, left, former commander of the 78th Mission Support Group, and new commander Col. Patrick Higby share a laugh at the 78th MSG change of command ceremony April 20.

working excessive hours on less important tasks.

Colonel Higby said he recognizes there are many great people in the mission support group and he wants to make

sure the team continues on the right vector and performs to their fullest. "The overall goal is to focus on those things that are most important and get those things done right."

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Joaquin, Calif.

According to General Kee, the main focus continues to be support to the warfighter.

Colonel Flores said the platforms are designed for increased surge capability during wartime as well as contingency support for national emergencies and natural disasters.

The additional SDPs at DDWG and DDOO will improve the mobilization, deployment and sustainment of combatant forces deployed worldwide. All four SDPs will be equipped with state-of-the-art consolidation, containerization, and palletization capabilities, called Containerization Consolidation Point, or CCP, Colonel Flores said.

"The CCP being added to each new SDP is significant," Flores said. "It will require some construction at both DDOO and DDWG both have new structures planned for consolidating and shipping materials outside the continental U.S."

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, is delighted with progress thus far.

"We are working closely with the DLA to ensure this comes off smoothly, and results in the best possible use of resources. We are working with state and local officials to accommodate changes to traffic patterns. We are excited that

Robins was chosen for this key strategic distribution platform mission," said General Owen.

As DDWG and DDOO transition to platforms, they will begin to assume new customers, Colonel Flores said. DDWG and DDOO will also be the first source of replenishment for other DDC distribution centers in their geographic regions.

The platforms also use technology that allows military customers to track shipments of supplies, called in-transit cargo visibility and real-time accountability of shipments.

"SDPs are a critical component of the global Department of Defense distribution network," Colonel Flores said, "and provide long-term mission stability."

"Our depots deliver the aircraft and repair parts that keep Air Force missions flying. A superb plan, executed well, will ensure our maintenance lines keep delivering and our Air Force keeps flying," said Loma Estep, deputy director of supply for AFMC's Directorate of Logistics.

Plans call for supply, storage and distribution implementation to take place at AFMC's air logistics centers in fiscal 2008. WR-ALC is planned for the first quarter; Oklahoma City ALC at Tinker AFB, Okla., is scheduled for the second quarter.

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three months to try and position ourselves where it will impact our customers the least in terms of accelerating aircraft to get them out in advance so we don't have any ready to go and trapped here by the runway closure," said Brig. Gen. Andy Busch, commander of the 402nd MXW.

The 116th Air Control Wing will be moving to the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center, where they will continue with their local and school course requirements and others will deploy to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada for an exercise.

The 19th ARG will also be relocating during the closure. Lt. Col. Blaine Holt, acting group commander, said the closure offers an opportunity to exercise the group's abilities as a mobility command by showing their capability to achieve their mission from anywhere in the world.

"We have most of our jets or the majority of our fleet will go to our sister wing at MacDill

Air Force Base, (Fla). A contingency of our maintainers and crew members will be taking care of our aircraft and flying missions from there," said Colonel Holt.

He added the people left behind during the closure will spend their time catching up with maintenance, training and issues with their impending deactivation in May 2008.

The repairs will help eliminate some of the risks of foreign-object damage by repairing the concrete slabs on the flightline.

"The degradation of the slab can cause FOD, which can damage the aircraft when landing," said Lieutenant Hayes.

The project will cost about \$1.5 million and will consist of the replacement of 40 concrete slabs and 90,000 linear feet of joint seals, which go in between the slabs to keep water out, Lieutenant Hayes said.

Slabs identified for replacement failed due to transverse, which are diagonal or longitudinal cracks. Lieutenant Hayes said. These types of cracks occur when the slab cracks all the way through either diago-

nally or down the middle. Temporary repairs are made to the slabs when it cracks in half or when corners are broken off, Lieutenant Hayes said.

"We have had to come in and make temporary repairs. We have come in and cut out corners and replace them with quick-dry concrete," he said.

He said the majority of the slabs being replaced are located on the north end of the flightline, because in 2004 similar repairs were made to about 100 slabs, most of which were located on the south end.

"It's an expected thing when you have two-miles of concrete – at times you are going to have to do construction. It's a fact of life in the world of concrete; it wears out," said Chief Master Sgt. Billy Messer, 116th ACW airfield manager. "We just have to plan accordingly, so we don't totally lose out on all the requirements the air crews need for flying."

The project will also include the beginning of the asphaltting of the Bravo and Charlie taxiways. The asphalt work on the taxiways will continue after the flightline reopens until June 2.



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Joe Fellows saws sections of concrete to be removed and replaced during flightline improvement in 2004. The Robins flightline will be shutdown 14 days, May 4-18, for similar repairs.

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Dressed for success



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Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Diebel, 78th Air Base Wing, showed up at the April 13 Combat Cross Country Race in camouflage paint. "I love this kind of stuff," she said. "When I heard about it I just decided to get out here and do it."

Sixty-three active duty military members of Team Robins competed in the three kilometer run which tested their endurance and strength with the use of nine-pound body bars. Male winners were: 1st place - Tech. Sgt. Lee Ayers; 2nd place - Tech. Sgt. Michael Reeves and 3rd place - Staff Sgt. Alex Fiebig. Female winners were: 1st place - Staff Sgt. Samantha Singleton; 2nd place - Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Diebel and 3rd place - Staff Sgt. Iris Palmer. The Team Award trophy went to the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Time for taking personal responsibility is now

When you look in the mirror in the morning, do you see someone who takes personal responsibility for your actions? Or is your first reaction when things don't go quite right to blame someone else?

As Airmen — and to me that term includes our military, civilian and contractor members of our team — we all depend on one another to perform to the best of our abilities and to be personally prepared for every challenge we might face. Anything less could cost valuable American lives as we work to provide our warfighters with the best aerospace power equipment in the world. We also provide warfighters with a very valuable and precious asset — expeditionary Airmen with great attitudes and skills ready to perform at a moment's notice around the globe.

Of course, not all our actions are life and death, but they do have an effect on our community as a whole.

For example, in an earlier assignment, I was leaving a building and noticed an Airman throwing trash out of his car window. As you can imagine, he was pretty surprised when I tapped on his window and asked him to pick up his trash. Apparently, he was going to let

someone else take care of his litter. If everyone took care of their own trash, there would be no need for base cleanup details. But to this Airman, keeping the base clean was someone else's job, not his.

The stakes get considerably higher when we talk about military readiness, which includes our medical readiness. Base readiness exercises typically show we can always do better when it comes to individual readiness and personal responsibility.

Time after time, people show up for their exercise deployment ill-prepared and unable to deploy because they haven't taken the time, or the personal responsibility, to do what it takes to be ready. In some cases, their shot records aren't up to date; in others, they haven't completed their self-aid buddy care training. Some Airmen aren't up to speed on the proper wear of the gas mask. These issues present unnecessary challenges to the deployment line process.

Who is to blame for these individuals not being ready? Is it their supervisor, who didn't give them enough time to focus on these requirements? Is it their unit deployment manager, who hasn't sufficiently

explained every deployment requirement to them and scheduled every class? Is it their commander? While these people play important roles in their unit members' development, the answer to these questions is clearly, "No."

Ultimately, all Airmen are responsible for their actions. Being deployment ready is the responsibility of everyone who wears the uniform, and not because they might be tested during an inspection or exercise, but because we are a nation at war, and their job very well could call for them to deploy into harm's way. When that happens, no excuse in the world will save an Airman who is ill prepared. Personal responsibility encompasses many areas: dress and appearance, warfighting skills, equipment and attitude.

It is the personal responsibility of every Air Force member to know the Airman's Manual [Air Force Manual 10-100] inside and out. The Airman's Manual is a terrific tool, filled with knowledge that will help develop warfighting skills. Some people get complacent and think that there's no need for them to learn every entry in the manual when they can just look it up. Those people could

not be more wrong, because, again, they could find themselves in a war zone, a long way from their assigned base, facing an enemy who doesn't allow open-book exams.

It is also our individual responsibility to keep up to date on our professional training, whether military or civilian, and to learn and apply continuous process improvement tools, such as AF5021, Six Sigma and Lean tools. As we face personnel and budget challenges ahead, we'll need every tool in the bag to ensure our mission operations are successful.

Every Airman has a personal responsibility to look for ways to improve our processes, to be fully trained to meet any challenge, and to be the very best member of our Air Force team they can be. Anything less is unacceptable.

So take a good look in the mirror and ask yourself, "Do I take personal responsibility. Am I ready to deploy today? Is my medical readiness up to date? Am I ready for a no-notice inspection?" If the answers are no, you better get busy, because in today's challenging world, we are relying on you.

—This commentary was written by Col. Brad Ashley, 72nd Air Base Wing.



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78th Air Base Wing
commander

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ID Cards

I got here in 1995, and had a standard civil service employee ID card (as did my wife, as my spouse) that read: "Expiration Date: Indefinite." Since about 1995, my wife has accessed the base at least weekly with her ID card, to be a base Thrift Shop volunteer.

Today, at the Main Gate, my wife's ID card was confiscated, and she was directed to go immediately to base Civilian Personnel and then to Pass & ID for a new ID card, "because an 'indefinite ID card is unauthorized."

I have no recollection of being advised that my wife was required to get a new ID card, either when I got a new ID card or at any other time. Putting aside that the gate guard was pretty abrupt, my concern is the lack of any advance warning or period within which she could have gotten a new ID card, without this confiscation business.

Unless there was some advance notice, the fact my wife has been coming on base weekly with her same ID card suggests to me that a "no notice" ID card confiscation policy just doesn't seem "filled with the desire to take very good care of the Air Force (or Robins) family." Have I missed something important?

Colonel Carter's response:

In December 2006, Security Forces notified, while replacing several damaged AF Form 354s (Civilian Personnel ID Card), that the cards had "Indefinite" expiration dates. The "Indefinite" expiration date did not comply with changes in the Dec. 20, 2002 revision of AFI 36-3026, Identification Cards For Member Of The Uniformed Services, Their Eligible Family Members, And Other Eligible Personnel. The revised AFI limited "Indefinite" expiration dates to retired civilian personnel.

In mid-December 2006, Security Forces began confiscating ID cards with an "Indefinite" expiration date on other than retiree ID cards. The civilian personnel office concurrently began putting expiration dates on spouse, dependent and non-appropriated personnel ID cards. Although we did announce this change in policy during installation staff meetings, we regret not more broadly publicizing it in a timely manner to a larger audience. We will routinely publicize this change in the Rev-Up to ensure ongoing notification. We apologize for any inconvenience.

PBL strategies save money while improving readiness, reducing failures

By AMANDA CREEL
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As the Air Force continues to tighten its belt financially, members of the 762nd Combat Sustainment Group are learning to more efficiently accomplish the Air Force mission by instituting Performance Based Logistics contracting strategies.

Between now and 2011, more than \$270 million will be cut from Robin's budget by Air Force Materiel Command, said Hugh Foskey, director of the 583rd Combat Sustainment Squadron.

"PBL is a critical tool to achieve the urgency of the need to reap the savings," Mr. Foskey said.

Traditionally, the government would buy a service or product and then provide contractors with specific instructions for how to accomplish the service or how to provide the product. The contractor gives the government a product based on the government's step-by-step process, Mr. Foskey said.

With PBL, the government will be contracting for results. The government is not going to tell the contractor how to do it. Instead the government will tell the contractor the desired result, Mr. Foskey said.

"The logic behind it and the reason it works is because under PBL strategy, contractors add to

their profit as they improve the reliability of the product," said Patty Martin, 762nd CBSG director.

For a PBL contract to be used, it must immediately produce savings for the government compared to the existing or traditional contract.

"The bottom line is if it doesn't save us money we are not going to do it," Mr. Foskey said.

The PBL contracts will differ for both the government representatives and the contractors involved with both taking on new responsibilities and roles.

"This is going to be a relatively large change to the way we do business," Ms. Martin said. "It's going to take both contractors and the government coming to the table with an open mind and willing to work together through the challenges."

The process is much different than the way the two had done business together in the past. Presently the government is the inventory manager, but under PBL the contractor will be the inventory manager, Ms. Martin said.

"If you are going to make the contractor ultimately responsible for the mission readiness and the availability of this part you have to give them the ability to make decisions," Ms. Martin said.

Both Mr. Foskey and Ms. Martin agreed that one of the

most important things for Team Robins members affected by the implementation of PBL strategies is to know the strategy is not about eliminating jobs, but about freeing up the individuals who previously were the inventory managers and diverting them to a new workload.

"Our people will be managing results and success, rather than putting out fires," Mr. Foskey said.

Ms. Martin added, Robins Team members will not be losing their jobs, their jobs will just change. The changes will include a skill increase because the personnel will go from managing the supplies to managing the suppliers.

Some of the work done by members of Team Robins to implement the new PBL strategies has been adopted as a business case model for the rest of the Air Force and the other air logistics centers to use as they implement PBL strategies.

The business case model helped analyze which costs should be part of a contractor's cost and which costs should not be considered in the contract.

"Everyone is using the same business case model. It is based upon hard line results and not feelings or who can give the best briefing," Ms. Martin said. "I am real proud of the fact that Warner Robins took a lead in developing the business case model."

Giving Thanks



First grade students from Central Fellowship Christian Academy visited the 116th Maintenance Group March 30 to salute the Airmen through patriotic songs and with the giving of gifts of appreciation.

Top, Kelsey Gerger, first grade student from Central Fellowship Christian Academy, gives Staff Sgt. Carrie Herring of the 116th Maintenance Group, a gift and a hug.



Bottom, the children were treated to a tour inside an E-8A aircraft.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Effective as of March 23, squadron commanders and directors may request the temporary suspension of driving privileges for active-duty military members under their authority for a period of no greater than seven days for minor moving and non-moving violations received on or off base.

Requests can be made once violations have been brought to the attention of squadron leadership, either through a citation issued by a law enforcement official, commander, first sergeant or a trained parking lot monitor.

Squadron leadership will request temporary suspension by e-mail to the 78th Mission Support Group commander, listing the facts of the offense and reasoning for requesting temporary suspension. Upon approval, the squadron leader will send notification with justification for suspension notifying the member of the proposed action. Three duty days will be allowed for a rebuttal or a request for a personal presentation before squadron leadership. If the member does not respond, the temporary suspension will go into effect on the day listed in the memorandum, unless an extension is requested and granted. The squadron commander or director will retain the memorandum on file in the individual's Personnel Information File and forward an electronic copy to the 78th Security Forces Squadron commander and 78th SFS Reports and Analysis section. The Reports and Analysis section will add the member to the Temporary Driving Suspension Log and forward to 78th SFS Police Services for distribution to the Security Force Control Center and installation entry control points.

If the member rebuts the proposed suspension or makes a personal presentation, the squadron leadership will review member comments and approve or disapprove the suspension. If the suspension is approved, the squadron leader will notify the 78th MSG commander for information purposes only and forward an electronic copy of the completed memorandum to the 78th SFS commander and 78th SFS/S5R.

For more information on this policy contact 78th Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis, at 926-5842 or 222-1979. - 78th Air Base Wing command section

► CORRECTION

Saadq Goins, a sixth grader at Robins Elementary School was misidentified in the "For the love of music" story printed in the April 20th edition of the Rev-up. The Rev-up regrets the error.

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The End of an Era

653rd CLSS Airmen reflect on past mission as unit prepares to close shop in 2009

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has traveled around the world putting Air Force birds on the mend for the past 40 years, but the team's tales of repair are coming to an end.

From Dover, Del., to the Middle East, the unit's nearly 300 men and women have shown their expertise in repairing aircraft of all makes and models, all in the name of top-notch warfighter support.

The unit, which started out at Robins as the 2955th Combat Logistics Support Squadron in December 1967 and was renamed the 653rd CLSS in October 1992, will close up shop in a multi-phase process which begins in summer 2007 and ends in 2009.

Maj. Paul Kanning, 653rd CLSS commander since June 2005, said the squadron's end comes as the Air Force restructures its approach to warfighter support under the knife of budget cuts.

"It originated with the PBD (Program Budget Decision) 720 cuts," he said. "(Air Force Materiel Command) headquarters identified each of the (combat logistics support squadrons) at each ALC (air logistics center) as areas for cuts. They took their first look and based upon workload said, 'Yes, we can definitely move some people from there.'"

Major Kanning said more specifically, Airmen in supply and transportation areas of squadrons as well as the main-

tenance capability would be cut by a sizable proportion.

After taking a second look at the situation, AFMC knew it needed to find another way to meet the mission, a process the major said is ongoing.

Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. hosted a Lean event this week to plan an enterprise-wide standard on how depot maintenance support will be provided to the field, Major Kanning said.

The 653rd CLSS closure will come in multiple phases.

"For our squadron specifically, the plan right now is to close in September of 2009," he said. "That begins this summer with supply and transportation. These folks will be leaving here this summer. They'll be PCSing out or moving somewhere else on base (making a permanent change of assignment)."

Major Kanning said the number of those to PCS and PCA are half and half.

Airmen PCAing could possibly become part of the Air Force Reserve Command, the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron or the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, as Airmen in those fields are reapportioned, the major said.

Those who are PCSing most likely will go to Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Langley Air Force Base, Va; and the Joint Personal Property Office in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The decision of whether to PCS or PCA an Airmen in this case is based on how long the person has been at Robins, regardless of their parent com-

mand.

Major Kanning said many individuals have already been notified about their next assignment and will PCS by Aug. 20.

The unit's complete closure includes reducing the number of maintenance teams in the squadron little by little through summer 2009, the major said.

The change comes as the Air Force works to reinvest its funds in new weapons systems, Major Kanning said.

While the 653rd CLSS commander knows what's at the heart of the decision, he said it doesn't change the difficulty of the matter.

"It's a difficult position to be in, no doubt about it," he said. "The decision to cut the squadron is not a desirable one, but it's necessary based on the environment today."

Necessary or not, 653rd CLSS members are already feeling the absence of their fellow white knights and the possibility of future missions.

Master Sgt. Ceasar Blye, supply element noncommissioned officer in the 653rd CLSS who has called the squadron his family since 1999, said he will miss the friends he has made on his job.

The 44-year-old South Carolina native said from the East Coast to the West Coast and far across the sea, he has met many challenges with his mission of aircraft repair.

"I think my most challenging mission has been a deployment to the AOR (area of responsibility) in 2006 when we actually went on a joint

operation with the Army," he said. "We had to go through combat training in Colorado and from there, we went over to the AOR."

The white knight and his team have made positive changes in the deployed location. One temporary duty assignment to the Middle East led to a distribution center where Airmen could obtain chemical warfare gear in theater instead of having to carry such equipment to the field.

Sergeant Blye has enjoyed traveling and getting his hands in a variety of jobs since taking up with the squadron.

Master Sgt. Stephen Reeves, 653rd CLSS C-130 maintenance production superintendent, who has been in the unit for five years, said he'll miss always being on the go.

"I love it," he said. "That's one of the reasons I came to this squadron. Prior to 2005, we were literally hand picked to come here and you were working, no kidding, with the best of the best maintainers around you."

It's that professionalism that has set the 653rd CLSS members apart in their careers.

Knowing that fact makes the squadron's cut that much harder for Major Kanning.

"It's going to be tough because we do have a bunch of great people who are on-call, ready to go at any time," he said. "But that's the environment we're in. These are the cards that we are dealt in the Air Force and we have to figure out a way to play the game with those cards."



courtesy photos

Top, This C-130 combat repair was done at an undisclosed location during the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Center, This HH-60 photo was taken at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The team had just repaired the helicopter and was getting fuel prior to running systems checks.

Bottom, A 653rd CLSS team repaired this C-130, which sustained crash damage in Minnesota, enough for a one time flight back to Robins where they permanently repaired the aircraft.

AFPC representatives meet with Robins transportation, supply Airmen to discuss budget cuts, what lies ahead

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Air Force Personnel Center headquarters representatives made a special visit to 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron members April 23 to shed some light on Program Budget Decision 720 cuts.

About 30 supply and transportation management personnel from the 653rd CLSS, the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 5th Combat Communications Group came together in a question and answer session hosted by the 653rd CLSS in the base theater.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Brantley, NCO in charge of 2T0/2T2 Enlisted Assignments at the AFPC at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and Senior Master Sgt. Tim Olearnick, transportation functional manager at AFPC headquarters, fielded a number of questions from those affected by PBD 720 cuts coming in the near future.

Questions focused on special assignments, short and long tour credits and other assignment-related concerns of Airmen affected by the cuts.

Sergeant Brantley said he and his colleague came to the base to help people understand the PBD 720 cut process and how it will affect them.

"PBD cuts have affected this unit (the 653rd CLSS), which means all of their authorizations have actually been deleted," he said. "So, we're here to alleviate any kind of questions or concerns that the personnel have because all but a few of them are going to actually move throughout the continental United States to different locations."

In addition, Sergeant Olearnick said he wanted to update the Airmen on where the Air Force is in the PCS process.

Sergeant Brantley said the 653rd CLSS commander, Maj. Paul Kanning, requested the visit in order to clear up any misconceptions people may have had about the cuts.

"A lot of people will proba-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airmen from supply and transportation management who will be affected by upcoming changes listen as Tech. Sgt. Brian Brantley and Senior Master Sgt. Tim Olearnick answer their questions April 23 at the base theater.

bly take their assignment and just go and have no problems," he said. "But, other folks will have medical concerns, issues with retainability or anything, and that's why we're here."

The duo gave a quick briefing on the background of the PBD 720 cuts and welcomed questions from individuals in the audience.

The AFPC representatives were available for questions on a one-on-one basis for the remainder of the evening.

Sergeant Olearnick said more than 100 supply and transportation Airmen from the 653rd CLSS and the 654th CLSS are being affected by PBD 720 cuts.

While the AFPC transportation reps visited here, supply functionals from headquarters AFPC were at Tinker discussing the PBD 720 cuts.

AFPC reps here communicated supply-related concerns via telephone to AFPC's subject matter experts visiting Tinker.

Sergeant Brantley said he and others making the visits are putting a face to the process.

"Something like this doesn't happen often, and there's a lot of confusion, a lot of uncertainty," he said. "It's human nature. People just want to know what's going on. They want answers. They want to be able to have some kind of peace of mind and we understand. Everybody in this room

has families, has issues going on. They have wives with jobs, husbands with jobs. So, we're just here to make their transition as smooth as we can."

Sergeant Olearnick said he hopes the visit made what can be a hard process less painful.

"When people have to move because of PCS, it's very emotional because it affects the whole family," he said. "With the automation of the Air Force and everything becoming virtual, it is nice to be able to get out and talk face-to-face and answer questions one-on-one, where it's a little harsh when people have to get on the computer, go on the Web site and try to get a question answered."

Sergeant Olearnick said it's important for people to remember that the cuts are part of the Air Force Transformation and that the Air Force is going through a reshaping process.

The PBD cuts affecting the 653rd CLSS will start this summer and will be phased out by the Air Staff leadership through Fiscal 2009.

Staff Sgt. Samantha Singleton, a traffic management journeyman in the 653rd CLSS, came to the Q and A session to learn as much as she could about the PBD 720 process and how it would affect her.

"I think it was a great opportunity because there were a lot of people that had a

lot of questions about why they got the assignments that they did get and it cleared up a lot and gave some answers," she said.

Tech. Sgt. Joe Gray, a materiel management craftsman in the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said he came to the session to learn more about PBD 720.

Sergeant Gray said he feels better about the process, knowing that the method used to cut and relocate people is fair.

"I think it was very helpful," he said. "I think they were basically looking out for us as far as giving us information."

Major Kanning said he was glad that Airmen had a chance to talk to those who are in the know about the PBD cuts.

"I think it makes a big difference for the individual to hear it from the expert who's actually making the move happen, the expert who's finding them their job, finding them their next base," he said. "We all know that the Air Force is fair and just, but it makes a big difference when you get to hear it through face-to-face feedback."

Major Kanning said he's glad his people had the opportunity to express their concerns one-on-one in an informative environment.

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Intro to blue

Heart Link program helps new Air Force spouses get connected, learn about military life

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Getting adjusted to married life can be stressful enough, and becoming a military spouse adds another layer to the challenge.

But new Air Force spouses don't have to face the new experience alone.

Heart Link, an Air Force-wide program that orients men and women who have been married to a military member five years or less, spread throughout the service branch in 2002.

About 175 military spouses have participated in the Air Force Aid Society program since its inception.

Roslyn Battle, a community readiness technician at the Airman and Family Readiness Center since June 2005, said the intimate setting allows spouses to get to know one another on a more personal level.

Spouses are given a list of questions to ask each other and introduce one another to the group.

Robins' Family Child Care program offers free childcare while parents participate in Heart Link, Mrs. Battle said.

Heart Link participants get the opportunity to learn about the Air Force mission, and more specifically Robins' mission, from a 78th Air Base Wing representative, typically the base commander, in a small group setting. Mrs.

Battle said.

Spouses are given a lesson on Air Force customs and courtesies, protocol and other available resources.

In the introduction to the Air Force family portion of the program, representatives from the military personnel flight, protocol and military finance give spouses an A to Z lesson on the day-to-day logistics of military life, Mrs. Battle said. "They go over LES (Leave and Earnings Statements), and MPF goes over what's available for them," she said. "Protocol briefs spouses on what's appropriate, etc."

Phil Ewald, one of 24 Air Force spouses that attended Heart Link April 20, said being an Air Force spouse for a mere four months, the program is very helpful for him to understand what his wife, Airman 1st Class Jill Ewald, who is in the 51st Combat Communications Squadron, does and the military way of life.

"It was a whirlwind kind of thing with Jill," he said. "We met in high school and she joined the Air Force. I thought it would be a good thing for her to do. This whole tornado like thing started back in December when we got married and since then it has just been one thing after another. Oh my gosh, I'm in the Air Force now too since I'm a spouse and I have no idea what I'm doing."

But, after participating with

other spouses in a similar situation, the 24-year-old Cincinnati, Ohio, native feels more at ease.

"I'm looking forward to talking to some of these people later on if I have a problem or something like that," he said. "Gaining the contacts I think has been important to me so far."

Mindy Hutchins, wife of Senior Master Sgt. Talmadge Hutchins with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, who has 27 years experience as an Air Force spouse, sat among the newcomers to help guide them.

"I had no idea that this was an option at the base," she said. "I was in the BX one day and Roslyn was sitting there at a table and asked if I would be interested in being a mentor for the Air Force program and I said I'd love to. (I'm here to give them) any information that will be helpful to them."

WHAT TO KNOW

Heart Link is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794 twice a year. Military spouses who have been married five years or less are encouraged to attend. Participants must register at the center prior to attendance. For more information, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

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 staff sergeant was found to be drunk on duty. Punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,031 pay for two months and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant tested positive for marijuana during a random urinalysis. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months, suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant disobeyed a lawful order by violating a no contact order.

Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman, forfeitures of \$1,031 pay per month for one month.

An airman 1st class was charged with stealing and attempting to sell military property. Punishment was reduction to airman basic, and suspended forfeiture of

\$650 pay for two months.

Courts - Martial:

An airman basic faced trial by special court-martial for wrongful use of marijuana, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The member tested positive for marijuana during a commander directed urinalysis. The military judge sentenced the member to confinement for two months, forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for two months, bad conduct discharge and a reprimand.

Administrative Discharges:

An airman 1st class received an honorable discharge for failure to progress in on-the-job training. The member failed the Career Development Course exam twice. The base training manager thoroughly reviewed the member's records and submitted a recommendation that the member be administratively discharged from the Air Force.

An airman 1st class received an honorable discharge for Conditions That Interfere With Military Service: mental disorders - personality disorder. The member was evaluated and diagnosed by a Life Skills Support Center's clinical psychologist and was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder NOS, a major depressive disorder, single episode, severe without psychotic features, and an occupational problem (Axis



I) and personality disorder (Axis II) of a severity that makes them unsuitable for continued military service. The psychologist recommended that the member be administratively discharged from the Air Force.

A staff sergeant received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for unsatisfactory duty performance, failure to perform assigned duties properly.

The member failed to meet the minimum passing score of the Army Physical Fitness Test which is required for entry into the Basic Airborne Course and continued duty in the 17 ASOS on two separate occasions, member failed to inform superior of expired security clearance, and made a false official statement regarding the documentation and unauthorized wearing of a parachutist badge. For these offenses, the member received two letters of counseling, and two records of individual counseling.

An airman basic received an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions discharge for wrongful use of marijuana, willful consumption of alcoholic beverages while under the legal drinking age of 21, and disobeying a lawful no contact order.

For these offenses, the member received an Article 15 with reduction in grade from airman 1st class to airman basic and two letters of reprimand.

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GETTING THE 411

New Web sites give valuable information as SITES-IV goes offline Monday

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A Web site many have used to get prepared for upcoming permanent change of station moves is going offline Monday.

The Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services IV Web site, which was established by the California-based Defense Manpower Data Center in 1997, offered information on all aspects of the PCS process, from the principles of inprocessing to finding healthcare and schools in the person's new area.

Now, two online resources, Military OneSource and Military Homefront, will take the Web site's place as the go-to spots for military members and civilians making their next PCS.

Lisa Matney, a community readiness technician at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said the change comes at the direction of Deputy under Secretary of Defense Leslye Arshnt.

"One of the main reasons I think it's closing down is just for the new and improved technology of today," she said. "With the two Web sites we have available now, it gives them a little bit more current, a little bit more user-friendly information. You can still get some of the same principles and information from those sites. It's just growth and change."

Mrs. Matney said the Web sites serve all service branches, taking the users through the PCS process from start to finish no matter where they



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Lisa Matney, a Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center community readiness technician, said today's new and improved technology is behind the new changes to the system used for civilian and military PCS information access.

are going.

Dan Wells, team leader and a community readiness consultant at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said the change is a positive one.

"I think it's going to be a plus for our folks here because now they have an instant tool they can go to either at work or at their home, and once they're notified where they're going, it's just instant information about the base they're going to, instant information on how to make this move as smooth as possible, he said."

Mr. Wells said the new resources will enable military members and civilians to ask their own questions and do their own research in the manner that suits them best.

The community readiness consultant reminds people that although the new Web sites are available, they can still take advantage of the Airman and Family Readiness Center's programs like Smooth Move and PCS resources found in the center's Discovery Zone to make informed decisions about their move.



WHAT TO KNOW

The Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services IV Web site will end Monday. In its place, military and civilians may visit the Military OneSource Web site at www.militaryonesource.com or the Military Homefront Web site at www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil to gather valuable information to make a PCS as easy as possible. For more information, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

Robins to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with events for everyone

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Whether Team Robins members realize it or not, the Asian culture has influenced most of them, which is the message the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month committee wants to deliver.

"The Asian influence is evident all over the place in movies, music, art, food and fashions. Celebrating APAAH brings this awareness to the public. We want them to know that without the Asian influence, there would be no movies with martial arts like 'Matrix', 'Kill Bill' or 'Shanghai Noon'. There would be no fried rice, sushi, beef and broccoli or sweet and sour pork as choices in a food court. And there would be no songs such as 'Kung Fu Fighting,'" said Senior Master Sgt. Theresa A. Chan, chairperson for the committee and superintendent of the 78th Medical Operations Squadron.

Anyone who enjoys Asian traditions or foods should find their way to one of the bases Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities.

The month-long celebration will begin Tuesday with an opening ceremony at the Robins Base Exchange at 10 a.m.

The committee is also sponsoring two contests for students to participate in as a way to learn more about the Asian culture. Children ages 12 and under are invited to participate in a poster contest by designing a poster

Calendar of Events

- ▶The opening ceremony will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Robins Base Exchange.
- ▶The Asian Festival will be May 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the base furniture store parking lot.
- ▶The banquet will be May 24 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Base Restaurant.

about "Asian Contributions to America" and students 13 and older are invited to create a diorama or illustration board about the observation's national theme, "Pursuing Excellence through Leadership, Diversity and Unity."

During the Asian Festival May 11, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the 32 Asian countries throughout the world.

Area businesses will join the cultural celebration by spotlighting a country.

"We just want to give them a broad view of what other cultures are like. It is a chance to bring it to them because they can't go to it," said Senior Airman Loyisha Wright, a committee member who works in reports and analysis for the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

The festival will also include martial arts demonstrations such as Taekwondo and Shaolin and a roaming fashion show with traditional attire from some of the many Asian countries around the world.

"Asian fashion is more than

just kimonos and grass skirts," Sergeant Chan said.

The event will also offer spectators the opportunity to sample Asian dishes by purchasing a \$5 sampler plate.

Airman Wright said she loves Asian foods and wants to give others the chance to experience the taste.

"We will give small samples out to tease them to buy," Sergeant Chan said. "You know, the ones on the end of a toothpick."

There will also be activities for children, such as face painting of oriental designs and the opportunity to learn to write using Asian characters

The banquet, which will conclude the Asian heritage celebration, will give attendees an opportunity to learn more about Malaysia through a cultural show. The guest speaker will be Fabian de Rozario, the co-founder and president of the Malaysian Association of Georgia and Secretary of the Asian Pacific American Council of Georgia.

During the dinner, members of a Filipino and Guamanian dance troop will provide the entertainment and the food served will be an enticing blend of Asian dishes with beef and broccoli for the main course and Maja Blanca for desert.

Sergeant Chan said she wants members of the Robins community to know. "The American culture is like a stew in its entirety...the Asian culture is one of the spices that make it good."

ATTENTION ALL STU-III AND STE USERS

Per an April 9 mandate from Director of National Security Agency, all STU-III's regardless of make or model and STE's (STU-III side only) must be re-keyed by May 4. Ensure terminals located in residences and other remote locations are rekeyed as well. Failure to rekey your secure telephones by the designated time could render them incompatible with other STU-III's and STE's when attempting to make secure phone calls.

For rekeying instructions or for more information contact the Central Facility Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-635-5689, the 78th Communications Squadron's Secure Communications workcenter at 926-3889 or the 78th CS helpdesk at 926-4357. — 78th Communications Squadron

► IN BRIEF

VETERAN'S CELEBRATION

Task Force Patriot USA, LifeWay Christian Resources, GM, Stone Mountain Park and the United States Air Force have joined together to create a three-day celebration honoring active duty and veteran U.S. troops and their families. The Task Force Patriot Salute to the Troops will take place May 26 through 28 at Stone Mountain Park and is expected to draw more than 100,000 people.

The salute to the troops, which also is an official U.S. Air Force 60th anniversary event, will include daily activities such as flyovers by the U.S. Air Force, military bands, musicians, singers and military and civilian motivational speakers. Each evening guests can enjoy The Call to Freedom, a two and a half hour show that will combine live music, fireworks and flyovers with the Park's traditional Lasershow, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Updates to the daily schedule of events will be posted at www.stonemountainpark.com/sa

lute. For more information contact Jim Freeman at (404) 992-2630 or JimFreeman@taskforcepatriot.com.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Negro Airmen International, Inc. will host the 40th Annual Memorial Day Fly-In May 25 through 27 in Tuskegee Alabama. The 2007 Annual Fly-In features four event-filled days culminating in the Chief Alfred Anderson Banquet where Dick Gregory, noted civil rights leader, activist and author will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$45 per person.

For more information, contact Sam Jones at (912) 232-1710; 913.1082 or jone973@comcast.net. Information is also available by visiting www.blackwings.com.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

The Rebuilding Together Warner Robins affiliate will host its National Rebuilding Day event Saturday at the city recreation center on Watson Boulevard at 7 a.m.

The mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring low-income homeowners live in warmth, safety

and independence. The affiliate provides necessary repairs free of charge to existing homeowners. These repairs often include home modifications, roofing, plumbing, and electrical repairs and improvements. For more information visit <http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/index.php>.

ANIMAL RESCUE DAY

An animal rescue and adoption day will be held Saturday at Tractor Supply Co. 6010 Watson Boulevard from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Spay and Neuter Animal Clinic and Shelter will host a pet vaccination clinic from 8 a.m. to noon. Vaccination prices are: Rabies vaccination: \$6; DHLPP (Parvo/Distemper for dogs): \$12; FVRCP (Distemper for cats): \$12.

SPACE CAMP

Applications are available at the teen center for the 2007 Space Camp to be held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala. July 29 through Aug. 3. Space Camp is for eligible users of the Air Force Youth Program ages 12 to 18 years old. Submit applications by Monday. For more information contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

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 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.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794, Airman and Family Readiness Center.

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

Bundles for babies passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class

Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This program is open to all active duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. The bundle includes a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, printed cotton receiving blankets and more.

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

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we

give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may

also be submitted, but space is limited.

Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can

be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

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► Museum of Aviation volunteer earns Volunteer Excellence Award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins recently took time out of its schedule to recognize those who give so much of their time in service to others.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted the 2006 Volunteer Excellence Award Ceremony in the enlisted club ballroom April 17, with several volunteers from the base and local community present.

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, presented Irene Harner, a long-time volunteer at the Museum of

Aviation, with the honor.

Lisa Matney, a community readiness technician at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said the 17th annual event themed, "Inspired by Example," celebrated the volunteer service of more than 15 community and on-base organizations.

"I think it fits the whole volunteer program to a 't' because people do inspire others to volunteer," she said. "Inspired by example is exactly what Ms. Harner has done. She has worked with many people who have come around and volunteered themselves in other areas."

Mrs. Harner began volunteering in the Family Services Unit at Castle Air Force Base, Calif. in 1955. In 1965, the New Jersey native began volunteering in the Family Services Unit

at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico. In 1969, Mrs. Harner and her husband, Myrel, moved to Robins, where she continued volunteering in several areas.

For 26 years, the senior volunteer dedicated her time to a multitude of military-related endeavors.

Mrs. Matney said having accumulated more than 1,650 volunteer hours at the Museum of Aviation alone, Ms. Harner has earned her honor proudly.

"She has definitely done a fair share of volunteer work, anywhere from California to Robins," she said.

Flint Harner, 53-year-old son of the volunteer award winner, came from West Palm Beach, Fla. to share in his mother's special recognition.

"She has done so much for other people and my father and

I are just naturally very, very proud of her," he said. "She gives a lot of herself and her compassion to what she does."

But for Mrs. Harner, the award came as a surprise.

"(I was) very thrilled," she said. "I didn't expect it. I knew I was nominated, but I didn't expect it. It was a real shock. It really was."

The avid volunteer said she and her husband of 55 years love to spend their time giving to others.

Mr. Harner earned the Volunteer Excellence Award in 2004, an honor he now shares with his wife.

"I'm just very appreciative of the award and I'm delighted that my bosses think enough of me to nominate me," she said. "Besides that, I get to join my husband. He's not one up on me now."



Irene Harner

► Team Robins member earns Perry Idol singing title

By AMANDA CREEL
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Few can match the competitive drive of Lorette Jackson who once stood touching a car for 58-hours, in order to win a two-year lease on a Ford Explorer.

Recently her competitive spirit focused on her passion for singing and helped her claim the title of Perry Idol.

"I enjoy competition and challenges and I love singing," said Mrs. Jackson, a supply technician for the 586th Combat Sustainment Squadron.

Her love of competition was not her only inspiration; Mrs. Jackson is also an aspiring singer.

It all began when she was searching the Internet and found the application for the Perry Idol competition. The next thing she knew she was standing in line with 68 other hopefuls at the Perry Welcome Center waiting for them to call her number.

She said it was noon the Friday after when she received

a phone call announcing her place in the top 20, who would compete during the Perry Idol competition at the Dogwood Festival April 14.

"I just screamed when I found out," Mrs. Jackson said.

During the finale, Mrs. Jackson said she felt at ease on stage.

"I just enjoyed the moment and being surrounded by people and having a good time," Mrs. Jackson said.

She added she was shocked and thrilled to be named the first Perry Idol.

"I am still living in the moment," Mrs. Jackson said.

"It was neat to see her

become the Perry Idol and there was some pretty stiff competition, but she definitely shined above them all," said Evelyn Ryberg, one of Mrs. Jackson co-workers in the 586th CBSS who was there to see her perform.

One of the songs she performed, "Tenderly" was written by another fellow Team Robins member, Nicky Glover, an engineer with the 581st Software Maintenance Squadron.

As part of her new celebrity status, Mrs. Jackson has already been invited to sing at the Art Extravaganza at Macon State College May 12.



Lorette Jackson

► AFA Award

Jackie Cleghorn was recently announced as the winner of the Air Force Association Management Award.

Mr. Cleghorn, the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group's Precision Electronics Squadron director, distinguished himself as squadron

director of the largest Air Force avionics squadron from Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006.

Mr. Cleghorn, an Ocilla, Ga., native, formed a first-ever Defense Logistics Agency partnership, reducing unit processing logistics downtime by 50 percent and cutting contracting overhead costs by \$300,000. Additionally, he devised new training for personnel, drove backorders to an all time low,

initiated an overtime reduction plan and played an instrumental leading role in Unit Compliance Inspection preparation by clearing forty-seven self-inspection findings. His Lean innovations resulted in a savings of 1,200 square feet of floor space and

cut item flowdays by 25 percent.

Mr. Cleghorn, who began his career at Robins as an aircraft mechanic apprentice in 1968 after graduating from Warner Robins High School, has been a repeat performer in the award

category boasting 23 performance awards alone in the past 23 years.

In addition to his work ethic at Robins, Mr. Cleghorn is also a community leader and devoted church deacon.

—from staff reports



Jackie Cleghorn



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Shane Jones pours lime into Scout Lake as Joel Burke drives the boat.

Bigger Fish to Fry

Environmental Management works to improve fish habitat giving fishers something to reel in



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Next time you cast out your fishing rod at Scout Lake you might find yourself reeling in a Christmas tree branch. Such a catch would be the result of efforts at Robins to promote a healthy habitat for fish in the base lakes.

The Christmas trees, which are part of the base recycling program, are anchored about 30 feet beyond the pier to provide cover for the fish and to attract fish to casting range, said Bob Sargent, natural resources manager.

The goal of the program is to assure that Scout Lake provides the optimal environment for the fish inhabiting the lake.

"We are trying to make Scout Lake, a better lake and environment for the fish," Mr. Sargent said. "Because the lake is man made on high ground, it is very poor in nutrients."

The lack of nutrients creates the need for the lake to be fertilized replacing needed nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus.

Wednesday members of the Environmental Management team spent their afternoon trolling the lake and dispensing lime. Adding lime not only increases the hardness of the water, it also increases the pH level, which helps create the best possible conditions for fertilizing.

The lime helps the water reach the required calcium carbonate level or hardness for fertilization to begin.

"Not only does the water have to be at the right level of hardness, the temperature of the water has to be at least 65 degrees," Mr. Sargent said. "If we don't have the hardness in the right range the nutrients just get eaten up by the mud."

This is why the environmental management team was able to start fertilizing earlier this month.

"We take samples each week and then keep a database and fertilize based on the results," said Joel Burke, office manager for the URS Corporation in Warner Robins who helped add lime to the lake.

The motor boat used by the team may have taken many members of the Robins community by surprise because normally motorized boats are prohibited on the lake.

"We allow it for this because of the work they're doing and because the prop on the motor helps mix the solution," Mr. Sargent said.

By fertilizing the lake, the team is promoting the growth of phytoplankton, which is at the bottom of the lake's food chain. By improving the phytoplankton in the lake, the rest of the lake's food chain should follow suit.

"Even though they are not visible to the naked eye, you can see if there is a healthy amount of phytoplankton because it changes the water color and tints it green," Mr.

WHAT TO KNOW

Anyone interested in fishing in the base lakes can contact outdoor recreation at 926-4001 or stop by the rental center. To receive a base fishing license you have to be affiliated with the base and have a valid Georgia fishing license.

Sargent said.

One of the signs the lake is in trouble is the absence of bass fry. The team noticed the absence of bass fry when the team examined the lake with a Seine Net last summer.

The Seine Net is used to sample the lake's population.

It measures 30 feet by four feet and one person stands on the edge of the water holding one end of the net, while another goes out into the water and folds the net around. Then together the pair closes the net much like fastening a purse and places the fish on the bank.

"We found hundreds and hundreds of blue gill fish and no bass fry," Mr. Sargent said. He added the absence of bass fry indicates the bass aren't reproducing. Because of the blue gill overpopulation in the lake, the blue gills themselves also suffer, showing signs of stunted growth, some measuring only two to three inches.

A good balance of prey to predator fish would be three to six pounds of prey fish to every one pound of predator fish, Mr. Sargent said.

"Right now, we are way out of balance," he added. He said members of the team also use the experience of those who fish at the lake to discover which populations are flourishing and which ones are waning.

In June, team members will be stocking the lake with bass ranging from 12 to 14 inches, which means the fish are already large enough to reproduce, Mr. Sargent said.

Though the lake will have some prize bass to reel in, Mr.

Sargent said until the lake's balance of predator and prey fish is harmonized the bass will be catch and release.

"The reason is if we let them keep the prize bass then we will never fix the overpopulated prey species," Mr. Sargent said.

However, Mr. Sargent and Mr. Burke said, they would love for fisherman to snag as many blue gill and crappies as they can from the lake.

Mr. Sargent said providing the fishing services on base is a team effort between Environmental Management and Services.

"It's a team effort. It always has been. They provide the information and we make the rules and regulation

"We are trying to make Scout Lake a better lake and environment for the fish."

Bob Sargent
Robins natural resources manager

and provide the on-site management," he said.

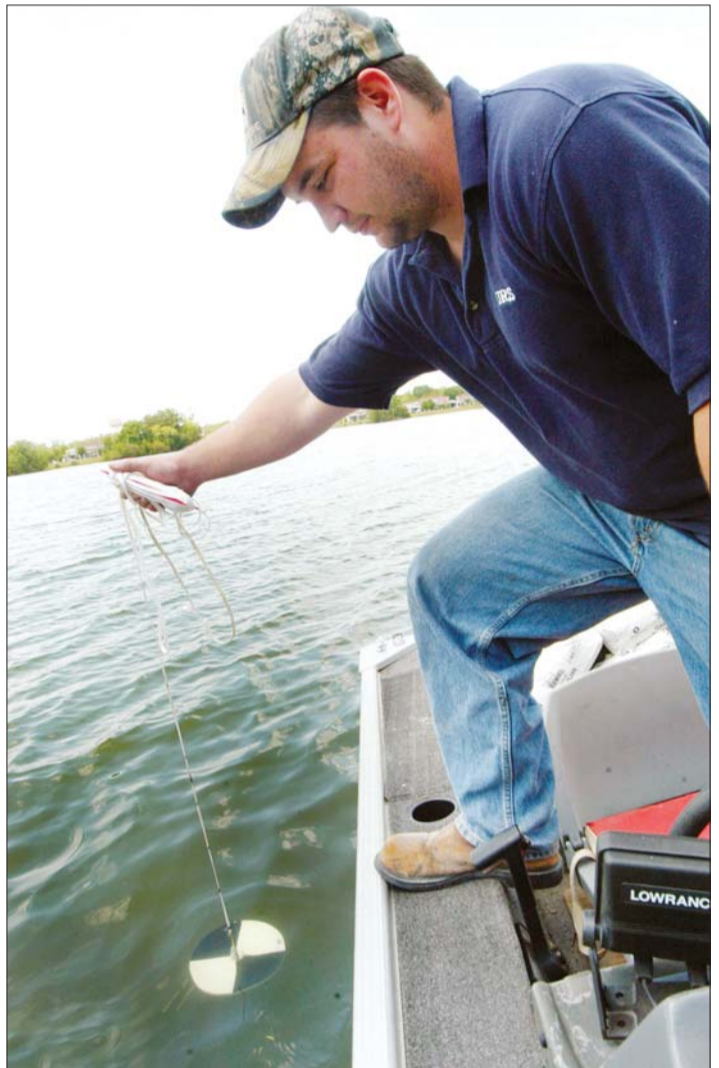
Sharon Wilhelm, a recreational aide with outdoor recreation said the partnership between Environmental Management and Services provides a great opportunity for base fishers to get out and enjoy the lakes.

Other lakes on base are part of the program as well, but each lake is managed based on its individual needs. Duck Lake is healthy in nutrients and doesn't have the prey overpopulation that exists at Scout Lake. While Luna Lake, also struggles with a lack of nutrients, the Environmental Management team has taken another approach to managing its population.

"Instead of having an unhealthy and unbalanced lake, we decided to make it a catfish pond," Mr. Sargent said.

He said the lake is stocked with good size catfish each fall ranging in size from 8 to 11 inches, not just fish fingerlings.

Originally the team attempted to fertilize Luna Lake as well, but because the lake is elevated and the basin leaks, the fertilizer simply leaked through, accomplishing little.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Above, Shane Jones lowers a Secchi Disk into Scout Lake to a depth of 18 inches to gauge the phytoplankton in the lake.

Center, Airman 1st Class Gary Yates and Marilyn Rodgers sink a Christmas tree into Scout Lake to create habitats for fish in the winter of 2004-2005.

Bottom, Steve and Heather Zimmie try their luck fishing from a canoe on Luna Lake during the 2005 Fishing Rodeo. The lake, as part of the Robins fish management program, has been turned into a catfish pond.



courtesy photo
Above, Aquatic Environmental Services transfers bass during stocking of fish in Scout Lake in April 2006.

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TODAY

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park April 27 for a family-feature presentation of "The Secret of NIMH." The movie will start at dark. Concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Several focus groups will be conducted within the next 30 days to collect information regarding Robins' membership clubs. The focus groups will be conducted in the Daedalian Room of the Robins Officers' Club, located in Bldg. 542. Light refreshments will be available during the sessions. Volunteers will receive a dining coupon for \$10.

Focus Group Schedule:

- Wednesday at 6 p.m. for retirees; sign up by today.
- May 4 at 3:30 p.m. for officers; sign up by April 30.
- May 14 at noon for enlisted; sign up by May 9.

Family members who fall into any of the above categories are welcome to participate in focus groups. For more information, call Services marketing at 926-5492.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 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.

MONDAY

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

Kick off May Fitness month with a PT run May 1 starting at 7:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday at the officers' club.

Cost is \$6.95 for hot lunch or a salad bar and \$7.95 for both hot lunch and salad bar. Club members receive a \$1 Members First discount. Lunch 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 Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-7625.

WEDNESDAY

Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club.

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 \$2 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for non-members. For more information call 926-7625.

UPCOMING

May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: Zumba at 5 p.m. May 2; body fat analysis fitness center annex from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 3; wallyball tournament from 1 to 3:30 p.m. May 4; kids yoga (5 to 12 years old) at 10 a.m. May 5; preventing injuries through stretching from 10 to 11 a.m. and yoga on the ball at 6 p.m. May 7; bench press competition from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and prenatal fitness clinic (HAWC) from 2 to 3 p.m. May 8; self defense training from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and cardio belly dancing from 12:30 to 1 p.m. May 9. Most activities will be held at the fitness center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. For complete details and schedule of events call the fitness center at 926-2128 or the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 or visit www2.robins.af.mil/services.

A First Friday "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" will be held at your Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 4. Play break the Piñata, hot tamale game, trivia and more. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Entertainment will be DJ Willie Nelson. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

A yard sale will be held May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables are reserved on a first-come first-served basis. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The 17th annual Military Team Bass Fishing tournament will be held May 6-11 at Lake Barkley State Park, Cadiz.

Giving the world a hand

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman First Class Adam Weyhrauch mows the lawn at a deployed member's home during Give the World a Hand. The Robins Community Center "Give the World a Hand" was April 20. Volunteers for the annual event perform yard work for the families of Robins' deployed men and women. This year six volunteers and three community center staff members cleaned up five yards; three in base housing and two off-base.



Kentucky. Cost is \$160 per two-man team. The tournament is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and their spouses and children, DOD civilians and contractors from all branches of the military. For more information, visit www.militarybass.com or call the community center at 926-2105.

During May Fitness Month come out and play Fitness BINGO for a chance to win prizes. Bingo is open to all authorized fitness center patrons. Bingo sheets must be completed with all contact information and completed by noon May 29 to be eligible. Need not be present to win, limit one prize per person. Drawing is not open to Services Division managers and employees or their family members. For more information contact the fitness center at 926-2128.

A special Airmen's tailgate cookout will be held May 9 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on the patio with a wing eating contest at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and more. Also get the chance to nominate your favorite person to be dunked in the dunking booth. A mystery guest has been invited that everyone will want to dunk. For more information call Wynn Dining at 926-6596.

The Wynn Dining Facility offers fun-filled events throughout the month. Enjoy a deployed family night May 10 from 3:30 to 6 p.m., retiree appreciation night May 17 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Airmen appreciation night May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

A National Provider Appreciation Day is held May 11. Take time out to thank your child's provider for all the unselfish work, compassion and strong family values that child care providers demonstrate each day.

Pizza Depot will be closed May 12 - 15 to move to Bldg. 956 (enlisted club) and will reopen May 16. Pizza Depot will continue to offer superior food and service. Look for new menu items that will be introduced at the new location. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

A special Mother's Day champagne brunch will be held May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include all the traditional breakfast and lunch entrees, super salad bar and dessert bar. Roses will be given to all mothers in attendance, while supplies last. Cost is \$12.95 for club members, \$14.95 nonmembers, \$6.95 eight years and younger and children two years and younger are free. Open to all ranks/grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

The Artist Craftsman and Photography Gallery program will be held May 14 through 18. For more information call the arts and crafts center at 926-5282.

Start building those beds for the eighth annual Bed Race to be held May 30 at 11 a.m. Teams will consist of five people (four pushers and one rider) and will meet in the parking lot of Bldg. 956. Winning teams will receive first, second and third place trophies and a People's Choice award for the best looking bed. For complete details or to enter a team call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Robins Officers' and Enlisted Club members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Services club membership scholarship program, sponsored by Coca Cola and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide six scholarships will be awarded: first prize, \$6,000; second, \$5,500; third, \$4,500; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000 and sixth, \$2,500. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words. The essay theme is commemorating 60 years

of air supremacy "Why is Air Superiority Critical Today." Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Participant must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career goal and accomplishments. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins top and bottom and one-and-one-quarter inch on left and right sides and submitted on CD or floppy disk with one hard copy of the essay. Applicants must also provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter. Nominations are due to Services Marketing, located in Bldg. 983 by June 15. For more information, visit www.p.afsv.af.mil/clubs or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Robins Child Development program will offer a Junior Summer Camp for children entering pre-K or kindergarten. Camp will be held June 4 - Aug. 3. This program will provide diverse indoor and outdoor activities/experiences designed to foster creativity, build self esteem, and promote school readiness. Junior Summer Camp is for children who will be four years old by June 11 and will enter a pre-K or kindergarten program in August. For more information call either CDC at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Outdoor Recreation

For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001

►Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball May 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. Meet at On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. 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 paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by May 11.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Ga. May 26. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per adult, \$35 per child (ages three through 12 year olds) and \$140 for family of four (two adults and two children). Package includes self guided rock tour, swing-a-long bridge, lover's leap, fairyland caverns, Mother Goose Village, 90-foot water fall, various gift shops and eateries throughout the trail and ride to and from Rock City Gardens. Deadline to sign up is May 18. A minimum of 12 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to the World of Coca Cola June 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$54 for 12 years and older; \$52.50 for 55 years and older and \$49 for children one to 11 years old. Cost includes transportation to and from and entrance into the World of Coca Cola. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by June 15 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

►A community water safety class will be held June 25 at 9 a.m. in the enlisted club pool. Cost is \$10 per person six years and older (14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by June 18.

►A CNN Studio tour will be held July 6 in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$53 for 12 years and older; \$51.50 for 55 years and older and \$49 for children one - 11 years old. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 4:30 p.m. Cost includes transportation to and from and entrance into CNN Studios. A minimum of 10 people are required for out-

door recreation to host this trip. Register by June 27 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

ONGOING

The 2007 Air Force Falcons Sports Camps will be held June 10-27. Camps will include the following activities: baseball, boy's and girl's basketball, cheerleading, cross country, diving, fencing, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. For more detailed information go to www.GoAirForceFalcons.com or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

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.

►The Al-Sihah Shrine 67th Circus will be held May 5 and 6 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at Information, Tickets and Travel; \$12 adults and \$6 children (3 to 12 years). Show times are May 5 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and May 6 at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

►Tickets are available for the Georgia Renaissance Festival to be held Saturday through June 3 in Fairburn, Ga. Enter the gates of a magnificent 15th century kingdom where you will find the king and his court, castles and cottages, cheery pubs and over 150 elaborately adorned shops offering an array of unique treasures. Cost is \$13.50 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old.

►Enjoy a historic tour of Savannah with ITT July 26. Cost is \$164 and includes transportation by motor coach, time on River Street, historic grand tour of Savannah on a trolley, early dinner at Lady and Sons and a show "The Beat Goes On." Transportation will depart Bldg. 956 July 26 at 7:30 a.m. and return 1:30 a.m. July 27. A deposit of \$80 is due by May 14 and balance will be due by July 9. Must have a minimum of 25 people for trip.

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

►The Air Force Services Summer Strike Force bowling promotion takes off June 1. Patrons will receive punch cards when participating in bowling center programs for the chance to win \$500 first prize or \$250 second prize and other prizes. Summer Strike Force sponsored in part by Qubica AMF and Coca-Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

►Register now for Peterson Point kids mixed bowling leagues.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103. Play Golf Robins Week will be held May 14 - 19 with the following specials:

►Monday is Senior Day (55 years and older): Ride for free with paid green fee, senior AGF patrons receive 50 percent off cart fees, 15 percent off lunch and merchandise purchases.

►Tuesday is Airmen Day (E1 - E4): Receive two free 45-minute introduction to golf clinics at noon and 4 p.m., free individual golf clubs and balls, play 18 holes with cart for \$10 and all merchandise 15 percent off.

►Wednesday is Ladies Day: All ladies play 18 holes with cart for \$12, a free 45-minute introduction to golf clinic starting at 4 p.m., a ladies evening social - play a 9-hole shotgun starting at 5:30 p.m. and receive 15 percent off all merchandise.

►Thursday is Annual Green Fee Patron Day: Enjoy a golf skills challenge (drive, approach, short game and putting competition), up and down match play tournament starting at 5:30 p.m. Receive 50 percent off cart fees, 15 percent off lunch and merchandise.

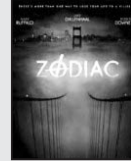
►Friday is Services Day: Lunch will be held at 11 a.m. A fun tournament with a different format will begin with a shotgun start at noon.

►Saturday is Family Day: All juniors 15 years and younger golf free after 1 p.m. with a paid adult. A family lunch special will be held with all juniors 10 years and younger eat free. A free 45-minute family golf clinic will be conducted at 1 p.m. Discounts and specials cannot be combined with club card.

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

300

Gerard Butler
Lena Heady

Set in the midst of the Persian-Greco war during the Battle of Thermopylae, where Spartan King Leonidas led his army of 300 soldiers into battle against the invading Persian army. According to legend, their valor and sacrifice inspired all of Greece to unite against their Persian foe, leading to the origins of democracy. Rated R. 117 minutes.

SATURDAY

ZODIAC

Jake Gyllenhaal
Mark Ruffalo

As a serial killer terrifies the San Francisco Bay Area and taunts police with his ciphers and letters, investigators in four jurisdictions search for the murderer. The case will become an obsession for four men as their lives and careers are built and destroyed by the endless trail of clues. Rated R. 158 minutes.

UPCOMING

THE LAST MIMZY

Rhiannon Leigh
Rain Wilson

Two children discover a mysterious box that contains some strange devices they think are toys. As the children play with these "toys," they begin to display higher intelligence levels. Their teacher tells their parents they seem to have grown beyond genius. Their parents, too, realize something extraordinary is happening. Emma, the younger of the two, tells her confused mother that one of the toys, a bear -up stuffed toy rabbit, is named Mimzy and that "she teaches me things." Rated PG. 98 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

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Robins golfer aspires to take game to higher level

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By consistently hitting 300-plus yard drives, followed by chipping onto the green just feet from the hole, Staff Sergeant Mike Membrila makes the game of golf look easy. Although most amateurs wish it was that easy, it's the natural talent and hard work that have propelled the sergeant to the status as one of the best golfers at Robins.

Sergeant Membrila, an aircraft battle damage repair craftsman for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, has been tearing up the Pine Oaks Golf Course for the three years he's been assigned to Robins. And with his game steadily improving, he has started to see a potential for golf as more than a hobby.

"Ultimately, I'd love to be playing golf professionally on some tour. It might not be the big stage but there are plenty of other platforms between here and there," he said.

Sergeant Membrila started

playing golf at a very early age. His father, then a golf pro at Fort Gordon, Ga., put some cut down clubs in his hands when he was three years old. But golf didn't stick, and the sergeant, who wanted to play something "a little more manly" than golf, turned to baseball and later football as his sport of choice. His senior year in high school some friends convinced him to play for the school's golf team.

"I played well and thought 'wow, this is a lot easier than getting hit.' So I started really playing when I was 17, taking it a little more serious and realizing there might be some potential there," he said.

He thought hard about playing college golf, but instead joined the military, following in the footsteps of several relatives from both sides of the family, including his father. For the past two years he has made the Air Force golf team, helping lead the Air Force to win consecutive championships at the Armed Forces tournament. The experience has been a big boost of con-



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Staff Sergeant Mike Membrila, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, watches a drive sail down the fairway at the Pine Oaks Golf Course during intramural play. Sergeant Membrila has quietly become one of the top golfers at Robins.

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"I've played with three guys who were on the Air Force Academy team and I play equally with them, so it gives me the idea that I do have the potential to play well at that level and compete," Sergeant Membrila said. "The key thing is not just playing the game but competing against people who might be better than you. And I really appreciate where I am at right now. I feel I have the potential to take it to the next step or two in the ladder of golf."

As a golfer with a plus handicap, the sergeant averages below par for a round of golf. He holds the course record at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. with a 65, but his best 18-hole score was the 63 he shot at

Langley AFB, Va. More recently, in a weekend dogfight at Pine Oaks, he shot 65-66.

"It was just one of those weekends where everything was going right for me," he said. "I went out there and everything was working for me. You don't really see those things coming but it's a good feeling when they happen."

What is perhaps most remarkable about his golf game is the fact that he is mostly self-taught. He learned from watching his father play and then practicing the things he saw. The times he sought formal instruction didn't work out too well.

"There were a couple times when I really wanted to get better and went and got some instruction but it seemed to

regress me more than anything," he said. "It took me about a month to forget what they taught me."

Instead of formal instruction, Sergeant Membrila relies on his natural skill and practice to improve his game. He gets a lot of support from home. Thanks to an understanding wife, he still manages to get to the course three or four times a week to hit balls or play a round or two on the course despite a recent wedding. He is married to Staff Sgt. Genis Membrila, an instructor with the 78th Security Forces Squadron. With both of them going to school while working full time, in addition to the demands of the blended family of her 3-year old daughter and his 6-year-old son, Sergeant

Membrila is making an effort to balance golf with other responsibilities.

"Fortunately, I have a very understanding wife. My plate is definitely full right now so having her there as the stable rock is the key," he said. "She understands that golf isn't just a recreational sport for me. There are a lot of golfers who are content to just go beat the ball around the course on occasion, but that's not me. She understands that my aspirations are a little higher."

"I definitely don't restrict him," his wife Genis said. "It's his passion and I love that he has an escape and it's something that he's proud of and something that he's really good at. He really has



Staff Sergeant Mike Membrila studies the line on a putt. The sergeant has aspirations of playing professionally.

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a talent for golf which makes it special. Plus, he doesn't have an arrogant attitude that you sometimes find

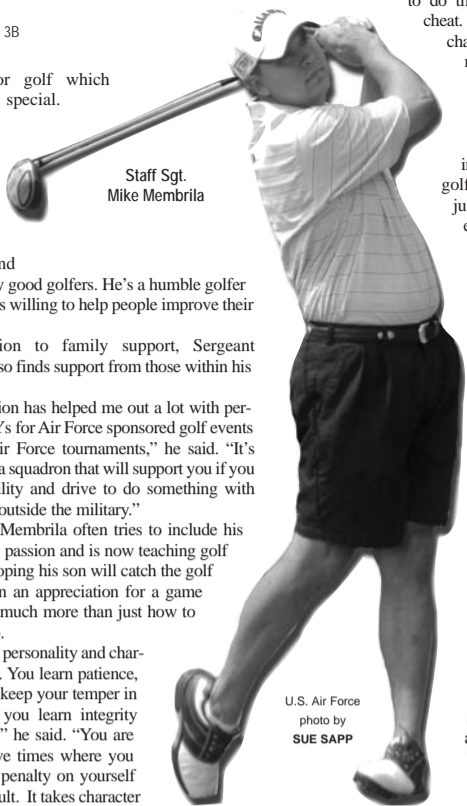
among really good golfers. He's a humble golfer and is always willing to help people improve their game."

In addition to family support, Sergeant Membrila also finds support from those within his squadron.

"My section has helped me out a lot with permissive TDYs for Air Force sponsored golf events and other Air Force tournaments," he said. "It's nice to have a squadron that will support you if you have the ability and drive to do something with your talents outside the military."

Sergeant Membrila often tries to include his family in his passion and is now teaching golf to his son, hoping his son will catch the golf bug and gain an appreciation for a game that teaches much more than just how to swing a club.

"Golf is a personality and character builder. You learn patience, you learn to keep your temper in check. And you learn integrity and honesty," he said. "You are going to have times where you have to call penalty on yourself and admit fault. It takes character



Staff Sgt.
Mike Membrila

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to do that rather than lie or cheat. So golf builds strong character and that's why more and more kids are being pushed towards golf by their parents."

He added golfers, in a single round of golf, might experience just about every single emotion possible, and one shot might put you on top of the world while the very next shot might make you feel like taking your clubs and throwing them in the lake. But that's the best part about the sport.

"You can't master the game. You just play it and with hard work and perseverance, you can get better. And there is a balance and a fine line to walk. You do have to take it seriously but have fun at the same time. Fortunately right now, I don't have to take it too seriously," the sergeant said.

Robins foursome heading to S.C. for Shaw Invitational

Four golfers from Robins will participate in the Shaw Invitational golf tournament April 30 to May 4 at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Staff Sergeant Mike Membrila, Master Sgt. Mark Schwab, Tech. Sgt. Chris McIlwain and Tech. Sgt. Mark

Bajala earned the right to compete together in the tournament via a qualifier at Pine Oaks Golf Course earlier this year.

The golfers will compete against teams from 17 other bases around the country. They will compete both individually and as a team.

Sergeant Membrila finished below par the final two rounds of last year's tournament, good enough to finish in third place. He said he has

"good vibes" about this year's event.

"I think I have a solid chance this year to win the tournament," he said.

The Shaw Invitational is an annual tournament that is increasing in size and prestige. This year, the event will act as a trial event for those wanting to play for the Air Force golf team, which holds its camp at Shaw. — *Kendahl Johnson*