

# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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Sgt. Bryan Braud

## Two from Robins earn Bronze Star Medals

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Master Sgt Gary Chelette and Bryan Braud received the Bronze Star Medal on Monday for their actions in Iraq.

Sergeant Chelette, a crew chief with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement in Iraq. He was tasked with building the new Iraqi Air Force from

September 2006 to March 2007, and was exposed to enemy fire on many occasions.

Brig. Gen. Andy Busch, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, presented him with his Bronze Star Medal in the ceremony.

"Sergeant Chelette is a C-130 crew chief to the core," said General Busch. Turning to Sergeant Chelette he said: "It is an honor to have served with you." He said Sergeant Chelette helped bring to fruition one of our wartime

priorities, to give Iraq a self-sustaining national air force.

Sergeant Braud, a painter in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's F-15 shop, was a sergeant with the Georgia Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq. He reenlisted in the National Guard following the events of Sept. 11 after a break in service.

He was a platoon sergeant for the battalion commander's security detachment, the platoon sniper and had several

other duties. On one operation his unit took mortar fire, resulting in shrapnel wounds to his face, but he continued to fight.

On Jan. 12, 2006, while he was escorting a convoy in Iraq, the convoy hit an improvised explosive device. He was thrown from his vehicle, and received wounds to his knee, shoulder and arm.

Col. Larry Dudney, commander of the 48th Brigade,



Master Sgt. Gary Chelette

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## Bird feeding prohibited at base lakes

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For many, the beginning of spring signals the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. And members of the Robins community have always enjoyed the season with a trip to Scout Lake with a loaf of bread in hand to feed the birds.

However, this year those who headed to the lake were met by a new sign prohibiting the practice.

The new base-wide policy prohibiting the feeding of birds or animals has been under consideration for some time, because of the potential for birds, especially Canadian Geese, to cause an aircraft accident.

"We know it is not going to be a popular measure, but it is necessary," said Lt. Col. Dana Nelson, chief of flight safety. "If the pond (Scout Lake) wasn't located along the flight path, we probably wouldn't need to stop it, but because of the location of that popular spot we have to take action."

The decision was not one base officials weighed lightly. Bob Sargent, natural resources manager in the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the base knew people were going to be upset they couldn't feed the ducks and geese, because it can be such an enjoyable pastime.

"We didn't want to prevent people from enjoying feeding our birds," Mr. Sargent said.

However, when the officials weighed the pros and cons of allowing members of the Robins community to continue feeding the birds at the base lakes, the risk to the flight



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In an effort to create a safe environment for aircraft flying in and out of Robins, officials have banned the feeding of birds on base. The decision to ban feeding helps eliminate the risk to the flight mission by discouraging geese and ducks from making Robins their home.

mission outweighed other factors involved.

One of the things that weighed heavy on their minds was the crash of an E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System Sept. 22, 1995, during takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The crash was caused when the aircraft collided with Canadian Geese resulting in the deaths of all 24 passengers. After the Alaska crash, the Air Force adopted a no-tolerance policy requiring bases to take action to keep the geese from viewing bases as an attractive habi-

at, Mr. Sargent said. "For the last two years, we have had to remove geese from the airfield, more than 20 last year alone," Mr. Sargent said. The change is a part of many efforts the base uses to discourage birds as part of the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard or BASH program. Other actions the base has taken to help eliminate the threat include the trapping and relocation of between 350 and 400 geese during the past



A sign posted at Scout Lake warns visitors not to feed the wildlife.

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## Random tests help deter drug use

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Military members and civilians at Robins who think they can do drugs and get away with it need to think again.

Amphetamines, cocaine and marijuana are only a few of the drugs the base's Drug Demand Reduction Program randomly tests military and civilians for.

On any given day, a Department of Defense mandated computer software program could pick a military or civilian member to provide a urine sample for the random testing procedure. Those selected are notified through their organization or unit's military or civilian trusted agent and must report to Bldg. 207 for the test.

Military members' tests are sent to Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, for analysis, while civilians' tests are sent to Quest Diagnostics in Pennsylvania.

Vera Seales, Drug Demand Reduction Program manager in the 78th Medical Group's Behavioral Health Flight since 1997, said all active-duty military members are subject to the random testing, while 1,500 civilians in drug testing designated positions are subjected to such testing.

Ms. Seales said as of April 30, 2,869 military members and 1,045 civilians were tested for drug use. Out of those tests, 12 military members and 10 civilians tested positive for drug use.

Slater Thorpe, assistant manager of the program, said drug use carries a high price tag. He said when a military

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP  
The Robins Honor Guard presents the colors at last year's Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.

## Camellia Gardens Memorial scheduled for Thursday

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the Robins Officers' Club.

The service, a patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 31-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society, and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memo-

rializes the dead by celebrating life.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,406 deceased military and civilian members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

Military members attending are asked to wear short-sleeved, blue shirt, open collar. Club Drive will be closed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the ceremony.

— Staff report

## GUIDING LIGHT



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Steve Hall and Matt Bradesku with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron work from a cherry picker truck on installation of new traffic signals at the intersection of Warner Robins Parkway and Peacekeeper Way. The signals were installed April 28 and are expected to be fully functional Monday. Drivers should use caution when approaching the new signals.

### THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 308. Days without a DUI: 12. Last DUI: 116th Maintenance Squadron. — courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



### THE TWO-MINUTEREV

**Gate 5 closure**  
Gate 5 will be closed for construction May 21 to June 24. Use other gates during this time.

**Team Robins Quarterly Awards**  
The Team Robins 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held June 1 at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation

**Century of Flight Hangar.** Support your nominees and win the spirit award.

**Nugteren Scholarship winner correction**  
Staff Sgt. T.J. Ablay, recipient of the scholarship, was incorrectly identified as a senior airman in the May 11 Rev-Up.

### INSIGHT



### 101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

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### SPORTS



### NASCAR SALUTES AIR FORCE

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### WAGING WAR AGAINST OBESITY

Robins Elementary School combats obesity with healthy choices, A5

### WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY	79/48	
SATURDAY	80/48	
SUNDAY	84/56	

## FEED BAN

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seven years and the use of exploding devices such as shell crackers to encourage the birds to flee the area by creating loud noises.

Mr. Sargent said by eliminating the feeding of the birds it makes the base a less attractive destination. "We want them to view other areas or ponds in the community as a good habitat," he said.

He added the birds do not need to be fed by the community because they have plenty of other resources available to them.

Mr. Sargent said because the base lakes are just one part of the Canadian Geese's territory the problem occurs when they travel between attractive destinations because the birds can interfere with the flight paths of Robins' aircraft.

The size of the foul and the tendency for the birds to travel in flocks raised concern because Scout Lake, the most popular bird feeding spot, allows the birds easy access to the approach path for the flightline, Colonel Nelson said.

The geese, which typically weigh between 10 and 12 pounds, can cause



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Canadian Geese, like the one above, have the potential to cause an aircraft accident.

significant damage to aircraft if they impact the aircraft when it is traveling at a reasonable speed, Mr. Sargent said. Many of the Canadian Geese in the Middle Georgia area are not migratory geese, but instead they are residents.

These geese pass down learned behaviors to their future off-spring such as returning to the same location to molt their flight feathers. By discouraging the geese from calling Robins' lakes home through the feeding ban, it will not only eliminate problems now but with future generations of the geese.

## MEDALS

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presented Sergeant Braud his medals in the ceremony Monday. He earned the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal. After receiving medical treatment in Iraq and at a hospital in

Germany, he was sent to Walter Reed Army Hospital for further treatment, followed by 15 months at the medical facility at Fort Gordon, Ga. He was medically retired.

"It is a privilege and an honor to serve with someone of Sergeant Braud's character," said Colonel Dudney. "Sergeant Braud embodies the warrior ethos."

## DRUG TESTING

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member tests positive for drug use, "we inform the unit commander, the Air Force OSI (Office of Special Investigation), security forces and the Alcohol Drug and Treatment Office," he said. "Commanders take over the discipline process from there. When a civilian tests positive, we inform the Employee Relations Office and they have their own procedure. Usually, an individual is terminated at that point."

Mr. Thorpe said with the Air Force's zero tolerance of drug use, military members can expect to face separation by court-martial or some other form of administrative action and civilians most likely will lose their jobs.

Robins takes drug testing a step further by using squadron and gate sweeps to deter people from drug use.

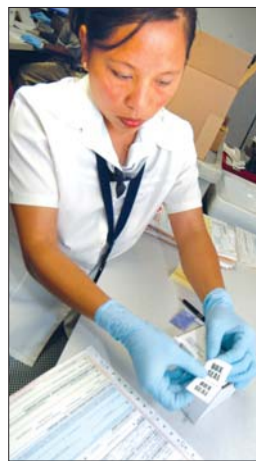
"Squadron sweeps are conducted to ensure the health and welfare of the squadron and make sure they're militarily ready and fit," Ms. Seales said. "Usually, if a commander wants to check out his squadron or make sure that everyone is fit for duty, they can request a squadron sweep."

So far in fiscal 2007, Robins has had three squadron sweeps.

The 116th Air Control Wing's 330th Combat Training Squadron underwent a squadron sweep in fall 2006 and again in February 2007.

Lt. Col. Patrick Taylor, commander of the 330th CTS, said the sweeps are an effective tool to keep his Airmen accountable.

"Basically, for me as a commander, it's a way that if I suspect the presence



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Espie Rozell seals a sample to be sent to a laboratory for testing in full view of the person being tested.

of drug use, or notice individuals exhibiting bizarre or unlawful behavior, the (Uniform Code of Military Justice) gives me the authority to test to ensure effective unit discipline," he said.

Colonel Taylor said the sweeps are an effective tool for deterring drug use among the ranks. And for those who choose to take drugs, the colonel said there is no tolerance.

"Usually, it falls under the administrative channel for military discipline," he said. "I coordinate closely with the 78th Staff Judge Advocate Office for disciplinary Article 15 issues, and depending on their rank,

determine what recourse I have. In almost all cases, I try to discharge them if they are illegal drug offenders."

Colonel Taylor said there are other avenues of punishment he can take as a commander.

"For an administrative discharge, we can prefer Article 15 punishment and then recommend discharge after that," he said. "That discharge gets approval through the wing commander. If I offer an Article 15 punishment to an individual, they can turn it down and opt for a court-martial instead."

The colonel said the matter then goes before a judge or a court of officers, depending on their plea and then punishment is determined on the person's offense.

Colonel Taylor said squadron sweeps are an effective tool for commanders to use.

"I think it's a great deterrent," he said. "It puts discipline and standards at the forefront for me and it keeps the unit on its toes. It also reinforces the fact we're held to higher standards than the general populace and the importance of following Air Force core values, Air Force Instructions and the Uniform Code of Military Justice in accomplishing our mission is reinforced."

A gate sweep, which is determined by the base commander during a period of time on any given day, is a measure for random drug testing of active-duty military members who come through Robins' gates.

Ms. Seales said Robins is continuing its effort to educate commanders and those at the base about the drug testing measures in an effort to further deter drug use.



## MORALE BOOSTS

# Coin challenge, dining in help units build camaraderie, esprit de corps

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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People are hard at work and stress is high. Suddenly, the moment of intense silence is broken with the sound of a coin hitting the floor.

That's a scenario that could happen at any given moment in the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, where squadron coin checks happen without warning.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert "Al" Toler, first sergeant for the 653rd CLSS for the past two years, said his unit's coin challenge, which was derived from the Army's 10th Special Forces Group, is a tradition that has been a part of the combat logistics support squadron for many years.

"They had medallions they'd wear around their necks, but instead of calling them medallions, they called them coins," he said. "The way you recognized another member of the 10th Special Forces Group was to look at their medallion or coin and you knew immediately they are one of yours."

For the 653rd CLSS, not just any Air Force coin will do though.

"For us, we've got a CLSS specific coin we use to recognize other members of our squadron, and we recognize them in a fun sort of way," he said. "We'll do anything from dropping a coin at a commander's call, dropping a coin at P.T or while walking down the hallway. We'll drop a coin just to see who responds and to see who has a coin and who doesn't."

And when the challenge has been brought, Sergeant Toler said the unit's coin must be no more than two steps from their grasp or they'll be reaching for their wallet to buy a round of beverages.

If everyone has the unit coin on hand, the challenger must buy the round of drinks according to the coin chal-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Unit coin challenges can boost morale.

lenge rules set out by the unit.

The first sergeant, who keeps his unit's coin in his front pocket and his first sergeant coin in his wallet at all times, said the tradition brings people together.

"I think it gives everybody a sense of camaraderie and being a part of a smaller team," he said. "Yeah, we're all part of the Air Force, which is a much bigger team, but once you individualize that down to a squadron level, then that provides a sense of belonging that's bigger in some ways than the big Air Force."

Other units have their own morale-boosting rituals.

The 78th Air Base Wing will hold a dining in at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar June 22 to boost its military and civilian members' morale.

2nd Lt. Eric Miller, officer in charge of unit deployment for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron and arrangements officer for the dining in, said the event will give people a chance to test their knowledge of military customs and courtesies.

"It's a chance for the unit to get together to exercise some camaraderie, good fellowship, social rapport, just basically have a good time and enjoy

yourself and the rest of the unit," he said.

Lieutenant Miller said the event includes a ceremony to recognize prisoners of war and those missing in action, a dinner and numerous toasts.

As military members participate in their mess dress uniforms and civilians take part in formal attire, all eyes will be attentive and waiting for someone to miss a rule of the mess.

Lieutenant Miller said the rules focus on civilized behavior, prompt arrival, dining etiquette and other areas.

If one violates one of the official rules, he or she must take a swig from the grog bowl, a mixture of unidentified liquid contents traditionally kept in an unappealing container such as a toilet bowl, as punishment for the violation.

Lieutenant Miller said the event will include an alcoholic and non-alcoholic grog bowl.

Repeat violators of the mess will be ensured a safe ride home after the event, Lieutenant Miller said.

Rules of the mess will be published prior to the dining in, Lieutenant Miller said.

The lieutenant said events like the dining in and others are a great way for hard-working people to take a much-needed break.

"It's just a good chance for everyone to get together and have a good time," he said. "Day to day, we're here working hard and we don't have many chances to get together as a wing and just have a good time with each other."

### WHAT TO KNOW

Ticket prices and sale locations for the 78th Air Base Wing's Dining In will be announced at a later date.

For more information call 2nd Lt. Eric Miller, at 327-8887.

### ► IN BRIEF

#### A-76 CANDIDATE STREAMLINED COMPETITION

Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly, vice commander of the Air Mobility Command, is initiating a streamlined competition for the following squadrons and air wings: 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Robins; 436th Maintenance Operations

Squadron at Dover AFB, Del.; 317th Maintenance Squadron at Dyess AFB, Texas; 92nd Maintenance Operations Squadron at Fairchild AFB, Wash.; 319th Maintenance Operations Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; 6th Maintenance Squadron at MacDill AFB, Fla.; 22nd Maintenance Squadron at McConnell AFB, Kan.; 43rd

Maintenance Squadron at Pope AFB, N.C.; and 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron at Travis AFB, Calif., in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. It affects a total of 40 Department of Defense personnel: 35 enlisted and five appropriated fund civilians. The competition runs from May 2 through Aug. 1.

► **CORRECTION:** The Open Skies photo that ran in the May 11 Rev-Up was of the Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina Open Skies delegation.

## Civilian discipline, adverse actions

The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility for their actions. The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee's past disciplinary record, are taken into account when determining appropriate discipline. The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the program and the consequences for misconduct



- ▶ Reprimand for inappropriate conduct.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to observe safety practices.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to fulfill supervisory responsibilities and failure to complete scheduled overtime.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for failure to observe safety practices and failure to follow a direct order.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

### December actions:

- ▶ Ten-day suspension for failure to attend mandatory meeting, failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for disrespectful conduct. Prior three-day suspension.
- ▶ Three-day suspension for failure to properly request leave, unauthorized absence, failure to honor a valid denial of leave request and altering medical documentation.
- ▶ Termination during probation/trial period for failure to satisfy attendance requirements of the vocational school for retention in the Cooperative Education Program.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to complete assigned task.
- ▶ Termination during probation/trial period for final denial of eligibility for access to classified information or employment in sensitive duties.
- ▶ One-day suspension for careless workmanship. Prior reprimand.
- ▶ Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Reprimand for misuse of government computer.
- ▶ 14-day suspension for sending an inappropriate e-mail and inappropriate conduct.
- ▶ Termination during Probation/Trial Period for negligence and failure to complete scheduled training.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Seven-day suspension for failure to observe safety practices. Prior three-day suspension.

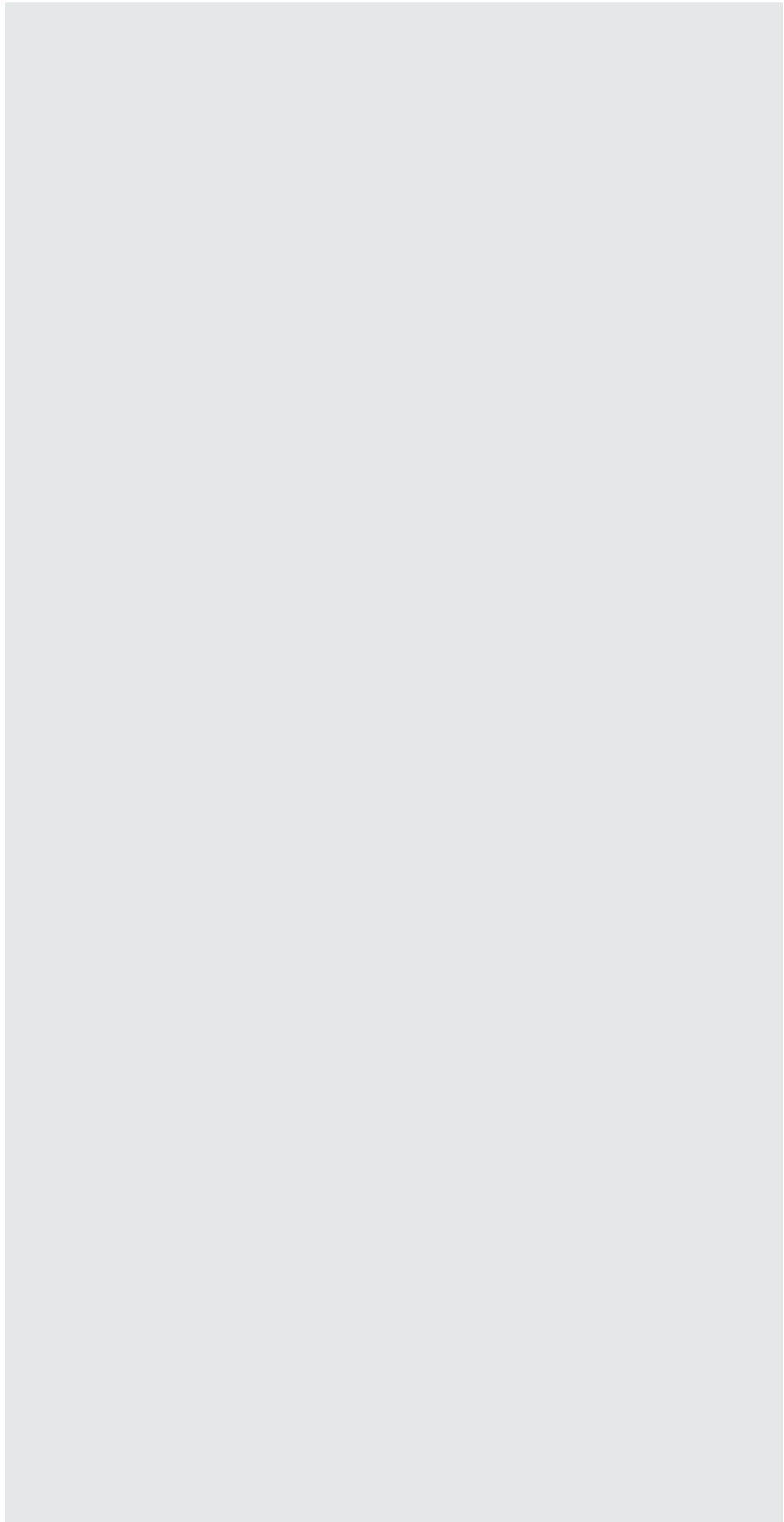
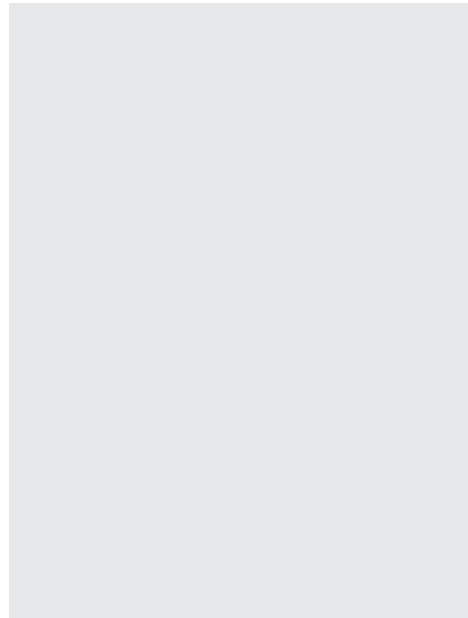
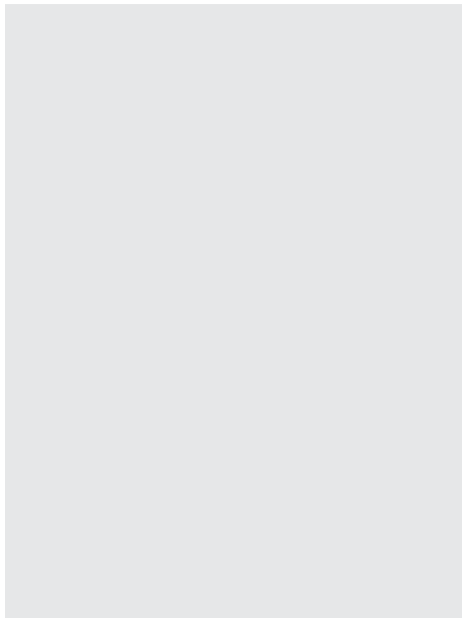
- ▶ Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior reprimand.
- ▶ 14-day suspension for failure to complete assigned tasks in a reasonable period of time. Prior 10-day suspension and two 14-day suspensions.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Reprimand for making inappropriate comments.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave, unauthorized absence, failure to follow a direct order, and failure to follow supervisor's instructions.
- ▶ Seven-day suspension for unauthorized use of a government credit card.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for failure to follow a direct order.
- ▶ Reprimand for negligence.
- ▶ Reprimand for sending an inappropriate e-mail.
- ▶ Reprimand for unauthorized absence and failure to complete assigned tasks.
- ▶ Reprimand for misuse of a government computer.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to attend scheduled training.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for misuse of a government computer.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to attend scheduled training, failure to observe safety practices.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Reprimand for disrespectful conduct and inappropriate conduct.
- ▶ Reprimand for making inappropriate comments.
- ▶ Five-day suspension for fail-

ure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

disrespectful conduct.  
▶ One-day suspension for unauthorized absence. Prior reprimand.

▶ Three-day suspension for inappropriate conduct.  
▶ Reprimand for making racial comments.

▶ Five-day suspension for failure to observe safety practices and negligence. Prior three-day suspension.



## Cutting the Fat

### Elementary school students moving toward healthier lifestyle

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Team Lean challengers aren't the only ones at Robins looking to slim down.

Robins Elementary School has stepped up its efforts to help children eat healthier and get moving to combat the risk for childhood obesity.

Gwyn Maddox, food service director for the Georgia and Alabama Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary Schools District based at Fort Benning, Ga. is responsible for food programs at Robins Elementary, Fort Benning, and Fort Rucker schools. She said the schools have done all they can to cut the risk factor for childhood obesity.

"One of the big things we've done in the past couple of years is removing deep fat fryers from our kitchens," she said. "We don't fry anything anymore. We also have guidelines from the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) in terms of fat, sodium and cholesterol, and we have to meet those goals."

Ms. Maddox said by the standards, children must be served two ounces of protein and a combined total of three quarters of a cup of fruit and vegetables. Additionally, children must get eight to 11 servings of bread each week.

To keep children's nutrition needs in check, Robins Elementary School's cafeteria has replaced white bread with a multi-grain version, tossed regular potato chips in exchange for baked ones, and replaced whole milk with low-fat and non-fat versions.

Ms. Maddox said fast food is not allowed for anyone eating in the cafeteria as well.

Overall, the change has been

positive so far.

"We're trying to introduce children to different things," she said. "What makes it difficult is lunchroom food doesn't always look like the food they eat when they go out. It's hard to entice children to try different things. We have introduced some new things and we've had pretty good success with them."

The lunchroom isn't the only place getting rave reviews in the health-conscious arena.

Robins Elementary students are getting excited about the activities Deb Hogan, physical education instructor at the school for 18 years, has planned for their once-a-week physical education period.

Whether it's a game of tag or kickboxing and Taekwondo, Ms. Hogan finds fun activities to get kindergartners through second graders moving.

"I do an activity with them then after I get them moving, I ask them to sit down and feel their own heart," she said. "I had a pre-schooler who said, 'Oh, my heart is dancing.' He realized because of the activity, his heart (rate) was accelerated."

Third through sixth graders wear pedometers to see just how much they're walking, Ms. Hogan said.

"They have to estimate the number of steps they take," she said. "Then, at the end of class, they do a comparison of greater



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Left to right, Chantel Ortiz, Mackenzie Raisanen and Rebekah Swinford, 6th graders, work out with Deb Hogan, Robins Elementary physical education teacher, to a Tae Bo video designed for kids.

than, less than and equal to. On average, they do anywhere from 800 to 1,200 steps in a 45-minute program. So I do keep them very active."

Ms. Hogan said it's important to teach children about the benefits of exercise early in life.

"I try to teach them that moving is fun," she said. "If I get them at this young age and if they realize just getting out and moving is a good thing, when they get to their parents' age, they will have a reduced possibility of developing Type II diabetes, heart attacks and strokes."

Those valuable lessons aren't something that should only be taught at school either, said Lea Floyd, a registered nurse at the school for 16 years.

"Habits start very early in life," she said. "Unfortunately, children mimic what they see. They may not listen to what you say, but they will follow what you do. So, if you set a good

example for them as far as what you're eating, your daily routines, they will follow that example."

Ms. Floyd said it's no surprise childhood obesity is on the rise in America. But, she said parents can put a stop to the problem in their own homes.

"The one thing is to practice what you preach," she said. "If the children see what the adults are doing, and if the adults are living a healthier lifestyle as far as watching what they eat and getting out and moving every day in some form or fashion and letting their children know that they don't drink sodas and they drink more water, milk and juice, then kids will learn."

Ms. Floyd said parents have more control over the habits their children form than they may think.

"They're going to have to set the example because that's what they're going to see."

## STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

For up-to-date  
information in the event of a base  
emergency, call 222-0815.

## Community College of the Air Force helps Airmen reach academic milestones

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Enlisted Airmen can get a leg up climbing the career ladder with the Community College of the Air Force's associate degree programs.

The college, which started at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in 1972, will graduate 223 students from Robins in a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar today.

There are currently 231,000 students enrolled in the school's degree programs.

With a diverse list of degrees to choose from, Airmen who wish to get a higher education while boosting their shot at being promoted can put themselves in good standing for achieving those goals in the education programs.

Andrea Harris, degree program administrator and guidance counselor at the Education and Training Office, said the college, headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., offers technical and hands-on training, as well as professional military education, in many Air Force Specialty Codes Air Force-wide.

For example, Airmen in the security forces career field often



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Andrea Harris, degree program administrator/guidance counselor; Military Education Training Office, counsels Senior Airman Suzy Hollis. Airman Hollis is going for her Community College of the Air Force degree and commissioning.

obtain degrees in the criminal justice area, Ms. Harris said. Airmen may choose from nearly 70 different degree programs.

Larrinecia Parker, a guidance counselor at the Military Education and Training Office, said the programs serve as a stepping stone in servicemembers' careers.

"Along with the opportunity for promotions and things of that nature, it also gives them an added confidence to be able to propel even further than the associate degree," she said. "A lot of the members don't realize that what they're doing already constitutes school credit. So once they achieve that, then

they're usually inspired to go on and obtain bachelor's degrees. A lot of them want to be commissioned after that point in time and even master's degrees after that. So I think it's a huge boost to them and it motivates them to gain further education."

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, call Andrea Harris, Degree Program administrator and guidance counselor, or Larrinecia Parker, a guidance counselor in the Military Education and Training office, at 327-7312.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center 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.

### Home buyer's seminar

Education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will host a free "Home Buyer's" seminar

Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

The seminar is designed to take some of the confusion out of home-buying and will cover topics such as: building wealth through ownership, after-tax benefits of home ownership, the role of the real estate salesperson, determining a comfortable price range for the borrower, mortgage financing and understanding purchase contracts.

## New Robins Elementary School documentation guidelines

During the 2006-2007 school year, registration files within Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools were audited to ensure documentation to comply with our governing statute and Department of Defense Instruction were in each child's file. In a number of instances files were incomplete. We have been asked to individually review each file for the upcoming 2007-08 school year. In order to comply with this requirement, you may be asked for documents you have either provided previously or never been asked to provide in the past (such as copies of the sponsor's orders). We regret this inconvenience; however, this is a requirement. After this initial year, documents verifying information that will not change from year-to-year (such as the child's birth date and/or proof of custody/guardianship for non-biological children) will be retained as long as your student is enrolled. Re-registration in future school years will only require documents that have expired (such as PCS orders with rotation dates prior to the

beginning of the new school year) or forms that require annual signatures (such as the Form 600 and internet agreements.)

Following is a list of the required documentation for enrollment:

- ▶ Sponsor will update Registration Form (Department of Defense Education Activity Form 600). DoDEA Form 600 must be signed by the active-duty sponsor. If the sponsor is deployed, it may be signed by his or her spouse with a Power of Attorney (a copy of the POA will need to be submitted with enrollment documents). If this is not possible, ask the school registrar for further assistance.
- ▶ Child's social security card. A copy of the card will be retained in student's registration file.
- ▶ Certified birth certificate from the Department of Vital Statistics of the state of birth. The certificate must include the parents' names and cannot be a pocket card or hospital or congratulatory certificate. A copy of the certificate will be retained in the student's registration file.
- ▶ If the sponsor is not listed on

the birth certificate as a biological parent, the child's dependency and custody determination must be documented before enrollment is granted. Ask the school registrar for further assistance.

▶ Sponsor's current military orders. Orders dated prior to 36 months before the start of the 2007-08 school year will require an amendment, updated order or the registrar can provide a form to be completed by the sponsor's unit.

▶ Verification of family housing. A signed leasing agreement and a current billing statement will verify your housing assignment. Families who are still on the waiting list for housing will need to verify that the registrar has a copy of their original 180-day housing letter.

▶ A Georgia Certificate of Immunization is required for all students. An eye, ear, and dental examination is also required for students entering school for the first time (preschool, pre-k and kindergarten). This must be on the state form, the yellow shot record cannot be accepted.

— Superintendent of Schools

## ► IN BRIEF

### MILITARY "BRATS" DOCUMENTARY AT MUSEUM

The Museum of Aviation will have a free showing of the 90-minute documentary, "BRATS: Our Journey Home" Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Vistascope Theater. Army Brat and filmmaker Donna Musil will be present at the showing and will have a question and answer session with the audience after the show. Her seven-year work of passion in making the film features rare archival footage, home movies and private photographs from post-war Japan, Germany and Vietnam. For more information about the documentary visit [www.brats-film.com](http://www.brats-film.com).

### 78TH MSS CLOSURE

The 78th Mission Support Squadron will be closed today from noon to 4:30 p.m. for an official function. The staff asks that all patrons schedule their needs around this time. For emergencies call 954-2774.



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## Airmen live, learn warrior ethos



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A basic trainee low crawls through the first obstacle of the tactical assault course at the field training site on Lackland Air Force Base, Texas May 2. This half-mile course, consisting of numerous obstacles, tests the trainees' newly-acquired defensive tactics skills and enforces the need to properly communicate with their wingmen.

## Memorial Day highlights sacrifices made for us all

Just over 16 years ago, I watched a television show after operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm that highlighted the sacrifices military members made during that war.

I was so moved by the show that I immediately thought about what it would be like to join the military and do something as great as these military members had. What did they do? They gave their lives for their country. They gave the ultimate sacrifice.

At the time, I was working in a civilian job driving heavy equipment for a lumber company. I worked many long hours on that job. One week I worked almost 90 hours. After watching that show, however, I thought that any sacrifice I made at work didn't come anywhere close to the sacrifices those servicemembers

made. Before Memorial Day 1991, I was at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Milwaukee, Wis., signing up for delayed enlistment in the Air Force. By February 1992, I was on my way to starting my military career with that same TV show ringing in my head.

You see, that show highlighted the 293 military members who gave their lives in support of that operation. It spoke of the servicemembers, their families and what heroic acts they did for their nation.

To me, there is nothing more honorable than those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom, no matter what conflict -- the Gulf War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam or the war on terrorism.

That's why Memorial Day is so important. It gives us a day to honor all those military

members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

According to the Veterans Administration, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed three years after the Civil War ended, and first observed on May 30, 1868. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Called "Decoration Day," the day was established as "a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers." The history added, "It is believed May 30 was chosen as the date because flowers would be in bloom all over the country."

Memorial Day has been set aside for us all to reflect on how someone's ultimate sacrifice has been a sacrifice for us all. Heroes who have given their lives show me that freedom isn't free.

That Gulf War television show I watched never mentioned Memorial Day, but it highlighted the sacrifice that Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen and others have made in defense of our freedoms. But now I don't need a show to remind me of the importance of sacrifice.

Every time I learn a comrade in arms has given the ultimate sacrifice, I recognize his or her sacrifice and thank him or her for it. During Memorial Day this year, I urge everyone else to do the same. Take a moment to remember those who have sacrificed for us all.

Don't wait for a television show to remind you of it.

— This commentary was written by Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Public Affairs.

## Keeping your will updated is of utmost importance

We all regularly check our chemical warfare masks, but when did you last check your will?

All Airmen warriors are in the fight.

"In addition to operational readiness, legal readiness is a vital part of overall deployment preparation," said Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives, the Judge Advocate General.

A current will that describes your desires is a key component of legal readiness. Your

family's ability to carry on — financially, emotionally, perhaps even concerning the care of your children — depends in large part on an accurate will.

Many life events can impact an existing will. Marriage, divorce, a change in financial status, the birth of a child or the loss of a loved one are common events that can have significant effects on a will, perhaps even invalidating it entirely.

Take a moment this evening

to look at your will. If you want to make any changes, the 1,000-plus military and civilian attorneys in your JAG Corps stand ready to promptly and effectively update your will.

Let these experts discuss the changes with you; writing on a will or trying to make changes yourself can lead to very unpredictable results. A few minutes today may save unintended hardships on your loved ones later.

Your JAG Corps attorneys

provide wills as one part of a robust legal assistance program, which can also help with living wills, powers of attorney and a variety of other personal civil matters. Let us help you get your legal affairs in order so that you can focus on your family before you deploy, and on the mission once you're there.

— This commentary was written by Maj. Lance Mathews Judge Advocate General's School.

## NSPS Performance Appraisal Application tool guidance

Q. I am having trouble entering my performance plan into the NSPS Performance Appraisal Application. When will we receive more customer friendly guidance on how to use the tool?

A. As many of you may know, recent enhancements have been made to the Performance Appraisal Application. WR-ALC/DPN has created quick reference sheets to assist both supervisors and employees in finalizing their performance plans and entering interim assessments in the PAA.

These quick reference sheets supplement the Performance Application User Guide. To access the quick reference sheets please go to the WR-ALC/DPN Community of Practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpnCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-WR-05>. Once this page is opened, scroll down to



Document Management, click on Performance Appraisal Guide & Performance PP Form 2906. The first item listed is the step-by-step process for creating and approving performance plans to include the higher level reviewer capability, second item is the step-by-step process for creating and approving interim reviews and the third is the PAA Guide.

It is strongly recommended that any employee without an approved plan in the PAA has one completed as soon as possible. The Interim Review process cannot be worked in the PAA until the Performance Plan is approved in the PAA.

As a rule, all performance plans should have Jan. 21, 2007 as the Rating Cycle Start Date (the system may have auto populated this field with Oct. 1, 2006 as Oct. 1 is the normal start date for a full NSPS appraisal cycle). The exception is for those employees who entered on duty into an NSPS position after Jan. 21, 2007 - in these cases, you will have to use the employees date he/she entered on duty in an NSPS covered position.

Please note that questions should still be directed to your organizational NSPS points of contact. If necessary, the organizational POC will contact the servicing EMR specialist for assistance. This funneling process will allow your POCs to gain proficiency and rapidly respond to internal needs.



Col. Theresa Carter  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

## Commander's Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

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

- ▶ Security Forces 327-3445
- ▶ Services Division 926-5491
- ▶ EEO Office 926-2131
- ▶ MEO 926-6608
- ▶ Employee Relations 926-5802
- ▶ Military Pay 926-3777
- ▶ IDEA 926-2536
- ▶ Base hospital 327-7850
- ▶ Civil engineering 926-5657
- ▶ Public Affairs 926-2137
- ▶ Safety Office 926-6271
- ▶ Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393
- ▶ Housing Office 926-3776

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://wwwml.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

The following Action Line, originally published Nov. 22, 2006, is being reprinted due to continued questions about proper Reveille etiquette.

### Proper Reveille Response

Here at Robins there seems to be some confusion as to what actions individuals outside during the playing of reveille in the morning should take. Our Army folks will stop and render a salute towards the sound of the music being played over the sound system. I'm a former military training instructor and to my knowledge we do not need to render any type of action. As you may remember when this music was played you were being woken up gently by us training instructors. I cannot find anything in the regulation 36-2203 Drill and Ceremonies that gives us guidance. What do we need to do? There are some of us who are tired of people yelling at us to stop our PT for the playing of this music.

### Colonel Carter's Response:

In addition to AFPAM 36-2203, we must also review procedures for ceremonies as governed by AFI 34-1201, Protocol, and AFPAM 34-1202, Guided to Protocol, both dated Oct. 4, 2006. Since our base US Flag is flown 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a stationary flag pole, we've opted not to use a ceremonial approach for raising the US Flag. Flag raising and lowering procedures and times are determined locally by the installation commander. At 7 a.m., here, we honor our traditions by sounding the bugle call Reveille to signal the start of the official duty day. Accordingly, while driving or walking on base during the morning and reveille sounds, continue moving towards your destination or with your physical fitness activity. The primary difference here is that we do not use a ceremony for flag raising accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem or To The Colors. If we did, then we would follow the same procedures as we do for Retreat. Thank you for making sure we are all paying the proper respect to our US Flag and military traditions.



# Putting Safety First

Robins prepares for 101 Critical Days of Summer with education, awareness campaign

The rise in temperature during the lazy days of summer has historically gone hand in hand with the season's rising number of off-duty mishaps and Robins is looking to head off tragedy during the 101 Critical Days of Summer by ensuring all its Airmen have the tools to make smart choices.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, which officially runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, has been the Air

Force's largest safety push for more than two decades. Aimed at educating Airmen on how to stay safe during the summer months, the campaign urges greater vigilance and awareness of personal safety.

David Decker, ground safety manager, said Robins will unofficially kickoff its local campaign today with an informal base-wide Safety Day.

"We've left it up to commanders as far as what time during the day to talk safety

issues," he said.

Because the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is a concerted effort to reduce mishaps and fatalities by raising awareness for all Air Force members and their families, the safety day will allow leadership the opportunity to get some face-to-face time with the workforce and impart some safety knowledge.

"The 101 Critical Days of Summer is the period when we have the most mishaps and

accidents so we try to push out as much safety information as we can to commanders and supervisors to pass along to the workforce so that we can all have a safer summer," said Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center chief of safety. "We want to get as much knowledge as we can out there."

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, agreed. "We stress the 101 Critical Days of Summer to raise peo-

ple's awareness of the inherent risks associated with summer activities, from driving long distances to participating in recreational activities that are more dangerous," she said. "If you look over the last five years, 37 percent of all Air Force fatalities occurred during these 101 days, even though it represents only 27 percent of the calendar year. Moreover, the week of July 4 and the last week of August, when everyone tries to get in that last bit of

vacation time, both had a mishap and fatality rate 50 percent higher than any other week during the 101 days. So this campaign is about getting people to take a step back, reconsider their course of action and apply sound risk management principles. After all, losing one Air Force member, military or civilian, is one too many."

Below are tips from the Robins safety team on how to stay safe this summer.

— Lanorris Askew



Warm weather activities like bicycling, tennis, relaxing on the beach and motorcycling can be lots of fun, but they can also be deadly if proper safety procedures are not followed. Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors shouldn't forget to give their people a predeparture safety briefing prior to their going on a trip, whether it's for temporary duty or vacation.

The briefing is required for military members 26 or under and must be documented. The safety office strongly recommends predeparture safety briefings be given to all Robins employees regardless of age.



## Injury prevention plain and simple

This year, close to one-third of athletes will suffer a sports-related injury requiring the attention of a doctor. And, with the rate of injuries on the rise, many organizations have passed strict rules regarding the safety of equipment and tougher safety rules for contact sports. You should be aware of these rules and help coaches and officials enforce them.

Many injuries are due to overuse of immature bones and muscles as more athletes devote themselves year 'round to a single sport. These minor injuries can lead to chronic nagging pain and predispose the athlete to more severe injuries. Strains, sprains, pulled muscles or a broken bone can lead to the end of a season for many athletes.

**Physical conditioning:** Before you even set foot in a competitive sports arena, make sure you are in proper physical condition. Athletes who participate in different activities in a year should have several health exams throughout that year to evaluate stress on bones and muscles. Coaches should have the ability to handle a medical emergency if one should occur. Knowledge of basic first aid should be required. If coaches and fans pressure an athlete, needless injuries may occur.

**Fitness and Training:**



According to the American College of Sports Medicine, up to one-half of injuries sustained in organized sports are preventable.

Coaches should have a general knowledge of fitness. Training methods should be geared toward the strength, endurance and flexibility requirements of a particular sport. Proper training for athletes should begin one to two months before the given season begins. Each week, there should be a gradual increase of 10 percent in the amount of time, distance and repetitions required in the training. It has been shown that appropriate strength training decreases the incidence of some overuse and acute injuries. To avoid injury, each practice session and game should be preceded by five to

10 minutes of warm-up exercises and followed by a cool down period.

**Equipment:** In most contact sports, equipment is worn for the safety and protection of the athlete. This equipment should not be allowed to be altered in any way that will defeat the purpose. Coaches should be aware of the latest protective and safety equipment and insist that all the athletes under their supervision wear it in its proper way. Your participation in sports could be a great opportunity to build self-esteem, self-discipline and leadership skills. Make sure an injury doesn't sideline you.

## Identifying and treating heat-related illnesses

### Sunburn

While moderate doses of the sun's ultraviolet light give you a deep, dark tan, overdoses cause sunburn. Knowing the effects of sunlight will help you protect yourself from the pain of sunburn. These factors fall into three main groups:

- ▶ Individual susceptibility.
- ▶ Conditions determining the amount of ultraviolet radiation you're exposed to.
- ▶ Length of exposure time.

The longer the exposure times, the worse the sunburn. Many people seem to forget that sunburn symptoms appear several hours after overexposure. Atmospheric conditions, time of year and nearby reflective surfaces greatly influence the amount of exposure.

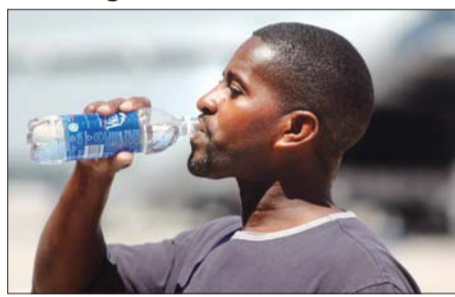
### Sunstroke

These are the symptoms of sunstroke:

- ▶ Headache
- ▶ Visual disturbances and dizziness
- ▶ Feeling of oppression
- ▶ Flushed face
- ▶ High temperature
- ▶ Rapid and full pulse
- ▶ Skin hot and dry

If you recognize someone with these sunstroke symptoms, send for an ambulance and then take the following first-aid steps:

- ▶ Move the person to a shaded area and loosen his/her clothing.
- ▶ Lay the patient on their back and elevate their head and shoulders.
- ▶ Apply cold packs to the



U.S. Air Force file photos by SUE SAPP

It is very important to stay hydrated while working or playing in high temperatures.

head, as the brain is more rapidly affected by high temperature.

▶ Wrap the person's body in a sheet, or other material, and pour on cool water. Fan the wet material to increase evaporation and reduce temperature.

▶ Rub the person's limbs in an upward direction toward their heart.

▶ If transporting the person to the hospital, continue treatment en route. Leave windows open so airflow will continue to help cool the person's body temperature.

▶ Do not give the person any stimulants like caffeinated drinks.

### Heat Exhaustion

The symptoms of heat exhaustion are:

- ▶ Muscular cramps, aching limbs and joints
- ▶ Dizziness, nausea and staggering
- ▶ Frequent vomiting
- ▶ Profuse sweating (especially around the face and fore-

head), and clammy skin; excessive sweating is the main sign a person is suffering from heat exhaustion and not sunstroke.

▶ Dry mouth

▶ Weak pulse and shallow breathing

▶ Possible unconsciousness for short periods

▶ The person may feel cold as their body temperature is low.

Since heat exhaustion results from dehydration of body fluids and salts, it's important to rehydrate the person. Take the following steps:

▶ Move the person to circulating air.

▶ Keep the person warm and administer stimulants, like coffee or caffeinated soft drinks. Only give stimulants if you're sure the person is not suffering from sunstroke.

▶ Get the person to drink water, slightly salted if possible.

▶ Place the person's head level or lower than his/her body.



Boating safety begins before the boat ever leaves shore by making sure all necessary equipment is in place.

## Proper boating operating procedures can prevent injuries, save lives

Each year, many Americans take to the water for pleasure boating or sailing, fishing, water or jet skiing, or just cruising the nation's lakes, rivers, and inland waterways. Sailing is a fun sport, but it's not a breeze. Operating a boat requires concentrated skill and a keen sense of awareness in the boat and on water. A clear head and a responsible outlook are necessary to make a day on the water as smooth and safe as possible.

Many Air Force members and their dependents have drowned or been seriously injured in boating mishaps in

the past. The majority of accidents would not have happened if the victims had taken time to learn proper small boat operating procedures.

If small boat enthusiasts observe the following rules, they will be nautical miles ahead in personal fun and safety.

▶ Know your boat - what it can and can't do.

▶ Don't overload - check the boat manufacturer's capacity plate.

▶ Keep a good lookout and situational awareness of other boats and objects.

▶ Operate at safe and legal

speeds - watch your wake.

▶ Know and respect the weather - heed weather warnings.

▶ Take sufficient fuel in proper containers. Know your cruising radius.

▶ Keep your boat shipshape; check safety equipment.

▶ Take necessary equipment such as fire extinguishers and personal flotation devices.

▶ Secure the boat properly. Stow loose objects.

▶ Learn boating laws and obey them.

▶ Never operate a boat while intoxicated.



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**TODAY**

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

The teen center will host a poetry night tonight at 7 p.m. and a debate night May 25 at 7 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

**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.

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

**MONDAY**

The Robins Officers' Club will be closed today for maintenance and cleaning and will reopen Tuesday. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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

**TUESDAY**

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday at the officers' club. Cost is \$6.95 for hot lunch and a salad bar or \$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.

Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-7625.

**WEDNESDAY**

The Wynn Dining Facility offers fulfilled events throughout the month. Enjoy an Airmen appreciation night today from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

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

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 23 of the May Edge on Wednesdays in May. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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

**UPCOMING**

May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: Today an Armed Forces family run 10 a.m. and spinathon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 19. 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 (HAWC) at 327-8480 or go online at www2.robins.af.mil/services.

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

## Feeling the burn

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Tyler Davis exercises on the lap row at the Robins Fitness Center. During May Fitness Month 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. For more information contact the fitness center at 926-2128.



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Start building those beds for the Ninth 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.

"Picnic with Altitude" events will be held June 9 and July 14. Check out the current fleet, information on avionics and equipment, meet current and new instructors, talk with other pilots and explore class opportunities. Food and prizes will be available to all members and their families as well as prospective members of the Robins Aero Club. Membership is open to all active duty and reserve military, DOD civilians and retirees. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

Robins Child Development program will offer a Junior Summer Camp for children entering pre-K or kindergarten. Camp will be held June 4 through Aug. 3. This program will provide diverse indoor and outdoor activities and 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.

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.

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

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

**ONGOING**

Several new tempting and value-added selections are offered during evening dining at the officers' club. Tuesday through Thursdays children, 10 and younger, eat free from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a paid adult entrée. On Wednesdays prime rib is offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$11.95 and Thursdays Butcher's Choice is featured from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eat steak, lobster, lamb, shrimp shish kabobs and many more choice cuts that will be wonderfully displayed on ice to select (item prices will be determined by market). On Fridays and Saturdays enjoy an a la carte menu with rotating dinner specials from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Pizza Depot is now open in Bldg. 956 offering the same great service and food. Hours are Sunday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on-base delivery is available 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Hours vary on holiday weekends. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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

The Officers' Club barber shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 918-0775.

Come out to the officers' club during your birthday month and receive a \$15 coupon to redeem toward your meal. Birthday coupons are available to club members of all ranks and grades. Coupons may be picked up at the cashier office. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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.

►Tickets are available for the Georgia Renaissance Festival to be held now 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 pups 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.

►All retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 23 of the May Edge Tuesdays in May.

►Reserve your lanes in advance for office parties, wingman days or fundraisers. Cost is \$5 per person and includes three games and shoes.

►Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost 12 years and younger, \$5 and 13 years and older, \$10 and Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone.

►Register for Peterson Point, a kids fun or mixed bowling leagues now.

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

►Every Monday through Thursday in May pay \$20 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

►Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in May and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

►Every Monday through Thursday in May pay \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 5 p.m.

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

Telling us what you think about the 78th Services Division activities, products and services has never been easier with the new Interactive Customer Evaluation program. To use ICE, go to www2.robins.af.mil/services and click on the ICE icon. At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to provide a rating and/or comment. Please provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

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

Have the latest 78th Services Division information electronically delivered to you. Subscribe to the Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter by going to www.robins-services.com and click on the subscribe icon at the top of the home page. From there click on the Services newsletter link and complete the questionnaire. Subscribe to the overall Services newsletter and receive all information or to only those activities of interest to you—the choice is yours.

## NOW PLAYING



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



**FRIDAY**

**THE REAPING**

Hilary Swank, AnnaSophia Robb

A former minister turned her back on the cloth after losing her young daughter and husband while doing missionary work in the Sudan, and now seeks answers through scientific investigation rather than prayer. As a university professor, she has become the foremost debunker of supposed miracles, called to sites all over the world to investigate weeping statues, wall stains resembling saints and palms that bleed. Rated R. 98 minutes

**SATURDAY**

**ARE WE DONE YET SHOWTIME @ 2 P.M.**

Ice Cube, Nia Long

The Persons family decides to move from the big city to the suburbs of idyllic life. A house renovation leads to chaos, particularly when the contractor who clashes with Nick, bonds with his wife and the two kids. Rated PG. 90 minutes

**FIREHOUSE DOG**

Josh Hutcherson, Bree Turner

Rex, Hollywood's top-grossing canine, is known for his extreme athletic abilities and diva-like demeanor. His perks package, revealing that of any A-list celebrity, includes Kobe beef, a poodle harem, and a diamond collar. Rex's luck—and Hollywood high life—runs out while shooting a commercial; an aerial stunt goes awry, leading Rex's handlers to presume he's dead. But Rex is merely lost—alone, filthy and unrecognizable in an unfamiliar city. Rated PG. 111 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 send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Submissions run for two weeks. The following people have been approved as leave recipients: Lori Anderson, 78th CONS, POC is Dawn Hardison, 926-3666 and David Stephens, 577th SMXS/FLT-G, POC is Mark Campbell, 926-1367.



# Intramural champs

## 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing wins soccer title



Courtesy photos

Members of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing: Back row (l to r): Aaron Ayers, Ibrahim Akyol, Jeff Seguin, Ryan Pospisal, Joel Hansen, Habib Maagoul, Matthew Dillard. Middle row: Ed Rosner, Adrian Zinnerman, Richard Rodriguez. Front row: Jared McClure, Cleve Rodriguez, Steven Paul, John Parsons, Ty Dinh.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing claimed the championship trophy in this year's 6-side intramural soccer league.

The 542nd defeated the Company Grade Officers Association in the championship game, 3-0. The 542nd scored two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 half-time lead and the defense held to notch the shutout.

Richard Rodriguez scored two goals and Ibrahim Akyol

produced the other goal.

The 542nd won the Premiership Division in the regular season with a 7-0-1 record, while the CGOA advanced to the championship game by winning the Bundesliga Division with a 6-1-1 record.

In the third place match, the 5th Combat Communications Group defeated the 78th Comptroller Squadron, 2-1.

— submitted by Fitness Center

Ibrahim Akyol takes a shot on goal. Akyol scored a goal in the championship game, helping his team win the game and intramural title.



## Summer Sports Day slated for May 31

A slew of events packs the schedule for the annual Summer Sports Day. With the exception of golf, which takes place May 30, all events take place May 31.

Teams will participate in 14 different events. Squadrons or units wishing to field a team must sign up at the Robins Fitness Center no later than noon May 29.

The scheduled events include:

- ▶ Golf — two-person scramble with a shotgun start
- ▶ Bowling
- ▶ One-pitch softball

▶ Track and field — includes 100 meter dash, 1600 meter relay, long jump and one mile run.

▶ Three-on-three basketball

▶ PT challenge — follows the Air Force fitness test procedures

▶ Racquetball

▶ Volleyball

▶ Swimming — includes 50 meter freestyle, 50 meter backstroke, 50 meter breaststroke and 150 meter medley relay

- ▶ Skeet shooting
- ▶ Horseshoes
- ▶ Dodgeball — five on five
- ▶ Tug of war



Department of Defense photo by William Moss

The U.S. Air Force 60th anniversary logo is unveiled on the hood of NASCAR driver Ward Burton's State Water Heaters car during an unveiling ceremony May 8 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C. The unveiling was in recognition of "American Heroes Memorial Day Salute to the Armed Forces."



## ► IN BRIEF

### RCG SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Chiefs Group is accepting applications for 2007-2008 Enlisted Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are designed to recognize and assist eligible applicants participating in undergraduate or post-secondary school vocational training programs. An applicant must be: on active duty (includes active-duty reserve component members), in the grade of E-1 through E-8 and assigned to Robins or be the dependent of an active-duty member meeting the preceding criteria. Each scholarship awarded will be for no less than \$250. The number of scholarships presented varies and depends on the number of applicants. The deadline to apply is May 31. For more information and an application packet, contact your unit's Chief Master Sergeant, First Sergeant or the Robins Education Office. You can also contact Chief Master Sgt. Judy Turner, 327-7998, or Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, 327-4407, or email us at [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Robins Thrift Shop is taking summer items. Remember when you are getting ready to PCS the thrift shop

allows you to consign 30 items. Call before bringing in large items to make sure there is room.

All proceeds go to OSC welfare and help the Robins community. We will continue with regular hours through May and June; with the exception of closing June 27 and 29. The Thrift Shop will be closed for the month of July and reopen Aug. 1. Hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### PALACE CHASE

Active-duty members, are you interested in applying for an early separation? The Palace Chase program allows eligible members to apply to separate early, and continue their participation on a part-time basis. All Air Force Specialty Codes and ranks are eligible to apply. Refer to AFI 36-3205, or contact Tech. Sgt. Deserie Jackson, In-Service recruiter, at 327-7367, or [deserie.jackson@robins.af.mil](mailto:deserie.jackson@robins.af.mil) for requirements and questions on this program.

### NETWORK 56 CAR SHOW

Network 56, a junior enlisted organization here, will host a fund raising car show Saturday at the Watson Central Shopping

Center at 2195 Watson Blvd. The proceeds will be used to send care packages to deployed Airmen.

Everyone who makes a donation will be given a vote on the People's Choice award and qualify for door prizes.

There will be 24 vehicle classes and more than 50 trophies awarded. The first 50 registrants will receive a dash plate. To register a vehicle e-mail [robinsnet56@yahoo.com](mailto:robinsnet56@yahoo.com).

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM.

This on-base youth volunteer program is funded by the Air Force Aid Society. Dependents, in grades 9 through 12, of active duty Air Force members assigned to or living on Robins may apply. The program affords eligible teens an opportunity to learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their communities. Program participation incentives are in the form of dollar credits for grant funding. Students "bank" volunteer dollar credits toward their post-secondary education at a rate of \$4 per hour volunteered. Participants may accumulate as much as 250 hours for a \$1000 scholarship over all four years of high school combined. For more information call Marvin Hawkins program coordinator at 926-5601.

## Services Memorial Day hours announced

### Open

- Bowling Center, May 28 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- Fitness Center, May 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hours
- Golf Course, normal hours and tee times
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, normal hours
- Lodging, normal hours
- Rasile Indoor Pool, May 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

### Closed

- Aero Club, administration and sales
- Arts & Crafts Center
- Auto Skills Center, May 30
- Bamboo Grill
- Base Library
- Base Restaurant, May 28; all snack bars will close at 1 p.m. May 25
- CDC East & West
- Community Center
- Enlisted Club, May 27 and 28
- Equipment Rental Center
- Family Child Care, May 25 and 28
- Fitness Center Annex, May 25 and 28
- Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)
- Food Service office
- Human Resource office
- Information, Tickets and Travel

- Marketing
- Officers' Club, May 27 and 28
- Pizza Depot, May 27 and 28
- Resource Management office
- Skeet Range
- Teen Center
- US Veterinarian Services

- Wood Hobby shop, May 29
- Youth Center
- All 78th Medical Group services (including pharmacy) will close at 4:30 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 7:30 a.m. May 29.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

# Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Above, A group from Doug Rankin's Taekwondo Plus give a demonstration during the Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival Friday. The festival was hosted by the Robins Asian Pacific American Heritage Month committee.

Below left, Holly Kieffer and Saleh Harris model native Korean costumes. She is wearing a Chogori and he is in a Cheogori and Paji. The festival included a roaming fashion show with traditional attire from various Asian countries.

Below center, The spectators were given the opportunity to sample various Asian dishes.

Below right, Ken Percell looks at glass globes used as floats for Japanese fishing nets.

