The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and runs through November 30. The season was forecast to be slightly above average, with nine to 14 named storms forming, and five to eight hurricanes, two to three of which would become major hurricanes. However, the season ultimately produced 28 named storms, 12 hurricanes, and 7 major hurricanes, tied as the third most active season since records began in 1851. The season was especially notable for the number of hurricanes that formed in the Caribbean, the long duration of the season, and the late cutoff date.

Tropical cyclones form in different regions of the world, with the hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean lasting from June 1 to November 30. The season is influenced by a variety of factors, including ocean temperatures, wind shear, and atmospheric conditions. The 2007 season was particularly active, with 13 hurricanes (including two major hurricanes) forming in the Atlantic and 15 in the Pacific Ocean. The season ended with a total of 28 named storms, 12 hurricanes, and 7 major hurricanes.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami issues daily advisories on the status of tropical cyclones, including their location, size, wind speeds, and potential impact on land. The NHC also provides information on preparedness and response to tropical cyclones, including evacuation orders and safety tips for residents in affected areas.

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Robins Air Force Base Hurricane Conditions (HURCON)

NOTE: HURCON conditions are declared or changed by the base commander.

Condition 4: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 72 hours.

Condition 3: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 48 hours.

Condition 2: Sustained winds of 35 knots (41 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

Condition 1: Sustained winds of 35 knots (41 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 12 hours.

Local conditions: provided courtesy of the 78th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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Hurricane / Tropical Storm / Severe Weather Terms and Definitions:

INLAND TROPICAL STORM WARNING
Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 38 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are expected within 24 hours. INLAND TROPICAL STORM WARNING
Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are expected within 24 hours. INLAND HURRICANE WARNING
Issued for interior counties that sustained winds of 74 mph or greater associated with a hurricane are expected within 36 hours.

TORNADO WATCH
Issued to alert the public that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. These watches are issued with information concerning the watch area and the length of time they are in effect.

TORNADO WARNING
Issued to warn the public a tornado has been sighted by storm spotters, law enforcement or has been indicated by radar. These warnings are issued with information concerning where the tornado is presently located and which communities are in the anticipated path of the tornado.

SUSTAINED WINDS
Winds that have been or are expected to be sustained at or near a particular speed for a period of one minute or longer.

DEADLY ATTRIBUTES
Terms associated with conditions that pose a threat to life.

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All for one, one club for all
Base clubs collocate for better support, streamlined approach

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Members of the Robins Enlisted and Officers’ clubs have begun sharing a home. Robins is combining resources to provide a better environment for its community by consolidating the enlisted and officers club programs into one club, open to all ranks and grades. The club must maintain separate enlisted and officer lounges, but food and entertainment programs are taking on a new look.

“The decision was made based on finances because combining into one club allowed the club to better support members with a more streamlined approach,” said Linda Hinkle, marketing director for Services.

The financial transition began in January 2006 and several activities such as Casino Night have already merged. Robins took a look at the club system and the only way it could survive and continue to provide a tradition of excellence was to consolidate programs. It is either consolidate or lose both, said Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant of the Robins NCO Academy and enlisted chair of the club advisory council.

The transition has been a slow one. Members of the community didn’t realize the club was merging programs into one club, open to all ranks and grades. The club must maintain separate enlisted and officer lounges, but food and entertainment programs are taking on a new look.

“We have had a bit of an unscheduled test to help rename the club,” said Wendy Floyd, a production management specialist with the 568th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron. She said she thinks the consolidation can be a positive change for all members.

“We are doing a lot of research to make sure we are doing the right thing for our customers,” Ms. Hinkle said. “As one of the first steps in helping both officers, enlisted, military retirees and civilians, we are trying to improve services. Services is sponsoring a contest to help rename the club.

“Members of the club’s staff are working to get the message out that club programs are open to all. “We are doing a lot of research to make sure we are doing the right thing for our customers,” Ms. Hinkle said.

“We are going to create an environment where we need to put that relationship in check, we need to do that on the spot, but cordially,” Captain Thompson said.

Members of the services staff said they are optimistic the consolidation can be a positive change for all members.

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As the two clubs continue to consolidate, more activities will be offered to all ranks and grades. The first combined First Friday will be held on July 13 at 4:30 p.m. The event will be a pool party extravaganza with something for everyone, including a live band, food and activities for children.

Members of the Robins community are concerned about the consolidation and how it will affect members. The club is merging into one club, open to all ranks and grades, the club must maintain separate enlisted and officer lounges, but food and entertainment programs are taking on a new look.

“The whole idea behind the enlisted club is to have a place to go and unwind and the military structure has always been based on no fraternization. How can you mix the two without mixing up the structure?” said Wendy Floyd, a production management specialist with the 568th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron.

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The first case involved the member’s wrongful use of marijuana (a violation of Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice), wrongful use of cocaine, willful misuse of his Government Travel Card over a six month period, and being absent from his unit for two days without authority.

This case was referred to a special court-martial and the member faced a maximum punishment of a bad conduct discharge, 12 months confinement, two-thirds forfeiture of pay per month for 12 months, and reduction to the lowest enlisted grade.

The member pled guilty to all charges and specifications and was tried by military judge alone. The military judge found the member guilty and sentenced him to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for two months, and a $867 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

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**Article 15s**

A staff sergeant failed to obey a lawful general regulation by wrongfully using cocaine in August 2006. The member was tried by military judge and was sentenced to a reduction to E-1, confinement for six months, and forfeitures of pay for six months. The member did not receive a punitive discharge at trial; however, he was administratively discharged from the USAF following the court-martial.

The wrongful use of drugs was, once again, the impetus for another special court-martial. In the third case, the member wrongfully used marijuana in violation of Art 112a, UCMJ.

The individual had previously received an Article 15 (nonjudicial punishment) for wrongful use of marijuana in 2006 and had also been found guilty of two violations of Article 92, UCMJ, at a summary court-martial in December 2006 (failure to obey a lawful order from his first sergeant and dereliction of duty for driving his vehicle on base when his base driving privileges had been suspended).

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Memorial Day: Remember the long line of heroes before us

From the Revolutionary War, to operations Ending Freedom and Iraq Freedom, there has been a long line of heroes who set forth an effort to protect the liberties that have made our country what it is today. And every Memorial Day, you may ask yourself, “What defines a hero?” Truth is, there are many definitions. However, when referring to Memorial Day, we are remembering the ones about who serve or served and those who laid the ultimate sacrifice throughout service to our country in the armed forces.

My understanding of these kinds of heroes started as a child in my Michigan hometown where I had a newspaper route through the main areas of town. Since that is back over 20 years ago, I have only just started to see these members of the public who are ‘old timers’ – they were considered ‘old-timers.’

It was never in the sense of disliking them, but rather just simply that they were older than me. I learned early on in life to respect my elders, and that is something I still respect, is what we are taught to be.

Despite my youthful additions, once I got to know other newspaper carriers, I found out there were many veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. And so it was also parents of military veterans whom I used to know those of those days. It didn’t take long for me to see the respect that those folks were. Many ended up being an inspiration to me and helping guide me on the path I’m on today as a career civilian. More importantly, they are all heroes to me.

One particular hero I know growing up was an Army vet- et named Henry Backup. Mr. Backup is not a famous hero, but he was a member of my church, a former town mayor, my family, and someone who for no particular reason took an interest in looking out for me and then me.

He also was the one person, while I was a senior in high school in 1987, who told me I should consider the Air Force as a place to further my life. It took almost five years to talk to my parents about it, but today I thank him for that inspiration.

Since that time, I have continued, including the past 15 in the Air Force, I have met and learned from so many other dedicated men and women who served our country’s armed forces. I’ve experienced the freedoms we all enjoy. Here in New Jersey, we live major battles during the United States’ drive for independence took place during the American War of Independence that began in 1775 and before that. You can walk within the hall of heroes where those heroes once walked, and now you can still imagine the sacrifice and courage it took to continue and fight. The stuff heroes are made of.

The day I became a member of the Air Force, whose likeness is represented in Graceland Hall right across from where I work in the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center. My hero’s list also has the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, retired CMSgt Paul Anaya, and more recently, Staff Sgt. John T. Self, a security forces Airman from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., who died recently while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bless his heart. It was a great sacrifice.

I brought up the Memorial Day story to emphasize the importance of recognizing the sacrifices that our heroes who have defended our freedoms for more than two centuries. It’s why we remember.

My list of heroes is long and large and never stops growing. It goes back to the beginning and grows from there. With us Gen. George Washington those were the pioneers who will remember all of our heroes this Memorial Day. I encourage you to remember your long list of heroes.

This commentary was written by Rich A. Scott T. Sapp, chief, NSPS administrative reconsideration process

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IN BRIEF

GATE 5 CLOSURE
Gate 5 will be closed for construction through June 24. Use other gates during this time.

TEAM ROBINS QUARTERLY AWARD
The Team Robins 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Support your nominees and win the spirit award.

FISHING TOURNAMENT
The 19th Air Refueling Group’s Heritage Group will host a fishing tournament June 16 at Little River Park (Lake Sinclair) from daylight to 3 p.m. It is a five-fish limit (catch and release only). The cost is $30 per two-person team with a 70 percent payback. A safety brief and review of the rules will be conducted at 8 a.m. It is a five-fish limit (catch and release only). The cost is $50 per person. All participants 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 $1,000 scholarship over all four years of high school combined. For more information call Marvin Hawkins program coordinator at 926-5661.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS
Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center June 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. to talk about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program.

For more information on the programs, visit www.spouses-to-teachers.com. The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 140, no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@ gapsc.com.

MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON CLOSURE
Due to an official function, MSS will be closed July 13. Please schedule your needs around this time.

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. AFRC 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.

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a “Starting A Business” workshop June 13, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Information will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, and information/resources available for your use, and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to help you get started.

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

Camellia Gardens ceremony pays tribute to 67 deceased members of Team Robins

A bell tolled as each of the names of 67 deceased members of Team Robins was called at the annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service May 24 at the garden across from the officers’ club.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owens, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander and memorial address speaker, said, “Because we here at Robins realize the worth of our work, this gathering with the Robins family.” Names of the honorees are inscribed on a plaque which joins the laying of a wreath, “Amazing Grace” on bagpipe, a gun salute and the playing of “Taps.”

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Family members, co-workers and friends of the honorees were visibly touched by the solemn and dignified ceremony.

Tom Gibbons, son of honor-ee retired Col. William L. Gibbons, spoke about the service. “I know that my dad would be very humbled and appreciative as we (his family) are.”

Sonnja Thomas, widow of hon-ee Steven Thomas, said the service meant “a lot to me. It is good to honor the loved ones we lost. Thank you to the base for doing this for us.”

2007 CAMELLA GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE HONOREES:

-Capt. William Ward
-Chief Master Sgt. Francis P. (Mac) McCarthy, USAF (Ret.)
-Tech. Sgt. James W. McCawley, USAF

-Capt. William Ward
-Judith V. Bailey-Spears
-William Ronald Barlow
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-Michael G. Bresnake
-Dix Darrell Britt
-Virginia York Bryant
-William (Bill) B. Cain
-Alberta Carr
-Master Sgt. Matthew Carter, USAF (Ret.)
-Walter H. Clark, Jr.
-Jayson Senior Combs
-Senior Airman Brandon Vincent Cox
-Donald Collins
-Nelly Charlie T. (Bol) Collins
-Tom Watson Collins, Sr.
-Master Sgt. James William Crawford, USAF (Ret.)
-Jean Ella Bridges Davies
-William J. Desantis, USAF (Ret.)
-Debie Louise Hamil Doolan
-Col. Marc Louis Dinslage, USAF (Ret.)
-Tea Knat Easy
-Dionne Williams Faith
-Col. William L. Gibbons, USAF (Ret.)
-Greg G. Goodlin
-Chief Master Sgt. Edwin C. Hamlin
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-Virginia Jackson Harris
-Tech. Sergt. Ira G. Hobbs, USAF (Ret.)
-Lt. Col. Sidney James, USAF (Ret.)
-Lt. Col. Joseph D. Wilson
-Barbara Williams
-Edward D. (Ed) White
-Ronald C. Webb
-William Overton (Obie) Stewart, USAF (Ret.)
-Lt. Col. Joseph D. Wilson
-Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Randolph, USAF (Ret.)
-Tech. Sgt. Bruce M. Ruth, USAF (Ret.)
-Master Sgt. Edward Steggs, USAF (Ret.)
-Danny Smith
-Jannelle Smith
-Rick E. Smith
-Senior Master Sgt. Robert Lee Storms, USAF, USAF (Ret.)
-Master Sgt. Harold W. Stewart, USAF (Ret.)
-Jimmy Swint
-Steven G. Taylor
-Steven Paul Thomas
-Frank Frazier Thompson
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