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Above, Yvonne Fisk, R.N., assists Tech. Sgt. Irish Hester with her twin boys, Brodie and Connor, who were born on Valentine's Day.

At right, Patricia Prime, R.N., assists Nicole Swain with six week-old James. Mrs. Swain says having the nurse has been a great help since she and her husband Capt. Beau Swain have only been at Robins for a short time and don't know a lot of people yet.



BABY STEPS

New Parent Support Program gives active-duty families tools, advice for proper child rearing

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Becoming a new parent can be overwhelming at times. But Robins has a program to guide active-duty families towards rearing their children in a positive way.

The New Parent Support Program, which has been available to active-duty military families here for nearly 10 years, offers parents of infants through 3-year-olds in-home visits from nurses and social workers to provide valuable tools for discipline and other measures for handling the challenges of parenting.

Mary Hodgkins, family advocacy officer in the Family Advocacy Program under the 78th Medical Group's Behavioral Health Flight, said the in-home visits provide parents guidance in some of the most challenging areas of parenthood.

"New Parent Support Program is a home visit program and that makes it very convenient for families with young children," she said. "They can relax in their own home and also get the benefit

WHAT TO KNOW

The New Parent Support Program is an Air Force-wide in-home visit program designed to help active-duty military parents of infant to 3-year-old children learn the proper methods of discipline and other child rearing ways. Visits are kept confidential and are not recorded in military members' medical files. For more information, contact Family Advocacy in the 78th Medical Group's Behavioral Health Flight at 327-8398.

of services from a bachelor degree level nurse or social worker. Their services can involve developmental screenings for young children so that the parents know what to expect in terms of the child's development and it can help prepare the child, prepare themselves and prepare their home in terms of health and safety issues."

Mrs. Hodgkins said each family enrolled in the program will receive at least two in-home visits each month.

Patricia Prime, a family advocacy nurse in the program since Jan. 8, said she gives parents the skills to take the best care of their babies.

"I do a lot of education," she said. "I educate parents about just basic infant skills if the baby is already here. If the mom is pregnant, we do a lot of education in reference to prenatal care, just making sure they're keeping their doctors' appointments and answering any questions or concerns they may have in reference to their pregnancy."

Mrs. Prime said she offers a lot of encouragement and support to new parents to let them know that what they're feeling is normal.

The experienced nurse and mother of three also provides guidance on products that parents could buy to help in the care for their baby as well as feedback on what things that are in the home that could be harmful to their child.

Since no child is the same, Mrs. Prime said she gives each family individualized care.

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78th OSS prepares for active hurricane season



By 78TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON WEATHER FLIGHT

The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season begins today. The forecast this year is for a very active tropical season calling for 17 named storms. Nine of those storms are forecasted to become hurricanes and five of which

are predicted to become major hurricanes with winds of 110 mph or greater. The men and women of the 78th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight are actively preparing to ensure that Team Robins is aware of the significant threat posed by land-falling tropical features. The hurricane season usually is considered over in September, but for the past few years, hurricanes have been developing as late as October and November.

LINKS

- ▶ **Saffir – Simpson Hurricane Intensity Scale:**
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutshs.shtml>
- ▶ **American Red Cross Disaster Services and Safety Information:**
<http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster>
- ▶ **Preparedness Recommendations from the National Hurricane Center:**
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>

"Preparedness and situational awareness are critical during tropical season," said senior aviation meteorologist Roddy E. Nixon. "Even though we are in central Georgia, the potential for serious consequences associated with tropical weather remains high." Mr. Nixon said Middle Georgia has been extremely

lucky over the past few years to avoid a direct hit from a strong hurricane, but in case it does, Robins personnel need to be prepared. "The risk of high winds, heavy rains, and tornadoes are of immediate concern to the greater Robins community," said 1st Lt Hank Chilcoat, 78th Operations Support Wing weather officer. "We will provide command staff and key decision makers the essential information

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Man's best friend

78th SFS members celebrate life of military working dog, friend Tosca

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To the military working dog handlers of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, Tosca, a 13-year-old Belgian Malinois, is valued as much as any other family member.

The military working dog, with brand number X004, was born on July 8, 1993. She entered military service on Nov. 15, 1994, and began sniffing out drugs and apprehending bad guys. Tosca died May 22 as a result of an age-related medical problem.

Tech. Sgt. David Barber, kennel master in the 78th Security Forces Squadron's military working dog section, said he and others in his squadron are going to miss their four-legged partner.

"She was a sweet dog," he said. "She was very loving and always wanted attention. She'd do anything to work for you. In her prime, she was as good as any of the military dogs. She was a real good dog."

Although she never was able to take an oath or sign papers sealing her

military fate, Tosca spent her years providing protection and drug detection services to the military and surrounding community alike.

From local high schools to U.S. Customs in El Paso, Texas, and distant Air Force bases, Tosca was on the frontline of defense against drugs and crime. Sergeant Barber said the canine defender was always willing to lend her skills.

"She mainly worked with the local police departments and assisted with school searches," he said. "Last year, she went to Houston County High School and assisted the PDs (police departments) with drug prevention down there to show enforcement to the kids."

In March 2006, Tosca captured a Newton, Ga., man who sought refuge from police inside Robins' gates. It was just one of the many acts of service the dog provided in her 12-year career.

Random drug checks on base were common territory for Tosca. In the span of her career, Tosca notched 21 drug discoveries, with her biggest

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THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 321

Remember to keep safety first and exercise extra caution during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.



THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Blood drives
Fort Gordon Military Blood Services and the American Red Cross will hold blood drives June 15. The Fort Gordon drive will be in Cotton Auditorium and the youth center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The American Red Cross drive will be in Bldgs. 640 and 645 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To donate, contact your blood drive monitor or Staff Sgt. Garah Hammack at 327-7936; garah.hammack@robins.af.mil or register to donate for Ft. Gordon on their Web site: www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

INSIGHT



REMEMBERING OUR OWN

Camellia Gardens service salutes deceased members of Team Robins. 1B

SPORTS



TEAM LEAN CHALLENGE

Air Force fitness competition well underway at Robins. 3B

TRANSFORMATION



CLUB COLLOCATION

Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs to share home. 3A

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY	91/62	
SATURDAY	89/63	
SUNDAY	88/64	

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Mrs. Prime said she is always only a call away to address parents' concerns.

"I really love my job and I think that's really important," she said. "Because I care a lot about my job, I care a lot about the patients that I see. I don't take any of them or anything that they say for granted. I take it to heart. I think because we care so much about our clients, our clients are successful."

Although the program has typically welcomed military parents age 19-24, it has recently opened its doors to older first-time parents as well, said Yvonne Fisk, New Parent Support Program manager.

Mrs. Hodgkins, who has been with Family Advocacy since 2003, said the program has had good participation, with about 25 military families getting support.

The Air Force recently bumped up its support of the program, doubling the number of families that can benefit from the service, Mrs. Hodgkins said.

"Becoming a parent is a huge, life-changing event,"

she said. "It's a whole new job description for many of us. So this helps parents to prepare and organize their home and their routine."

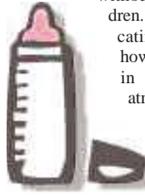
Ms. Fisk said the program's intent is to head off problems before they occur.

"It's to prevent child abuse and domestic violence," she said. "(It's about) educating families on how to discipline without harming children. Also, we're educating couples on how to communicate in a non-violent atmosphere."

In addition, parents who are often isolated from others can meet and talk about issues that are common to others in their shoes," Ms. Fisk said.

The New Parent Support Program is only one of many programs Family Advocacy offers new parents. Passport to Parenthood, which meets bi-monthly at the Life Skills Center in Bldg. 700, and other programs for expectant moms and dads help ease the fears some new parents may have.

Mrs. Hodgkins said with the program's Air Force-wide reach, parents who are making a permanent change of station may carry on with the service at their new home station.



TOSCA

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find uncovering 33.4 pounds of marijuana.

Tosca came to the squadron on April 5, 1995, and has left lasting paw prints on the hearts of many squadron members ever since.

Staff Sgt. Edward Conell, a trainer in 78th SFS military working dog section, said the bond with Tosca and others like her is very strong.

"We almost look at them as being closer than any other member," he said. "Not only are they dogs beside us, but they can comfort you and other soldiers, especially on deployments. It's kind of nice

to see that dog there. It makes you think of your dog at home."

Tosca came to Robins Air Force Base when she was just under two years old. She had just come from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she trained for her military career.

Sergeant Conell said the devoted dog taught her comrades a lot on the job. But her final days were spent doing what came natural, being a dog.

"She was able to go outside and run around, with no commands given," he said. "She didn't have to do any obedience or obstacle courses. She could come up and lounge around with us in the office."



courtesy photo

Officer Greg Martin with the Warner Robins Police Department and Senior Airman Michael Espinoza, 78th Security Forces Squadron, prepare Tosca for an on base exercise.

WEATHER

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needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness."

The weather flight, which was recently named as the best weather flight in Air Force Materiel Command, recommends that all assigned personnel, contractors, and their family members review the accompanying information and Web links to ensure the best possible preparation for the upcoming season.

"As an individual, a family, or as a base, you can never be too prepared, as proven by Hurricane Katrina, these systems can be very deadly and leave a path of devastating destruction in their wake," said Capt. Jason Huffman, Robins Weather Flight commander.

Editor's note: This information is provided via the Robins weather flight, National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service, American Red Cross and Robins Emergency Management Program.

Hurricane / Tropical Storm / Severe Weather Terms and Definitions:

INLAND TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are possible within 36 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 WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater associated with a hurricane are possible within 36 hours.

INLAND HURRICANE WARNING

Issued for interior counties that sustained winds of 74 mph or greater associated with a hurricane are expected within 24 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.

Robins Air Force Base Hurricane Conditions (HURCON)

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

Condition 4: Sustained winds of 39 knots (45 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 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

Condition 1: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 12 hours.

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

All for one, one club for all

Base clubs collocate for better support, streamlined approach

By AMANDA CREEL
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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 for 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 and services, which left many unsure which events were open to who.

"We have had a bit of an identity problem as to what the club really is. We just need to get the word out, it is for all ranks and grades," Ms. Hinkle said.

Members of the club's staff are working to get the message out that club programs are

WHAT TO KNOW

To find out more about joining the new consolidated club, stop by the cashier cage in Bldg. 542 or call the club at 926-2670 or call marketing at 926-5492.

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.

As one of the first steps to helping both enlisted, officers, military retirees and civilians better understand the changes, Services is sponsoring a contest to help rename the club.

Members of the services staff are hoping to find a name that will appeal to all members and prospective members of the club whether they are active duty, a civilian or a retiree.

The "Name the Club" contest will begin today and continue through June 30. A new name is expected to be approved and announced in early July and the majority of the consolidation should take place by August. The contest is open to all club members and more information is available in June's Edge magazine.

Services staff members said they have been working with members of the club through both the advisory board and focus groups to make sure everyone's needs are addressed as the clubs merge.

Aaron Feinburg, club manager, said members of the advisory council are working together to develop some ideas and concepts to enhance the experience of officers and enlisted members at the club.

Some members of the Robins community are concerned about the consolidation



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

2nd Lt. Eric Hudson, 1st Lt. Debra Ilgenfritz and 2nd Lt. Katie Chiarantona enjoy dining at the club.

and how it will affect members of the enlisted and officer ranks. One of the many issues addressed included concern over enlisted and officers socializing together.

"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.

She said she thinks the consolidation is a mistake and will result in less club members.

Capt. Sammie Thompson sees the opportunity for enlisted and officers to interact as both a positive and a negative.

He said many officers, especially in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, don't have an opportunity to interact with enlisted members so it will be good for them to have an opportunity to do so. However, he said the opportunity to interact in a social setting can also cause problems because when

military members aren't in uniform there is no way to distinguish between commissioned and noncommissioned Airmen.

"We have to realize we are on a military installation – we are officers and we are enlisted. If there is ever any situation 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.

"We are going to create an environment where we can all have a good time collectively without worrying about fraternization," said John Filler, chief of business operations flight.

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.

THINK OPSEC!
Your Trash Could Be An Adversary's Treasure

Drug, alcohol use forces 4 courts-martial

Convening Authority Action has been taken on three special courts-martial and one summary court-martial at Robins Air Force Base since Jan. 1. Although several cases have been tried at Robins in calendar year 2007, cases are not finalized until the court-martial convening authority (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commanders for general courts-martial or 78 Air Base Wing commanders for special and summary courts-martial) signs off on the findings and sentence of each member.

►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, reduction to the grade of E-1, and confinement for eight months.

►In the second case, the member pled guilty to 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).

The member used marijuana again in January 2007 and was tried by special court-martial. The member pled guilty and was sentenced by the military judge to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for two months, forfeitures of pay in the amount of \$867 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

►Finally, in the last case, the

member was charged with a violation of Article 92, UCMJ, for dereliction of duty (consuming alcohol as a minor). She had previously received an Article 15 for two separate incidents of underage drinking.

The member faced a maximum of 30 days confinement, as well as forfeitures of pay, restriction to base, and hard labor without confinement. The member pled guilty and the summary court martial officer found her guilty of the offense and sentenced her to five days confinement, 15 days restriction and 15 days hard labor without confinement.

Disciplinary actions at Robins

Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78 Air Base Wing legal office include:

Article 15s

A staff sergeant failed to obey a lawful general regulation by wrongfully engaging in sexual intercourse with a subordinate and committing adultery. Punishment was reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

A senior airman failed to obey a general order by misusing his government travel card. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman 1st class and 15 days extra duty.

A senior airman signed a false official record by unlawfully altering leave on Leave Web. Punishment was forfeiture of \$1,030 pay.

An airman 1st class was derelict in the performance of his duties by misusing his government travel card and failing to pay a just debt. Punishment was reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and 30 days restriction to Robins.

An airman 1st class failed to obey a general order by driving a vehicle within the confines of Robins. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and a

reprimand.

Discharges

An airman received an honorable discharge for Conditions That Interfere With Military Service: Mental Disorders-Adjustment Disorders. The airman was evaluated and diagnosed by a Life Skills Support Center clinical psychologist with an adjustment disorder with disturbance of emotion and conduct, and occupational problem (axis I), and an antisocial personality disorder (Axis II) of a severity as to significantly impair him from effectively functioning in the military environment and has recommended that he be administratively discharged from the Air Force.

In addition, the psychologist states that the disorder affects the airman's ability to adjust to typical military stressors and is not amenable to cross-training.



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Day is Done



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BRYAN D. AXTELL
Retired Tech. Sgt. Robert Havener (foreground) and Senior Airman Justin Hunnicutt play "Taps" during "Echo Taps Worldwide." Buglers and trumpeters performed simultaneously at veterans cemeteries worldwide in observance of Armed Forces Day.

Memorial Day: Remember the long line of heroes before us

From the Revolutionary War to operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi 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, I salute them.

You may ask yourself, "What defines a hero?" Truth is, there are many definitions. However, when referring to Memorial Day, I'm talking about the ones who serve or have served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice through service to their 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 going back more than 20 years, I have to admit I initially saw these customers in the typical manner of young people — they were "old timers."

It was never in the sense of disrespect so much as it was just simply that they were older than me. I learned early on in life to respect my elders, and respect is what they received.

Despite my youthful short-

comings, once I got to know my newspaper clientele, I found out there were many veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Some were also parents of military veterans who died in those wars. It didn't take long for me to realize just how special these folks were. Many ended up being an inspiration to me and helping guide me on the path I'm on today as a career servicemember. More importantly, they are all heroes to me.

One particular hero I knew growing up is an Air Force veteran named Henry Backman. Mr. Backman is not a famous celebrity, but he was a member of my church, a former town mayor, a family friend, and someone who for no particular reason took an interest in looking out for me now and then.

He also was the one person, while I was a senior in high school in 1987, who told me that I should consider the Air Force as a place to further my life. It took almost five years before I took him up on his suggestion, but to this day I thank him for that inspiration.

As the years have passed, including the past 15 in the Air Force, I have met and learned

about many more heroes. Those people range from retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, to retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager - an Air Force legend when he became the first man to break the sound barrier in 1947.

The list of heroes also includes retired Chief Master Sgt. Grace Peterson, the first female chief master sergeant in the Air Force, whose likeness is represented in Grace Peterson Hall right across from where I work in the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center. My heroes list also has the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, retired CMSAF Paul Airey, 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 family for his sacrifice.

I brought up the Revolutionary War to start because for more than 230 years, since the United States became a country, millions of Americans have served in this country's armed forces, protecting the freedoms we all

enjoy. Here in New Jersey where I live, major battles during the United States' drive for independence took place during the Revolutionary War in 1776 and before. You can walk through the old battlefields where heroes once walked, and though quiet now, you can still imagine the sacrifice and courage it took to continue and fight. It took the stuff heroes are made of.

This Memorial Day, I encourage you to remember and pay homage to those heroes who have defended our freedoms for more than two centuries. We have our freedoms because of the sacrifice they made to keep this country free.

My list of heroes is long and large and never stops growing. It goes back to the beginning and grows from there. Whether it's Gen. George Washington or Staff Sgt. Self, I will remember all my heroes this Memorial Day. I encourage you to remember your long line of heroes too.

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



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.

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or 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 actionline@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Include your name and contact information so a response may be provided.

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.

Crosswalks

My concern is the personnel traffic at the corner of Milledgeville Street and Richard Ray Boulevard. When personnel leave their cars at the parking lot east of Bldg. 301 they proceed directly across the street to Bldg. 301 (there is no marked crosswalk). Last Thursday around 6:30 a.m. when it was still dark I turned onto Milledgeville Street from Richard Ray Boulevard and there were seven people crossing the street. They all were between 75 to 200 feet from the marked crosswalk at the corner of Milledgeville Street and Richard Ray Boulevard. I had to wait until the seven crossed the street which meant not one crosswalk but seven unmarked crosswalks within 100 feet of each other, while the official marked crosswalk was not being used. The people using this parking lot need to be directed to the correct path to Bldg. 301, maybe something similar as was done to get on the flight line into Bldg. 125 from first street.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your concern. I agree that it would be safer to cross a roadway within a marked or designated crosswalk during hours of reduced visibility. Heavy traffic flow associated with peak hours can compromise personal safety when individuals are attempting to cross a street outside of a designated area. Each and every one of us has responsibility for our own safety and should take the initiative to use the nearest crosswalk when crossing a roadway. The Georgia Annotated Code, section 40-6-92 (a) states that a pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than an approved crosswalk shall "yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway unless he already has, under safe conditions, entered the roadway."

Under the Voluntary Protection Program, we all must be involved and take responsibility for our own safety as well as promoting the safety of others. This concern has been publicized in the base paper several times and the behavior still has not changed. This issue gives all of us a great opportunity to embrace VPP and bring about a change in the cultural thinking here at Robins. Education is the best method for bringing about awareness and reducing this behavior. If you have ideas on helping to bring about awareness and change on this and other safety issues then make a difference and participate in VPP.

NSPS administrative reconsideration process

In this week's edition of NSPS issues, instead of the usual Question and Answer format, the WR-ALC local NSPS office wanted to stress the importance of NSPS transparency by reaffirming to employees that there is an installation-wide administrative reconsideration process available for civilians who choose to challenge their performance rating of record.

The following is a brief synopsis of the process and specific guidance may be located at DOD 1400.25-M, SC 1940.12 Challenging the Rating of Record.

Administrative reconsideration process

The administrative reconsideration process is the sole and exclusive method for all non-bargaining unit employees to challenge their ratings of record. Employees cannot challenge a performance payout, number of performance shares assigned, value of the performance shares or distribution of payout between increase to base salary and bonus.

► Within 10 calendar days of receipt of the rating of record, an employee seeking reconsideration must submit a



written request to the pay pool manager with a copy to the rating official and the servicing human resources office.

- Submit in writing.
- Include a copy of the rating being challenged.
- State change being requested and basis for change.
- May include a request for discussion with pay pool manager.
- May also identify someone to act as representative.
- Rating official reviews request and addresses employee's concern with the pay pool manager.
- Pay pool manager confers with the rating official and/or conduct further inquiry.
- Within 15 calendar days of receipt of written request, pay pool manager must render a written decision.
- Decision must include a brief explanation of the basis of the decision.
- Copy of decision provided to servicing HRO, the rating official and the employee. (Pay pool manager's decision final, unless employee seeks further

reconsideration from the Performance Review Authority.)

► If dissatisfied with decision, the employee may submit written request for final review by the PRA or PRA designee within five calendar days of receipt of decision.

► PRA may extend timeframes up to additional 15 days with notification to employee. If in excess of 15 days, must be mutually agreed upon between the employee and pay pool manager.

► If appraisal is revised, it's entered into all appropriate records.

► Copy provided to the employee, the servicing HRO, and the rating official. (The revised rating of record will be retroactive to the effective date of the original rating of record.)

► If employee fails to comply with established reconsideration procedures, the pay pool manager can issue a written cancellation of the request.

— Note: Alternative Dispute Resolution may be pursued at any time during the reconsideration process. As we get closer to the end of our first NSPS rating cycle Sept. 30, the same or updated guidance will be released.

Questions may be referred to the servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677

► IN BRIEF

GATE 5 CLOSURE

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

TEAM ROBINS QUARTERLY AWARDS

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 safelight to 3 p.m. It is a five-fish limit (catch and release only). The cost is \$50 per two-person team with a 70 percent payback. A safety brief and review of the rules will precede the event. For more information call Jeff Wade at 951-0741 or Mark Denney at 213-0466.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 19th Air Refueling Group's Heritage Group will host a golf tournament June 18 at Waterford Golf Club in Bonaire. It is a 4-person scramble (best ball format) with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Individuals or teams are welcome and the cost is \$50 per person. All participants receive a sleeve of balls and golf tool pack. There will be prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin and trophies for the top three teams. For more information call Deb Ilgenfritz at 919-921-6419.

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 \$1,000 scholarship over all four years of high school combined. For more information call Marvin Hawkins program coordinator at 926-5601.

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 take questions 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.spousetoteachers.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 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.

TAP workshop

A three-day Department of

Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop will be held June 4 through 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

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

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

Bundles for babies Passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class June 12, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Course is for all active-duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. The bundle includes: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

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.

Starting a business (writing an effective business plan)

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.

Remembering our own



Above left, Family, friends and co-workers gathered May 24 to honor 67 men and women of Team Robins who died in the past year. Above right, Margie Daniel and Anna Maria Northcutt, daughter and widow of Army Sgt. 1st Class Clenord (Bill) Northcutt, (Ret.) attend the Camellia Garden Memorial Ceremony.

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 Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander and memorial address speaker, said, "Because we here at Robins realize the worth of our people and our work, this gathering displays a tradition uncommon to most Memorial Day remembrances. We take this time to honor

not only Americans lost in war, but the men and women who served their country through their work here ... They are forever members of the Robins family."

The service continued with the laying of a wreath, "Amazing Grace" on bagpipe, a gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Names of the honorees are inscribed on a plaque which joins ones from former years on a display wall at the entrance of the garden that was dedicated in 1976 as a living memorial to Robins' workers.

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

Tom Gibbons, son of honoree 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," he said.

Somjai Thomas, widow of honoree 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."



Above, Margaret Scheer tolls a bell for each of the Camellia Garden honorees.

At left, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Fey and Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, place a wreath at the Camellia Garden Memorial Ceremony.

2007 CAMELLIA GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE HONOREES:

- ◆ Judith V. Bailey-Sparks
- ◆ William Ronald Barlow
- ◆ Linda Braswell Beck
- ◆ Michael Eugene Bellflower
- ◆ Michael G. Breazeale
- ◆ Otis Darrell Britt
- ◆ Vanessa Yvette Bryant
- ◆ William (Bill) B. Cain
- ◆ Martha Carson
- ◆ Master Sgt. Matthew Carter, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Willie H. Clark, Jr.
- ◆ Joyce Sercer Cody
- ◆ Senior Airman Brandon Vincent Coia
- ◆ Donald Collins
- ◆ Rev. Charlie T. (Bo) Collins
- ◆ Tom Watson Collins, Sr.
- ◆ Master Sgt. James William Crawford, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Joe Eldridge Davis
- ◆ William J. Desantis
- ◆ Tracie Louise Hamil Dockery
- ◆ Col. Marc Louis Drinkhahn, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Tina Knight Eady
- ◆ Duane Wilbern Faith
- ◆ Col. William L. Gibbons, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Gregg A. Goodin
- ◆ Chief Master Sgt. Edwin C. Hamlin
- ◆ Bryant Harrell, Jr.
- ◆ Veronica Jackson Harris
- ◆ Tech. Sgt. Ira G. Hobbs, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Lt. Col. Sidney James, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Larry W. Johnson
- ◆ Martha Chapman Holt Johnson
- ◆ Alexander T. Kaminski
- ◆ Wanda Thurman Kennedy
- ◆ Harold Pierre Kimball
- ◆ Col. William Ward Kingery, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ David Laney
- ◆ Thomas E. Massey
- ◆ Chief Master Sgt. Francis P. (Mac) McCarthy, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Tech. Sgt. James W. McCauley, USAF
- ◆ Senior Master Sgt. Joe G. McCormack, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Tina Brock Miller
- ◆ William Allen Miller
- ◆ Chief Master Sgt. Francis (Frank) Murray, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Sgt. 1st Class Clenord (Bill) Northcutt, USA (Ret.)
- ◆ James Ott
- ◆ Jerry Lee Parks
- ◆ Frances Lee Henley Patterson
- ◆ Senior Master Sgt. Arthur (Ski) Piotrowski, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Milton E. Pruett
- ◆ Master Sgt. Daniel Anthony Revitsky, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Tech. Sgt. Bruce M. Rodique, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Master Sgt. Edward Segers, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Danny Smith
- ◆ Jeanette Smith
- ◆ Ray E. Smith
- ◆ Senior Master Sgt. Robert Lee Somers, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Master Sgt. Harold W. Stewart, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Jimmy Swint
- ◆ Steven G. Taylor
- ◆ Steven Paul Thomas
- ◆ Frances Fitzgerald Thompkins
- ◆ William Overton (Obie) Waldhauer
- ◆ Ronald C. Webb
- ◆ Edward D. (Ed) White
- ◆ Barbara Williams
- ◆ Joseph D. Wilson

The Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard presents the colors at the Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 24.



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TODAY

First Friday will be held in the enlisted lounge and officers' club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 1. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE Wrestling "One Night" tonight and "Vengeance" June 24 in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

MONDAY

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

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 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades.

TUESDAY

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 nonmembers. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday at the officers' club. Cost is \$6.95 for hot lunch or a salad bar \$7.95 for both hot lunch and salad bar. Club members receive a \$1 Members First discount. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

WEDNESDAY

The officers' club is available for evening dining on Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy Prime Rib on Wednesdays, butchers choice on Thursdays and a la carte with rotating dinner specials on Fridays and Saturdays. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesday and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. Evening dining is no longer available on Tuesdays. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Enjoy Wednesdays in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956, with M.U.G. night Customers may bring their own mug and get refills (up to 30 ounces) is only \$2 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 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 17 of the June Edge on Wednesdays in June. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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

THURSDAY

A Big bingo "Fun on the water" will be played today at 7:15 p.m. and a membership bar bingo to be held June 13 at 6 p.m. A special Father's Day bingo will be played at 2:45 p.m. June 17 with giveaways and snacks.

Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

UPCOMING

"Picnic with Altitude" events will be held June 9 and July 14. Check out the current fleet, information on avionics and

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Happy Birthday Pizza Depot

U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Robby the Robin greets customers at a past birthday celebration for the Pizza Depot. The eatery will host its 19th birthday party and grand opening Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its new location, Bldg. 956. Sample new pizza selections and other appetizers and have some birthday cake. Look for the entry form in the June Edge to fill out and bring to the party for a chance to win prizes. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.



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.

The teen center will hold poetry nights June 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. and Keystone meetings every Friday at 5 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

A Father's Day Sunday champagne brunch will be held June 17 and is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 2 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 \$14.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children three through 10 years old and free to children two years and younger. Club members receive a \$2 Members First plus discount. A special drawing for a \$150 gift certificate from Dick's Sporting Good will be announced. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park June 15 for a presentation of "The Never Ending Story." The movie will start at dark and concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree I.D. card to the cashier. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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.

Enter the Name the Club contest for a chance to win a vacation for two valued at \$1,000. The contest will run June 1 - 30 to give club members a chance to name the new collocated club system, located in Bldg. 542. Second prize will be \$200 Division Dollars and third prize will be \$100 Division Dollars. Entry forms will be accepted up to 5 p.m. June 30. Entry boxes are available at the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, Pizza Depot, Bldg. 956, and the current Officers' Club, located in Bldg. 542. Entries can also be e-mailed to linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil. Contestants may enter multiple submissions. Contest guidelines: Must be a Robins Officer or Enlisted Club member to enter the contest. Exclusions include Services management, club management, Club Advisory Council members and Services marketing staff. For more information, call the club at 926-2670 or Services marketing at 926-5492.

The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play, the all-time favorite classic, "Jack and the Beanstalk" ...everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program June 18. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to 12th grade, may participate in open auditions at the Robins Elementary School cafeteria on June 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. Be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout the week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk is scheduled in the

school cafeteria on June 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$4 per person, free for children 3 and younger. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

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

Pools are now open. Swim lessons are also available for children up to three years old for \$30; youth ages four through 14 years old for \$40 and adults for \$40. Lesson will take place at the officers' club pool Tuesday through Friday. For dates and times please call outdoor recreation or stop by Bldg. 914.

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.

Join outdoor recreation on a white water rafting trip in Hartford, Tenn. from June 15 through 17. Cost is \$285 for one person and one room; \$428 for two people and one room; \$572 for three people and one room and \$716 for four people and one room. A minimum of 10 people are required to participate. Please register by June 4.

ONGOING

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.

Information, Tickets and Travel will hold a Falcon Fan Fest June 11. The Falcon Fan Fest will be from 1 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Bldg. 956. Meet the players and cheerleaders and throw and kick a football through the inflatable goal. Concessions will be on sale.

Enjoy a historic tour of Savannah with Information, Tickets and Travel July 26. Cost is \$164 per person and includes transportation by motor coach, time on River Street, historic grand tour of Savannah on a trolley, early dinner at the restaurant Lady and Sons. After dinner guests will take in the show "Return to the 50's." Transportation will depart Bldg. 956 July 26 at 7:30 a.m. and return 1:30 a.m. July 27. Payment is due by July 9. Must have a minimum of 25 people for trip.

Atlanta Falcons tickets will be on sale at the Information, Tickets and Travel office, Bldg. 956, from 6 to 9 p.m. June 11. Four tickets per person per game will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone or e-mail orders will not be accepted. Customers must be present when ordering their tickets. Home games are: Bengals on Aug. 27; Ravens on Aug. 31; Panthers on Sept. 23; Texans on Sept. 30; Giants on Oct. 15; 49ers on Nov. 4; Buccaneers on Nov. 18; Colts on Nov. 22; Saints on Dec. 10 and Seahawks on Dec. 30.

The FOX Theatre presents, Dream Girls July 28 at 2 p.m., cost is \$74; Wizard of Oz on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. or Aug. 11 at noon, cost is \$60.50; West Side Story on Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., cost is \$60.50 and Stomp on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., cost is \$57.

All seats are located in the orchestra level. A limited number of tickets are available.

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 free iced tea when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 17 of the June Edge Tuesdays in June.

Treat dad to bowling June 17. You bowl for the regular price and dad gets a complimentary game.

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.

On Spot Café June special is a turkey burger, fries and medium drink for \$4.75 or a turkey deli sandwich, chips and medium drink for \$3.85. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

School's out so bring the kids and have fun bowling. Bowl three games every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$5 per person which includes shoes. And on Wednesdays enjoy Thunder Alley from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$6 per person. For more information call the bowling center 926-2112.

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

Every Monday and Tuesday in June pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

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

Every Wednesday and Thursday in June pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 5 p.m.

Receive 10 to 50 percent off selected merchandise during the Father's Day weekend sale at the Pine Oaks Golf Course.

Every Monday and Tuesday in June pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 3 p.m.

Play golf after 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursdays for \$20 and includes green fee and cart.

Learn to play golf for kids will be held June 11 through 15 and July 23 through 27. Cost is \$60 and includes a nine-hole tourney on Fridays, lunch and trophies. Classes are from Monday through Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. for children six to eight years old; 10 to 11 a.m. for children nine to 11 years old and 11 a.m. to noon for children 12 to 15 years old. Sign up at the pro shop.

Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class V will be held on Tuesdays July 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14 at 5:30 p.m. and Class VI on Thursdays July 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the pro shop and we will take the first eight paid for each class.

Take a golf lesson with teaching pro Keith Brady. Rates are military \$50 hour, \$25 for half hour and junior for half hour is \$20; AFP rates are \$55 hour, \$30 for half hour and junior for half hour is \$25 and non-AFP rates are \$60 hour, \$35 for half hour and junior for half hours is \$30. For more information or to make an appointment, call Mr. Brady at 747-0318.

In June enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95: June 11 -15 personal size pizza with side salad and drink June 17 a Father's Day special — bring your dad for lunch and dad's meal is free June 18 - 22 chicken club wrap with chips and drink June 25 - 29 bacon and bleu cheese burger with chips and drink Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

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

IN THE LAND OF WOMEN

Adam Brody, Meg Ryan For as long as he could remember, Carter Webb had been falling in love with women. And for as long as he could remember, he'd been searching for the right one. He found everything he was looking for in Sophia and for a little while he was happy. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be. When Carter is dumped by Sophia in a North Hollywood coffee shop, he sees his entire life flash before his eyes. Heartbroken and depressed, Carter escapes Los Angeles, heading across the country to suburban Michigan to care for his ailing grandmother. An eccentric and complicated personality, Grandma offers Carter a uniquely different perspective on life and especially death. Rated PG-13, 97 minutes.

SATURDAY

FRACTURE

Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling

A cat-and-mouse game ensues between a hapless district attorney and a man who believes he has committed the perfect crime. When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder—the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunnally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunnally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Rated R. 113 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 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.

Submissions run for two weeks. The following people have been approved as leave recipients: **Christen Matthews**, HQ/AFRC, POC is Robert Thompson, 327-1750; **James Hamrick**, 402ndSMXG/MXDO, POC is Brian Daniel, 926-8870 and **July Brown**, 59thRC SMCX/Flt G, POC is Ric Sellers, 926-8870

Team Lean challengers working hard to lose weight

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People seeking to lighten their load in the 2007 Team Lean Challenge are keeping their chins up while trying to keep the scale numbers down.

About 116 groups of military and civilians have teamed up locally to take pounds off in the Air Force Materiel Command-wide campaign which kicked off April 16.

AFMC officials recently reported that Team Lean Challenge participants command-wide have collectively lost 8,399 pounds since the challenge began. Participants from Robins have self-reported a collective loss of nearly 1,500 pounds.

Bridget Zimmerman, director of the Health and Wellness Center, said people have really got on board with the program.

"I know a lot of people are enthused about the program," she said.

Kelley Denney, Civilian Health Promotion Service coordinator at Robins, said positive response to courses and e-mail tips offered on weight loss are pouring in.

"We teach a six-week lighten up course through Civilian Health Promotion Services and I've had several civilians – most of them are Team Lean Challenge participants



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As part of an exercise program, Aerian Priaux swims breaststroke laps at the pool in the Fitness Center. Many at Robins are working out in an effort to become healthier and lose weight as part of Air Force Materiel Command's Team Lean Challenge.

– come and schedule those classes for their work areas," she said. "So they are very enthusiastic and are eager to take every opportunity they have to help themselves lose weight to become healthier and

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perhaps live longer."

Mrs. Zimmerman said more people are attending weight loss classes offered by the HAWC as well since the Team Lean Challenge kicked off in April.

"Where there used to just be a few people attending the classes, now they're really filling up," she said.

The HAWC director said Team Lean challengers will learn soon enough just how well they're doing.

Mrs. Zimmerman said Team Lean Challenge leaders will take team members' weight and blood pressure at the official three-

month mark of the campaign in late July and report team results in the base newspaper.

"It will be an incentive for people," she said. "If you're not doing well, you need to get going."

Weight loss isn't the only goal in the campaign, Mrs. Zimmerman said.

"In addition to weight loss, we're hoping that many of these people have a much lower blood pressure because at the initial weigh in, over half of them had elevated blood pressure, over the standard which the American Heart Association has established as 130 over 80," she said.

Mrs. Denney said at this point, participants are weighing in and logging weight loss on a voluntary basis.

"People are much more attentive (about their weight) than before this challenge," she said.

Mrs. Zimmerman said people's habits typically form after three months. "If they've established some good habits, they're probably going to keep them after the first three months," she said.

Air Force Academy tracksters earn national meet at-large consideration

Junior Kevin Hawkins had a busy two days of competition at the NCAA Midwest Regional May 25-26, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The first day he set an Academy record in the 800-meter run. During the preliminary round of competition, Hawkins crossed the finish line in 1:48.66. That time, which placed Hawkins sixth in the preliminary heat, is the fastest ever by an Air Force athlete, breaking Jeff Kuzma's record of 1:48.68 that was set in 1994.

One day after setting an Academy record, Kevin Hawkins is up for at-large consideration to the national meet after finishing seventh in the finals of the 800-meter run.

Clocking a time of 1:49.76 to take seventh, Hawkins could earn a spot at the national championships. The top five finishers from each regional event automatically advance to the NCAA Championships, while the sixth, seventh

and eighth-place finishers have a chance for an at-large bid based on the national descending order lists once the regional meets are finished.

Two other Falcons could earn a spot at the national championships, based on their finishes at the regional tournament.

Freshman Dan Paladino will have a shot for an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships, after placing eighth in the hammer with a throw of 189'4". That mark, which was just inches shy of his personal best, was the second-best distance in its flight.

Classmate Nick Frawley also earned a shot at an at-large consideration, as he placed eighth in the pole vault after clearing 16'7 1/4". He was one of just two underclassmen to finish within the top 10.

Sophomore Kirk Devine picked up two 16th-place finishes, beginning a trend that saw three others claim that same finish.

Devine threw a 181'0" to take 16th in the hammer, while amassing a distance of 164'0" to take that same placement in the discus.

From the track, sophomore Kellen Curry timed in at 14.54 in the 110-meter hurdles to take 16th in the preliminary heat. Junior Travis Picou earned the same place finish in the preliminaries of the 200-meter dash, as he finished 16th with a time of 21.45. In the Falcons' only event final from the track, sophomore Sean Houseworth picked up a 16th-place finish in the 5,000-meter run behind a time of 14:58.02.

On the women's side, senior Casey Bayne threw a 144'8" to place 13th in the javelin, while freshman Katie Weber finished 17th, with a throw of 130'11". Senior Olivia Korte and freshman Sara Neubauer finished 14th and 18th, respectively, in the shot put.

— Air Force Academy sports information



Courtesy photo

Kevin Hawkins set an Air Force Academy record in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:48:66



2nd Lt. Jason Muller, 330th Comptroller Squadron, works out at the fitness center. Those trying to lose weight are encouraged to incorporate weight training in their exercise program.