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Independence Day Concert



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Lee Greenwood, right, opens the annual Independence concert Tuesday night by talking to band commander, Capt. Chad Steffy and other bandmembers from the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve who are deployed but attended the concert via satellite. As a special feature, the show was broadcast to military members abroad as the only live July Fourth show on Armed Forces Radio and Television. For more photos of the concert see page B1.

AF Military Fire Officer of the Year calls Robins home

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Master Sgt. Shawn Ricchuito described the last year as lucky, though few Airmen would attribute luck as the reason the sergeant earned the title Air Force Military Fire Officer of the Year.

Instead, Airmen know the caliber of person and work required to be selected to represent the Air Force at the Department of Defense level.

"This is something that a lot of people deserve. It's unfair only one person can win each year," Sergeant Ricchuito said.

He added he was "just lucky enough to be the one to garner the award."

Sergeant Ricchuito described the last year as a banner year where he will not only continue to compete for the DOD Military Fire Officer of the Year, but where he was also selected for promotion to senior master sergeant, earned a nomination for the Geico Fire Prevention and Safety Award and was named Air Force Materiel Command Senior NCO of the Year.

"Master Sgt. Ricchuito was recently selected for promotion to senior master sergeant. This promotion makes him eligible for jobs of more responsibility, allowing him to have an even greater impact on fire protection in the Air Force. With his promotion, he was selected to PCS (permanent change of station) to (to a base in Southwest Asia), as the Installation Fire Chief. Based on his previous performance, I am sure he will perform well as Fire Chief!" said Lt. Col. Steve Keller, commander of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Sergeant Ricchuito will receive the Air Force-level award at the Department of Defense Fire Rescue International Fire Chief's Conference in Atlanta, Aug. 20-25.

Sergeant Ricchuito said this award was special because the recognition comes from his peers, fellow firefighters.

"I do things because they need to be done and it's nice to know that I got recognized for doing things for

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Shawn Ricchuito has been named Air Force Military Fire Officer of the Year.

Georgia military spouses eligible for unemployment insurance after PCSing

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Moving may be a way of life for military families, but when a family receives permanent change of station orders there are obstacles to overcome before the new station feels like home.

Family members have to sell existing homes and find new homes at their new station. One of the biggest stressors for many spouses is starting a job search.

Georgia understands the angst and has found a way to ease the stress of relocating and finding a new job by offering unemployment insurance to the spouses of military personnel who receive orders from a duty station in Georgia to another location within the United States.

Georgia is one of only a few states who has a provision within the law for military spouses who relocate because of their spouse's military commitment, said Keith Ribnick, unemployment program specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor.

"If a person lives in a state that doesn't allow it, they would view it as a voluntary quit without good cause. Those from the few states that actually have a provision for a spouse who moves with a spouse for a new position would receive a determination and start receiving monetary benefits," Mr. Ribnick said. "The bottom line is it is up to the individual state if they offer benefits to military spouses who are relocating to a new duty station."

A military spouse who resides in Georgia and then relocates to a new duty station somewhere else in the U.S. is eligible to apply for unemployment insurance once they arrive to their new duty station, according to a law passed in July of 2005.

Before the law was passed, Georgia military spouses would not have been eligible for unemployment benefits when accompanying their spouse to a new assignment.

Denise Beckwith, UIS systems and procedure analyst with the Georgia Department of Labor, said the program is designed to benefit military members and their spouses because military members typically don't have a choice when new

duty assignments are given.

The law, however, does not apply to military spouses whose spouses' orders are to overseas duty stations.

The law also does not apply to military personnel who are relocating to Georgia based on military orders; new assignments are based on the state of previous residence, said Ms. Beckwith.

"They will be filing against another state so the laws of that state apply, not Georgia's laws," she said.

The program for those relocating from the state of Georgia is overseen by the Georgia Department of Labor, who handles the claims and payments for the unemployment insurance.

There are a few things military spouses should be aware of before they turn in their resignation and apply for the unemployment benefits when they are dislocated from Georgia, Ms. Beckwith said.

The main requirement before making the

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courtesy photo

Capt. Jason Hamman was named Company Grade Officer of the month for the entire area of responsibility.

78th SFS officer earns CGO honor for entire area of responsibility

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When Capt. Jason Hamman, S4 officer in charge and commander of 78th Security Forces Squadron's Special Response Team, set out on his first deployment earlier this year, he never imagined it would propel him into the limelight.

Captain Hamman, who is currently a Joint Defense Operations Center battle captain in a forward deployed location, was recently named as the Company Grade Officer of the Month for the entire area of responsibility.

The Air Force officer won the distinguished CGO of the Month title at

several lower levels, including in his squadron, before taking the top honor.

From stifling a potential kidnapping of a host national girl and safely returning her to her family to suppressing improvised explosive devices on a main services route, Captain Hamman has gone beyond the standard to meet his deployed mission, and his leadership in the AOR has taken notice.

"Captain Hamman is the No. 1 Air Force officer and battle captain I've ever had assigned to me," said Lt. Col. Martin Aprich, the commander who supervises Captain Hamman.

Despite all he has done in theater though, the captain, who is one of 700 CGOs in the AOR, said he is humbled

by the honor he has received.

"This is a significant event due to the fact that it is for the entire Iraq AOR," he said. "There is such a large number of CGOs and so many are doing extraordinary things everyday."

Captain Hamman knows he didn't get to where he is all on his own.

"This is the first time (I've received) an award on this scale," he said. "I really could not have been this successful without all the hard work and dedication of all of the Soldiers and Airmen I work with. Many of the Soldiers I work with have been here for over 15 months, and although they have been away from friends and family for such an extended time, their dedication and

commitment haven't wavered."

The Air Force officer said the award is just as much a reflection on his colleagues as it is on him.

"This is a testament to the caliber of folks we have in the military today and the sacrifices they are making for our country," he said.

Captain Hamman was presented with the AOR CGO of the Month award by Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, in front of fellow military members from throughout the AOR.

For this Air Force warrior, celebration of the accomplishment will come later. For now, he's too busy serving his country.

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Watson Extension
Due to unavoidable delays, the portion of Watson Boulevard between Byron Street and Peacekeeper Way will remain closed until July 20. Also, effective July 23, the portion of Peacekeeper Way between Byron Street and Robins Parkway will be closed for construction and will remain closed for approximately two weeks.

Contact Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell or Staff Sgt. Christopher Nelson at 327-8941 or 808-9723 with any questions or concerns.

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the right reasons," he said.

Sergeant Ricchuito said he found out he was chosen at the Air Force-level when Robins Fire Chief Donald Striejewski entered a meeting he was attending and announced his win.

He said his first reaction was to ask Chief Striejewski if he was serious. But, when the chief assured him he was, all Sergeant Ricchuito could mutter was "outstanding."

He said not far behind was the realization that winning an Air Force-level award was probably going to cost more than a round of donuts for the fire crew.

The Robins firefighters have a long-standing tradition that any time one of the firefighters appears in the newspaper he has to provide a breakfast of donuts for his fellow firefighters, though Sergeant Ricchuito said the Air Force-level award merited something beyond donuts.

"This (his Air Force-level win) is going to cost big pizza, but it's worth it," he said.

He said although the guys at the fire station give him a hard time about all of his recent atten-

tion, they have been supportive during the entire process.

"The guys at work are really pumped up about it," Sergeant Ricchuito said.

Chief Striejewski described Sergeant Ricchuito as a great role model for the other Airmen and civilians who work with Robins Fire and Emergency Services.

"Master Sgt. Ricchuito is a motivated, energetic, and outstanding leader! Although he has only been here 1 and a half years, he has made a drastic impact in the fire department, increasing the safety of our firefighters and increasing fire protection across the installation. His leadership has inspired the Airmen in his flight, improving morale and instilling discipline and pride in his Airmen," Colonel Keller said.

Chief Striejewski said that it had been a great year for Robins Fire and Emergency Services and Sergeant Ricchuito's Air Force-level recognition was just the icing on the cake.

He credits Sergeant Ricchuito with turning the Robins training program around and as a key team member helping Robins earn the Chief Master Sgt. Ralph E. Sanborn Award for best Fire and Emergency Services in AFMC.

"When he arrived, the haphazard training program was in disarray, with virtually no documentation of firefighter training. Within 6 months of moving here, Master Sgt. Ricchuito's training program was evaluated by the UCI team, which noted a significant improvement since his arrival here at Robins," Colonel Keller said.

Chief Striejewski said this year was the first time Robins Fire and Emergency Services boasted both the AFMC Military Fire Officer of the Year and the AFMC Best Fire and Emergency Services of the Year since 1963.

"Although it is an individual award and I am proud to win it, there are a lot of people that have to support your programs and what you do to have them recognized at the Air Force level," Sergeant Ricchuito said.

But, Sergeant Ricchuito said without the support of his wife, Cindy and his two children Devin, 15, and Lakin, 8, he would have never been able to commit the time and effort needed to accomplish the tasks that led to his selection.

"I want to thank them for supporting me on those long hours it took to get these programs up and running," he said.

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move is to be sure to continue working until at least 30 days before the new assignment begins. To be eligible for the insurance, a person must resign within 30 days of the transfer, Ms. Beckwith said.

The claim filed will be an interstate claim, which means no paperwork has to be done before you depart Georgia for

your spouse's new duty station. All of the required paperwork will be filled out once you arrive to your new duty station.

"An interstate claim allows the other state to act as an agent for them and help them complete the required forms," Ms. Beckwith added.

She encourages spouses to report to the new state of residence's department of labor office as soon as possible and inform them you recently

moved from Georgia because of your spouses military assignment.

"Do it immediately because their claim is effective from the day they file. We don't go back to the last day of employment," Ms. Beckwith said.

The other mandatory requirement for eligibility is registering with the new state of residence's employment services, which assists you in finding a new job, she said.

402nd Maintenance Wing launches Safe Site

By Julie Cordova

402nd Maintenance Wing

The 402nd Maintenance Wing is working diligently toward becoming a recognized Voluntary Protection Program Star Site. The Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize superior performance in safety and health program management. VPP is a partnership between labor, management and the government which promotes workers' safety through employee involvement.

Since the 402nd MXW is a large organization with approximately 7,000 employees, VPP implementation is a daunting task.

Melanie Clearman, 402nd MXW ground safety chief, said the concept behind the establishment of a Safe Site was a way to focus intense VPP efforts within a smaller organization and then apply lessons learned throughout the wing.

"The launching of a Safe Site is our approach to put VPP into action in the maintenance wing," she said. "In this Safe Site and in the ones to follow, a concerted effort will be made to openly adopt the principles of VPP."

These tenets, are management commitment, employee involvement, worksite hazard analysis, hazard prevention and control and health and safety training.

On June 12, the Maintenance Wing launched its first Safe Site

in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group Plating Shop. Signs posted throughout the facility alert personnel they are entering a Safe Site.

Doug Keene, 402nd MXW vice director, Danny King, 402nd CMXG director and AFGE Local 987 President Tom Scott were present for the Safe Site kickoff ceremony. Management signed a safety pledge making their commitment to safety known.

The safety pledge read: "We are committed to providing a safe and healthful workplace to our employees. As members of the maintenance wing team, we pledge to consider safety in every decision we make and every job we do. If we cannot do it safely, then we will not do it at all."

Mr. Keene announced the goal of zero injuries and zero incidents. "I don't want anyone to get hurt," he said.

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AFSO21, 6S brings on new, improved U.S. Air Force

Washington, D.C. Some would argue it's the seat of power for the entire free world. As I walk the streets in D.C. this month, attending a course at George Washington University, I walk past the World Bank, stroll the halls of Congress, and gaze on the Washington Monument from my hotel room every night, and I can't help but think of LEAN, which the Air Force now calls Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. Now before you think I've lost my mind, let me explain.

The first day I got here, we were armed with only a map and a Metro card to get to the classroom. So, off we trudged, simply trying to find our way. At lunch, we repeated the exercise, simply finding a suitable place to eat and then finding our way back to the classroom. You see, in the beginning, it was all about the very basic mission...get to class, go eat, and get back...and, of course, find the library.

As the days progressed, however, I noticed we all did something very interesting. All 48 students began finding a more expedient path to get to and from GWU. It became less an issue of getting there and more of an issue of doing so more efficiently. Lo and behold, over the next few days, we all found "new and improved" ways of LEANing this commuting process (but still passing a Starbucks along the way).

And that, really, is the point. No, not the Starbucks, but the basic human nature of wanting to keep making things better. Don't believe me? Go visit a supermarket. You can't get three feet down any aisle before you see a



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78th Air Base Wing
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product that is "new and improved" (and even better if it's low fat). And we buy it, even though we think the "old and unimproved" product was pretty darn good!

So what have you done to make your work center "new and improved?" Clearly you're proud of your existing product, and I'd put Robins Air Force Base up against anyone in the areas of depot maintenance, supply chain management, combat support, deployment, and aircraft and equipment sustainment. Yet every one of us can find a more expedient path, a more efficient process, and a new and improved product. It's in our nature to do so, and it just becomes a matter of uncovering the right tools to help you work through what you already know needs to get done.

One of the most straightforward tools is 6S (sort, straighten, scrub, standardize, sustain and safety). In my previous job in Germany, we used this tool with great effect. Much to the initial dismay of my group, we embarked on a LEAN/6S journey. We chose three candidates to serve as our test

benches. To be honest, each was in desperate need of just some good old-fashioned cleaning. Yet here was a chance to not simply throw a GI Party at the problem, but to offer a systematic approach to streamlining their processes and making them more efficient and effective in their daily jobs — making them "new and improved."

The results were more dramatic than I could have imagined. The in-flight kitchen completely re-designed its production flow, eliminating unnecessary steps and waste. As a result, they reduced order fill times by 60 percent, reduced pre-staged meals by 75 percent — think of inventory savings — and now spend 220 less man-hours a year completing inventories. When you consider this facility builds 210,000 meals a year, you begin to see real savings.

Similarly, the Security Forces Army had poorly positioned weapons racks and unmanageable ammunition stocks, cluttered by excess equipment and weapons from a mission long gone. The "new," 6S'ed armory eliminated four steps during weapons turn-in and issue and reduced the time to arm and equip a security forces flight by 56 minutes per day. Given the size of the SF squadron, that's 70 man-hours per day, and it gives an hour back to the Airmen on the line...time they no longer need to spend standing in line waiting to arm up. Not only were they able to shave time off the process, but what used to take three armorers to accomplish now requires just one... and that's two more weapons carriers back on patrol.

Finally, the air traffic control

maintenance back shop was a work center in disarray...cluttered would be an understatement. Since these pros maintained the systems that run what is the most important overseas enroute airlift hub, they were prime for a 6S event. The team moved tools to the work site where they were most needed, allowing easy access and fewer return trips to the back shop. They ruthlessly pared and then organized their inventory, increasing storage capacity by 35 percent and saving 500 man-hours annually just in time required for tool and equipment issue. The biggest benefit, however, was a bit more intangible — we got a higher quality maintenance product out of those same Airmen and NCOs. Our in-commission rates for the air traffic control and landing systems were the highest ever. Coincidence? I doubt it!

We're now using that same model process/model cell approach to 6S in the 78th Air Base Wing. But there will be one huge difference. This time, I won't be surprised by the dramatic results, because I've seen first-hand how 6S can deliver. So can you, as you try to brand your work center as "new and improved." Perhaps the best news, however, is you don't have to walk the streets of Washington, D.C., to think LEAN. All you have to do is walk through your office!

— Editor's Note: This is the first in a monthly series of commentaries by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center senior staff focusing on Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. Also each month, an AFSO21 Question and Answer series will be published.



Col. Theresa Carter
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Commander's Action Line

Senior officer locker room

I am grateful for our gym facilities here and I've made great use of them in the years I've lived here. I'd like to ask that some consideration be given to opening the senior officers' locker room in the main gym to include officers of the pay grade O-5, at least during current construction in the men's locker room. Almost half the space in the all-hands area has been taken up with construction activities and it gets very crowded. Added to that is the fact the air conditioner is frequently inoperable in the locker rooms.

I've never heard of a senior officers' division not including O-5s — all but the Navy include even O-4s in that category. We're going full steam ahead with egalitarianism as we dissolve the officer and enlisted club concept. In that spirit, perhaps we should do away with the senior officer's locker room altogether? Or perhaps expand it to include Lt. colonels and commanders who have put in the time and made the grade so folks who've been in the service 26 years, like myself, don't feel slighted.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for sharing your concerns. Unfortunately, we cannot extend senior officer lockers to O-5s at this point. We are at 100 percent occupancy in the DV locker room, even after having changed the policy to preclude retiree use of the room. Additionally, there are an additional 19 O-6s coming on board in the near future, which will cause it to be even more crowded. Allowing O-5s in the locker room, even just to use the daily use lockers temporarily, would only make the situation worse.

We ask you for your patience. The locker room renovation's estimated completion date is the end of July. Once finished, we're sure you'll be pleased with the results since they include more showers, larger lockers, better traffic flow and most of all better air flow.

Excessive amounts of trash

My concern is the amount of trash located in front of the overpass leading from Bldg. 155 to the flightline at Gate 38. I've noticed in the past few months no one has been picking up trash in that area. Also, the trash cans at the very bottom of the stairs are always filled to capacity. I have noticed when individuals do empty them whatever trash falls to the ground stays there and they just move on. This is unacceptable. There are individuals who use this overpass numerous times a day which include flightline workers, guests and sometimes VIPS and this sends a bad impression of the upkeep of the base. I've been here for almost ten years and this is the worst I have seen it. I would like to know if this situation can be rectified.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your concern about the appearance of the base. We also looked at other areas of concern. Our refuse contractor and the 78th Civil Engineer Group have evaluated these areas and will increase the frequencies as listed. The contractor will also conduct daily checks to ensure the litter cans are adequately serviced in a manner that will prevent overflowing before the next scheduled service day. In addition to the contractor actions, the quality assurance inspections will be increased in the areas listed below.

- First Street overpass from Tuesdays and Fridays to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Duck Lake from Monday and Thursday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Scout Lake from Monday and Thursday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Luna Lake from Monday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All areas listed will include daily checks by contractor.

Air Force Exercise Eagle Flag takes flight



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. SCOTT STURKOL

Airman 1st Class William Carson, 818th Global Mobility Readiness Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., takes aim with a blank-round-equipped M-60 machine gun at a security checkpoint for the contingency response group at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, N.J. June 23.

Airman Carson participated in Air Force Exercise Eagle Flag 07-5, operated by the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Fort Dix, N.J.

Eagle Flag is an Air Force-level expeditionary combat support exercise that provides a safe, yet realistic environment where participants demonstrate the capability to open an air base under harsh conditions.

Future NSPS question and assistance contacts

Below is the NSPS Q&A wrap-up. The NSPS office will submit stand alone articles on as needed basis and will consider reinstating the weekly article once a decision on Spiral 2 is reached.

Q. If we have questions pertaining to NSPS issues, who do we contact for assistance?

A. It has been five months since our transition of approximately 3,000 Non-Bargaining Unit employees into NSPS. For all who are now covered by NSPS, we have experienced the learning curve associated with such a drastic change in personnel systems. NSPS will continue to be a learning experience as we encounter new or unique issues and situations which are not specifically addressed in the NSPS issuances and guidance. We in the DP community are available to assist organizations with these unforeseen issues as they arise.

As we move forward from the implementation to the sustainment and execution phase of NSPS for NBUEs, the NSPS Program Office has transferred responsibility for sustainment



issues to the respective program OPRs and stands ready to begin implementation of the next spiral should we receive approval. To date we have not received any additional guidance on the implementation of the next spiral. In the interim, all employees should continue to check the latest available NSPS information on the following sites:

RAFB
COP
<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OODP-WR-05> or DOD COP—<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps>.

Hierarchy related questions should be referred to your Resource Advisor for assistance. WRALC/CCN is the OPR for all pay pool related questions. For other questions on NSPS, you should first contact your organizational NSPS POC for assistance. Should further guidance be necessary, your questions and concerns in reference to staffing and classification should be directed to your servicing Specialist in these areas. For Employee Relations questions (which include Performance Management and the Performance Appraisal Application Tool) contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist.

Robins onboard AFMC effort to expand Air Force cadet mentoring

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Airmen at Robins are helping Air Force Materiel Command in its effort to mentor Air Force cadets.

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program volunteers have been working hard to mentor young Air Force officers and cadets for nearly 20 years.

The program, also known as AFCOMAP, is a non-profit, nationally chartered, Air Force-sponsored organization whose purpose is captured in its motto, "Strengthening future Air Force leaders through mentorship."

About 20 company grade and field grade officers are involved in the program's local chapter.

Second Lt. Christopher Grover, historian and public affairs representative for the local AFCOMAP chapter has been active in the organization for about a year.

"It provides young officers an opportunity to learn from more seasoned officers, and in turn, we as the young officers then mentor up and coming ROTC cadets," he said. "We'll go out and do career days and we'll go out and do visits at the different ROTC detachments and basically show them what the Air Force is all about."

The Air Force officer said his chapter has monthly meetings to cover topics like force shaping, writing transitional officer development plans and other general mentoring topics.

"The group is putting together a mentoring list to pair up senior officers with younger officers," the lieutenant said.

Lieutenant Grover said the program gives cadets and young Airmen the chance to learn by example.

"It gives me the opportunity to gain that life experience other officers have, and rather than have to repeat their mistakes, I can learn from them," he said. "I can learn from the things they've done well also. That betters me as an officer. But, more importantly, it betters me as a person."

Currently, there are 12 active chapters in AFCOMAP. Robins and Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. are two AFMC bases with chapters.

AFMC officials said they would like to see more of the command's bases start chapters.

"AFCOMAP can be another important tool that can shape current cadets into future Air Force leaders," said Col. James Playford, AFMC deputy director of manpower and personnel. "Developing mentoring and instructing our future leaders are everyone's responsibility. AFCOMAP offers one avenue to fulfill that responsibility. It's a win-win situation for cadets and the mentors."

AFCOMAP currently has three main goals: to help all Air Force officers and cadets develop professionally, to support the professionalism and retention issue of minority officers and to assist newly-commissioned officers with the transition from cadet life to the life of an active-duty Air Force officer.

"We mentor cadets about what it's going to take not only to become successful officers, but also successful professionals," said AFCOMAP National president Brig. Gen. Ronnie Hawkins. "Once they go on active duty, the force shifts to the company grade officers and what it's going to take for them to become field grade officers or career Airmen officers."

Each chapter works to promote the image of the Air Force in their local communities and try to gain the interest of young people in their work. They also reach out specifically to the Air Force ROTC Corps programs

close to their base.

The Robins chapter reaches out to ROTC detachments at the University of Georgia in Athens and Georgia Technical Institute in Atlanta. They've held career days to answer cadets' questions and invited them to tour the base.

"We even took them through what in processing would be like," said 1st Lt. Roneice Van Dyke, vice president of operations for the Robins chapter.

Lieutenant Van Dyke has been involved in AFCOMAP for three years and was introduced to the program by a friend.

"Mentoring is the main focus," she said. "We try to mentor the cadets so they'll be prepared and know what to look for."

Cadets receive one-on-one attention. Each is specifically paired with a mentor in their related career field. This allows them the opportunity to learn about the military and their field of study. Chapters also sponsor

professional speakers and hold fellowship luncheons.

AFCOMAP was born from an Army program called ROCKS, an organization for current officers to visit Army ROTC detachments at historically black colleges. Col. Paul Patton, who saw a similar need for it in the Air Force, joined the group, and tailored it for use in the Air Force.

The Air Force officially recognized AFCOMAP in June 1989. It originally focused on minority officers and cadets only but, became officially chartered as a separate program for use in the Air Force in 1994. In doing so, its mission was expanded to include recruitment and retention of cadets and junior officers.

Membership mainly consists of Air Force active-duty and retired officers and officer candidates. However, civilians, enlisted personnel and officers from other service branches may join as well.

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Jhustin Baker, 3, holds up a sign for his deployed father.



Lee Greenwood signs an autograph Tuesday at the BX for Jordan Woodson, 8, while his mom, Lisa, and sisters, Lindsey and Riley, look on.

Concert celebrates independence, AF 60th anniversary

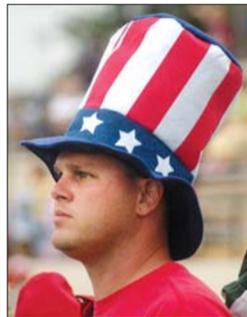
The Band of the Air Force Reserve joined country singer Lee Greenwood in concert Tuesday to celebrate both Independence Day and the U.S. Air Force's 60th anniversary. The singer, who is no stranger to the area, said he was glad to be back.

"This Fourth of July Independence weekend, America has a lot to be proud of and we need to recognize that there is a responsibility of everybody to make sure they understand what their role is in supporting America. Its not just take — its also give, so we give as much as we can," he said.

The annual concert, sponsored by the Air Force Reserve Command, the Warner Robins Civitan Club, the 21st Century Partnership, the Robins Rev-Up, and a host of other Middle Georgia organizations, was held at McConnell-Talbert Stadium and although rain threatened to ruin the event, concertgoers didn't allow the drops to dampen their celebratory spirit.

The evening, which ended with a pyro musical, where the fireworks blasted off to music, wouldn't have been complete without Mr. Greenwood's famously patriotic theme song.

"It's not the first patriotic song I ever sang, but I tell you that I am proud that I wrote it and its a privilege to paint the American spirit alive and well in this generation. Its kind of tough for America right now, we are trying to find ourselves. We are being attacked from without and from within. So, when you sing something that is uniting, which is what 'God Bless the USA' is. It's a privilege for me to know that I wrote it and I still sing it."



Concert attendee Kevin Coy shows off his patriotism with his red, white and blue hat.



Above, Reagin Buchner, 3, holds onto her flags as the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve begins the Independence day concert.

Below, The crowd used an assortment of umbrellas and plastic to wait out the rain delay for the concert to start.



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Top, Spectacular fireworks light up the sky over McConnell-Talbert stadium during the Independence day finale.

center, Lee Greenwood performs on stage during the annual Independence Concert Tuesday at McConnell-Talbert Stadium.

Bottom, Tech. Sgt. Janis Thrift, Chief Master Sgt. Jay Willis, and Staff Sgt. Francis Hudlow, Band of the United States Air Force Reserve vocalists, perform popular and patriotic selections at the concert.



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FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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

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 \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Texas Hold 'Em is held on 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, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-7625.

MONDAY

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. 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. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A summer reading program is held at the Base Library Mondays at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for school-age children. The program ends July 24. For more information, please call the library at 327-8761.

TUESDAY

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held July 10 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 ID card to the cashier. 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 club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A lunch buffet is 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.

WEDNESDAY

Registration ends today to shape up or ship out during the Build-a-boat competition July 13 at the enlisted club pool. Teams should consist of four to eight people. Competition begins with the boat building outside the pool area at 5 p.m. with the races starting at 7:30 p.m. Winners will be recognized for the fastest boat, best looking boat, most team spirit and the Titanic. Cost is free and all teams must be registered by today. All supplies will be provided. For more information please call the community center at 926-2105.

The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 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 Wednesdays 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 pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talents and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

A watchful eye on safety

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Robert McWhirter, a Robins lifeguard, keeps a watchful eye on swimmers at the enlisted club pool. 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. Lessons will take place at the officers' club pool Tuesday through Friday. For dates and times call outdoor recreation at 926-4001 or stop by Bldg. 914.



All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 12 of the July Edge every Wednesday in July. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

UPCOMING

First Friday "Super Summer" will be held at the officers' club and is open to all ranks and grades from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. outside in the picnic area between pool and club July 13. Activities will include swimming, family fun, volley ball, water balloon toss, bounce castle, live beach band, prizes, free food and more. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A family Frisbee golf day will be July 14 at 10 a.m. Come by yourself or bring the whole family. Course starts at the fitness center. Disks will be provided or you can bring your own. Prizes will be given for best individual score and best combined family score. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A "Picnic with Altitude" event will be held 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 new 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.

Learn to belly dance beginning July 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom in Bldg. 956. Cost is \$65 for seven weeks. For more information please call the community center at 926-2105.

Worldwide talent auditions, the essential first step to become a Tops In Blue performer, will be July 17 at the community center. Taped auditions will begin at 4 p.m. and are open to all active-duty Air Force members. Please call or stop by the community center at 926-2105.

The teen center will hold poetry night on July 20 at 7 p.m. and Keystone meetings every Friday at 6 p.m. A public speaking session will also be held on July 13 and 27 at 7 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

A lean challenge walk and weigh in will be July 20 from 7 a.m. to noon at the fitness center annex. All lean challenge participants must come in for a midpoint weigh in. Additional dates and times are July 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the HAWC and July 25 and 26 from 7 a.m. to noon at the fitness center annex. Also CHPS will provide free lipid panel checks from 7 to 9 a.m. July 20 and 25 and 26 at the fitness center annex. Customers wanting lipid panel checks must fast beginning at 10 p.m. the day prior. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128 or 926-2840.

Watch WWE Wrestling's "The Great American Bask" July 22 in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A membership bar bingo will be held July 25 at 6 p.m. An Independence Day special bingo will also be held today. 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 ID 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.

Casino Night will be July 27 at 6 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club and is open to all ranks and grades. Cost is \$20 per person for club members and \$23 per person for nonmembers. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and prize auction. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold' Em. Club members will get \$50 additional chips when they show their club cards. This cannot be combined with any other discount. Volunteer training classes will be held July 22 at noon or July 25 at 5:30 p.m. For 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.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001. **►A community water safety class** will be July 30 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. Please register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by July 16.

"Shoot for the Stars" basketball camp will be held July 9 - 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Robins Youth Center gym. Registration cost is \$75 per youth (after June 30). The camp is led by Michael Douglas, former Harlem Globetrotter. Youth meet and spend the week with special guest professional athletes and former members of the Harlem Globetrotters and former NBA players. The camp is geared toward teaching fundamentals of basketball for ages 7 to 14 years old. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Youth fall sports registration will be held July 14 for tackle football (ages 11 - 12 years old), flag football (ages 5 - 10 years old), cheerleading (ages 5 - 12 years old), fall soccer (ages 5 - 18 years old) and start smart soccer (ages 3 - 4 years old). Hours to register will be Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registrations accepted until teams are full. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

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.

►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. **►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 is underway. 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 Quibica AMF and Coca-Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

►On Spot Café July special is an original pita bread and traditional beef with all the trimmings and Tzatsiki sauce for \$4.45. For more information call On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

►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. Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone.

►Every day is red-head pin day in July. Bowl a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is free.

►All retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling with a paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 12 of the July Edge for the month of July. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103. **►Every Monday and Tuesday** in July pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

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

►Every Monday and Tuesday in July pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 4 p.m.

►Learn to play golf for kids will be held July 23-27. Cost is \$60 and includes a nine-hole tourney Fridays, lunch and trophies. Classes are 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. Class VI will be Thursdays July 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop.

►In July enjoy several Friday specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$6.50 (includes drink): July 13 - BBQ ribs, potato salad and coleslaw; July 20 - baked chicken, side salad and roasted potatoes; July 27 - meat loaf, scalloped potatoes and baked beans. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

►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 hour is \$30. For more information or to make an appointment, call Mr. Brady at 747-0318.

The barber shop, located in Bldg. 956, is open Monday - 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 - 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, please call 918-0775.

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, 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.

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

MR. BROOKS

Kevin Costner, Demi Moore Earl Brooks is a man who has managed to keep his two incompatible worlds from intersecting by controlling his cunning, wicked alter ego Marshall, whom he blames for his wrongdoing. But now, as Mr. Brooks succumbs to one last murderous urge, an amateur photographer witnesses the crime. Can Mr. Brooks outsmart his adversaries and conceal his shocking double life from his wife and daughter? strong body violence, some graphic sexual content, nudity and language) Rated R.

SATURDAY

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END

Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom

Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann are allied with Captain Barbossa in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' locker, while the terrifying ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman and Davy Jones, under the control of the East India Trading Company, wreaks havoc across the Seven Seas. Navigating through treachery, betrayal and wild waters, they must forge their way to exotic Singapore and confront the cunning Chinese Pirate Sao Feng. Now headed beyond the very ends of the earth, each must ultimately choose a side in a final, titanic battle, as not only their lives and fortunes, but the entire future of the freedom-loving Pirate way, hangs in the balance. (intense sequences of action/adventure violence and some frightening images) Rated PG-13.

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 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, 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 Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

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. Submissions run for two weeks.

Robins lieutenant propels team to victory at athletics championships in Germany

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The Air Force women's track and field team recently won its seventh consecutive title at the Allied Component Command Air Headquarters Athletics Championships, in Munich, Germany, thanks in part to the performance of Robins' 1st Lt. Charlynda Nyenke.

Lieutenant Nyenke, a C-130 center wing replacement program manager for the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group, earned a bronze medal in the long jump, a silver medal in the high jump and gold medal as anchor of the 4-by-100 meter relay.

"It was exciting," Lieutenant Nyenke said. "The competition was full of surprises. We had to mix it up because we had so few athletes.



Courtesy photo

1st Lt. Charlynda Nyenke stretches before competing in the 4-by-100 meter relay at the Allied Component Command Air Headquarters Athletics Championships in Munich, Germany.

Teams brought some really good athletes and the competition was the best we'd ever seen."

Lieutenant Nyenke is in her second year as a member of the Air Force track and field team. A former pentathlete at

Clemson University, was a major factor in the team's victory.

"Lieutenant Nyenke came to the team as a great leader, competitor and person. She displayed great poise in competition and a willingness to not quit," said Staff Sgt. Calvin Bostic, the team's coach. "This year she was a little banged up, she was having foot, hip and low back problems but she took on the challenge and didn't let the pain hold her back from competing."

Sergeant Bostic said it was a pleasure coaching her, as her character, leadership and personality were an asset to the team.

Although high jump was a bit unfamiliar — she hadn't trained in the event since college — the running event was second nature, as the trackster said running has always been a part of her life.

"As a child, when I was upset or going through difficult times, running was a way of venting the frustrations," she said. "My mom would open the door and I would run to the end of a field, until I couldn't run anymore, and I'd feel better. Running is a great way to just shake off a bad day."

She said another benefit to running is health. "I always encourage fitness. Everyone should take the time — an hour a day will make a big difference in overall health. Our commander makes fitness a priority and we should too," Lieutenant Nyenke said.

The lieutenant will continue to train on her own to stay in shape for the military world games Oct. 17-22 in Hyderabad, India.



1st Lt.
CHARLYNDA
NYENKE

Commander's trophy



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Maj. Greg Anderson, 78th Security Forces commander, accepts the Sports Day traveling trophy from Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, June 27. Security Forces has won the spring Sports Day competition for five consecutive years.

Academy cadet captures shot put title

AIR FORCE NEWS

Freshman Sara Neubauer of Bottineau, N.D., became the Air Force Academy's first USA Track and Field champion, as she won the shot put title June 21 at the 2007 Finish Line USA Junior Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis.

Neubauer recorded a distance of 48'10¼" to win the event and top the 29-competitor field by over two inches. Nneka Ugochukw of Colorado State University finished second at 48'8", giving the Mountain West Conference the top two

throwers in the junior national meet.

Having spent three weeks at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., as a part of the Academy's summer ops program, Neubauer only recently returned to the throwing circle. After fouling her first throw, Neubauer steadily improved, before making the winning toss on her fifth attempt.

"It felt good," Neubauer said following her performance. "I haven't had a chance to work with Coach (Scott) Irving since May, so it was good to get out there. Having (Ugochukw) there made it a fun competition."

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. 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 Monday through Wednesday, 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.

Starting your own business (pros and cons)

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a Starting Your Own Business workshop Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

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

Home buyer's seminar

Mary Ussery, Education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia director, a non-profit HUD certified housing counseling agency, will hold a free "Home Buyer's" seminar, Thursday 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

This seminar is designed to take some of the confusion and

uncertainty 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, the ins and outs of mortgage financing and understanding purchase contracts.

Volunteer resource program

The A&FRC will offer an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities both on base and in the local community, Thursday 9 to 10: a.m., Bldg. 794. The Volunteer Resource Program is the focal point that connects Team Robins members with service opportunities at Robins.

Bundles for babies Passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class July 17, 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.

Smooth move

A Smooth Move workshop will be held July 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is four hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of stress.

Representatives from military personnel flight, transportation management flight, accounting and finance, the housing office, legal office, TRICARE, family advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

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► IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents who are new to and reside on Robins may register their children in Robins Elementary School during the summer months. The school is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for registration. Parents can help the school system plan for the new school year by registering as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. School starts Aug. 10.

Kindergarten is an important part of the school program at Robins. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be 6 on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for 4 year olds. To be eligible, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate, copy

of the social security card for the student, housing verification letter, copy of sponsor's orders and immunization records (not the yellow shot record.) More specific information can be obtained by calling the school at 926-5003. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 years are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.

HEALTHY START SCREENINGS

The 78th Medical Group will provide Healthy Start School Screenings for newly assigned family members and current students from pre-k through 12th grade July 14 and 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary. The children will have their vision and hearing tested and a dental exam performed, both of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, your child's height, weight and blood pressure will be checked and a scoliosis screening exam will be performed. Immunizations will be available if needed. The 78th Security Forces Squadron will be pro-

viding finger printing services if interested. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and completed at the event. For more information call Staff Sgt. Kenena Johnson at 327-8219.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT CUSTOMER SERVICE CLOSURE

Because of the move from Bldg. 905 to Bldg. 767, the 78th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Element will be closed Aug. 6-10 and will not be able to issue CAC or ID cards. Please schedule appointments to issue or renew ID cards around this unavoidable downtime. For emergencies, call 327-7336.

653RD CLSS CHANGE OF COMMAND

The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony July 26 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Maj. Paul Kanning will relinquish command to Maj. Michael H.M. Egbalic.