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Raise your game!

New wing commander lays out plan for success

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Robins Air Force Base and the 78th Air Base Wing welcomed new leadership Friday when Col. Warren Berry accepted the wing's guidon and became the new wing and installation commander.

Colonel Berry said serving for the past 20 months as vice commander has given him a great foundation in understanding the complexity of Robins and how the base operates. He is excited about the chance to step into a new leadership role.

"I am thrilled with the opportunity. It's truly a privilege to be a part of this team, and not just to lead it, but to be a part of it," he said. "I am honored and privileged that our Air Force leadership would give me the opportunity."

Colonel Berry said the 78th Air Base Wing is "a first class organization and a first class wing," but he'd like to see increased efforts by all

Airmen, both military and civilian. "As new leadership, one of your goals is always to leave a place better than you found it," the commander said. "So one of the things we are going to focus on is to 'raise our game.' That's really what we need to do over the next year and a half if we are going to leave this a better wing than all of us are in right now. We need to raise our game and do things a little better with everything we set out to do."

He said "Raise Your Game" will be a continuing theme for the year, something that will be on his stationery and coin as a reminder to the Airmen to go the extra mile and make the extra effort to improve productivity. He said this is particularly important because the wing has a unique mission and does things no one else can base does.

"There are five things we do that are central to this installation's mission - force protection, maintaining and operating airfield and infrastruc-

ture, deploying combat ready Airmen, community support and emergency response and management. Because we 'own' those processes, we have to do them exceptionally well. We'll focus on those areas over the coming year," he said.

Another area of focus for the commander will be preparation for April's Operational Readiness Inspection. He said it will be first and foremost on his mind and will occupy a large part of his time for the next few months.

"That Operational Readiness Inspection is a huge deal. Not just because we are getting a grade but because the preparation process gets our Airmen ready with those combat skills they need to be effective in the (area of responsibility)," Colonel Berry said. "We've been preparing now for five months and we've made great strides and great progress. I have every confidence in our Airmen across the installation, military or

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U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen (left), Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, passes the guidon to Col. Warren Berry, new 78th Air Base Wing commander, during his change of command ceremony Jan. 11 at the Museum of Aviation.



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Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake, command chief, Air Force Materiel Command, is greeted at the Professional Development Center Jan. 10.

AFMC command chief makes last visit to Robins before nearing retirement

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In the past few weeks, Robins has seen visits from several members of Air Force Materiel Command's senior leadership team, including Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake, command chief master sergeant of AFMC. It was Chief Hake's final visit to Robins as an enlisted military member, as he retires Feb. 1. He took a few moments to sit down with the Robins Rev-up and share some of his thoughts.

On leaving the Air Force...

I will miss the good fortune of serving with Americans that are so proud to serve and be committed to something bigger than themselves. I feel honored and privileged to be a part of that team.

On his visit to Robins...

I generally come with a command message. I also try to offer a strategic level perspective. I want to offer some insight into why we make certain decisions. But I am also listening to what our enlisted folks are saying to try to get a sense for if we are heading in the right direction with what we are doing.

On changes in the Air Force over the last three decades...

The challenges we face today are the same we faced when I enlisted in 1978, just on a different level. We have the same mission, just fewer people to perform that mission. We do have greater technology and Airmen with greater training. Airmen come

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19th ARG earns Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

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The 19th Air Refueling Group has lived up to its 'Above the Rest' motto, earning the unit the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

The Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, which has been in effect since Sept. 11, 2001, is awarded to active-duty, Guard, and Reserve units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in several areas, including outstanding services for at least three months during military operations against an armed enemy, outstanding devotion to duty and superior performance of exceptionally dif-



icult tasks setting them apart from other units with similar missions.

The Black Knights have proven themselves worthy of such an honor.

Col. Chris Bence, 19th ARG commander, said the achievement is truly an honor.

"The award is given to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct during military operations against the enemy and the performance is such that it sets itself apart (from) and above other units with similar missions," he said. "So, being one of two Air Mobility Command units to be awarded this award was indeed an outstanding honor and represents all of

what the men and women of the 19th ARG do every day in serving their country."

Colonel Bence said the group, which is AMC's only stand-alone air refueling group, has a lot to be proud of.

"The 19th ARG set an all-time group flying record in its 80-year history of 10,508 hours, which sets us apart from other units, especially since we have only 13 assigned airplanes, two of which are undergoing modification and program depot maintenance at all times. So, with an 11 airplane fleet total, we were able to set all of those records and accomplish all of the things we've been doing."

That 10,000 plus hours of flying

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C-130 program progress report



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Lt. Gen. Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, HQ USAF, is briefed by David Griffin, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron "D" Flight chief, Jan. 9 on the C-130 center wing replacement program at Robins. Prior to his stop there he and Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, HQ USAF director of Maintenance, toured other Robins maintenance areas.

THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 50

Days without a DUI: 18
Last DUI: 78th SFS - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service
Robins will hold its Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel. Guest speaker will be Col. Kenneth Sharpless, Robins inspector general. A reception will follow in the Chapel Annex.

Robins Prayer Luncheon set for Jan. 29

The annual National Prayer Luncheon will be held Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Guest speaker for the event will be Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Admission is \$3. Tickets may be purchased through the Base Chapel.

GIVING BACK



Computer donations

Local schools benefit from Robins's used computer equipment, 5A

FAMILY



Facing the mission

Unit's map of deployed family members puts face to mission, 10A

SPORTS



In training

Robins duo trains for triathlon, 8A

WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY 55/35



SATURDAY 48/38



SUNDAY 45/24



Winter 'brrr'ings on the chill



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Above, Tech. Sgt. Deidra Balmer, 78th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of Mission Services and Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 78th OSS assistant flight chief, use a Kestrel 4000 to keep an eye on the weather system which brought cooler temperatures to the mid state this week. The weather office provides information for resource protection for the base and supports flight missions with up-to-date weather conditions.

At right, Ella Goode from the Robins Youth Center was bundled up against the cold wind Jan 15.



Base supply function pegged for A-76 study

DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL

The Robins 78th Air Base Wing Base Supply function was announced as an A-76 cost comparison study. The announcement was made Jan. 15 at the base auditorium.

The A-76 study is designed with the intent to ensure the function being studied is done as cost effectively as possible.

"A-76 competition is a huge challenge but this process is not new to us. We competed in 2001 and won. We have our brightest and best experienced personnel assigned to this study and we feel optimistic that we will be able to win the competition again," said David Durham, Supply Distribution

Flight chief.

At the announcement, Debbie Abbott, project manager, briefed employees on the study details, while Col. Warren Berry, 78th ABW commander, provided employees words of encouragement and confidence that this Supply function performed outstandingly and would be very competitive.

The Base Supply function won its previous A-76 bid in June 2001 and began operation in August 2001 of that same year. By winning the bid, the function became the "most efficient organization," which means the operation of the MEO is more cost effective than a contractor would be. According to Reggie Kiper,

chief of the Manpower Studies Branch in the Directorate of Personnel, because the MEO contract has expired and the activity is required by law to be put back up for competition.

Because of the function's status as an MEO, a contractor would have to underbid the MEO by at least 10 percent of the personnel costs to secure the contract.

Donna Long, Robins A-76 Program Manager, said the study is an effective tool for cost savings.

"The goal of the study is to get the best value for taxpayers dollars," she said.

One of the ways the initiative is saving dollars through the program is when studies are conducted, government employees are actively seeking ways to trim the fat in their processes in order to win the bid.

"Employees get serious about where they can do things more effectively when there is a concern of a contractor bidding for their jobs," Mrs. Long said.

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went 213 percent above what the unit was scheduled to fly, according to Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hamilton, 19th ARG superintendent.

Colonel Bence said the award was not only accomplished through the unit's everyday mission, but also through the unit's contributions in non-traditional roles in the global war on terrorism.

Maj. Donnie Starling, deputy chief of the 19th ARG's Base Realignment and Closure Operations, stepped into a mission in 2007 that gave way to working with other services.

"I deployed to Northern Iraq in Kirkuk to support the Army's counter IED (improvised explosive device) mission or their deterrence against counter IEDs," he said.

The major said the mission was totally outside of the norm for him.

"The Army had a need," he said. "The Air Force decided to help them out, so I deployed on about two and a half weeks notice for six months over there. I didn't touch an airplane the whole time I was gone. I was working in Humvees and did all of my Army training and worked right inside of an Army command post for basically what we would call a squadron, on their counter-IED mission and equipment they have on their vehicles."

Major Starling said his deployment was just one of many examples the unit has of

its members stepping out of the norm to serve the greater mission.

Chief Hamilton said since he began serving with the unit in 2004, he has seen the unit do great things.

"Whether you go to the quarterly awards ceremony, the annual awards ceremony, or wherever you go, you hear the Black Knights screaming, 'Out Front,' and truly the Black Knights are an out-front organization. Even as leadership changes, the Black Knight culture is such ingrained that they continually achieve higher and higher milestones, this being a perfect example."

Colonel Bence said the award speaks highly of not only the unit, but of those who helped get the group where it is today.

"It's indeed an honor because it talks not only to the members in the unit, but all of their families who support and allow the members to their job, as well as the base and local community for their unwavering support for all of the Black Knights in the 19th ARG."

With the Black Knights saying farewell as their unit deactivates in June, Chief Hamilton said the honor is a nice cap to a great unit's history.

"I think it's a phenomenal honor that we were presented with this (award)," he said. "As we close, I guess it's a way for the Black Knight heritage to go out in style."

The 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., was also named for the award. Both units will be presented with their honors at a later date.

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civilian, that they'll come through and do great in the ORI in April. But we have to keep our focus."

The commander will also look at energy and utility costs and determine savings opportunities. "We need to find ways to conserve where we can and get creative so we can take those energy costs down and use those dollars on things like facility recapitalization," he said.

Colonel Berry, who has served as vice commander for the 78th ABW for the past 20 months, replaces Col. Theresa Carter, who left for an assignment at Scott AFB, Ill. The change of command ceremony was Jan. 11 at the Museum of Aviation. Colonel Carter said the wing is privileged to have a great leader like Colonel Berry as its com-

mander.

"It's always tough at a change of command as you are handing the flag to the presiding officer to let go, but I can't think of a better person for General Owen to hand that flag to than Colonel Berry," Colonel Carter said. "He's a great man and he's going to do great things for the wing and for the base."



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Col. Warren Berry hosts a press conference prior to the change of command ceremony Jan. 11.

► IN BRIEF

78TH ABW COMMANDER'S CALL

There will be a Commander's Call for all personnel assigned to the 78th Air Base Wing Tuesday at the Base Theater. There will be three sessions: 8 a.m. is the enlisted call (mandatory for all enlisted members assigned to the 78th ABW), 1 p.m. is the civilian's call and 3 p.m. is the officer's call.

LIVE FIRE TRAINING CONDUCTED

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast side of the base, adjacent to the horse stables.

The firing range is off limits to all personnel, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the area. The ranges are clearly marked with signs, and a red flag is flown when firing is being conducted. Night-fire is conducted throughout the year. For questions or concerns, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center today, 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 137, no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

CHPS CLASSES

The following classes are being offered by the Civilian Health Promotion Services:

Healthy heart, Jan. 23; Cholesterol and hypertension, Feb. 13; Nutrition, March 12; Healthy heart, March 26; Arthritis and carpal tunnel, April 9; Allergies, May 14; Healthy Heart, May 28; Skin cancer, June 11; The essentials of back care, July 9; Healthy heart, July 23; Headaches, Aug. 13.

All classes are free and take place at 1 p.m. in the Fitness Center Annex conference room. Civilians can use fitness leave to attend these wellness classes. To register for a class, call 327-8030 or 327-8031. Registration is not mandatory but appreciated.

OFFICERS' CLUB

TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Officers' Club will be temporarily closed through Jan 31 to have repairs made to its hoods and ducts. During this time, the club will revise all menus as well as dining room and catering operations. The club will open Friday evenings from 4 to 7 p.m. for lounge customers during the two-week

period. The Pizza Depot, located at the Enlisted Club, will remain open to customers. The club will reopen Feb. 1 with a First Friday Celebration.

ROSC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE READY

Applications for graduating high school seniors can be picked up at any local high school counselor's office, or be a dependent/spouse of an eligible retired, deceased, or current DOD employee of RAFB (GS-9 and above).

All applicants must be: ►Dependents/spouses of retired, deceased or active-duty military member currently stationed at Robins (from any rank or branch, including Reserves and National Guard), or be a dependent/spouse of an eligible retired, deceased, or current DOD employee of RAFB (GS-9 and above).

In the case of both retired/deceased military or DOD sponsors, the sponsor's last tour of duty must be Robins, and the applicant must have remained in the Robins area.

► in the upper 10 percent of their class, or have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and must have demonstrated scholarship, leadership and outstanding performance.

The deadline for postmarking all applications is March 16.

NCO ACADEMY CHARITY

CARWASH SATURDAY

The Robins NCO Academy students will hold a car wash at the CVS on Russell Parkway (next to Sonny's BBQ) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All proceeds benefit on-base and off-base charities. For more information, call the school at 926-2098.

► IN BRIEF

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will take place May 22 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the officers' club.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 32-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. Throughout the year, the garden teems with blossoms, birds, squirrels and other wildlife.

At the garden's entrance, a

brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,471 deceased military and civilian members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing Base Chapel. Chaplain, (Captain) Daniel Kim, project officer, and Staff Sgt. Jermarquis Johnson are accepting submissions for people to be memorialized this year. Honorees can be civilian or military members. Please submit:

Complete name and, if military, rank of the person to be honored. If military, designate active duty or retired and branch of service

Birth and death dates

Reproducible photo—preferably black and white, and at least 2x3

Family-related information,

such as name, address and phone number of next of kin. Name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization nominating the honoree

Military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins

There is no fee to honor an individual. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted and appreciated. Make checks payable to: "Chapel tithes and offerings fund."

To ensure inclusion in this service, call Chaplain, Kim or Sergeant Johnson at 926-2821, or email daniel.kim@robins.af.mil or jermarquis.johnson@robins.af.mil with the name of your honoree as soon as possible. All other required information is due no later than April 18.

Fetal protection: What every woman should know

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

There are a large number of chemical and physical agents which are known or suspected reproductive hazards to both men and women, such as solvents, carbon disulfide, lead, radiation, vibration, and physical strain. Many of these may be present in your workplace at Robins.

The purpose of the fetal protection program is to protect the growing fetuses from possible reproductive hazards in the mother's work environment, while still allowing the mother to continue contributing to the mission's success.

The first trimester is the most critical for the fetus's development, so it is very important that as soon as an employee, military or civilian, has a confirmed pregnancy, she reports to the base hospital's Public Health Office to have her work center evaluated for potential hazards.

All women, whether active duty, IMA, Reserve, Guard or civilian need to report to Public Health to initiate the appropriate paper work for duty related restrictions and completion of a workplace risk assessment. This means that Public Health will ask the mother about the job in which she works so that the potential dangers to the fetus can be determined. Even if the job is administrative it could cause physical strain during the pregnancy. Temporary duty restrictions during the pregnancy will be applied by a physician, if necessary.

Pregnant workers will be educated on general and specific reproductive, occupational hazards, as well as non-occupational hazards. Non-occupational hazards that could be present in off-duty environments include: food-borne illnesses, use of electric blankets, hot tubs and household cleansers. It is important to know and understand the hazards at work and at home to try to prevent the unthinkable.

The Health and Wellness Center offers free childbirth, prenatal, fitness, parenting and stress management classes. In addition, Operation Stork has free maternity uniforms for first time moms, all ranks, on a first come, first served basis.

Supervisors also play an important role in protecting the health and well being of the mother and the unborn child, by ensuring all females in their duty section, who become pregnant,

report to Public Health.

If you or any members of your workforce have questions concerning this important program, contact the Public Health office at 327-8019.

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into the Air Force more dedicated and more motivated than perhaps I was when I enlisted. When you look at the education level of Airmen joining the Air Force today, they are much smarter.

On advice he'd give to newly enlisted Airmen...

Do your best every day. Ask questions so you understand how you fit in to our overall mission to fly, fight and win. And then do your absolute best every day. I would also tell Airmen to pause for a moment before making a decision to be sure

it's the right thing to do. I'd tell them to consider the "Mom and Dad Principle." As you are making decisions about things you are going to do, ask yourself the question, "Would mom or dad be proud of me if they knew I was doing this?" If the answer is no, you should reconsider the decision.

On taking pride in our efforts...

It's people that really make the difference. They work diligently every day with the responsibility they are given to uphold the trust America gives them. Whether you are the most junior Airman that arrives at Robins or the most senior civilian working here, you should be proud of what you do.

What we do here is so vitally important. We have a great responsibility to deliver that capability for America. Every time I get the opportunity to come to Robins and see the great things people are doing, and see how proud they are of the work they are doing, I return all pumped up and full of energy.

On how to be successful...

The three key things I've always said helps you be successful are value of teamwork, attention to detail and doing the absolute best every day. If you just think about those three things as you go about your daily duties and as you are making decisions, you will be successful.

Military disciplinary actions

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

Article 15s

► A captain violated a lawful order to refrain from having physical, telephonic, or other contact with another individual by having physical contact with the individual. The captain also committed adultery. Punishment was forfeiture of \$2,301 pay for two months and a reprimand.

► A master sergeant failed to obey a lawful order by failing to remain totally professional in their relationship with recruiting applicants. The master sergeant also failed to obey a general regulation by wrongfully sending e-mails of a sexual nature from a government computer. Punishment was suspended reduction to technical sergeant and forfeiture of \$225 pay for two months.

► A senior airman stole the personal property of another airman. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class and suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months.

Discharges

► A technical sergeant received an honorable conditions discharge for failure in alcohol abuse treatment. The member was unwilling to comply with his treatment (aftercare) plan and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► A staff sergeant received an honorable conditions discharge for Unsatisfactory Performance - Failure to Perform Assigned Duties Properly and Irresponsibility in the Management of Personal Finances. The member failed to report on time for physical training. For this offense, he received a record of individual counseling. The member failed to pay his government travel card bill and was more than 60 days past due on his Military Star Account. For these offenses, he received a letter of reprimand. The member failed to

respond to requests to clarify unfavorable information with regards to security clearance. The member declined to contest the citizenship and financial concerns; therefore his security clearance was revoked and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► An airman 1st class received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The member failed to pay his just debts on two separate occasions, failed to report for two scheduled medical appointments, failed to report on time for squadron physical training, failed to report to duty on time on two separate occasions, and failed to obey a lawful order to participate in the group physical training program. For these offenses he received two letters of counseling and six letters of reprimand and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► An airman 1st class received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The member failed to follow a direct order, showed disrespect to a commissioned officer, operated a vehicle without insurance, made false statements, failed to meet dress and appearance standards, lost controlled items, failed to notify her chain of supervision regarding a summons to appear in civil court and failed to appear when summoned, and failed to achieve a minimum passing score on her final career development course test. For these offenses, the member received three letters of counseling and six letters of reprimand and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► An airman received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The member failed to report to duty on time, consumed alcoholic beverages while under the influence of 21 years on two separate occasions, operated a passenger vehicle while under the influence on two separate occasions, and failed to obey posted speed limits. For these offenses, the member received two letters of reprimand and non-judicial punishment and administrative dis-

charge action was initiated.

► An airman received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The member failed to do a FOD check on his vehicle before entering the flight line, talked on his cell phone while driving through the security gate, failed to wear his duty uniform while on duty, watched DVDs while he was supposed to be providing security, and failed to go to his place of duty or scheduled appointment on multiple occasions. For these offenses, the member received two letters of counseling, two letters of reprimand, non-judicial punishment and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► An airman basic received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for Misconduct: Pattern of Misconduct, Discreditable Involvement with Military or Civil Authorities. The member was involved in three alcohol related incidents, each incident escalating in severity. The first incident involved the member consuming alcohol under the legal age of 21 years. The second incident also involved his consumption of alcohol underage, but in addition, he gave false information, and obstructed justice by fleeing police. For these offenses, the member received letters of reprimand and unfavorable information file entries. The third incident involved his consuming alcohol underage and driving under the influence of alcohol. This last incident also involved him crashing his vehicle into the base perimeter fence causing damage in the amount of nearly \$1,800, and fleeing the scene. This incident resulted in non-judicial punishment and administrative discharge action was initiated.

► An airman 1st class received an honorable conditions discharge for Unsatisfactory Performance - Failure to Progress in On-The-Job Training. On two separate occasions, the member failed to achieve a minimum passing score on his final career development course test and was disqualified for cause because he no longer met the requirements for his AFSC and administrative discharge action was initiated.



Robins Ride Share program offers numerous incentives for carpoolers

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Several Robins employees are saving on gas and making money with the Ride Share program.

Since its inception, the carpool and vanpool program, which started with its first informational event at the base's Avionics Complex in October 2007, has drawn about 1,500 civilian, military, and contractor employees to carpooling and vanpooling to work at Robins, the largest industrial complex in Georgia.

Roosevelt Robinson, an electronics mechanic in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, has been carpooling for five years and is one of the many people taking advantage of the program. He decided to sign up for the program because it would save him money.

"Carpooling really helps as far as saving money on gas," he said. "It saves money, plus it helps the economy and the environment. I live in Dublin, and I would recommend it to anyone who lives far away like I do."

Other incentives like Cash for Commuters, which gives carpoolers \$3 for each work day they ride together, and the Commuter Rewards Program, which enters people who log their carpool usage in a monthly drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card, are just a few items that keep people rolling in to work together.

The program is benefiting Robins physically as well.

Bob Farrell, deputy base civil engineer in the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said the program is doing a lot for the base's infrastructure.

"This is a program that is implemented across the state, and the primary driver here is to cut down on the traffic congestion and provide an environment with cleaner air, but there are also additional benefits for Robins," he said.

Mr. Farrell said with a typical traffic flow of about 14,000 vehicles coming on base each work day, the high volume of traffic puts a requirement on roads, parking, traffic lights and other infrastructure. This program has helped cut back on that strain.

Mike Williams, director of programs and employer services for the

Clean Air Campaign, said ride sharing is a good way to get to know others as well.

"In addition to all of these benefits from a financial standpoint and an environmental standpoint, it's just fun," he said. "When people start sharing the ride, they realize that there's a social aspect to it and it's a lot more fun making that drive with a friend than making it by yourself."

Mr. Williams said the ride share program is growing.

"We've been doing ride share programs like this for the past 10 years in what's called the 'nonattainment' portions of Georgia that have consistently failed the air quality standards," he said. "You could think of that as the 20-county area around Atlanta. So, we've been doing these programs with the larger employers in that area for some time. It's just in 2007 that we've started branching out to the rest of Georgia."

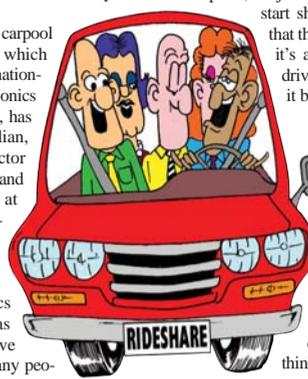
Mr. Williams said the Clean Air Campaign is currently working with Robins and Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. His organization is also discussing the program with Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga.

Kristin Slaton, Employer Services Program manager for the Clean Air Campaign in downtown Atlanta who oversees a 15-person team that visits bases like Robins, said she and the team have been impressed with people's interest.

"For all of the events and all of the locations that they've set up, we've been amazed by the response that we've gotten from the employees," she said. "The base has people coming from so many different places and varying distances and there are people that drive a very long way to get in to work. So, we've had a high level of interest at all of our events."

Mrs. Slaton said it's not too late to enroll in the program.

"The initial step is to fill out an application and find out who lives near you so you can be carpooling and vanpooling," she said. "That's kind of a one-time, easy thing. You can also request updated ride match lists to see if anyone else in your area has been added into the database."



Graphic illustration by HARRY PAIGE

WHAT TO KNOW

To register for the Ride Share program, visit www.logyourcommute.com/learnrobins. Registration allows people to find out about base employees that live near them and work similar hours. Registration does not obligate people to participate. For more information, visit the Ride Share Web site listed above or call 1-877-253-2624

Air Force official alters cold weather gear policy

The deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel here recently authorized commanders to use their discretion to authorize deviation from policy for wear of cold-weather battle dress uniform outer garments with the airman battle uniform during the coming winter months.

"The original guidance was based on the fact the mandatory wear date for transitioning from BDUs to ABUs was 2011," said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III.

"I decided it was time to relook our wear policy based on the limited availability of the new all purpose environmental clothing system jacket, the fact we have new Airmen joining our Air Force who have been issued nothing but the ABU, and the overwhelming response from Airmen in the field to the new ABUs," the general said.

Commanders are now

authorized to permit Airmen to wear a woodland-patterned camouflage Gore-Tex coat or field jacket with their ABUs if the new APECS jacket is unavailable at their location and other approved cold weather options are unavailable or unsuitable for duty.

"This is absolutely the right thing to do for our Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "We are committed to taking care of Airmen. Unfortunately, we couldn't get new APECS jackets out fast enough, but the bottom line is our Airmen need to stay warm."

Adherence to Air Force uniform standards is always important to the pride and professionalism of the force, the chief said.

"Of course I would prefer we didn't have to mix BDU and ABU uniform items," Chief McKinley said. "We

have a proud tradition of representing the Air Force image and ideals to the world. We're authorizing this change so Airmen are able to continue wearing their ABUs and have a jacket that will keep them warm."

APECS jackets are projected to become more widely available starting in February. The top priority for APECS distribution has been for Airmen deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. As their needs are met, the supply will be directed to cold-weather locations around the world.

This policy is a temporary solution and expires June 1.

Airmen with Air Force Portal access will find more information and details regarding the ABU cold-weather outer garment policy change at:

<https://www.my.af.mil>
— courtesy Air Force Print News Service.

Civilian discipline, adverse actions

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

The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the program and the consequences for misconduct.

The following actions occurred during June 2007 and are reflective of the types of disciplinary actions taken during that period.

June actions:

- Reprimand for failure to observe safety practices.
- Reprimand for violation of tool control procedures.
- Reprimand for failure to attend scheduled training.
- Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- Reprimand for inappropriate behavior.
- Reprimand for inappropriate conduct.
- One-day suspension for unauthorized use of a government credit card.
- Two-day suspension for loafing on duty, failure to properly

request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior reprimand.

► Five-day suspension for loafing on duty. Prior three-day suspension.

► Five-day suspension for falsification of time sheet.

► Seven-day suspension for failure to maintain professional relationships.

► 10-day suspension for loafing on duty. Prior seven-day suspension and a reprimand.

► Indefinite suspension for criminal indictment for drug possession.

► Termination during probationary period for off duty misconduct.

CAPTAIN PROMOTION SELECTIONS

The following Robins lieutenants were selected for promotion to the rank of captain based on outstanding performance throughout their Air Force careers:

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Brian Doss
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David Gordon
Darrell Gull
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Richard Holt
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Robins donates used computer equipment to schools, agencies through DOD program

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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A Department of Defense initiative is helping Robins Air Force Base's used computer equipment and related items go to good use.

The Computers for Learning program, which took effect through a presidential executive order in 1996, enables federal agencies like Robins to give surplus computers and their peripheral components to area schools and law enforcement departments to avoid wasting the items.

Anthony Moore, a materials examiner and identifier in the Information Technology Directorate, said the program benefits the government as much as it does those who receive the equipment.

"I take in excess computers and all of the peripherals that go with it from the base to decide whether it's going to be reused on base or donated to schools, police departments, or (whether) other bases will take control of it," he said.

Mr. Moore said the program saves Robins from having to find a place to store computers in the already crowded Defense Reutilization Marketing Office.

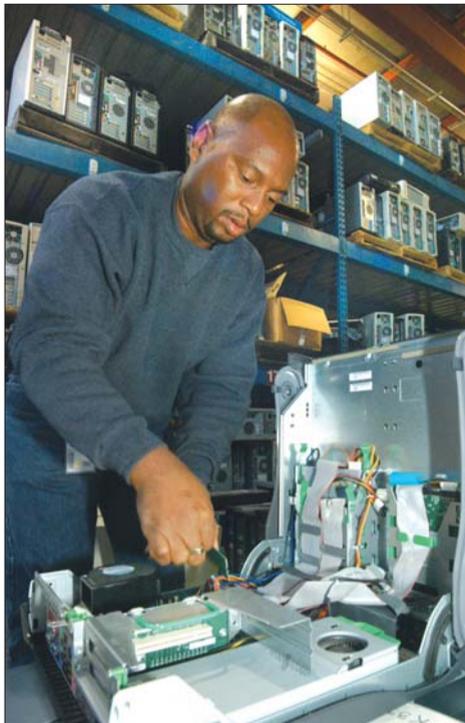
Robins donated about \$3 million in used computers and related items to schools and police departments in 2007.

"It helps our kids to be better prepared," he said. "They are our leaders for the next generation. We didn't have a program like this when I was in school, and I take pride in helping them out."

Those who receive the equipment are certainly appreciative.

Maj. Jamie McDaniel, major over patrol and the Criminal Suppression Unit at the Twiggs County Sheriff Department, said the program has helped his department save taxpayers lots of money.

"We put it to use in our deputy's office and our adminis-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Anthony Moore checks through excess computers that will be donated to local schools.

trative offices," he said. "Twiggs County is basically a rural county and we have to fight for every dollar we can get. (When the base gives us computers), we turn around and put them to good use. The department tries to save the taxpayers some money."

Whiley Williams, a technician for software deployment for Houston County schools, said the school system has received at least 2,000 computers in the five years the school system has used the base program.

Mr. Williams said the computers are placed in classrooms throughout the school system. He said with the school system's

budget ever-tightening, the assistance is helpful.

Major McDaniel said he's glad that his department can count on Robins for support.

"Anthony does a jam up job," he said. "I just really want to thank Robins and Anthony (for) the job they do by helping Twiggs County out. It means a lot to us."

Eligible groups may visit <https://www.drms.dla.mil/cfl> online to fill out a form to request the used computer equipment. Once approved, schools and police departments must send in their requests on company letterhead.

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Playing war



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Robins Airmen use simulated attacks Jan. 10 to prepare for the upcoming operational readiness inspection scheduled for April.

Colonel gives his viewpoint on why we are in Iraq

We all had many different reasons for joining the military, but since Sept. 11, I know we all joined or re-enlisted knowing that we are at war with the terrorists.

But, why are we still fighting in Iraq and putting our lives in jeopardy?

To shed some light on this question, I want to provide some of my personal thoughts and avoid the politics of the issue. I will not debate whether Saddam had weapons of mass destruction at the beginning of the Operation Iraqi Freedom, nor will I argue whether Saddam killed innocent men, women and children who were citizens of his own country. Those are all questions for the politicians, historians and senior leaders of our military and government to answer. I'd like to focus on the current situation and the people aspects of the issue.

Regardless of who was right or wrong, the fact remains that at 10:15 Eastern Standard Time on March 19, 2003, the United States and coalition forces began OIF and moved troops into Iraq. By April 7, the forces had captured Baghdad and Saddam's presidential palace. Iraqis were celebrating in the streets and overjoyed to be free and out from under Saddam's rule. Since this time, there have been many factors that have changed the environment in Iraq and caused a major rise in terrorist activities across the country. But, we cannot change the past. We can only try to change the future.

If you had an opportunity to meet some Iraqis, you would probably find them to be very much like you and me. Yes, they speak a different language and

practice a different religion than most of us. But, if you look a little closer, you will find many of our words come from Arabic and some of our major religions have the same roots and similar beliefs.

You also may find some of their customs to be different from ours. But again, at the core of their customs you will find a belief in good values and taking care of family. They enjoy watching TV, playing sports and browsing the Internet, and parents want their children to grow up and have a good education, just like us. So, in the end, the majority of Iraqi people are just looking for a happy and peaceful life, and they are not terrorists.

Since the insurgents' activity has escalated in Iraq, daily life has become quite uncomfortable. The most obvious issue, of course, is the improvised explosive devices in the neighborhoods that are blowing up and killing innocent people.

Receiving consistent electrical power also has been a challenge because the insurgents often targeted the power and oil infrastructure. Imagine trying to sleep at night when it is 120 degrees outside and you have no air conditioning. Keeping food cold and fresh is also tough when you are only getting a few hours of electricity each day.

But, in the midst of all this chaos, the Iraqis still go about their business trying to improve their lives, complete their educations, get married and raise a family.

The members of the Iraqi military and police force make a huge sacrifice by just joining the service. As soon as they put on their uniforms, they are a target for the terrorists. Many Iraqi

military members have sent their families into hiding or have developed "cover stories" to help keep their family safe. In some cases an Iraqi service member may not even know where his family is located and not communicate with them for many months, wondering if they are alive and safe. Numerous Iraqi servicemembers also have been killed after returning from training in the United States.

Yet Iraqis continue to join and serve. In fact, the Iraqi air force recently graduated their second class of officers from their newly established air force academy. These men and women continue to join and serve because they want to have peace in their country and want a better life for their children.

As the fight against the terrorists has continued, the Iraqis and coalition forces have been training and fighting, side by side. A large number of the coalition forces in Iraq are there as trainers and advisors. They have been working, eating, laughing and fighting along side one another.

There are many stories of Iraqis coming to rescue or protect their American counterparts. One Iraqi officer did not hesitate to place himself in harm's way to protect an American Airman when his aircraft was forced to land in a very dangerous area. This Iraqi was able to divert any hostile attentions towards himself and away from the American until they could get to safety.

And yes, Iraqis and Americans have even died together. Aug. 11, 2005, an Iraqi citizen was buried at Arlington Cemetery, a first in the history of Arlington. He was an Iraqi Air

Force pilot who was killed with American Airmen. They died together fighting for the same cause — peace and freedom — and now they are buried together. This Iraqi is the same officer who protected the American Airman only a few months prior. The young Iraqi pilot was married and left behind two young children. Like most Americans, his family was sad for the loss, but very proud of what he was fighting for.

There are many other stories like this that you don't see on TV or read in the newspaper. Every day, Americans and Iraqis are working together, helping one another, helping the local civilians, building schools, providing medical support, etc. It is important that people understand there is more going on than just the terrorists' acts of violence and killing.

We constantly hear the stories of death and destruction, but rarely hear the stories of success and friendship. More and more, these successes are continuing to accumulate. The number of terrorist acts have dramatically decreased as more Iraqis are trained and as the responsibility for security transitions to their forces.

So, why are we in Iraq? I can't answer for you, but I know why I am honored to be here and away from my family, yet again. It is because we are fighting for good people who just want the same peace and happiness that we tend to easily take for granted. We've started this mission and I'd like to see us finish.

—This commentary was written by Col. Charles J. Westgate III, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander



Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander's Action Line

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

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

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

To contact the Action Line, call 222-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

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

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

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

Bldg. 81 facilities

My question concerns the growing work force here at Robins. I work in Bldg. 81 and with the number of new personnel being hired we are outgrowing our facilities, such as break room and bathrooms. We often would have to stand in line to just use the bathroom. I feel the biggest problem is at break and lunch. Our break room is not large enough to accommodate everyone so it turns into standing room only or searching for some place to eat, which is very limited being we cannot eat in our dock area.

I have spoken with fire department officials who explained that we have probably exceeded our maximum occupancy for the break room which would affect a safe evacuation in case of a fire. Another factor is not everyone has good hygiene practices which sometimes makes having a meal very difficult to ingest. I have asked supervision if there are any plans to enlarge our break area or maybe add some trailers but as of now they say there are no plans in the future. Basically I wanted to know if the base is aware of this and are there any plans to correct the problem? Thank You.

Colonel Berry's Response:

There are plans in work to improve the situation in Bldgs. 81 and 82. In the short term, work started in December to enclose the area under the mezzanine in Bldg. 81. This will provide additional break area space for at least 48 people. The work was scheduled to be completed and the space ready for use by the end of the calendar year. We also recently installed new restroom trailers at Bldgs. 81 and 82. Each restroom trailer has eight stalls and three water closets. The support space shortfalls are being addressed with a MILCON construction project that will address the shop space, office space, break area, and restroom facility needs for Bldgs. 81, 82, and 83. MILCON projects must be approved and appropriated by Congress and so the time to secure authorization and funding is a little longer than smaller projects we have the authority and resources to award here at Robins. This project is number three right now on our overall installation priority list.

The silent wait of an alcoholic's loved one

I didn't cry when my mother died.

Not that I wasn't sad. I had just been expecting it for too long. Since I was five, in fact.

It was near Christmas and my older sister and I were standing outside the skating rink three hours after it closed, waiting for her to pick us up. A police officer finally pulled up, told us to get in and said mom had been in an accident.

It wasn't her first accident and it definitely wasn't her last. But it was the first time I remember thinking, "I wonder if she's dead." I don't know how, at age 5, I knew that alcohol would kill my mother, but I did. I just didn't know when, and for the next 20 years that cold anticipation was slow torture.

I waited a lot as I grew up. After school, when all the

teachers were gone and it was starting to get dark. After soccer practice, when someone else's mom would finally get angry or worried enough to drive me home.

The worst was waiting at home, sometimes for days, not knowing if she was dead or simply too drunk to find her way back.

Inevitably, a car would pull up, and either mom would stumble out or we would stumble in.

With the twisted logic of a child, I always chose to go with her when I could, especially after my sister left home. I was in more accidents before age 16 than most people witness in a lifetime. But somehow, the bruised ribs and broken arms were less painful than the waiting.

It's a miracle I survived to

25, but I did. And now there I was, watching the nurses wash my mother's face and unplug the IVs and monitors.

I hugged my brother and sister — they weren't crying, either — and walked to the hospital chapel. I prayed for my mom.

I prayed for forgiveness, too, because along with the grief I felt was an equal measure of relief. Relief that the waiting was over. Relief that somehow, the only person she had killed was herself. It is an awful thing to feel at the death of your mother.

I'm pushing 40 now, and I have four kids who will never know their grandmother, never hear her play Pagliacci on the piano or taste the greatest oatmeal cookies the world has ever known. Sometimes they ask about her. What was she like? I

still don't know how to answer.

I do know that every time I hear about a drunk driver, my first thought is, "who's waiting?"

Is there a 5-year-old boy somewhere watching a police car roll silently up the driveway? Is there a husband or wife somewhere tossing nervously in bed, watching the clock slowly tick its way to sunrise?

Every time you drink and drive, you put lives at risk: your own and those of everyone else on the road. But even if, thank God, you somehow make it home without hurting yourself or someone else, you are slowly killing someone who loves you.

Someone who's somewhere. Waiting.

—This commentary was written by George Woodward, 82nd Training Wing Public Affairs.

SUNDAY

The officers' club will be closed until Jan. 31 for kitchen hood and duct renovation. Please utilize the Pizza Depot, On Spot Café or Enlisted Lounge during this time. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Every Sunday watch all the play-by-play NFL football action on the Robins Enlisted Club multiple television screens and three new high definition plasma televisions with satellite. Doors open at 11 a.m. There will be chances for club members to win trips to the following games: Carolina Panther versus Jacksonville Jaguars, the Super Bowl in Arizona or Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sponsored in part by American Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

Free tacos and draft specials are available to club members on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

Enjoy M.U. G. night at the enlisted club every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to closing. Customers may bring their own mug and get refills (up to 20 ounces) for only \$2.00. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Every Thursday night is Karaoke night with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 8 p.m. to closing. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

UPCOMING

An indoor soccer tournament is slated for Jan. 26 starting at 10 a.m. Register at the fitness center by noon Jan. 25. No late entries will be accepted. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Dance the night away on Latin night Jan. 26 from 9 p.m. to close. Enjoy DJ Lucho with the best Latin and Salsa music in Middle Georgia. Cost is free to members and \$5 for guest. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

Watch "Royal Rumble" Jan. 27 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 926-2670.

A children's art show will be held Jan. 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and West. For more information call the Child Development Center East and West at 926-3080 or 926-5805.

The Air Force Customer Feedback Survey will be available through Jan. 31. The survey is used to measure customer satisfaction, service, quality of facilities, equipment and materials, value for price paid, and an overall assessment of the 78th Services Division. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete either by paper or online. Customers who take the time to answer the survey provide input that will have an impact on future Services programs. For online survey, please go to www.usafservive.com/2008FeedbackSurvey. Customers wanting more information on the survey may call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Family Bingo will be Jan. 28 with door prizes and snacks. Membership Bar Bingo will be held on Jan. 16. 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. 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.

A Super Bowl extravaganza will be held Feb. 3. Enjoy free food, prizes, beverage specials and live gridiron action. Cost is free to members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

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

Join outdoor recreation on a horseback riding trip to Rancho Loma Linda in Cochran, Ga. March 22. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. with a departure of 9 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person. Package includes travel, two-

Arts and Crafts

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Sarah Elsbernd gets some assistance from Joyce Brannon, Arts and Crafts Center director, on selecting a mat for a print to be framed.

Classes at the Arts and Crafts Center are open to the entire Robins community. For more information call 926-3004.



hour guided horseback ride and lunch. Age requirement is 10 years and older. Long pants and closed toed shoes are required. Deadline to sign up is March 6. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip.

A new menu created by Chef Douglas Goodridge and his culinary team will debut at the officers' club in February 2008. If you would like to provide input prior to its creation, please go to the Services Web site at www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon and select the officers' club. In the comment section, please type your input. You may also visit the officers' or enlisted club to complete a customer comment form or email the club manager at aaron.feinberg@robins.af.mil.

Arts & Crafts Center For more information, on the following, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

- Scroll saw Jan. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12.
 - Sewing Jan. 18 and 25 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15.
 - Pastels with Tracy Jan. 23 and 30 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$30 (both days)
 - Watercolor painting (winter scene) Jan. 24 and 31 from 1 – 3 p.m., cost \$12
 - Acrylic painting (winter scene) Jan. 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to noon, cost \$12
 - All ages acrylic Jan. 22 and 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults
 - All ages encaustic Jan. 21 and 28 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$15
 - Drawing (depth) Jan. 18 and 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults
 - Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required.
 - Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is by appointment only.
- Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians.

ONGOING

Sign up now for the Hip Hop Fusion class to be held at the youth center starting in January on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 a month. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

The Community Center will be coordinating the Congressional Award, a noncompetitive program recognizing young people's achievements. The Award is open to all young people 14 to 23 years old. Those who complete the program are presented with bronze, silver or gold awards from senators and members of Congress during local, state and national ceremonies. Individuals who are registered in the program set and achieve challenging goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expeditions/explorations activities. To earn awards, individuals will work with an advisor to set individual goals and plan activities to reach these goals. For more information call community center director, Ruby Wasway at 926-2105.

Take a discovery flight and realize your dream of flying for \$49. Flight consists of one-half hour tour enjoying the sites around the local area. For more information call the aero club at

926-4867.

Massage therapy is now located in Bldg. 301, Bay H (located in the new fitness center annex). Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday by appointment only. Cost for a half hour massage \$35, one hour massage \$45, one and half hour massage \$60 and one and half hour facial massage \$60. For more information, and to make an appointment call 951-2367.

Robins Youth Center has the following activities available. To learn more call 926-2110

- Robins Youth Center will be conducting baseball, softball and T-ball for ages 5 to 17 years old Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart T-ball for children three – four years old will also be held on Feb. 15 for \$45. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.
- Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.
- Robins Youth Center soccer registration for ages 5 to 17 years old will be held Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Also, start smart soccer for children 3 to 4 years old will be held Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full for \$25 for returning players and \$35 for new players. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

- Tickets are available for the Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Hawks home games. Prices vary by ticket location.
- The FOX Theatre presents, "The Lion King" April 5 for \$68.50 and April 26 for \$71.00 at 2 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available.

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

- On Spot Café January special is a Chicken Fajita wrap, fries and medium drink for \$5.25. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.
- Every Monday – Friday in January bowl for \$1 a game from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Enjoy Thunder Alley glow in the dark bowling Friday and Saturday nights from 9 to 11 p.m.
- Friday night is family night with children 12 years and younger admitted for \$5. Everyone 13 and older get in for \$10.

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

- Sign up now for the 3-club championship on Jan. 26 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 for AGF patrons and \$35 for non-AGF patrons and includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes with lunch to follow.
- Every Monday through Thursday in January pay only \$17 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.
- Play golf on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in January pay only \$22 for green fee and cart or pay \$20 after 1 p.m.
- In January enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink): Jan. 11: BBQ chicken sandwich and fries
- Jan. 22 – 25: grilled ham and cheese sandwich and tomato soup

Jan. 28 – 31: Italian sub and chips Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

The Robins Chapel will host AWANA each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children ages 3 through high school are invited. The program will provide Christian teaching, active games and a chance to socialize with other children. For more information call Kiley Glass at 327-3780.

The 78th Services Division has a new Internet address. Go to www.robinservices.com for all the information you need regarding Services.

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

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

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

The barber shop located in Bldg. 956 is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call 923-9593.

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

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

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$4 minimum purchase when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 7 of the January Edge in January. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Find out how the 78th Services Division rates!

Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon. At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to give a rating and/or comment. Please provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer.

To learn more about ICE, call Services Marketing at 926-5492. You can also give your opinion and ideas by filling out a comment card. Comment cards and drop boxes are located in all 78th Services Division facilities.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$4; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.

FRIDAY

I AM LEGEND

Will Smith, Alice Braga
Robert Neville is a brilliant scientist, but even he could not contain the terrible virus that was unstoppable, incurable...and manmade. Somehow immune, Neville is now the last human survivor in what is left of New York City...and maybe the world. But he is not alone. He is surrounded by "the Infected"-victims of the plague who have mutated into carnivorous beings who can only exist in the dark and who will devour or infect anyone or anything in their path. Rated PG-13.

SATURDAY

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Nicole Kidman, Dakota Blue Richards
Lyra Belacqua is an orphan living at Jordan College in the Oxford of an alternate universe. In Lyra's world every person is accompanied by a daemon, a physical representation of their soul in animal form. Because Lyra is still young, her daemon, Pantalaimon, can change his shape to appear as any animal he chooses. Adult's daemons settle in to one shape and don't change. Rated PG-13

UPCOMING

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

Jason Lee, Cameron Richardson
Songwriter Dave Seville transforms singing chipmunks Alvin, Simon and Theodore into pop sensations—while the out-of-control trio lays waste to Dave's home, wreaks havoc with his career, and turns Dave's once-orderly life upside-down. Rated PG.

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 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 (Jumuah) 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.

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.

Submissions run for two weeks. The following have been approved as leave recipient: *Marchelle Glover, 402nd SMXG, POC is Daryl Atkins, 926-1507; Amy Hunt, 580th SMXS, POC is Danny Seals, 926-0686 and Richard Keene, 402nd CMXG, POC is Keith Thompson, 222-4074.*

Robins officers join forces in triathlon training

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Two captains at Robins work in different areas but have one goal in common – to complete a triathlon. They plan to tackle the challenge together, a venture which began in November 2007.

Brad Douglass, a logistics career broadening officer currently working on the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's High Velocity Maintenance Team, had grown tired of his usual workout and wanted to try something new. That's when he got the idea for participating in a triathlon.

"Actually, I'm tired of running, so I needed to do something to pique my interest and to do something that's a little more exciting than just running around the track," he said. "So, I thought, 'Why not a triathlon?' I still have to run, so that will keep my running up, but I get to throw a couple of other things into it and exercise different parts of the body."

Douglass decided to get his friend, Brian Mayer, a career broadening officer in the Future Flexible Acquisition Sustainment Tool Office of the Contracting Directorate, on board with the idea of training for a triathlon.

Like Douglass, Mayer had become bored with his fitness routine and the idea of doing a triathlon seemed to be a good way to keep him on track with his exercise goals.

The captains plan to try their skill in a YMCA-sponsored triathlon intended for first-timers, in Birmingham, Ala., in May.

To stay on target, the friends talk often about their goal and encourage one another to keep pushing toward the contest.



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Capt. Brad Douglass and Capt. Brian Mayer have added swimming and bicycling to their exercise efforts as they train for a triathlon in May.

"The culminating event in Birmingham and having a friend like Brad who keeps me on track (helps keep me motivated)," Mayer said.

Both men have been doing most of their swim training at Robins' base gym and exercising their biking and running skills on base and in the surrounding community.

"I tried to come in before the holidays and swim a couple of laps, which I found out to be very, very tough," Douglass said. "So, I'm trying to get my swimming up. Once I (improve), I think the cycling will come pretty easily to me and the running I've been doing off and on for a while now."

Mayer said he has worked up to a 3-mile run and an 8-mile biking distance, but he admits he still has a way to go on swimming.

"It's really the difficult portion for both of us," Mayer said.

"It's aerobically really strenuous on us."

The 37-year-old Birmingham native said it's good to have a partner who gives encouragement when the going gets tough.

Conquering a triathlon is not something to go into lightly though, as most fitness experts would agree.

Jamie Martin, Fitness Program manager at the Health and Wellness Center at Robins, said people should make sure they're ready before they set out on the task.

"The first thing they need to do is have a baseline assessment to make sure that they are fit enough to accomplish the triathlon," he said. "Second, they need to make sure that for each activity of the triathlon they have the proper ergonomics. For example, if they're looking at doing a triathlon and they're going to have to run, they want to make sure they

have the proper running gait, the proper clothes, shoes, etc."

Martin said the same is true with swimming and cycling.

Both military and civilians at the base can receive a baseline assessment at the HAWC or Fitness Center. Martin also recommended that people get clearance from their physician before starting any such activity as well.

Once a person knows he or she is ready to face the challenge of a triathlon, determination is the driving force to staying on the path to success, Mayer said.

"Stick to it," he said. "It is a lot of hard work. It's rewarding as well. It will keep your exercise program in full stride and it gives you a different aspect to working out."

Mayer said as for his future with triathlons, he'll have to see how it goes in May before he'll commit to any further competitions of that magnitude.



Intramural volleyball

Letter of Intent for volleyball are ready for pick up at the Fitness Center. The deadline to enter a team is Jan. 21 and the coaches meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Pine Oaks Golf Course conference room.

Sports briefs

— Anyone interested in trying out for the Air Force men's or women's basketball teams should submit an AF Form 303 to Kenneth Porter at the Fitness Center by Jan. 22.

— An indoor soccer tournament will be held Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Teams must sign up at the Fitness Center by Jan. 25.

— Winter Sports Days is scheduled for Jan. 31. A schedule of events will be sent out next week.

Intramural basketball

Team	Standings (M-W League):			Team	Standings (T-Th League):		
	W	L	F		W	L	F
402 EMXG	4	0	0	116 ACW/MSG	2	0	0
581 SMXS #1	3	1	0	116 ACW/JSTARS	2	0	0
566 CBSS	2	2	0	78 MDG	2	1	0
78 LRS	2	1	1	402 CMXG	1	0	0
78 MSS/SVS	1	3	0	5 CCG #1	0	1	0
78 SFS	1	3	0	5 CCG #2	0	2	0
330 ASW	1	3	0	581 SMXS	0	3	0
542 CSW	2	0	2				

Museum to host 12th annual marathon

The 12th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation marathon, half marathon and 5K run/walk will be held at the Museum of Aviation Saturday. The event is one of the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia.

Last year, almost 700 runners and walkers from all over the U.S. participated in the races held on Robins. All three races have been USA Track and Field certified, accurately measured and are relatively flat and fast.

Start time for the marathon and half marathon is 8 a.m. The

5K run/walk will start at 8:15 a.m. Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. A picture ID is required at registration/check-in. Award ceremonies start on at 9:30 a.m. in the Museum's Century of Flight Hangar. Entry fees are \$80 for a relay team, \$40 for the marathon, \$30 for the half marathon and \$18 for the 5K run/walk. To register or for more information call race director John Hunter at 953-5335.

FACING THE MISSION

574th CBSS map of deployed family members puts face to mission, personalizes work efforts

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Members of the 574th Combat Sustainment Squadron wanted to put a face to the mission they serve.

So, Amber Alday, a materiel manager and Palace Acquire intern in the 574th CBSS's C-5 Structures Section, recently created a 5-foot-4-inch map decorated with pictures of squadron members' deployed family members to give people in her work area a visual reminder of the importance of their organization's mission.

Ms. Alday said the map, which currently displays about eight photos, was a way for squadron members to remember those who are near to their hearts, but serving far away.

"(Our leadership) wants each flight, the C-5 Flight, the F-15 Flight, and the C-130 Flight, to put a face on the warfighter they're serving using these maps," she said. "We have pictures of family members who are in the service right now and are deployed. We have some who have died in combat. We try to put their pictures near where they were deployed."

The 24-year-old Whigham, Ga., native has a photo of her



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Amber Alday and Elaine Binford, C-5 materiel managers, look at the map showing deployed family members in their work area. Ms. Alday's brother Kyle is in the Navy and is deployed on the USS Kearsarge. Ms. Binford's son is Air Force Staff Sgt. Jamey Harris, who was deployed during 2 tours.

brother, Kyle, a U.S. sailor who is currently deployed, on the map. She said it gives a deeper meaning to her job.

"This makes what we're doing here more personal," she said. "We thought it would make people think more about their everyday duties here, that it does affect someone."

Elaine Binford, who is also a materiel manager in the 574th CBSS, provided a photo of her son, Jamey Harris, for the map. She said she likes having that visual reminder.

"I think it's a good thing," she said. "It kind of brings it home and it reinforces our jobs as suppliers to the warfighter."

Luis Basora, materiel manager supervisor in the 574th CBSS, said his area plans to maintain the map throughout the year.

"The reason for doing (the map) was to remind everyone that not only do we have family working (in the deployed area), but this reminds us what we're here for," he said.

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

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