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Master Sgt. Jack Jenkins, allergy/immunization technician, gives Senior Airman Samantha Bryant a shot at the clinic.



ORI in focus

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Being mission-ready is a priority at Robins Air Force Base.

Military members and civilians alike in the 78th Medical Group are making sure Airmen meet their personal mobility requirements. Part of that involves meeting medical requirements.

With the April Operational Readiness Inspection closing in, Maj. Janette Goodman, Public Health Flight commander in the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, said the medical group is working with

unit deployment managers to ensure Airmen are meeting medical standards.

"The personal mobility requirements basically pertain to those items that each member is expected to have current prior to deployment," she said. "From the medical standpoint, there are specific medical clearance requirements that we're supposed to make sure the members are current with and that involves immunizations, any physical exams, any lab work or dental work (they may need)."

Major Goodman said there are several components considered for compliance in the medical realm.

"First of all, they must not be on a profile or have any conditions that are considered to be duty-limiting conditions, which could make them not necessarily deployable for a location," she said. "We also check to make sure that all required blood work is documented in the member's medical record."

Major Goodman said this blood work involves ensuring one-time labs are current for the Airmen.

Good dental health is also a must for mission readiness.

Airmen must be current on dental

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Robins hosts National Prayer Luncheon

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Nearly 450 members of Team Robins took time to join together in the name of prayer Jan. 29, during the Robins National Prayer Luncheon.

The Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar was the site of members from various faiths laying aside their individual agendas and taking up the yoke of unity to pray for the country.

The message from Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Air Force deputy chief of chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., was delivered to a full house and centered on trust in God.

"Faith is what you do when you pray," he said. "Trust is what you do after you pray."

Using the Bible's Book of Job and pieces of his own life story as reference points, the chaplain explained that trust is critical, crucial and central to faith and amounts to the confidence and assurance that people can count on God no matter what.

"In the time of a storm, don't tell



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Liz McCarthy bows in prayer at the national prayer luncheon Jan. 29. Guest speaker, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil R. Richardson, Air Force deputy chief of chaplains, spoke on the theme "In God We Trust" and special music was provided by the Judy Martin Hess band.

God how big the storm is," he told the audience. "Tell the storm how big God is."

In addition to the special guest speaker and prayers, the luncheon's agenda included a special tribute dedicated to those members of the armed forces listed as Prisoners of

War and Missing in Action. Guests also heard special music by Christian music singer Judy Martin Hess and her band and scripture readings from the Muslim, Hebrew and Christian faiths.

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ALS instructor pins on technical sergeant through STEP promotion



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Tech. Sgt. John Besselman, his wife Shannon and daughter Alyssa, 5, are all smiles after he received a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion Jan. 24.

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nary the day he got the promotion. "It was just a normal workday," he said.

Staff Sgt. John Besselman, an instructor at the Robins Airman Leadership School, took a recent, unexpected 'commander's call' Jan. 24 as an opportunity to let his students learn about leadership from the installation commander.

But, when Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, arrived for the event early that morning, Sergeant Besselman, who has been at Robins almost two years, learned that students would be taking a lesson from him instead.

In a matter of minutes, the staff sergeant became a technical sergeant through a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion, an unexpected, on-the-spot promotion awarded on the merits of hard work and superior dedication to the mission. Sergeant Besselman's STEP promotion was one of three additional nominees sent up to Air Force Materiel Command for consideration.

Sergeant Besselman said he never suspected anything out of the ordi-

After Sergeant Besselman and other instructors got into their lessons and took their usual break, students and instructors headed to the school's auditorium to hear a few words from Colonel Berry.

As Colonel Berry talked with the students about leadership and how hard it must be for ALS instructors to teach their peers about leadership, he turned his attention toward Sergeant Besselman.

The commander called the ALS instructor forward, which piqued Sergeant Besselman's curiosity.

"The first thing I thought was, 'okay, he's using me as an example because I'm the newest professional military education instructor,'" Sergeant Besselman said. "So I'm up there and he's saying a few things like, 'He's got a nice haircut, uniform is pressed, boots are shined, and he says, 'So, Tech. Sgt. Besselman...', and I think, 'What's going on?'"

As Sergeant Besselman stood a bit

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AFMC command chief to retire after 30 years of Air Force service

BY NICOLE SINGER
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

Air Force Materiel Command's top enlisted member will close the book on his military career Feb. 1, exactly 30 years from the date he entered the Air Force delayed enlistment program.

Chief Master Sergeant Jonathan Hake, AFMC's command chief, will say goodbye during a retirement ceremony that will take place at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, will preside over the ceremony, scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

It culminates a self-described "great adventure" for the York, Penn., native, who enlisted in the Air Force at age 17 as a high school senior. But not before he was tempted by a life at sea.

"I was very close to enlisting in the Navy, because the recruiter thought I might be well-suited for its nuclear program," he said. "After I realized the vast majority of their nuclear weapons systems were submarines and I liked to run outdoors, I said no, walked right next

door to the Air Force and joined."

Chief Hake began his Air Force career as a radio relay repairman at Bremerhaven AIN, Germany, and held several other overseas assignments, including Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Greece.

"I have had the good fortune of serving with many great people over the years and I have learned much from them," Chief Hake said. "For every award and achievement there was always someone or a group of people who helped me achieve it, it wasn't just me."

During his career he spent a total of nine years assigned with the White House Communications Agency, where he was given an insider's view on how government works.

"Those assignments helped me understand policy development," Chief Hake said. "I also learned about the contributions of other military services because I worked side by side with Soldiers, Sailors and Marines."

In September 1996 he was promoted

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

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Super Bowl XLIII

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CARTER G. GOODSON

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Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake, command chief, Air Force Materiel Command, speaks with Robins Airman Leadership School students Jan. 10. The visit to Robins was Chief Hake's final visit to Robins as an enlisted military member, as he retires today.

HAKE

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to chief and three years later he was chosen to become command chief for the 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

"In those days chiefs volunteered for a command chief position," Chief Hake said. "I had tossed my name in the hat for six previous positions, but never got the call."

When the initial call did come, Chief Hake said he thought he'd blown his chance.

"Lt. Gen. Tom Case, the 11th Air Force commander, called me right in the middle of an exercise," Chief Hake explained. "As luck would have it, we were in full chemical ensemble, so my initial conversation with him was succinct."

"After reporting for duty in Alaska, I found out that brief phone conversation helped me get the job because the general thought my priority was exactly where it needed to be, where I was at the time, rather than on where I might be next," Chief Hake said.

After Alaska, Chief Hake served as command chief for the 11th Wing at Bolling AFB, District of Columbia, before coming to AFMC in September 2004. Initially selected for the position by then AFMC commander Gen.

Greg "Speedy" Martin, Chief Hake continued to advise General Carlson and senior staff on matters concerning the command's 14,400 enlisted Airmen and their families after General Carlson assumed command in August 2005.

"Right up front, I could tell that Chief Hake had an unwavering sense of integrity," General Carlson said. "With all the changes impacting our Airmen in the past few years, Chief Hake has been a steady influence. The bottom line is I've always trusted his judgment."

Chief Hake said his time at AFMC taught him a lot.

"My time here has given me a great appreciation for our civilian workforce in the depots and our scientists in the research lab, who do things that most people will never hear about," Chief Hake said. "AFMC is a diverse command and I don't believe it is understood or appreciated as well as it should be."

With 30 years of Air Force experience, Chief Hake offered this advice for young Airmen.

"First, never forget that success is built on relationships," he said. "Second, the lessons learned in basic military training and reinforced throughout my career — the value of teamwork, attention to detail and doing your absolute best every day — are solid building blocks to achieving success."

PRAYER

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1st Lt. Darrell Gary, 116th Communications Squadron plans and implementation flight commander, said events like the prayer luncheon are important because even inside the military there tends to be artificial divisions.

"Today is a day where people of a like mind, even if they are of different faiths, can come together and celebrate a day of peace," said the lieutenant. "A day of prayer and time to just enjoy each other's company is special especially in times like these."

In closing remarks, Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said we serve a higher purpose and it's the reason we all serve this country in the capacity we do at Robins.

"Today, remember those who serve," he said. "Remember those who serve our nation and make it a better place."

Melanie Farris, 78th Medical Group secretary, called the luncheon lovely and said she will definitely attend again next year. "The message was very inspiring and moving," she said. "I thought he was a wonderful speaker."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Guest speaker, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Air Force deputy chief of chaplains, spoke at the National Prayer luncheon.

STEP

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confused, Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, WR-ALC and 78th ABW command chief, pointed out to Colonel Berry that the Airman was in fact a staff sergeant.

A few short moments later, Colonel Berry announced Sergeant Besselman's promotion to technical sergeant.

As Sergeant Besselman stood in shock, yet another surprise was revealed — Shannon Besselman, the NCO's wife of nine years, and the couple's 5-year-old daughter, Alyssa, were there to share the moment. Mrs. Besselman said the day was packed with emotion.

"They had (my daughter and me) in different rooms," she said. "We were stuck in dark rooms...where nobody could see us and then when we finally got to go in, he still had no idea we were there. He didn't even catch on until Colonel Berry said he was now a tech sergeant."

For Sergeant Besselman, the fact that his wife kept the secret was one of the biggest surprises.

"For my wife to know and not tell me, that was amazing because she's the one that tells me what I got for Christmas the week before Christmas. That's

how bad she can't keep secrets," he said.

Sergeant Ogle, who has been the school's flight chief since April 2006, said Sergeant Besselman has proven that he's one of the best instructors out of the 72 ALSs worldwide.

"Sergeant Besselman's being able to pin on that tech stripe at nine years (in service) is still head and shoulders above the average sew on time for tech," he said. "But, you're looking at a young man who in those nine years has gotten a bachelor's degree and he's three classes from completing his master's degree. He does all of that while he's staying up on the current curriculum he helped develop and write over the summer. So, he's that kind of guy."

Mrs. Besselman is certainly excited about her husband's step forward.

"He has been working so hard and he's so dedicated, so I felt it was definitely well worth it. I'm so proud of him."

Sergeant Besselman said he's fortunate to receive the promotion.

"I just think it's a great honor," he said. "There are thousands of other people that are eligible for it. I'm just proud I was the one that got accepted and promoted. It was an awesome honor for me."

ORI

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care and not have any lingering dental conditions that could require care in the deployed location, Major Goodman said.

Major Goodman said each Airman must have a current Preventative Health Assessment on file with the medical group before being eligible to deploy.

Airmen must also ensure they have everything needed for equipment such as gas masks.

"If they have glasses, they must have gas mask inserts with them," she said. "So, we check to make sure that gas mask inserts have been ordered or issued, and that is actually a combined mobility requirement since the member's unit has to make sure they have it, but the order to get the gas mask inserts is through the Optometry Clinic."

Major Goodman said while requirements fall on the unit, the medical group tracks them through PIMR, also known as the Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness system.

Major Goodman said the system flags individuals using a color code system, with green indicating members are up to date, yellow indicating a

requirement is due, and red indicating a requirement is overdue.

Notices concerning requirements are sent to Airmen's units each month, and a medical group representative does briefings during monthly training sessions to address requirements.

Commanders may also use the Air Expeditionary Force Center online to monitor their Airmen's requirement needs, Major Goodman said.

Dan Atkins, a medical readiness manager and a unit deployment manager for the 78th MDG, said Airmen should stay atop requirements and meet them as needed.

"Individuals need to keep check on their individual medical readiness status and meet those requirements before they expire," he said. "The other thing they should do is keep up on all deployment-related training."

Although some Airmen are still getting updated on shots and other areas of medical readiness, Major Goodman said Robins is doing a good job of being medically ready.

Major Goodman said mission readiness should always be Airmen's top priority.

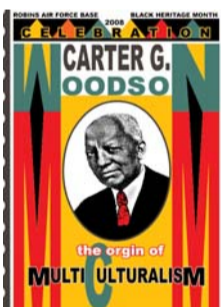
"This isn't just for ORI," she said. "This is a requirement all the time. We're supposed to be medically ready to deploy....This should become part of our standard psyche."

Airman's Manual Test

- Since a field exchange may not be operational at a deployment site, deploying members must prepare a personal bag, which should contain a 30 to 45 day supply of personal items.
 - True.
 - False.
- Deploying members should consider which of the following issues when conducting pre-deployment research study?
 - Religion, Gender Specific Laws, and Customs
 - Dress and Appearance.
 - Literature and Food Items.
 - All of the above.
- Which of the following is NOT a good source to find answers about deployment issues?
 - US State Department web site
 - Legal office and Public Affairs office.
 - The National Enquirer.
 - Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).
- Things that individuals can do to prepare for a deployment, even days, weeks, and months before tasked to depart, include which of the following actions?
 - Reviewing FPCON actions, attack warning signals, alarm conditions, and MOPP procedures.
 - Carrying or having immediate access to the Airman's Manual.
 - Inspecting individual protective equipment and verifying possession of eyeglasses and protective mask inserts.
 - All of the above.

Answers:
 1. ANSWER: A (Reference Page 6 / Section 1 / Staying Ready)
 2. ANSWER: D (Reference Page 7 / Section 1 / Staying Ready)
 3. ANSWER: C (Reference Page 8 / Section 1 / Staying Ready)
 4. ANSWER: D (Reference Page 10 / Section 2 / Deploy)

2008 Black Heritage Observance calendar of events



► **Health Fair** — The purpose of this event is to enlighten the Robins population on health issues facing America today. **There will be a suicide run/walk today at the Base Gym.** POCs are Lula Harris 327-7606 and Brenda Frazier 926-9960.

► **"Great Beginnings"** Kickoff featuring Five Men on a Stool — today in the Museum of Aviation Century of

Flight Hangar. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by an 8 p.m. showtime. POCs are Jeanette McElhane 926-3857 or Diana Allen 926-5409 A kickoff event for the monthly activities.

► **Luncheon** — Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club POCs are Frank Rivers 926-7021 and Envy Powell 222-3148. Speaker is Maj. Gen. Gary McCoy. Cost is \$12.00.

► **Gospel Program** — Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Base Chapel. POC is Hildred Jones 926-3939. The program will include selections by a community mass choir and spiritual praise dances.

*T-shirts and sweatshirts are currently available featuring the logo shown at left. T-shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$20. For more information call Lula Harris 327-7606.

WR-ALC Small Business Program named Best in AFMC for fiscal 2007

BY WR-ALC
SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has been selected for the Special Achievement Award-Activity, designating the Center's small business program as the best within the Air Force Materiel Command for fiscal 2007.

According to Jim Lovett, director of the WR-ALC Office of Small Business Programs, this recognition reflects great credit upon his staff and those organizations who worked with his office.

"I would like to thank the Wings for their great support. Their program managers, engineers, and contracting officers were instrumental in fostering acquisition strategies for utilizing small businesses wherever possible to meet mission needs," Mr. Lovett said. "Although we are a very small office, we play a pivotal role in acquisition planning and market research. I appreciate the dedication and professionalism of my staff in promoting the Center program."

Additionally, Becky Cochran, a purchasing agent in the 78th Contracting Squadron, was selected as the AFMC winner for the Special Achievement Award in the contracting personnel category. She was recognized for her outstanding support

of the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business program during fiscal 07. She influenced 15 separate buy actions for SDVOSB, totaling \$1.2 million.

"Becky really stood tall in helping steer contracts to this very important segment of the small business population," Mr. Lovett said.

Throughout fiscal 2007, the small business office worked with acquisition personnel to ensure acquisition planning and market research secured, main-

tained, and expanded small business opportunities. This included early involvement in the various WR-ALC commodity councils. The Support Equipment Commodity Council worked with the office to craft a consolidated item acquisition strategy for 8028 support equipment items, resulting in two competitions.

The first one, for Historically Underutilized Business Zone, or HUBZone, firms, covered 3,809 items estimated at \$56 million

for 8 years. The second, for 8(a) certified firms, covered 4,219 items estimated at \$40 million over 8 years.

During fiscal 2007, 27 SDVOSB set-asides totaling \$11.0 million and 20 HUBZone set-asides totaling \$10.9 million were coordinated with the small business office. SDVOSB set-asides included transient alert services and airfield management services, while HUBZone set-asides included military family housing demolition and the

re-roofing of building 300. In the 8(a) program, a competition for information technology helpdesk management support, estimated at \$69.5 million over 10 years, was awarded.

"We all know small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but they are crucial to our national defense posture as well. Utilizing their capabilities is important, not just because the law says to do so but because it is the right thing to do," Mr. Lovett said.

WHAT TO KNOW

Each year the Air Force Office of Small Business Programs manages an awards program recognizing bases, teams and individuals across the Air Force that have demonstrated superlative support of the small business program. Nominations are submitted at the major command level and winners are forwarded for consideration at the Secretary of the Air Force level competition.

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Robins Engineering Directorate and AFSO21

Improving processes and eliminating waste is the goal behind Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century initiatives. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has been headed down the process improvement path for eight years now, even prior to the Air Force calling it AFSO21.

We began using Lean methods in 1999 initially to improve our F-15 aircraft depot maintenance processes and we had great success doing so. Our achievements with the F-15 depot maintenance processes encouraged us to expand our improvement efforts to include other aircraft depot maintenance processes resulting in greatly decreased flow times and increased aircraft availability, particularly for the C-5. We were the first in the Command to use Lean methods for depot maintenance and have expanded it to include administrative processes. For example, the 78th Air Base Wing's Lean



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efforts have made significant improvements in processes ranging from troop deployment to medical exams.

In the past, we set the example within the Command and within the Air Force on our use of Lean to improve processes. While we have had great success in the past, we must look to the future and continue to lead the way. The future will be very challenging for the Air Force due to

decreased congressional funding, rising operating costs, aging aircraft maintenance costs and the Global War on Terror costs. Headquarters Air Force has recognized the challenges and adopted AFSO21 as the model for process improvement, as well as associated methods for determining return on investment. The Air Force must use existing resources (funding, equipment and people) in the most effective and efficient way to remain the dominant Air Force in the world. We must do our part to ensure our Air Force retains air superiority and continues to be the dominant Air Force in the world. We must focus our efforts on conserving and deploying existing resources in the most efficient and effective manner to meet the mission using AFSO21. We must think "outside the box" and translate our savings from future process improvement events into "dollars and cents" and redeploy resources in a

way that will best allow us to meet the Air Force mission. I ask that you show measurable cost or other resource savings in your future improvement efforts; inevitably we will have to do so. In return, I will be your advocate. As we show savings we will become more competitive to do work that others are now doing. I will strive to bring about growth in our operations driven by our ability to define and achieve savings better than others. This can be a real win-win as we save resources to fuel recapitalization of our aging fleets while starting the ball rolling that gathers more missions so we can improve on them as well!

— Editor's Note: This is part of 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. 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 action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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

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

Partial Dislocation Allowance

It seems we are not taking care of our Airmen on base. There are families being directed to move and are not being allowed to receive partial dislocation allowance. Housing is telling everyone who is being directed to move they are not entitled to Partial DLA. However, I did some research and the entitlement is authorized if a member is directed to move for any reason, except for PCS. Housing is justifying the denial based on the fact the housing on base is "privatized" and no longer government housing. To my knowledge privatizing only applies to the modernization and maintenance. The correct term should be "Privatized Government Housing" hence a directed move should warrant partial DLA.

Colonel Berry's Response:

One military family housing is privatized it is not owned, funded, operated or managed by the government. After housing is privatized we (the Air Force) have a very limited role, generally limited to compliance with the real estate lease transaction documents. However, since privatized housing is the Air Force's method of ensuring Airmen are suitably housed, there are some authorizations in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation that permit government paid moves. That is what allows us to continue to pay for moves from the local community to privatized housing and one additional move within privatized housing related to construction. The legislation backing the JFTR does not permit payment of partial dislocation allowance when the move is not from or to government-owned housing, which disqualifies privatized housing. This is based on a legal decision by Secretary of the Air Force General Counsel, so it has been reviewed at the highest levels in the Air Force to ensure we are not overlooking an authorization for Airmen or violating the law.

VPP partnering with the people



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Rodger Dickens, materiel handler signs a Voluntary Protection Program safe site pledge Jan 25. 78th Communications Group Information Technology Depot workers in Bldg. 282 signed the pledge as a commitment to make their work environment safe.

How do you handle change?

Have you ever returned to a base you were once stationed or go to a town you once lived and things were just not the same? The chemistry was different, people changed, and you didn't seem to fit in quite as well as you did the first time. Your recollection of the way things once were was different than what you found upon your return.

You may have had high expectations, but unfortunately you were disappointed.

The same holds true in today's Air Force.

Ask one of your senior NCOs or field grade officers what the Air Force was like when they entered the service 15-plus years ago. They would probably tell you performance reports were done using typewriters, e-mail was virtually nonexistent, and most notably, manning was great. However, over the years technology has significantly changed the way we do business and budget crunches have leveled manning.

As a mission support squadron commander, I asked my flight chiefs and supervisors to read a book called, "Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson. The book is about change and was especially important to the squadron at the time given the major transformation of personnel initiatives. The book discussed that as the world changes and paradigms shift, it's important for people to adapt and change with it. However, unfortunately people don't always respond to change; especially in the Air Force.

Here's what I mean.

When is the last time you asked your supervisor why you do something a certain way and the answer you got back was, "That's the way we've always done it," or "Because that's the way I learned it?"

We tend to get hung up on antiquated procedures and fail to acknowledge that changes have occurred around us. Hey, typing an evaluation perform-

ance report on a typewriter worked very well, but you don't see us typing anything today. In fact, most of you have noticed that we are now digitally signing performance reports and never see the paper product until it's in our record. This is exactly what I mean. We must embrace change by looking at the way it can enhance our quality of life, or work centers, and move out of our comfort zone.

If you look at how change has impacted our world, you'll realize it's almost impossible to ignore.

Thomas L. Friedman, in his book titled "The World is Flat," discusses how the world has become flat over the last decade. By flat he means international barriers have been broken and the playing field has become level.

For example, if you are having computer problems at your home in Nebraska, you may pick up the phone and call a 1-800 phone number for computer support. To your sur-

prise, you are connected to an English speaking technician in a foreign country 10,000 miles away from you. The same holds true for purchasing merchandise online or telephonically. Technology has virtually eliminated the commercial boundaries, and in essence, flattened the world.

Once one begins to accept the world is changing all around them, they will have to make a decision, embrace change and keep the momentum or remain stagnant and risk missing opportunities.

My challenge to the men and women in today's Air Force is to be in-tune with the changes occurring around you and embrace them. Don't get caught up in complacency, instead ask yourself how you can enhance your life or work center by accepting, adapting to change, then slowly make the transition.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Frank Battistelli 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group.

PCS resources move online for better access, convenience

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Sometimes making a change can be stressful.

That statement is even truer when that change involves making a permanent change of station.

But, the Airman and Family Readiness Center has created an online resource to help Airmen make a smooth transition to their next duty assignment.

The Virtual Smooth Move, which came about Sept. 6, 2007, takes what Airmen and their families once spent a few hours learning in the former Smooth Move Workshop, and packs it away in an online toolbox for easier, more convenient access when and where people can fit it into their schedules.

Kim Myers, a community readiness technician at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said what once was a monthly workshop that met at the center is now connecting people to family resources around the world.

Mrs. Myers said the center works with the Military Personnel Flight to get the names of those about to make a PCS and sends e-mails with information linking them to dozens of Web sites like MilitaryOneSource, PCSAmerica.net, and others to make the moving process a smoother, more convenient transition.

The center has sent the virtual toolbox to about 500 people since it came online.

Senior Airman Josh Roden, an instructor airborne operations technician with the 116th

Air Control Wing's 330th Combat Training Squadron, who will PCS to Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., in June, said he found the resource to be a helpful way to be ready for his next assignment.

"I went online and basically it was really helpful as far as knowing what I need to know about moving and familiarizing myself with the area," he said.

Airman Roden said the program's user-friendly method made it easy for him to get what he was looking for quickly.

Daniel Wells, team leader for Community Readiness at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said while most people enjoy the ease of getting online, the center is still there for people who need more face-to-face time in the PCS process.

"They can come and use our computers, or better yet, if they want to have more one-on-one with us, we'll be glad to sit down and do some one-on-one," he said. "(This is) especially true with family members or (Airmen) who've just gotten married or this is a first move and they're a little bit scared. (We're here) to sit down and do a one-on-one session with them."

Mr. Wells said to get a personalized session, people should call the office and make an appointment.

Mrs. Myers said people who are going to PCS in the coming months, but haven't heard from the center should call the office's main line at 926-1256 and talk to any staff member about receiving the online tool.

► SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The 78th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight will join local and state officials in observing Severe Weather Awareness Week Feb. 3-9.

The primary intent of this educational campaign is to inform the base and local area populace about a series of topics related to severe weather. All individuals, communities, and civic organizations are asked to

focus attention on the potential impacts associated with severe weather.

Severe weather can occur in several fashions according to senior weather flight staff.

"Most people tend to focus on the tornado or the hail-producing storm but flash flooding and lightning kill more citizens than tornadoes or hail-producing storms each season," said Tech. Sgt. Deidra Balmer, NCO in charge of weather flight mission services.

Severe weather can take

place at any time of the year; however, large hail and the risk of tornadoes is more frequent in the months of March, April, and May. In an average year, Georgia sees six days with tornadoes, seven days with the occurrence of large hail, and 19 days with the potential for damaging wind-producing storms.

"Preparedness and situational awareness are essential", senior aviation meteorologist Roddy E. Nixon, Jr. said. "The Americus tornado last season reminds us that we must take

each event seriously." "It only takes one time to change lives forever."

"The risk of damaging winds, hail, and tornadoes are of immediate concern to the Robins community," said Capt. Jason Huffman, weather flight commander. "The weather flight will always stand ready to provide senior Robins leadership and key decision makers with the information needed to ensure personnel safety, resource protection and response readiness."

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person having any claim against the estate of Airman 1st Class Beau D. Browning should contact Capt. Cameron Richardson at 201-4724 immediately.

FRIDAY

The Black History Month 5K Run/Walk will be held today at 11 a.m. The run/walk will begin in front of the Health and Wellness Center. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A First Friday "Love is in the Air" will be held today at your enlisted and officers' club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

SATURDAY

Texas Hold 'Em will be held today and will return to Sundays starting Feb. 10. Sign ups will be taken at 1:30 p.m. and games begin 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 nonmembers 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.

SUNDAY

A Super Bowl extravaganza will be held today. 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.

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

A "Be my Valentine" bingo will be held Feb. 14 with door prizes, snacks and more money games. No bingo will be held on Presidents' Day Feb. 18. A Membership bar bingo will be held on Feb. 20.

A Sweetheart Valentine's dinner special for two will be held Feb. 14 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Gourmet entree includes filet of beef tenderloin stuffed with crab meat topped with a homemade burgundy wine sauce accompanied with a panache of vegetables and duchess potatoes. Cost is \$65 per member couple and \$70 for nonmember couple. Open to all ranks and grades but reservations are recommended. Guests may also order from the menu. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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. Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

Watch "No Way Out" Feb. 17 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.

The fitness center and the health and wellness center will hold a Healthy Heart Walk starting at 11 a.m. on the outside track Feb. 21. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Letters of intent for six-a-side soccer are due Feb. 25 at the fitness center. A coaches meeting will be held in the golf course conference room on Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Casino Night will be held Feb. 29 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. Volunteer training class-

Robins Lanes Bowling Center

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Jim Ottinger bowls a game at the bowling center during a break from school Jan. 28. Robins Lanes Bowling Center is located in Bldg. 908. For more information on specials and promotions call 926-2112.



es will be held Feb. 24 at noon or Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. For information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A Gourmet Night will be held March 21 in the Georgia Room at the Officers' Club. An exquisite five-course menu paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Menu is created by Chef Douglas Goodridge. Cost is \$56.95 for club members and \$59.95 for nonmembers and tickets will go on sale March 3 at the officers' club cashier's office. Tickets will be available to the first 60 club members. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

For more information on the following community center events and activities call 926-2105.

►A Mystery Theater/Dinner "The Wedding Mystery" will be featured at the community center ballroom on Feb. 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$23 per club member and \$25 for guests that include theater and dinner. Menu includes house salad, turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, tea, water and choice of chocolate, lemon or pecan pie. Meet the cast at 5:30 p.m. in the enlisted lounge. Purchase tickets in advance at the officers' club or community center starting Feb. 1. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information contact the community center at 926-2105.

►Win your sweetheart a special prize by guessing the right amount of candy in the sweetheart jar. The contest will be held Feb. 4 - 13 at the community center. One guess per person. Entries will be reviewed on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

►A single elimination pool tournament is slated for Feb. 12 starting at 5 p.m. in the community center. Prize will be awarded for first place winner and certificates for runners up. Register by Feb. 11.

►Exciting new classes start Feb. 12 in the community center. Salsa will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and belly dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, cost \$40 per class; swing dancing will be held on Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost \$40 and piano classes starting Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., cost \$65. If you are also interested in ballroom dancing, please sign up at the community center. A minimum of ten students are needed for this class.

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

►Join outdoor recreation on a horse-back 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-hour guided horse-back 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.

►Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport March 8 at the Silver Comet Trail located in Atlanta, Ga. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and entry fee. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please sign up by Feb. 29. A minimum of 6 people is required for the trip.

►A bike trip is slated for May 3 at Red Top Mountain located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation, guide and water. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. Must have 10 people to make trip. Registration deadline is April 5.

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, 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 Feb. 12 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12
- Sewing Feb. 8, 15, 22 and 29 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15
- Watercolor painting Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12
- Valentine pall Feb. 12 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$12
- Cherish scrapbook Feb. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$15
- Lathe class (woodshop) Feb. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$45 for 4 weeks
- 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

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.

►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, sign up for 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.

►Come to the youth center Feb. 4 and we will make you a member free for the month. Continue to come and receive a surprise on Feb. 29. Youth center hours of operation are Mondays from 1:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 based 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.

►A USBC Youth City tournament is slated for Feb. 2 and 3. Open bowling will be available at 4 p.m.

►A special Valentine's Thunder Alley will be held Feb. 15. Pay regular price and your date is half price.

►A pee wee bumper league will start Feb. 23 - April 26. Cost is \$23 per child for 10 weeks, one game per week. Register Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

►A 2008 Warner Robins Bowling Association All Star tournament will be held Feb. 10. Bowl at Robins Lanes and

Gold Cup on Russell Parkway and qualify for the All Star team.

►A 9-pin no-top tournament will be held Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. All games are scratch. Entry fee is \$15.

►The bowling center will be open Feb. 18 from 1 to 7 p.m. during Presidents' Day. Wear red, white and blue and bowl for \$1.50 per game. Get a strike with a red head pin and receive that game free.

►On Spot Café February special is a BBQ sandwich, fries and medium drink for \$4.45. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

►Every Monday - Friday in February bowl for \$1 a game from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

►All retirees receive one free game of bowling with one paid game when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 3 of the February Edge during the month of February.

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

►Play golf on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in February and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart or pay \$20 after 1 p.m.

►Every Monday through Thursday in February pay only \$17 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

►Now is the time to book a tournament in February and receive a special rate of \$17. Price includes golf, cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5.

►Purchase a meal at the Fairways Grille Feb. 12 using a \$5 bill for payment and receive an entry form to win a movie package and purchase a meal Feb. 22 using a \$1 bill for payment and also receive an entry form to win a movie package.

►A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 23 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The event package includes golf cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$25 per person AGFP and \$30 for guests. Sign up by Feb. 21 at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.

►In February enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink): Feb. 4 - 8: chicken parmesan sandwich and Italian potato salad; Feb. 11 - 15: chili cheese wrap with side; Feb. 19 - 22: fish sandwich and fries; Feb. 25 - 29: roast beef and cheddar sandwich and onion rings. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

Pizza Depot is offering a sausage sub, fries and drink or chicken fillet, fries and small drink or soup and half sub for only \$6.50 each. You may also purchase eight butterfly shrimp and fries for \$5.95 in February. 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 I.D. card along with coupon on page 3 of the February Edge in February. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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 Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD car 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, call 926-2670.

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

P. S. I LOVE YOU

Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler
A grieving young widow discovers that her late husband has left her a list of tasks revealed in 10 messages, delivered anonymously, intended to ease her out of grief and transition her to a new life. Rated PG-13.

SATURDAY

NATIONAL TREASURE

Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger
Treasure hunter Benjamin Gates looks to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, by uncovering the mystery within the 18 pages missing from assassin John Wilkes Booth's diary. Rated PG.

UPCOMING

ONE MISSED CALL

Shannyn Sossamon, Edward Burn
Beth Raymond is traumatized when she witnesses the gruesome deaths of two friends days apart. She knows that both of them had received chilling cell phone messages-recordings of their own horrifying last moments. The calls were received days before they died, but each death occurred precisely when and how the messages foretold. The police think Beth is delusional-except for Detective Jack Andrews, whose own sister was killed in a freak accident that bears a strange similarity to the deaths of Beth's friends. Together, Jack and Beth work feverishly to unravel the mystery behind the ominous calls. But even as they get closer to the truth, Beth's cell phone begins to ring with an eerie tune, and the readout displays: "One Missed Call." 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 5 p.m. vigils 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.

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.

Video library to allow access to safety-related videos online

BY WR-ALC TRAINING OFFICE

Through a joint effort between the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center safety and training offices and the 78th Communications Group, a new online Safety Training Video Library has been created. The library will allow base employees to view 52 safety-related videos from their desktop.

The WR-ALC Safety Training Video Library can be accessed through the Robins secure homepage. The site contains information on each video, including title, a brief description and the length. The video library includes offering that may be helpful to supervisors who are required to conduct periodic safety briefings.

Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, chief of the Safety Office, said the Safety Training Video Library was a joint effort to create an easy access tool that focuses on safety.

"Through a partnership effort with the Personnel Directorate's Training Division and the 78th Communications Group, we have created a useful and effective tool that focuses

on safety," Colonel Schwoob said. "The Safety Training Video Library promotes the Volunteer Protection Program which helps to change the safety culture that will ultimately lead to the reduction of mishaps at the WR-ALC. The reduction of mishaps and injuries is our primary objective with this and other training related products."

He added it is one of a number of training-related products the office is developing to enhance the safety training provided to the workforce.

Jerry Clineman, chief of ground safety said the library will enhance and raise the level of safety awareness at Robins.

"The videos in this video library serve as useful tools for management, supervisors and employees alike," Mr. Clineman said. "The videos provide value added information for employee training and supervisory safety briefings."

Mr. Clineman said one of ALC's goals is to ensure training products are provided for our employees to ensure they have the best opportunities and tools to learn.

"While these videos in them-

selves will not prevent mishaps, they are geared to improving knowledge and skills for the workforce with the intent of reducing mishaps and at least minimizing the severity of injuries," he said. "Knowledge is power. We hope it's powerful enough to help change the culture and behavior in the name of mishap prevention. The employees are the most important asset and protecting them and helping them to work more safely is our commitment."

Debra Singleton, DPT division chief, said there is a strong commitment to provide useful and effective training tools in support of the workforce.

"It's been a worthwhile effort to work with the safety community and the 78th Communications Group to produce and deliver training products that will lead to a safer work environment at the WR-ALC," she said. "We are hon-

ored to work with such professional people in a coordinated effort that we believe will lead to the reduction of mishaps and injuries at the WR-ALC."

Everyone involved with the project is excited about the potential and the possible injuries that may be prevented and lives that may be saved.

"When teams and organizations work together and support one another in order to attain an objective, it's amazing what can be accomplished," said Brian Teel of the training office. "Collectively, our goal was to create an easy access site that will help promote the VPP, change the safety culture and reduce the number of mishaps and injuries at the Center. Protecting the personnel at the center and creating a more safe work environment was our objective and we expect to attain that goal."

WHAT TO KNOW

Instructions for accessing the Safety Training Video Library:
 ▶ Access the Robins secure site at <https://wwwml.robins.af.mil> and locate your cursor on "Safety" from

the column of the left side of the screen.

▶ In the box that opens, left click "Safety Training Video Library".

▶ At the site, scroll through the list and left click on the title to start the video.

Club names to be unveiled today

Everyone is invited to the unveiling ceremonies to take place today to reveal the new names of the clubs. Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will preside over the unveiling for the Enlisted Club at 3:30 p.m. and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will preside over the unveiling for the Officers' Club at 5 p.m. During the event, the Name The Club contest winners will be announced.

The 78th Services Division began the renaming process for the clubs in June 2007. After solicitation of membership for names and review by club advisory members, the new names were determined by Maj. Gen. Owen.

The Enlisted Club is comprised of a lounge with programmed entertainment and the Officers' Club will continue to serve lunch, brunch and dinner to all grades and ranks.

The Officers' Club will also debut a new dinner menu that day, created by Chef Douglas Goodridge and his culinary team.

"Please stay afterwards for fun and chance to win prizes at First Friday, First Friday events with food, beverage and prizes will follow each ceremony," said Ed Miles, 78th Services Division director. For more information call the club at 926-2670.



Chaplain	6-2821	A&FRC	6-1256
Life Skills	7-8398	Occupational Health	7-7590
SARC	6-2946	CHPS	7-8031
HAWC	7-8480	Family Advocacy	7-8398
Medical Clinic	7-7850	AADD	2-0013
Personal Wingman:			

78th Dental Squadron set to educate youth about oral health, hygiene

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 78th Dental Squadron is taking a time out to show children at Robins how to have a healthy mouth.

As part of February's National Children's Dental Health Month, the squadron is doing what it can to make oral care fun for children of all ages.

Capt. (Dr.) Nicole Kniffin, a dentist and officer in charge of Preventive Dentistry-One in the 78 DS, said it's important to teach children about good oral habits early.

"The primary goal of NCDHM is to emphasize the importance of good oral hygiene and dietary habits to children of all ages," she said. "We aim to teach proper brushing and flossing techniques, as well as speak with parents about healthy eating and snacking habits for encouragement of a healthy dentition. We hope to interest children in their own dental health care. Development of healthy habits at an early age can be the start of a lifetime of good oral health."

Lisa Sims, a registered dental hygienist in the 78 DS, said the squadron hopes to instill good dental care habits in children during their formative years.

"We want to create a positive effect for the children in regards to visiting their dental office," she said. "It really helps them to be comfortable with seeing the dental professionals in a positive aspect so that when it's time to go to the dentist, they're already familiar with what's going to take place... (Then) they're actually excited about it."

Diane Betz, a registered dental hygienist in the 78 DS, said oral care goes far beyond the toothbrush and floss.

"It's not just (about) how to brush, how to floss, but it also has to do with nutrition, the types of food that they eat," she said.

Ms. Betz said while cookies and other such snacks are okay in moderation, parents should be careful to brush children's teeth and rinse their mouths soon after to prevent oral problems.

Food isn't the only culprit in risks for bad oral health. Ms. Betz said excessive drinking of juices and milk, which contain high levels of acidity, can be harmful to children's teeth and can lead to problems.

"If (milk and juices) are constantly exposed to structures, especially baby's teeth that have very thin enamel, it will erode them and will cause problems," she said.

Ms. Betz said parents should dilute such drinks and not allow children to go to bed with bottles or "sippy" cups to lessen negative effects on teeth.

As a general guideline, Ms. Betz said most children should have their first visit to the dentist at age 3.

"They have all of their baby teeth, which are about 20 teeth in their mouth that are fully developed," she said.

However, Ms. Betz said a child's individual development and needs may differ.

While the dental squadron doesn't see military members' children as patients, the dental clinic does provide information that can be helpful in ensuring good oral care for their children.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on dental health, visit the American Dental Association Web site at www.ada.org.

Dental health representatives will be on base throughout the month to share dental health tips. Feb. 9, repre-

sentatives will be at the BX with pamphlets on dental care.

Feb. 12, representatives will visit the CDC to discuss good dental habits.

Feb. 21, representatives will visit Robins Elementary School for a table clinic.



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Unbeaten Patriots set to make football history

(Editor's note: This year's Super Bowl is gearing up to be one of the most watched football games ever. The Rev-Up found a diehard Patriots fan, Marie Berry, wife of 78th Air Base Wing commander Col. Warren Berry, and asked her to share her thoughts on the big game.)

Wait, I'm not ready...there that's better, now my beads are "on," just like the New England Patriots have been "on" this entire season. Have you seen my beads? Mardi Gras beads in the Patriots colors with the Patriots logo proudly displayed. And I'll be wearing them this Sunday when the Pats take the field in Super Bowl XLII.

Now for the business at hand. How will the Patriots win the Super Bowl, you ask? That's easy — two words: Tom Brady. Or Bill Belichick. Or Randy Moss. Or Bob Kraft.

Yes, the Patriots are the best

team in NFL history...first 18-0 season, even better than the Dolphins' 17-0 back in 1972. Brady and Belichick will lead this team to another milestone in franchise history, only the setting this time is Arizona.

After all, look at this complete team with all their amazing components. Precision offense. Mammoth defense. Lethal special teams. And it's all capped off by brilliant leadership. It's almost as if teamwork is two words for these Pats, team and work. And that, I think, has been the reason for their success.

The team is always first in this franchise. Don't believe me? How many of you thought Randy Moss could come to New England and fit in? Yet there he is, catching a record 23 touchdown passes this year and then not complaining one bit when he's only caught two passes in the playoffs. Team first.

Then there's the work ethic. The Pats have been on a mission since preseason camps opened. I don't know if they expected to go undefeated, but once they started that roll, it became a mission. Practice, study sessions, film review, playbook tweaks -- it all meant they were never satisfied with the previous week's



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win. The Pats won't be satisfied with last week's win over the Chargers, either.

Maybe there's a lesson for us in this year's Pats. Put the team first and work like crazy to get better every week. All those leadership books out there, and maybe it really is as simple as this, and as simple as they make it seem. Team and work.

So, are you ready for some football? I am. I'll be the one wearing those Patriots beads, sitting next to my husband (a Patriots fan "by marriage"), and cheering like crazy for this historic season. 19-0. Almost sounds like a final score! Go Pats! (Photos courtesy Athlon Sports)



Tom Brady



Eli Manning