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Daddy's home!

19th ARG Airmen complete final official Air Force tasking

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The return of 11 Airmen from the 19th Air Refueling Group Feb. 25 was an historic occasion.

The Airmen returned from the area of responsibility after completing the last official Air Force tasking for the Black Knights before its deactivation in June.

"I'm speechless," said Senior Airman Chris Yontz when asked how he felt to be one of the last Black Knights to return. After a moment of contemplation, he added, "It's like starting a new chapter and closing down a chapter too."

However, for the families of the Robins Airmen their arrival was less about making history and more about holding tight to their loved ones.

As the Airmen departed the KC-

135 Stratotanker, cheers erupted from their fellow Black Knights as they made their way down the stairs to embrace those left behind. For many of those waiting the anxious anticipation was unbearable.

"I have a pile of laundry on my bed because I had to change four times before I found the right outfit," said Angel Yontz, wife of Airman Yontz.

Mrs. Yontz wasn't the only one whose nerves got the best of them as they waited for someone special to return.

"This is my first time. I'm freaking out. It feels like I'm in the movie and I'm the one racing over and hugging them," said Ashley Williamson, as she waited for her boyfriend, Airman 1st Class Dan Miller.

Some of the younger members of the welcoming party had big plans for their returning parents.

Issac Swinney, 3, had little to say except "Daddy's coming" until his dad, Staff Sgt. Timothy Swinney, arrived. Then all he could say is "Daddy I got you a surprise."

Issac wasn't the only "man" of few words awaiting the return of the Airmen.

"That's my son," said Lewis Felton, as his son, Capt. Jeff Felton, parked the aircraft in front of Hangar 2066.

Capt. Felton's wife, Heather, had brought her husband's parents, Lewis

and his wife, Dorothy, in an effort to surprise her husband.

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U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Above, Staff Sgt. Adam Balmer hugs his wife, Deidra, after returning Feb. 25.

At left, Staff Sgt. Chris Cisco gets a big hug from his 5-year-old son Trevor. Eleven Airmen from the 19th Air Refueling Group returned from the unit's last deployment tasking.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP
A group of Airmen play a game of Texas Hold 'Em at the old Airmen Ministry facility. The new facility located in Bldg. 706 is larger and will offer extended hours.

Airmen Ministry Center to reopen Monday at new location

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The Airmen Ministry Center has a new place to make Robins military members feel at home. The center, which provides Airmen a place to have a good time in a non-threatening atmosphere, will open its doors at Bldg. 706 Monday.

Father (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey, wing chaplain at the Base Chapel, said the move is a good one.

"The new location gives Airmen a very convenient place to go," he said. "It's right across from the dorms and provides a good, safe place to relax, have fun, grow and learn without alcohol involved."

Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Joyner said the new facility, located in the former Base Housing Office, will give the ministry about 3,000 square feet to expand its reach to Airmen at the base. The former location in Dorm 798 had become too small.

"As a chaplain service, we can minister to people without including religion into it," Chaplain Joyner said. "I minister to your physical needs by providing food, maybe a little fellowship, and some fun."

Traditionally, the center has offered food and fun on Wednesday nights and provided a place to watch college football on Saturdays, but the center's new space will make room for more programs and entertainment options.

The center, which is run by volunteers, offers what Chaplain Joyner calls "spiritual triage."

"We intend to develop relationships with the Airmen so they can provide informal mentoring, informal counseling, informal connections so that if there are things that cause them to be a little discouraged, defeated, or sometimes homesick, the Airmen Ministry Center opens up an environment where dialogue can take place and they can use us as a sounding board," he said.

Senior Airman Tad Pratt, a help desk technician for the 78th Communications Squadron who helped with the move, said the new location will open doors for the ministry.

"I think that this new ministry center is a great way to pull people together," he said.

The center will offer classes, religious studies and other activities in the future, and plans for a chaplain office in the center may allow the facility to offer lunchtime hours.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Airmen Ministry Center needs volunteers to operate the center on the weekends.

The Airmen Ministry Center is open Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to midnight; Wednesdays 6 p.m. to midnight and Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call the Base Chapel at 926-2821.



The realization of a life-long dream

Robins captain selected for coveted pilot training program

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Capt. Jack Rhodes's dream of becoming a pilot started in the fourth grade when he first visited the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He knew then his passion would take him to the sky.

"I visited the Academy and fell in love with it," he said. "I set my goal back then and said, 'I want to go there one day.'"

Nearly 16 years later, Captain Rhodes, an instructor air weapons officer for Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System aircraft in the 330th Combat Training Squadron, 116th Air Control Wing, is getting a chance to realize his dream of taking flight through the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program.

The 26-year-old officer, who graduated from the Air Force Academy in May 2003, is one of 32 officers Air Force-wide to be accepted into the undergraduate pilot program.

He will begin the program at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., in November.

"It's exciting," Captain Rhodes said. "I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a lot of training. I definitely like the challenge. Just being able to do the flying is going to make it fun I think."

The captain said he knows the training will be a lot of hard work, but plans to be a leader among his SUPT peers.

"I expect it to be tough," he said. "You've got to give it everything you've got. Every day, you've got to make sure you get in the books and study and make sure the people around you also are able to do the same things you are and that you're able to do the same things they are. Everyone relies on each other, and it's a team

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Above, Captain Jack Rhodes, an instructor air weapons officer for Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System aircraft in the 330th Combat Training Squadron, sits in the cockpit of an E-8C JSTARS aircraft.



At left, The captain poses in front of an E-8C JSTARS aircraft. Captain Rhodes is one of only 32 officers Air Force-wide to be accepted into the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program.

THINK SAFETY

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Last DUI: 54th CBCS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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335-5238 or 335-5236.
Total rides given this year: 60

THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Byron Street closure
Byron Street, from Watson Blvd. to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., will be closed Monday - March 24 to mill and overlay the roadway. If there are any questions or concerns call Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell at 952-5955 or Marshall Wall at 808-9846.

WR-ALC annual awards
The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center annual awards luncheon is March 7 at 11 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Cost is \$8 for club members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased from your wing POC. For more information, contact Gayle Martin at 926-4940.

INSIGHT

Robins GPS lab

GPS lab enables missions around the world, 1B

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Robins basketball duo

Two from Robins selected for roles on Air Force basketball team, 4B

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RETURN

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Heather said her husband isn't big on surprises, but she knew this was one surprise he would love. Captain Felton, the pilot of the aircraft, said having his parents there was one surprise he appreciated.

Though Col. Chris Bence, 19th ARG commander, was glad to see the return of this group of Airmen, he was quick to point out many of the group's Airmen were still deployed.

"Even though this is our last official tasking, in true Black Knight fashion we still have a few people who are volunteering to help other units until the very end," Colonel Bence said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Ashley Williamson and Angel Yontz anxiously await the arrival of their loved ones. Ms. Williamson was there to greet her boyfriend, Airman 1st Class Dan Miller, and Mrs. Yontz was waiting to see her husband, Senior Airman Chris Yontz.

Robins Airlift/Tanker Association works to stay viable despite unit departures

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The Airlift/Tanker Association Team Robins chapter is working hard to ensure that no matter what the future holds, the association is positioned to serve the base community for years to come.

The ATA has faced a challenge in recent months as many members of the association prepare to depart Robins in June when the 19th Air Refueling Group deactivates.

Maj. Michael King, the Team Robins chapter president, said he has tried to use his time as president to ensure the group's future by encouraging other members of the Robins community to join.

"The Airlift/Tanker organization simply is focused on ensuring that air mobility forces are available to the Department of Defense leaders," said Richard "Buck" Marr, national ATA senior vice president.

Air mobility is central to many of the missions at Robins, such as the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's role in maintaining aircraft

and equipment, said Mr. Marr, who retired as a major general from the Air Force.

"It's not all about airplane drivers and airplane maintainers," Mr. Marr said. "It's about all the people that provide that capability."

He said members of the Robins community from numerous specialties such as security forces, communications, logistics and civilian personnel are important to the mobility mission and could reap rewards by being involved in the local chapter.

"Membership is open to everyone," Mr. Marr added.

Maj. King said though members of the 19th ARG are an important aspect of the association, other units throughout the base are just as important to the ATA's success.

He added anyone interested in the future of air mobility should join the association.

The group holds quarterly meetings, where it invites community and military leaders to share their experiences and knowledge with association members.

"It is a great opportunity

for professional development and leadership experience," Major King said.

The Team Robins ATA also offers opportunities for community service, such as an annual golf tournament.

"We encourage our chapters to get together routinely as a chapter and support their installation and their community," Mr. Marr said.

Major King said the ATA also offers the opportunity to network on a local and national level by participating in events such as the annual ATA national convention. During the convention, about 4,000 representatives from 39 chapters gather to learn more about the mobility mission.

Not only does Major King seek new members for the association, he also encourages former members to return and "reinvest in the organization."

INFO BOX

Anyone interested in more information on the Robins Airlift/Tanker Association should contact Major Michael King at 327-3099.

PILOT

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effort. That's the kind of things you have to do in today's Air Force."

Lt. Col. Kevin Clotfelter, 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron commander, who was Captain's Rhodes's commander before he made a permanent change of assignment to the 330th CTS about a month ago, said Captain Rhodes's

acceptance into the SUPT is a great opportunity.

"I think it's well deserved," he said. "I had the privilege of flying with Captain Rhodes on an aircrew in 2006 and then I had the privilege of becoming his commander. I deployed with him this past year, so I've been able to observe him as a crewman and also as someone working for me."

Colonel Clotfelter said Captain Rhodes's experience as an aircrew member will take

him far in the SUPT program.

Lt. Col. Joseph Richardson, director of operations in the 128th ACCS, encouraged Captain Rhodes to apply to the SUPT program. He said he wishes the captain well on his next adventure.

"I think this is great for Jack," he said. "It's going to be great for our Air Force too. He is an extremely sharp individual, very professional, very capable. I'm glad to see him get this opportunity."

AFMC mandates BMI changes for its Airmen

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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An Air Force Materiel Command initiative is calling for its military Airmen to lower their body mass index.

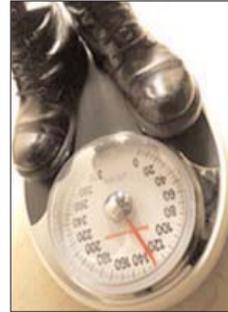
In early December 2007, AFMC's Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski directed all AFMC commanders to cut their units' obesity rates by 10 percent in the first half of 2008 and reduce the rate by another 10 percent by year's end.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Michael Bledsoe, chief, Occupational Medicine in the 78th Medical Group, said Robins is in the early stages of identifying Airmen who exceed the BMI limit.

"Robins is using the Fitness Portal as a tool to identify Airmen with a BMI over 30 since their last fitness test," he said.

Dr. Bledsoe said unit commanders must identify and validate Airmen in violation of the standard.

About 271 military members in the 78th Air Base Wing currently have a BMI of 30 or above. Their commanders must now validate whether they have a pre-existing medical condition that currently prevents weight loss, such as diabetes or hypothyroidism, or if they're pregnant, factors that can temporarily exempt someone from the standard.



courtesy Airman Quarterly

BMI Breakdown

BMI is calculated by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by the square of his or her height in meters. For AFMC Airmen, the end result must be below 30.

As long as Airmen without exemptions are in an AFMC unit, they must meet the BMI standard, Dr. Bledsoe said.

Robins Airmen have mixed emotions about the policy.

First Lt. Rob Bouffard, the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness and Emergency Management Division chief, said the new expectation is reasonable.

"I think it's an important step toward a healthier lifestyle and going in the same direction of the higher opera-

tional tempo and more deployments," he said. "I think when you're deploying, you need to have people next to you who are fit and physically wartime ready."

Other Airmen have concerns about the new policy.

Second Lt. Trey Rowe, a contracting specialist in the 78th Contracting Squadron, thinks the standard is a bit too strict.

"While people should look good in their uniform, I'm more worried about whether or not they can get their job done," he said. "As long as they can pass the physical fitness test and do their job, I have no problem serving with them."

Master Sgt. Jimmy Whittington, a first sergeant in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, said the BMI standard should reach beyond AFMC.

"I think the new BMI standard is a good thing; however, I think it should be applied Air Force wide instead of affecting only one command," he said.

Sergeant Whittington said the policy's limited scope could cause division among Airmen serving in different commands on the same base.

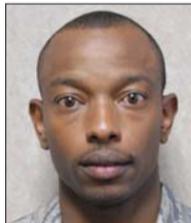
Airmen who are over the standard BMI will take the Healthy Living Workshop in the near future to get the roadmap to a healthier status, Dr. Bledsoe said.

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With 2008 being a leap year, how will you spend your extra day?



Airman 1st Class
Michael Brown
78th MDG

I pretty much plan to kick back and use it as a chance to relax more.



Gwen Tolliver
Peach Regional
Medical Center

I am going to work.



Tisha Lee
Base Education and
Training Office

I will spend the extra day with my new baby.



Steve Dvorak
U.S. Army
first sergeant, retired

Unfortunately, nothing particular is going to happen. We're moving to Kentucky.



Felixsha Abram
Defense Logistics Agency

I'm expecting a child any day now, so I'll be preparing for the baby.

Force protection: it's everyone's responsibility

(Editor's note: This is the fifth installment in a weekly series outlining Robins' efforts in preparing for April's Operational Readiness Inspection.)

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Securing Robins is a top priority for everyone who enters the gates each day, and it's becoming emphasized even more as the Operational Readiness Inspection approaches.

With the massive inspection just a couple of months away, Robins is testing people with different scenarios to find weaknesses in security and strengthen those areas before the April ORI.

Capt. Eric Horst, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, said people need to respond appropriately in every possible situation.

"In the past, in our normal day-to-day operations, you see exercises that involve small groups of people, and specifically first responders like security forces, the fire department, and medical," Captain Horst said. "What they're going to look for in the ORI is a much bigger level of response."

Captain Horst said inspectors will be calling for changes in force protection levels and observe how people adapt and respond.

Robins has been having about one operational readiness exercise per month since the ORI countdown began, and Captain Horst said so far, the base populace is doing well. "It's always a challenge

whenever you're dealing with changing the daily lives of a large number of people like you (have) at Robins," he said.

Captain Horst said while the unexpected is inconvenient, people must keep their cool and respond appropriately.

"We want to make sure we're doing well with those (unexpected scenarios), and up to this point, we're doing very well with those," he said.

Master Sgt. Samuel Brown, NCO in charge of the 78th SFS Standardization and Evaluation Section, said people still need to stay on top of their game.

"We've taken a very aggressive approach, especially from the terrorist perspective," he said. "I believe that the inspection team is going to test our readiness using those types of scenarios."

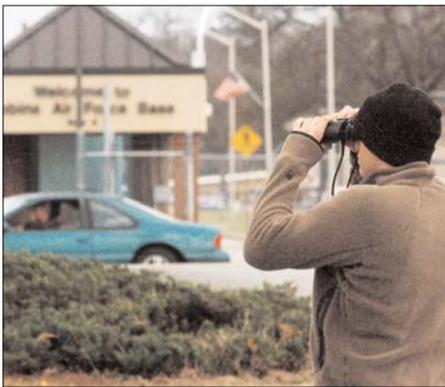
Sergeant Brown was on the Inspector General's Evaluation Team that looked at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. He said that has helped him prepare Robins for its upcoming ORI.

While Robins is on the right track, Sergeant Brown said people should keep their guard up.

"Readiness in every sense of the word is an on-going thing," he said. "I believe we've come a very, very long way, especially in getting everybody on the same sheet of music on how we execute our action plans for emergency and contingency exercises."

One area that needs special attention is vigilance off and on base, Sergeant Brown said.

Captain Horst said people need to be ready to participate, because everyone will be affected.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by SUE SAPP

People should keep their guard up off base as well as on base and report anything suspicious, such as individuals engaging in surveillance activities.

Airman's Manual Test

1. How many Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) are there?

- a. 4.
- b. 5.
- c. 6.
- d. 7.

2. The Force Protection Condition (FPCON) that applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists, which warrants a routine security posture is:

- a. FPCON NORMAL.
- b. FPCON ALPHA.
- c. FPCON BRAVO.
- d. FPCON CHARLIE.
- e. FPCON DELTA.

3. The Force Protection Condition (FPCON) that

applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable is:

- a. FPCON NORMAL.
- b. FPCON ALPHA.
- c. FPCON BRAVO.
- d. FPCON CHARLIE.
- e. FPCON DELTA.

4. The Force Protection Condition (FPCON) that applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists is:

- a. FPCON NORMAL.
- b. FPCON ALPHA.
- c. FPCON BRAVO.
- d. FPCON CHARLIE.
- e. FPCON DELTA.

Answers:

4. ANSWER: C
(Reference Page 19 / Section 2 / Deploy)

3. ANSWER: B
(Reference Page 19 / Section 2 / Deploy)

2. ANSWER: A
(Reference Page 19 / Section 2 / Deploy)

1. ANSWER: B
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Robins to celebrate vision of women during Women's History Month

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today."

Women have made numerous contributions to our nation's history and Robins will celebrate many of those marks in history during its annual Women's History Month Observance.

The 2008 month-long celebration, "Women's Art; Women's Vision," will kick-off at Robins Tuesday and will run through March 31.

1st Lt. Shawna Wadley, a project officer for Women's History Month, said the observance gives people a chance

to recognize all that women have given to society.

"Women have played a major role in the military and in today's society as a whole," she said. "In history, women were the ones who held down the fort while the men had to go to war. Because of what women did in history, I'm able to serve in the military

The observance will include a brown bag luncheon series, a sit-down luncheon at the Heritage Club's ballroom March 28, and a host of other events at the base throughout the month.

Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington, co-project officer for the observance, said the observance celebrates women's achievements.

"Women today have come so far from where they were when

our parents and their parents (were growing up)," she said. "We've got women going in the fight now. They're actually

flying planes and helicopters, going into the war zone. It gives our young girls something to look forward to."

Master Sgt. Lisa Wills, a WHMO committee member, said she hopes men and women alike will support Women's History Month by attending the month's events.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Shawna Wadley, Women's History Month Observance project officer, at 327-7343.



Col. Chris Bence
Commander,
19th Air Refueling Group

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| 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:

Personality Profile

NAME and TITLE:
William Strunk, grocery bagger at the Robins Commissary

BACKGROUND:
Retired as a master sergeant from the Army after 22 years of service.

BEFORE RETIRING IN WARNER ROBINS:
He served as the NCO in charge of the Hunter Army Airfield deployment section in Savannah, Ga.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT WORKING AT THE COMMISSARY:
"It's a good atmosphere with friendly people. My favorite part is the people you meet and learning what they did in service and what they are doing now."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robins Airman picked as Warrior of the Week

By TECH. SGT. JAMES LAW
455 Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

For one Airman assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, the news he was selected as the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Warrior of the Week came as a surprise.

"I had no idea there was an award, much less that I had been selected for it," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Barger, a communication-computer systems control craftsman deployed from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron here.

Sergeant Barger was nominated for the award by Capt. Chris Yates, 455th EMSS communication flight commander.

"Andy is one of my best Airmen and displays an on-the-job expertise you would expect from a senior person. He is always up for a challenge and sets high standards for those around him," Captain Yates said.

Sergeant Barger is one of the technical control specialists responsible for ensuring Airmen on the east side of the base have both unclassified and classified network capabilities. His daily tasks vary from troubleshooting a network server to performing field maintenance.

"There is a lot of information communicated through the network essential to the operations conducted here," said Sergeant Barger. "I definitely feel what I do directly contributes to our



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Demetrius Lester

Staff Sgt. Andrew Barger, a network infrastructure supervisor who is deployed from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron at Robins, replaces a card on a promina 800 which groups all services for satellite link at Bagram Air Base Feb. 20. Sergeant Barger was recently named Warrior of the Week for his outstanding work in communications.

mission."

The Overland Park, Kansas native was majoring in Secondary Education at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan., when he decided to enlist in the Air Force.

"I joined because of 9-11," said Sergeant Barger. "I knew we were going to do something and I wanted to do my part."

Doing his part, the brother of a twin sister has deployed three

times since enlisting six years ago.

"I have had a lot of fun going all over the world, meeting awesome people and being a part of something bigger than myself," Sergeant Barger said with a smile.

The Warrior of the Week is a program used to recognize Airmen who have displayed outstanding professionalism and work ethic in a wartime environment.

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:

Courts-Martial

►A master sergeant was convicted in a General Court-martial of being derelict in the performance of his duties for purchasing alcohol and cigarettes at an embassy store and then selling the items in the local community. Punishment was hard labor without confinement for three months, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for three months and a reprimand.

►A technical sergeant was convicted in a general court-martial of receipt and possession of child pornography and knowingly videotaping a minor undressing in her bedroom. Punishment was confinement for three years and reduction to E-1.

►A senior airman was convicted in a general court-martial of possession and distribution of child pornography. Punishment was confinement

for four years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1 and a dishonorable discharge. After review of post-trial clemency matters submitted by the accused, the sentence to confinement was reduced to three years.

►A staff sergeant was convicted in a special court-martial of wrongfully using cocaine. Punishment was confinement for two months, hard labor without confinement for one month, reduction to E-1 and a reprimand.

Article 15s

►A captain was derelict in the performance of his duties by wrongfully using his Government Travel Card. Punishment was forfeiture of \$2,261 pay per month for two months (one month suspended) and 15 days restriction to Robins (suspended).

►A senior airman failed to obey a lawful general regulation on multiple occasions by e-mailing inappropriate photographs on a government computer. Punishment was reduction to E-3 and 15 days extra duty.

►A senior airman was derelict in the performance of his duties in that he installed unauthorized programs on a

government computer and wrongfully appropriated a government computer. Punishment was forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months.



Discharges

►An airman basic received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for drug abuse. The member was convicted at a trial by court-martial of using cocaine.

►An airman 1st class received a general discharge for a Pattern of Misconduct, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The member received a letter of reprimand for an off-base DUI; a letter of reprimand for destroying city property (a parking boot); an Article 15 for failing to wear safety equipment while on the flightline; and other additional records of individual counseling and letters of reprimand. The member's case was heard before a discharge board before being administratively discharged from the Air Force.

►A senior airman received an honorable discharge for drug abuse. The member tested positive for cocaine through a command directed urinalysis test. Because it was a command directed test, the only discharge characterization the member could receive was honorable.

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 July 2007 and are reflective of the types of disciplinary actions taken during that period.

July actions:

►Two reprimands for careless workmanship.

►Four reprimands for failure to comply with AFMC fitness program.

►Reprimand for unauthorized use of a government credit card.

►Reprimand for inappropriate comments and failure to observe safety practices.

►One-day suspension for careless workmanship.

►Two three-day suspensions for unauthorized use of a government credit card.

►Five-day suspension for unauthorized use of a government credit card. Prior five-day suspension and three-day suspension.

►Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

►Five-day suspension for falsification of time sheet. Prior five-day suspension.

►Five-day suspension for inappropriate comments and refusal to comply with a proper order.

►10-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior seven-day suspension, five-day suspension and three-day suspension.

►14-day suspension for conduct unbecoming a supervisor. No priors.

►14-day suspension for off duty misconduct.

►14-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. No priors.

►Removal for off duty misconduct.

►Removal for unauthorized absence. Prior five-day suspension.

WATSON CABLE — Channel 15

COX CABLE — Channel 99

For more information, call 222-0804

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the

people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited.

Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office in Bldg. 905. Submissions that are brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word

on a CD. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil or Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil or by phone at 926-2137.

► WR-ALC Communications & Information Award winners

The following are WR-ALC Communications & Information Award winners

►General Edwin W. Rawlings Award — 78th Communications Squadron Project Management Team
►Civillian Manager — Robert Brown
►Civillian Specialist — Jacqueline Barron
►Civillian Assistant — Christopher Colwell (AFMC level)
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Fredrick Tamer

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Comm-Electronics Communications-Electronics Systems NCO — Staff Sgt. Craig Hindley

►Comm-Electronics Communications-Electronics Systems SNCO — Master Sgt. Patrick Ward

►Comm-Computer Systems Communications-Computer

Systems Airman — Senior Airman Brandon Oxton

►Comm-Computer Systems Communications-Computer Systems NCO — Staff Sgt. John Harris

►Comm-Computer Systems Communications-Computer Systems SNCO — Senior Master Sgt. Kerry Henderson

►Information Management NCO - Staff Sgt. Calandra Lewis

►Information Management Information Management SNCO — Senior Master Sgt.

Sharon Ward

►Company Grade Officer Communication and Information Officer — 1st Lt. Darrell Gull

►Field Grade Officer Communication and Information Officer — Major Edwin Prime

►Information Assurance Program Manager — Master Sgt. Keith Council

►Information Assurance Element - 78th CS Information Protection Office (AFMC level)

► Heroes of Middle Ga. awards

Four recipients of the Five Star Automotive Group "Heroes of Middle Georgia" Awards, all with ties to Robins, will be honored at a dinner Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Several other members of the base family were nominees and will also be recognized. The recipients are:

►Good Samaritan: Myra Foskey

Ms. Foskey leads the "Hearts to Heroes" program, providing hundreds of boxes to "comforts from home" to deployed soldiers as well as Iraqi children and hospitals.

►Firefighter: Jarrett Reagan, When not working on the gunship line and serving as a first aid volunteer, Mr. Reagan is a volunteer firefighter and chaplain to two area fire departments. He also helped battle the wildfires which engulfed more than 100,000 acres in south Georgia and north Florida.

►Military Service: Master Sgt. Andre Killkelley. Sergeant Killkelley has twice

deployed to the Iraqi theater in the life saving role of convoy security but he's also a life saver at home by coming to the aid of a motorcyclist who collapsed at a stop sign.

►Law Enforcement: Master Sgt. Don Edwards

Sergeant Edwards is a member of the 116th Security Forces Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard and a member of the Warner Robins Police Department. Sgt. Edwards was a key player in foiling the armed robbery attempt at the Warner Robins Food Lion.

Other nominees from Robins include 1st Lt. Larry Chupp, Tech. Sgt. Sean Harris, Joe LeMaster, Charles Blackmon, Ken Babbitt, and Eric Danforth.

Make reservations by calling the Houston-Middle Georgia Red Cross, 923-6332, or at 346 Corder Road, Warner Robins. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$240 for a table of eight.

Reservations must be made by noon, Saturday.

► 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron brings home AFMC awards



Sherrie Kohlhaup is the AFMC Leo Marquez Award winner for Outstanding Munitions and Missile Maintenance.

Staff Sgt. Tony Elder is the Vehicle Operations Airman of the year.

Tech. Sgt. Frank Wright is the Air Transportation NCO of the year.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kaminski is the Vehicle Operations NCO of the year.

► 78th Operational Support Squadron garners two AFMC weather awards

►Air Force Weather CGO of the Year: 1st Lt. Kenneth Chilcoat

►Air Force Weather NCO of the Year: Tech Sgt Bradford Godwin

► Robins PA office snags AFMC awards

The following members of the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office are the recipients of AFMC PA and media awards for 2007.

►Outstanding Communication Field Grade Officer Award — Lt. Col. John Bryan

►Outstanding Communication Company Grade Officer Award — 1st Lt. Sequoiya Lawson

►Outstanding Communication Entry Level Civilian — Sandra Henderson

►Best Crisis Communication Award — 78th ABW PA Office

►Best sports article — Kendahl Johnson

►Best art/graphics — Harry Paige

►Runner-up news photograph — Claude Lazzara

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

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
Commander

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

To contact the Action Line:
Call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>

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| ► Military Pay | 926-3777 |
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| ► Civil engineering | 926-5657 |
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| ► Housing Office | 926-3776 |

Disappointed with pharmacy:

I went to the hospital pharmacy to pick up a prescription that I had phoned in for a refill and was told it would be ready for pickup after 3 p.m. the following day. When I went to pick up my prescription, I was told it was not ready.

In fact, several people in line were also told their prescriptions were not ready for pickup.

We were told to return the following day, but that was not

convenient for me. I know there are a lot of people that travel a ways to the base for prescriptions and it would be very inconvenient for them to have to come back the next day.

Later, I was called and told that the prescriptions were ready for pickup. We went back to the hospital to pick them up, but was once again told that they were not ready. I told them I had just called and was told that they were ready for pickup, so some-

one needed to find out what was going on. They finally found a whole cart full of prescriptions waiting to be put in the bins and ours was among them.

Something needs to be done about the way things are handled at the pharmacy. The wait time is any where from 30 to 60 minutes if you are getting a new prescription filled. I thought when they started the call in system for refills that it was supposed to speed up the wait time

for new prescriptions, but I can't see where this has happened either.

Colonel Berry's response:

Please accept my apology for the inconvenience you experienced and the way you were treated.

The Pharmacy strives to ensure all customers receive timely, high-quality service. On the day you came in for your prescription, the pharmacy was

overwhelmed with seasonal workload and just couldn't keep up with the demand.

While it is rare that the pharmacy is unable to have refills available when they tell patients the refills will be ready, that happened to you on this day. Unfortunately, this should not have happened.

The pharmacy staff has been educated and is adjusting their processes to help prevent this from happening in the future.

A RAINY DAY



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Walt Carter, 78th Civil Engineer Group horizontal supervisor, wades in knee-deep water in the parking lot of Bldg. 640 after drainage problems caused the visitor control center to flood Feb. 22.



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Standing water from heavy rains caused traffic delays at Watson Blvd. near the main gate Feb. 22.

Below: Tyler Harrison and Danny Butler, 78th CEG, rip up flooring during clean up of Bldg. 640's visitor control center after it flooded.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Discarded smoking materials can become fire hazard

BY TOMMY KENNEDY
78th Civil Engineer Group

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 82,400 smoking material fires in 2005. These fires caused: 800 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$575M in direct property damage. (These estimates are derived from the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).)

At Robins, there have been four fires involving smoking materials. Three of those fires have been recently.

The first smoking material fire occurred in a dumpster located by the enlisted dormitories which caused the loss of the contractor's dumpster, which was valued at \$200.

The second smoking material fire occurred in a drainage system in the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System area. A 911 call was received reporting smoke coming from two drains on the opposite side of the street. The investigation revealed the cause was a discarded cigarette along with

hundreds of other discarded cigarettes inside the drainage system.

The third fire occurred at Bldg. 1347. This fire caused an estimated \$3,500 damage to the structure. The investigation revealed that the approved smoking material container was over filled with trash, which caused the container to melt. The container was located next to the building, causing the outside to catch fire and eventually causing some internal



Courtesy photo

Discarded smoking material ignited a fire in a drainage system in the 116th ACW area. Team Robins personnel are encouraged to use proper disposal containers when discarding smoking material.

damage.

The fourth fire occurred in a gazebo located on the east side of Bldg. 125. The fire caused \$500 damage to the flooring of the gazebo and a wood fence located along First Street. Fire investigation revealed large amounts of smoking materials located underneath of the gazebo along with dried leaves, and some trash.

All of these fires were caused by discarded cigarettes and each was preventable.

The effort to prevent deaths and large property damage from cigarette-caused fires has a long history. In 1979, after a fire, which was started by a cigarette, killed five children in a Boston suburb, legislation was introduced requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate cigarettes as a fire hazard.

In 1987, a federally-mandated study found that it was possible to manufacture cigarettes that would be less likely to start fires. Laws requiring that cigarettes be designed to stop burning when not actively smoked, such as the one that went into effect in New York,

could sharply reduce the deaths and destruction by smoking materials.

However, until these laws are introduced to all states, here are some helpful hints:

► Use proper approved smoking disposal containers. Facility managers need to make sure that these containers are emptied on a regular basis by making sure the cigarette butts are cold safe (placing in water) prior to discarding in the outside dumpster.

► Never put trash in cigarette smoking containers. (Cigarette butts only)

► If you smoke, use fire safe cigarettes. (They are less likely to catch fire.)

► To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert to your surroundings and follow proper procedures for disposal of smoking materials.

AFI 40-102 Tobacco Use in the Air Force is an excellent guide for managers and supervisors to follow on where you can and can not smoke on military installations. AFI 32-2001 Fire Protection and Fire Prevention also has guidelines on smoking materials, along with AFOSH Standard 91-501, Chapter 6.

For more information regarding smoking on Robins, contact the fire prevention office at 926-2145

► IN BRIEF

TEAM ROBINS 2007 ANNUAL AWARDS

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The banquet is a base-level event to recognize Team Robins winners in eight categories. All base personnel are invited to attend. For tickets, see any unit First Sergeant. Ticket sales begin Monday.

ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Robins Elementary School board will meet at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The public is invited to attend.

SPORT BIKE TRAINING COURSE

Two slots are available for the Sport Bike Instructor Training course at Robins. The training will be March 3-8 and March 10-15. Individuals must have had the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Experienced Riders Course and a minimum of one year of riding experience to take the course. For more information, call Jerry Morningstar, 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, at 926-6271.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center March 7, 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 in the Armed Forces and are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program.

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.

BASE CHAPEL EGG HUNT

Team Robins is invited to attend the Base Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 15, noon to 2:30 p.m. on the Robins Elementary School playground. Enjoy games, food, moonwalk, face painting and prizes. All ages welcome.

For more information call Marcia Little, Liz McCarthy or Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim at 926-2821.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIPS

The Air Force Association is sponsoring the Air Force Spouse Scholarship, Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship and the AFA/Grantham University Online Degree Scholarship. Below are the application deadlines and Websites for information and application.

Air Force Spouse Scholarship — Designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue an associate/bachelor or graduate/post-graduate degree. Visit www.afa.org/aef/aid/spouse.asp for more information. Application deadline is April 30.

Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship — Provides financial assistance and recognition to an active duty Air Force, full time Guard or Reserve person who is pursuing a Master's degree in a non-technical field. For more information visit <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/callahan.asp> for more information and an application. The deadline for application submission is June 30, 2008.

Grantham University Scholarship — Designed to encourage active-duty dependents to continue their education.

For more information visit <http://www.afa.org/aboutus/members/grantham.asp>. Applications will be accepted between April 1st and June 15th, 2008. Scholarships will be awarded in July 2008.

CASH AND FREE LAPTOP

The Robins Chapter of the Logistics Officer Association is soliciting applicants for their 2008 Scholarship Program. Up to three recipients will be presented with a new laptop computer along with money to pay for related educational expenses. The scholarship program is intended to assist the most deserving Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard, or Reserve enlisted or DOD civilian (grade GS-1 through GS-8 and WG-1 through WG-9) assigned to Robins in a logistics specialty, with college expenses towards an associate or bachelor degree.

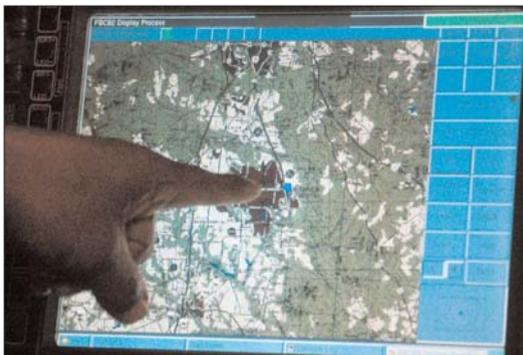
The program is targeted toward professional logisticians seeking a commission or further advancement in a logistics related career. For more information contact Capt. Bill Ott, 327-7094, or william.ott@robins.af.mil. You can also visit <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/loa/default.aspx> and click on the MGLOA Scholarship Link for application criteria and deadlines.

TEAM ROBINS QUARTERLY AWARDS

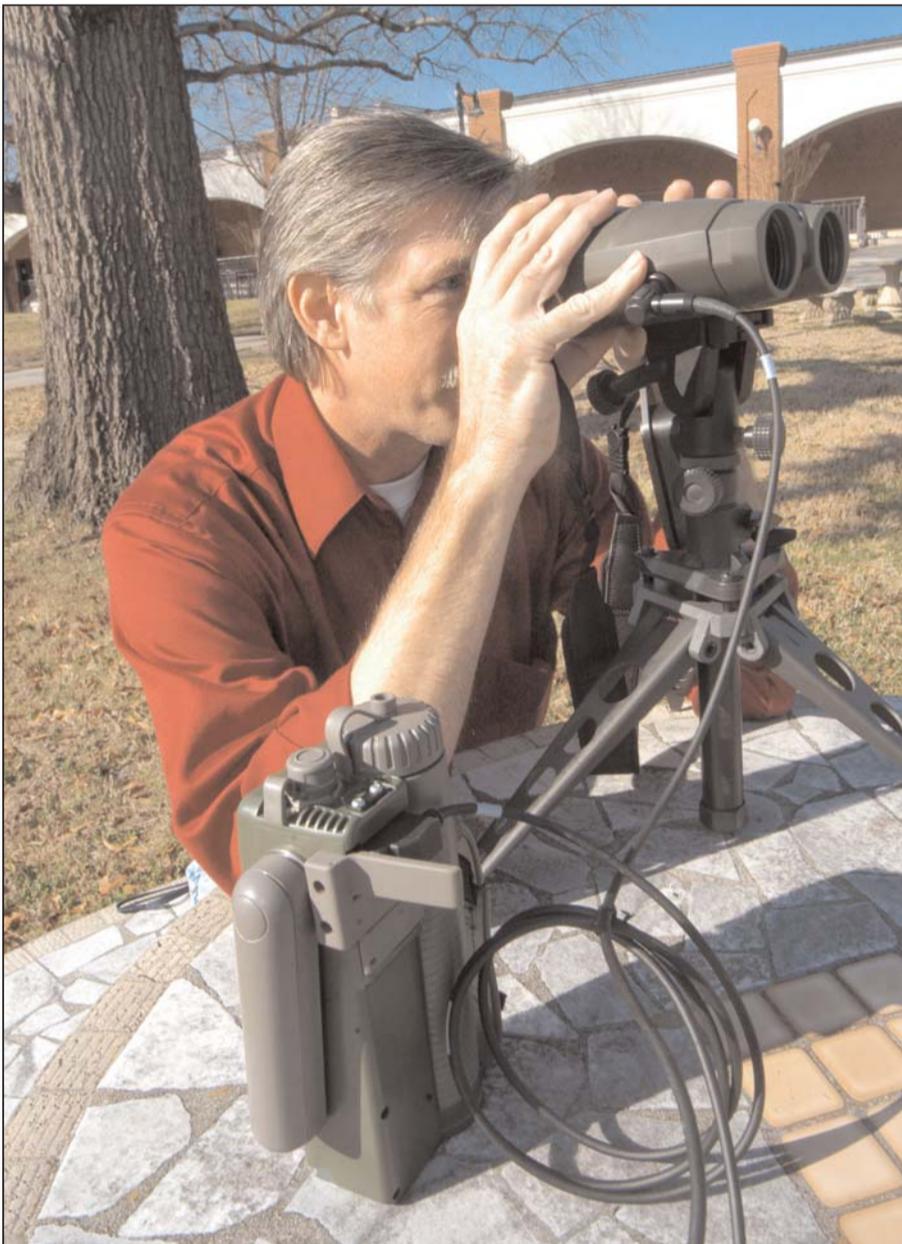
The Team Robins Fourth Quarter Awards Ceremony will be March 3 at 2 p.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar. Outstanding civilian and military performers from across the base will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come join us in congratulating the nominees for their stellar achievements. For more information, call Gayle Martin at 926-4940.

GPS

It's all about location



Willie Jackson, integration engineer, points to the units presently located at Robins. Friendly units are indicated by a blue dot.



Stephen Morrissey, equipment specialist, demonstrates a Precision Lightweight GPS receiver using a laser range finder.



Frank Rowe, system engineer, uses a laser range finder to identify and locate a target using a VECTOR 21 LRF. When the unit locates a target the information can be sent to a combat aircraft in order to coordinate an attack.

Willie Jackson, integration engineer, illustrates how the Blue Force Tracker can identify and locate units anywhere in the world. There are three types of maps available on the BFT: topographical, detailed and satellite image.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Robins GPS lab enables missions around the world

BY AMANDA CREEL
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The chaos of cubicles in Bldg. 301 has many wishing they had their own personal GPS system to guide them to their desired location.

However, for the Joint Service System Management office helping their coworkers find their way through Bldg. 301 is easy compared to helping troops around the world locate targets and one another.

The office is responsible for the only operational GPS lab in the Department of Defense. Members of the office help develop and test software for the GPS systems used throughout the military.

The JSSMO is part of the 752nd Combat Sustainment Group, and representatives from all military branches are on site.

One of the systems to use the GPS equipment maintained here is the Blue Force Tracker. The BFT is used by all military branches and can track friendly units regardless of their location.

Not only can the system see where the unit is located it can also determine whether or not a unit is moving and what form of transportation they are using.

"It can see them on the ground or in an aircraft. It can see them flying around or driving around," said Willie Jackson, JSSMO integration engineer.

He said the Robins GPS lab is the only lab DOD-wide that can maintain the GPS receivers, without the GPS receivers, the BFT would not be able to provide grid coordinates or the timing needed for synchronization.

"We are responsible for the software updates for the system," Mr. Jackson said.

Two receivers are presently used with the system: the Precision Lightweight GPS Receiver and the Defense Advanced GPS Receiver. The DAGR is the most recent version and many of the PLGRs are being phased out and replaced.

The lab is equipped with a replica of the equipment used in the combat and tactical vehicles to test software before sending it to the field, Mr. Jackson said.

The receivers are designed as a removable device allowing military members to take the receiver with them when leaving the vehicle.

"It can tell them how to get out of the area or allow them to notify other units of their location," Mr. Jackson said.

More than 40,000 BFTs are in use throughout the US military. The systems are used in rotary aircraft or helicopters, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, Humvees and tanks.

Other equipment using the GPS receivers include laser range finders, which are primarily used by Special Forces and the Tactical Air Control Party. The JSSMO also does software testing utilizing the LRFs to ensure any software updates will not hinder their use in the field. Both the VECTOR 21 and the MARK 7 LRFs send a laser beam to the target and determine the location of and distance to a target. The MARK 7 can be used in pitch black because it pro-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
The Defense Advance GPS receiver, foreground, replaces the Precision Lightweight GPS receiver. The devices are used to provide grid coordinates and timing for system synchronization.

vides the user with nightvision. "It can light up the night as if it were daytime," Mr. Jackson said.

By 2011, the office is expected to more than double the amount of equipment it is responsible for because of the addition of the DAGR and other GPS-related equipment said Fred Sartain, GPS system support manager.

He added the projected growth is just the beginning. He expects the JSSMO's mission to continue to grow because of the importance of GPS to today's warfighter.

The GPS receivers are only one area the lab is responsible for; other equipment maintained includes the Single Channel Ground to Air Radio System. This radio is designed to continually hop from one radio channel to another in order to keep the radio from being jammed or from being detected.

Without GPS the radio would not be able to maintain the timing it requires to be synchronized, Mr. Jackson said.

Another GPS-enabled technology the office is responsible for is the development of a Combat Survivor Evader Locator. The radio was planned after Capt. Scott O'Grady was shot down during Operation Deny Flight, which enforced the no-fly zone over Bosnia. Captain O'Grady's F-16 Fighting Falcon was shot down by a surface-to-air missile June 2, 1995 south of Banja Luka, Bosnia. For six days, he evaded capture before being rescued by a Marine Corps search and rescue team after the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines combined their efforts.

It was the six-day wait that prompted the development of the CSEL, said Stephen Morrissey, an equipment specialist for the lab.

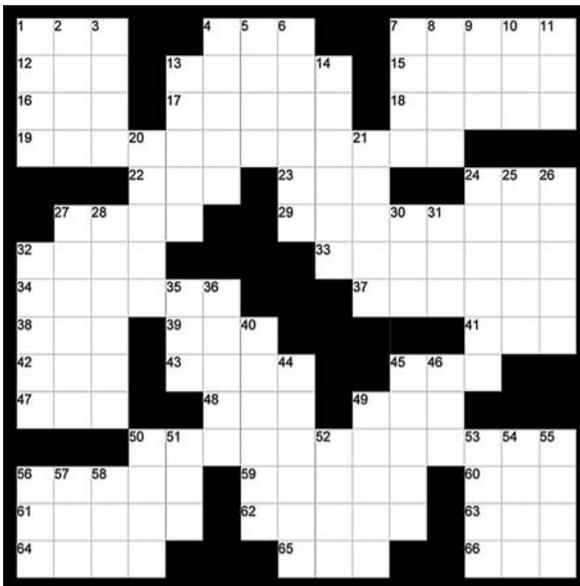
The CSEL radio is a handheld GPS worn in a pilot's vest.

"When a pilot goes down in enemy territory, we can pinpoint his location and send in an alert team," Mr. Jackson said.

The radio enables the pilot to communicate messages at the touch of a button, such as "I'm injured" or "enemy nearby."

"It lets you know their location at all times even if they are incapacitated," Mr. Morrissey said.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Prairie State Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Moines
- Time when clocks are set one hour ahead, in brief
- To annoy or thwart, vex; offend
- Current Major Command for the Prairie State's base
- Principle or doctrine held as true by a group's membership
- Pertaining to the ear or to the sense of hearing
- Duty status unknown, in brief
- Sound off
- Cpl. ___ Scott; namesake for the Prairie State's base
- KC-135 Stratotanker; plane at the Prairie State base
- ___ Smart
- Religious order woman
- TV guide listing for prime movie channel
- Mocks
- US Combatant Commander at the Prairie State base
- Scandinavian ruler of the Aesir and god of war
- Transition zone between two different plant communities
- Sea in North Europe, bounded by Denmark, Sweden, Finland, others
- Former gold coins of Germany, equal to 10 Marks
- The "I" or self of any person
- Paddle
- Music holders, in brief
- Rest
- Russian mountain range
- Golf prop
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Lyrical poem
- Pitcher's stat
- USAF Band ___; band located at the Prairie State base
- The ___; Dutch city home to the International Court of Justice
- Concur
- Weep
- Mistreat
- Stares at
- Abbreviation for the Prairie State
- Current commander of the Prairie State base
- Narrow beam of light
- Observe

DOWN

- Blocks
- Give off
- Wound reminder
- Place where supplies/materials are stored for distribution
- Agitated or irritated state
- ___ unit; organization on a base not affiliated with host wing
- Operation ___ Haven; 1994-1995 U.S. military operation
- Low, vibrating sound made by a cat
- A Gershwin
- Make brown by exposure to ultraviolet rays
- Large North American deer
- Carries
- Term during which some position is held
- Term for an Air Force Office of Special Investigations member
- Special skill, talent, or aptitude
- Bracket for candles or other lights
- Sharpened a skill or knife
- Prophetic signs
- In a leisurely manner; slowly in music
- Original mission of the Prairie State base was to produce these
- Neither's literary partner
- Calculator function, in brief
- Fat
- In debt letters
- Shot in which the cue ball hits two balls in succession
- Tire type
- Account book of final entry to record business transactions
- Oaks and elms
- Hearing organ
- Fine-grained impure corundum used to grind and polish
- Expel or remove from a place or position occupied
- Charge for service
- Region
- Ancient Egyptian goddess of fertility
- U.S. warship attacked in Yemen in 2000
- Operation ___ Sentry; 1993 peace-keeping operation in Macedonia
- Burn residue
- New USAF uniform
- M-4, M-16 or M-240

SOLUTION



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.

SERVICES BRIEFS

FRIDAY

Casino Night — 6 p.m. at Horizons 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.

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held today from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables can be purchased in advance. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SUNDAY

Texas Hold 'Em returns to Sundays at the Heritage Club. Sign ups will be taken at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes for the top four players. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

MONDAY

Exciting new dance classes starting today in the community center. Hip Hop (adult/youth) will be today from 5 to 6 p.m., cost \$35; salsa starting Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$40; swing dancing will be Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost \$40; Tai Chi on Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. (eight week class), cost \$90 and piano classes starting Thursday at 7 p.m., cost \$65.

UPCOMING

A teen tech week is slated to run today through March 8 featuring Overdrive, purchased by the Air Force Library and Information Services, which will provide access to eBooks. A contest will also be held March 19. The theme will be "What if you had to live without technology?" For the contest, teens may create a video, write a poem or story or draw a comic to depict what their life might be like without technology.

A First Friday "St. Patrick's Day" will be at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 7. 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 Horizons at 926-2670.

A Team Lean Challenge Expo will be March 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827. Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the TLC icon to see program schedules, information and get tools to assist you with the challenge.

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

An Easter Sunday brunch will be March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Horizons ballroom. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests, \$6.95 for children (10 years old and under) and free to children two years and younger and is open to all ranks and grade.

A 2008 Bridal Show will be March 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. The show will feature catering services, a bridal wear fashion show, exhibits from Horizons, the Heritage Club, Pizza Depot, the Base Chapel, Arts & Crafts Center, Outdoor Recreation, ITT and a host of local vendors to help make wedding planning easier. As a part of the show, the 78th Services Division will give away a wedding dress valued at \$600 and plenty of other prizes. Enjoy fun, food and wine tasting, education and prizes. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for club members. Tickets go on sale March 3 at Horizons and the Heritage Club.

Fitness Center has the following activities available.
 ▶ A physical training run will be March 3 at 2 p.m.
 ▶ Six-a-side soccer season begins March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The number of teams will

determine the length of the season.
 ▶ A nutrition walk will be at the fitness center March 20 starting at 11 a.m. on the outdoor track.

Robins Youth Center has the following activities available.
 ▶ A no-cost reading motivation program "One Page at a Time" is going on now through May.
 ▶ Registration for the summer camp lottery will be held March 3 at noon until March 21 at 5 p.m. Camp is open to children, ages 5 to 12 years.

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 also offers designated driver programs. To learn more call 926-2670.

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- ▶ Services 926-5491
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 926-7625
- ▶ Library 327-8761
- ▶ HAWC 327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 926-2128
- ▶ Youth Center 926-2110
- ▶ ITT 926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

Dental hygiene



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Ariel Salazar watches Jianna Salas as she practices the correct way to brush teeth on a tooth model displayed by the 78th Dental Squadron at Robins Elementary School Feb. 21.

The dental squadron visited the school to educate the students about oral health and hygiene as part of National Children's Dental Health Month.

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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

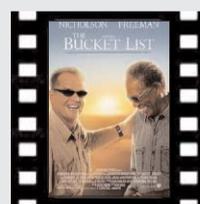
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

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.



NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY
THE BUCKET LIST
PG-13

Two terminally ill men try to fulfill a wish list known as "The Bucket List" before each kicks the bucket. Adding and crossing items off their list while taking in the grandeur and beauty of the world, they grapple with the difficult questions and the even more difficult answers that plague all of us. And, without even realizing it, become true friends.



SATURDAY
27 DRESSES
PG-13

Jane's entire life has been about making people happy—and she has a closet full of 27 bridesmaid dresses to prove it. One memorable evening, Jane manages to shuttle between wedding receptions in Manhattan and Brooklyn, a feat witnessed by a reporter who realizes that a story about this wedding junkie is his ticket off the newspaper's bridal beat.

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

Two from Robins play roles for AF basketball

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

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Twenty-six basketball players from across the Air Force will participate in an 18-day training camp with hopes of making the Air Force team and competing in the Armed Forces tournament.

John Bailey, an item manager for the C-17 Product Directorate at Robins, was selected as head coach of the team for the third consecutive season. His teams won the Armed Forces championship in each of the last two seasons, but the coach said this year might be a little tougher.

“Going for a three-peat is going to be very difficult,” said Bailey, whose team was unbeaten in last year’s tournament. “We are going into the tournament as a target and all the other teams will be trying to dethrone us.”

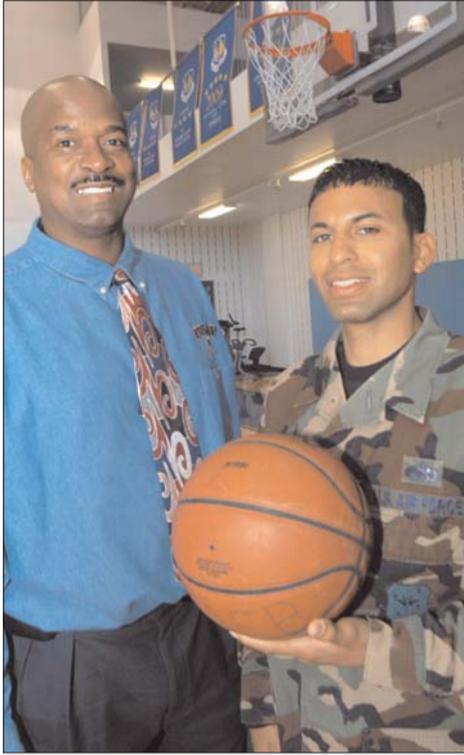
Bailey said to win a third consecutive tournament, the team will have to be more focused than in past seasons. He plans to put the camp invitees through rigorous training to get them ready for the competition. “I need them in the best possible condition,” he said.

Of the 26 players invited to training camp, only 12 will be selected to play in the Armed Forces tournament, which takes place March 18-29 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn.

One of those players will be Staff Sgt. Juan Vasquez, a crew chief in the 19th Air Refueling Group. Vasquez has been playing basketball all his life and has spent the last four years, while stationed at RAF Mildenhall, U.K., playing for the USAFE basketball team.

Although it’s his first year competing at the Air Force training camp – a deployment kept him out of camp last year – Vasquez said his leadership skills experience will give him an advantage.

“I look forward to testing my



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John Bailey (left), an item manager for the C-17 Product Directorate, will coach the Air Force men’s basketball team for the third straight season. Staff Sgt. Juan Vasquez, crew chief in the 19th Air Refueling Squadron, is one of 26 players competing for a spot on the team.

skills against strong players,” possibly be the strongest training camp we’ve ever assembled,” he said. Vasquez said. “To make the team, I need to outwork and ‘outhustle’ the other players.”

Making the team will be a challenge. Bailey said this could be the most talented group of players vying to make the team since he’s been coach.

“Based on the talent, it could for the opportunity to participate in the Air Force sports program.

WHAT TO KNOW

Training camp for the Air Force men’s basketball team begins Sunday at Dover Air Force Base, N.J. The Armed Forces tournament will be March 18-29 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn.

Bailey and Vasquez, who both coach Robins Youth Center teams, are grateful for the strong support they’ve received from unit and base leadership and