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Robins firefighters extinguish a flaming C-130 as part of an Operational Readiness Inspection emergency management exercise. The Exercise Evaluation Team was being evaluated by AFMC inspector generals during this exercise.

Robins set ablaze with ORI exercises

Base works overtime to put out fires, in an effort to prove operational readiness



Emergency responders lead an injured victim to an ambulance during an ORI exercise simulating a mid-air collision between a C-130 and an F-15 Eagle April 15. For more exercise photos, see page 8A.

The Operational Readiness Inspection is in full gear, and Robins Airmen from Air Force Materiel Command units have been busy displaying readiness capabilities to the Inspector General team.

Members of the Exercise Evaluation Team got in the act with an emergency management exercise April 15.

The scenario for the exercise involved a mid-air collision of a C-130 and an F-15 Eagle during a test flight. The scenario was designed to test Robins's ability to react to emergency situations that could possibly occur here.

Some of the many areas that were evaluated during the exercise included initial response and notification of major aircraft incident, ability to extinguish a large aircraft fire, treat multiple casualties, control the incident site, test hazard evaluation and search procedures, and test hazardous

waste containment and mitigation.

The scenario focused on evaluating Command and Control at the Emergency Operations and Installation Crisis Centers, initial response and mitigation through extinguishment, treating casualties and developing a plan to handle contaminated run-off.

After the mid-air collision, the aircraft crashed to the ground at the fire department's training area giving the base's firefighters a chance to fight a live-fire. The EET had an opportunity to evaluate Team Robins on their response to a live-fire crash site under the watchful eye of the IG inspectors.

The response didn't just measure the response of the fire department and other first responders; many other groups on base were involved in responding to the emergency, such as the Readiness Flight, base medical personnel and the base safety office. — Amanda Creel

330th ASW unit first to earn Silver Star status

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A safe working environment is the responsibility of everyone, which is why members of the Continued Process Improvement and Transformation team took the initiative to become a safe site.

"It lets people know you care about your job and the people you work with," said Dick Burch, Voluntary Protection Program manager.

The CPI&T office, which is part of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, was named a safe site and the first at Robins to earn the Silver Star level. Members of the team enjoy sharing their office space with other workers throughout the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center interested in becoming a safe site.

Though the CPI&T team may have been the first to achieve recognition as a Silver Star site, more than 60 areas throughout the Center are working to achieve the status.

"We used ourselves as the benchmark," said Tony Delgiorno, senior change manager.

The change is notable, especially when examining the offices display of photos of the work area before the CPI&T team moved in. The area was described by workers as a "rat hole" filled with mold and mildew and exposed electrical wires and outlets.

Once you get over many of the cosmetic differences in the office space, the emphasis on safety by the team members becomes evident.

Some of the many changes you see around the CPI&T office space include flashlights posted on the walls, extra lighting in dim areas, handrails outside of the elevated bathrooms and securing excess cords to prevent trips or falls.

"We did a host of things here to make the environment safe," Mr. Delgiorno said.

Not only did the office add materials to help ensure safety more than half of the team were certified to perform CPR and use an Automated External Defibrillator, which is also installed in the work area.

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'A DAY AT ROBINS'

Georgia educators visit Robins, shown ways to inspire youth to pursue aerospace careers

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When it comes to having a workforce ready to support the warfighter, Robins' leadership is working to ensure our workforce is ready for any challenge now and in the future.

Teachers and other educators from around the state and numerous institutions visited Robins April 10 as part of "A Day at Robins," where they were given an inside look in an effort to help inspire teachers to motivate students across the state to pursue the aerospace industry.

"A Day at Robins" was an outstanding opportunity to showcase our mission and our current and future workforce needs to our community K-12 educators, as well as the leadership from our surrounding universities, colleges and technical schools. Members of our senior staff and I presented the Georgia educators in attendance with our vision and discussed our project-

ed educational needs required to maintain the viability and vitality of our workforce for the next few decades," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

Robins' leadership opened the gates to the educators to help shed light on the missions at Robins and the skill sets needed to succeed here.

"We at Robins Air Force Base are very dependent on our educators to guide and encourage students toward aerospace careers. We have a wide array of workforce needs from aircraft mechanics to engineers, from financial managers to contract negotiators, program managers, and human resource experts. The "Day at Robins" was an opportunity for senior leaders to share what they do and explain future hiring opportunities in a variety of career fields," said Debra Stingleton, chief of training and professional development

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Vencer Cotton, Georgia Academy of the Blind middle and high school graduation coach, uses a flight simulator in the Mission Quest section at the Museum of Aviation April 10. Educators were given a tour of the base and museum to give them the opportunity to understand Robins' mission and role in support of the Air Force and Department of Defense.

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

ORI BASH AND ESOH FAIR

The ORI Bash and Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Fair will be at Robins Park Thursday. The Fair begins at 10 a.m. with the bash set to start at 11 a.m. In conjunction with the fair, the ADAPT clinic will also be kicking off its "That Guy" campaign.

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AFMC aims to reduce obesity risk, decrease average BMI



1st. Lt. Chris Lundell, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, works on his triceps at Robins Fitness Center April 16. Many Airmen are hitting the gym in an effort to improve health.

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Robins nutrition and health professionals are helping Airmen downsize.

In early December 2007, Air Force Materiel Command Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski directed all AFMC base 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.

Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, reemphasized the importance of meeting the goals in an April 11 message to the command.

"Over 12 percent of our AFMC military members meet the clinical definition of obese," he wrote. "This is an issue we, as an Air Force family, must address."

Nadine Daly, a clinical dietitian at the Health and Wellness Center, said Robins

can help active-duty Airmen reduce weight and live healthier.

From the center's Healthy Heart class to classes on diabetes, Airmen have plenty of local sources to guide them.

Ms. Daly said Airmen identified as obese can take the HAWC's Healthy Living class, as well as its Body Composition Improvement Program class series.

The dietitian said people often neglect important nutrients that can aid weight loss.

"One of the things people need to include in their diet is fiber," she said. "A lot of the foods that are 3 grams or above (in fiber) are pretty good. The general recommendation for fiber per person is about 25 to 30 grams a day. The average person takes in about 9 grams a day."

Ms. Daly said fiber helps with excretion of some fat and cholesterol.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

At the same time, Airmen should decrease their intake of high-fat, fried foods.

Adding more complex carbohydrates can fill a person up and provides better nutrients for fewer calories, Ms. Daly said.

Practicing portion control is another way to shrink obesity risk, Ms. Daly said.

Taking part of a meal home instead of eating the full serving can help, along with eating smaller meals more frequently to boost the metabolism, Ms. Daly said.

Eating slowly helps the stomach to feel full more quickly, Ms. Daly said.

"It takes 20 minutes for our head to connect with our stomach that we are full," she said. "If we eat in five minutes, we're usually hungry and looking around for more. If you took that same meal and spread it over 20 minutes, you pretty much will be satisfied because the message has

connected."

When reaching for something to wash down your meal, water is your best bet, Ms. Daly said.

"Water helps with metabolism by helping the body burn (calories) better," she said.

Proper exercise is another factor in cutting obesity risk, said Jamie Martin, an exercise physiologist at the HAWC.

"Exercise and nutrition go hand-in-hand like a marriage," he said. "We see people here when we do our panels and discussions with commanders. We have members who have mandatory PT (physical training), so they're exercising four, five, maybe even six days a week, but they're taking in more calories than they're expending. That's the reason why there's weight gain."

Mr. Martin said paying a visit with Robins fitness professionals is a good idea before starting an exercise program.

"The first thing anyone, especially our Airmen, need to do before they initiate an exercise routine is to have a baseline assessment," he said. "Then they can prioritize and set goals. If the problem is weight gain, or obesity, then we need to focus more on the cardiovascular aspect."

Mr. Martin said running, walking, riding an upright bicycle, using an elliptical machine, and taking water aerobics are ideal forms of cardio exercise that elevate the heart rate consistently across the board.

Time and exertion needed per exercise session is individualized based on how many days of the week the person exercises, how hard, and how long exercise lasts, Mr. Martin said.

Message from AFMC commander

I am sure most of you have already heard about recent emphasis being placed on reducing the obesity rate within the Command. However, I want you to hear this from me. Over 12 percent of our Air Force Materiel Command military members meet the clinical definition of obese. This is an issue we, as an Air Force family, must address.



GEN. BRUCE CARLSON
AFMC commander

Here's how I see it. Obesity impacts our service in three key areas — being fit to fight, the health of our Airmen, and the professional image we portray to others.

First, we are an expeditionary fighting force. Given the ops tempo and deployment cycles of our Airmen, we must be ready and fit to fight when called upon. Second, Body Mass Index is an indicator of overall health and identifies those with elevated health risk for diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and other health problems.

We cannot ignore our responsibility in taking care of our Airmen—they are our most valued resource. Third, we must continue to uphold the highest standards of professional appearance in uniform. For many of our fellow citizens, their first and only impressions of our Air Force are driven by the professional

image set by our Airmen in uniform.

I recently discussed this issue with the AFMC Center Commanders and established a goal to reduce obesity rates by 10% in the first six months of 2008, with an additional 10% reduction over the following six months. To ensure local flexibility, we have not mandated a Command-wide program, but have pushed that responsibility down to the installation level.

Additionally, I expressed my concern regarding the positive roll-out of this initiative. The base-level programs must provide adequate support for our Airmen and ensure we are evaluating progress in meeting specific criteria. We cannot take a "fix it now or else" approach—I fully realize that improvement will take time, but I am confident we can achieve our overall reduction goals.

I realize BMI isn't a perfect measure but I ask for your support as each base works out the details of implementing a program to help us be a more fit to fight, healthier and more professional appearing force. Together, we can reduce obesity within AFMC and across the Air Force while, at the same time, enhance the lives of our fellow Airmen. It's simply the right thing to do.

April is the Month of the Military Child. What do you think makes military children special?

 June Brantley Robins Elementary 1st grade teacher	 Sandra Jones Robins Elementary Kindergarten teacher	 Loretta Phillips Youth Center desk clerk	 Ashley Williams Youth Center Program assistant	 Marie Benson CDC West supervisor
The military child has a broader experience. They are able to make connections on experiences or places they've been that relate to topics we talk about in class. They have more appreciation for patriotism because of the role their parents have in maintaining our freedom.	A month is not enough but at Robins Elementary we give the military child the support and education they deserve. Their families make sacrifices daily for our freedoms.	They are tomorrow's future. They adapt well to different circumstances and it's a joy watching them grow.	Growing up as a military child, we get to have a lot of different experiences and are exposed to different things. We get to learn about dedication and fulfilling duty to your country because you see your parents serve their country as military members.	They're very special children. They are so able to adapt to new situations and environments because they move around so much.

A visit from the senator



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U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., speaks with the media after his April 11 visit to Robins. While on base, Senator Chambliss was briefed on the progress of the construction of the new \$21 million software support facility. The senator was instrumental in obtaining funding for the facility.

Intervening, acting can help prevent sexual assaults

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People can do more to prevent sexual assault than they may think.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the theme is "Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask, Act, and Intervene."

Cindy Graver, sexual assault response coordinator at Robins, said she hopes this year's campaign raises awareness, because sexual assault is a crime that can be prevented through others willingness to get involved.

"Sexual assault can be prevented by individuals, male and female, who stay aware of potentially dangerous situations and elect to intervene before a sexual assault takes place," Ms. Graver said.

She said if more people act, then fewer assaults will occur.

"A bystander is someone in a crowd who sees a potentially dangerous situation and either acts or doesn't act," she said. "If that person chooses to act or not to act, it could have long-term consequences, not only for the victim, but for the unit, family members, friends, and a lot of other people."

The Air Force and Department of Defense's training definition of sexual assault is "intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim doesn't or can't consent. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Mrs. Graver said a sexual assault can leave physical, mental, emotional, and psychological scars.

Preventing sexual assault is simple, Mrs. Graver said. Mrs. Graver said inappropriate touching or disregard for boundaries, suggestive remarks, inappropriate intimacy, violent behaviors, and other such actions can cue others to step in.

"When you fail to act, you're condoning the other person's bad behavior," she said. "A lot of times, we may think, 'well, no one else is helping so it must not be a problem' It's all Airmen's responsibility to take care of each other. As a bystander,

when somebody's in trouble, ask if he or she needs help. If he or she needs help, intervene."

Airman 1st Class Shelle Butler, an advocate for sexual assault victims at Robins since October 2007, provides non-clinical support to victims and helps them transition to being a survivor. She said people can stop the crime.

"As a bystander, you really should step up," she said. "Whenever you see something suspicious going on, (don't) be that wallflower."

Airman Butler said sexual assault impacts everyone.

"Anybody can be a victim," she said. "Always be aware of your surroundings.

Don't become incapacitated with alcohol. Always have a plan. Always go somewhere with your wingman and make sure that person can be trusted."

Master Sgt. Gwendolyn Hinson, a victim's advocate at Robins since August of 2007, said people should look out for others as they would for themselves.

"You should practice personal operations security," she said. "Just as operations security is important to your mission, it's also important to look out for your fellow Airmen."



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Master Sgt. Mark Brady and his wife Holly, with their daughters Hillary, 13, Abby, 2, and Amanda, 10, received help from the Air Force Assistance fund after a car accident and death in the family.

AFAF helps NCO's family in midst of crisis

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Sometimes help comes just in time.

That certainly was the case for Master Sgt. Mark Brady, a communications and navigation systems instructor in the 373rd Training Squadron Detachment 6, Air Education and Training Command.

A serious vehicle accident after Thanksgiving 2007 was the first link in a chain of unfortunate events that led Sergeant Brady's family to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The father of three suffered a concussion, a torn anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in his knee. His 10-year-old daughter, Amanda, sustained a broken foot and ankle.

His wife, Holly, however, was in a much worse condition, having a broken pelvis, a ruptured bladder, a broken collarbone, a broken femur, broken ribs, among other injuries.

The family was trying to recover when Mrs. Brady learned her father had died and the family needed to travel to Missouri for his funeral.

"Because my wife was on disability, we had drastically reduced income (in the household)," Sergeant Brady said. "Her injuries prevented her from riding in the car for a lengthy amount of time."

The family had to fly and Master Sgt. Brian Nutter, a first sergeant with the 116th Maintenance Operations Squadron, knew how to help.

"As a first sergeant, any time members in my unit need assistance, whether it be money or family problems, I'm usually the first person that they think of," he said. "As a first sergeant, I try to assist them in any way I can."

The first sergeant sent Sergeant Brady to the Airman and Family Readiness Center to get financial help from the Air Force Aid Society, a charity under the AFAP umbrella that offers loans and grants to Airmen in emergencies.

Considering Sergeant Brady's financial situation, the AFAS to get the NCO a grant versus a loan he'd have to pay back.

Frank Harden, a travel agent in the Information, Tickets, and Travel Office

was able to get the Airman and his family a flight.

"He's active-duty military and I was able to get his family a very discounted ticket because of that," he said.

Mr. Harden said he loves to help people.

"It's my goal in life to make as many people happy as I can," he said. "I was glad to help out."

Sergeant Brady, whose detachment from Sheppard AFB, Texas, provides training on the maintenance of communications and navigations systems on Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar aircraft in the 116th MOS, admitted that he was hesitant to ask for help.

"At first, I was too proud to take the assistance," he said. "My supervisor convinced me to go and try it out because we didn't know what other expenses we'd have along the way. I'm really glad we did because it has been a rough, long road. At a time when you lose a family member, you're kind of in a crisis situation in the first place, Air Force Aid Society made everything a lot easier in a really hard time."

542nd CSW director recognized with Presidential Rank Meritorious Service Award

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Air Force officials recognized the career achievements of 20 senior civilians April 14 during the annual Presidential Rank Awards Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

"Our distinguished winners are products of a lifetime of dedication to their trade (and) the Air Force," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, who officiated with Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Duncan J. McNabb. "They contribute each in their own way."

The ceremony was held in an auditorium at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

Brenda Romine, director of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, was one of the award recipients.

Her "taking care of business" attitude compelled Ms. Romine to lead the way for positive change in her previous role as the deputy director of Logistics at Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and earned her the 2007 Presidential Rank Meritorious Service Award.

Presidential rank awards are reserved for career senior executives who have a stellar record of achievement that is recognized throughout the agency and is acknowledged on a national or international level.

While at Scott AFB, Ms. Romine was the driving force behind implementation of the most significant change to the Air Force's civilian personnel system in decades throughout AMC. She personally ensured more than 13,000 employees impacted by the change fully understood the move and reached out to labor relations representatives early in the process to build a better implementation strategy in the command.

In addition to her many other accomplishments, Ms. Romine implemented Air

Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century to promote an atmosphere for continuous process improvement in AMC.

The presidential rank award, which is the first of its kind for Ms. Romine, wasn't earned without the help of others.

"I think it takes a lot of hard work and dedication," she said. "It takes a lot of looking at what the needs of the Air Force are and working toward (meeting) those needs, trying to be a team player with everyone. It takes an understanding and an awareness of what's going on."

Ms. Romine said timing is also part of the equation. "In a lot of cases, I think it's a lot of luck," she said. "It's a lot of being in the right place at the right time and taking advantage of opportunities to be able to make things better for the Air Force."

Being able to work with people that share a vision of improving the Air Force as a whole and making a difference for Airmen are two things that laid the groundwork for her honor, Ms. Romine said.

"It's really more the people I worked with (and) the people I've had the opportunity to be associated with who provided the foundation for any recognition I have had," she said. "There are a



BRENDA ROMINE
542nd Combat Sustainment Wing director

lot of great folks doing great things out there every day. I'm really humbled to be recognized for what I perceive as just doing my job."

Those who have worked with Ms. Romine see her accomplishments in a different light.

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, director of Logistics for the Air Mobility Command, said Ms. Romine made a lasting impact on AMC.

"During the past two years, I've watched in awe as Ms. Romine simultaneously managed reductions in personnel, dollars, and weapons systems, while ensuring AMC could sustain its 900 plus sorties per day operational tempo," he said. "In short, her leadership led to sustaining America's air bridge support of the global war on terrorism. Each of us within AMC is proud of Brenda's accomplishments and congratulates her on this prestigious award."

Lt. Col. Chris Kelly, AMC vice commander, had similar praises for the senior leader.

"It came as absolutely no surprise to me that Ms. Romine has been selected for this very special and prestigious award," he said. "Brenda is that very rare combination of technical expert, farsighted planner, and get your hands dirty, out front leader. Brenda is the total package and we're very proud of her."



ROBINS AFAF CONTRIBUTION STATS

Unit	Pct*
5th CCG	5%
19 ARG	26%
78 ABW	17%
116 ACW	0%
330 ASW	114%
402 MXW	123%
542 CSW	5%
HQ AFRC	25%
ALC Staff	121%
Robins AFB	22.5%

* Percentage of goal met as of April 14

Robins Air Force Assistance Fund Unit Project Officers:

- ▶ 2nd Lt. James Fink, 78th ABW, 926-3566
- ▶ Master Sgt. Roderick George, 19th ARG, 327-2583
- ▶ 1st Lt. Christopher Perrine, 116th Air Control Wing, 201-4736
- ▶ Capt. Gregory Gough, 5th CCG, 926-3068
- ▶ Capt. Tricia Hill, HQ Air Force Reserve Command, 327-1756
- ▶ Master Sgt. Jeffrey Stroup, 402nd MXW, 926-5332
- ▶ 1st Lt. John Roh, 330th ASW, 222-1331
- ▶ Lt. Col. John Stublar, 542nd CSW, 222-2120
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BUCKLE UP

Carpoolers earn cash, Clean Air Campaign in full drive

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For one member of the Robins community, carpooling has paid a dividend of \$100 and left her planning a trip to her favorite restaurant with her driving companion.

Stacie Fitzgerald earned the Clean Air Campaign quarterly spotlight award for carpooling 128 times from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

Ms. Fitzgerald, an electronics mechanic in Bldg. 640, has been carpooling for two years with her co-worker Kristi Kennedy, also an electronics mechanic. The pair said they will be sharing the reward by carpooling to their favorite restaurant for a meal.

The pair said they encourage everyone on Robins to give carpooling a try.

"If you can find someone you are compatible with and someone you enjoy spending time with, you should go for it," Ms. Fitzgerald said.

The pair said they enjoy spending time together on the way to work because it gives them time to wake up and get going.

"We motivate each other



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Stacie Fitzgerald and passenger Kristi Kennedy, regularly carpool to their jobs at Robins. Ms. Fitzgerald received the spotlight award, a \$100 gift card, from the Clean Air Campaign for carpooling 128 times from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

be on time," Ms. Kennedy said.

The pair said though good conversation is a blessing, there are many other advantages and motivations for carpoolers, such as saving pennies at the pump or helping to preserve the environment.

Though the ladies were carpooling before the Clean Air Campaign made its way to Robins, the ladies are

thrilled the group is here encouraging other members of the Robins community to give it a try.

"You don't have to commit yourself permanently, you can do it once a week or just try it a few times because every little bit helps," said Mattice Haynes, a member of the Clean Air Campaign team.

The pair agreed one of the most exciting parts of the

Clean Air Campaign and the Ride Share program is the incentives, such as monthly drawings for \$25 gift cards where one in 20 carpoolers at Robins will win, or getting paid \$3 a day for switching from driving alone to a clean commute option such as vanpooling, biking or even walking. No matter what the motivation, 134 members of the base community are carpooling to work, saving the environment from unnecessary pollutants and saving their pocketbooks from unnecessary depletion.

"Every employee participating in a carpool or vanpool should be proud they are doing their part to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. We hope more Robins employees will follow Stacie's example and sign up for the RideShare program at the ESOH (Environmental Safety and Occupational Health) Fair on the 24th," said Heidi Schwingle, Air Quality program manager with Environmental Management.

To date, the program has paid about \$9,200 in incen-

tives to Robins' commuters and saved those commuters about \$103,754, Ms. Schwingle said.

Together Robins' "clean commuters" have taken 3,045 fewer vehicle trips and traveled 206,849 fewer miles.

The environment is also reaping rewards from Robins carpooling efforts. By lowering the amount of vehicles on the road, nitrogen oxides have been reduced by 175 kilograms, volatile organic compounds have been reduced by 210 kilograms and particulate matter has been reduced by 2,627 grams.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about carpooling or to register with the Clean Air Campaign visit the ESOH Fair at Robins Park April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also visit www.logyourcommute.com/team-robins or contact Mattice Haynes at 361-4476.

Postmark commemorates AF Reserve anniversary

The U.S. Postal Service is helping the Air Force Reserve celebrate its 60th anniversary with a commemorative pictorial cancellation that went into circulation April 14.

A pictorial cancellation is a unique postmark offered by the Postal Service for special events.

Maj. Todd Copley of the 94th Airlift Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base worked with the post office in Marietta, Ga., to design the stamp.

A postal cancellation, first used in the 1840s, is one method of marking stamps at a postal facility so that they can be used only once.



Postage cancelled using commemorative designs is usually in limited circulation and highly sought by stamp collectors and historians, said postal officials.

Marietta's postmaster is offering a mail-back service to people who want their postage adorned with the cancellation stamp. Enthusiasts can submit envelopes, postcards, photographs, posters and other materials through the mail directly to the Marietta Post Office for cancellations through June 14.

This is the third postmark designed by Major Copley, a C-130 navigator in the 700th Airlift Squadron at Dobbins ARB. An avid topical stamp collector, his two previous designs included one in 2007 commemorating the Air Force's 60th anniversary and the 1999 Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., air show.

SILVER STAR

Continued from 1A

"It's comforting to know if anything ever happened to us we could get a quick response that could save our lives," said Shelia Shaw, CPI&T team member, who is certified for CPR and the AED.

Another aspect of the safe site is visual management. Anyone who enters the work space can tell who is present and who is out just by glancing at flags extended from each worker's cubicle.

The team encourages other work areas to become a safe site. The team members agreed it is easier than one might think especially if the work area has already implemented the 6-S's,

which are sort, straighten, shine, standardize, sustain and safety.

Mr. Delgiorno said once work areas have developed the discipline required to follow the 6-S's, it is already well on its way to becoming a safe site.

Members of the team said safety is all about individuals taking the initiative to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"It's about being aware of safety hazards and taking the initiative to fix it," Mr. Delgiorno said.

The team members said it could be as simple as posting a sign near stairs because the area isn't well lit or holding on to a handrail when climbing stairs.

"Anybody can save a life or keep someone safer," Mr. Burch said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Sandy Murphy and Dick Burch show off the flag that is displayed at their cubicles to identify them as certified wingmen for the Automated External Defibrillator.

116th ACW marathoner races to raise money for charities

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Some people run enough to pass physical fitness tests. Others run to stay in shape. Army Sgt. 1st Class Sterling Deck runs to help sick children.

The airborne target surveillance supervisor with J-STARS, recently ran a total of 39 miles in two days through Disney World theme park to raise money for A-T Children's Project as part of the A-T Cure Tour.

The A-T Children's Project raises funds to help find a cure for Ataxia-Telangiectasia, a lethal genetic disease that attacks children, according to atcp.org. "It is a gateway disease," Deck said. "Most children don't live past their thirties."

Information on the Web site states that the disease causes brain degeneration, eventually leading to a loss of muscle control and immune system deficiency. Children affected also tend to develop leukemia and Lymphoma at a higher rate



Courtesy photo
Army Sgt. 1st Class Sterling Deck, JSTARS Army Group Det. 7, runs in marathons as part of the A-T Children's Project's Cure Tour.

than the general population. The weekend at Disney gave Deck an opportunity to compete in two events.

"It was a two-race event," Deck said. "There was a half-marathon on Saturday and then

a full-marathon on Sunday."

Being deployed for the three months leading up to the marathons, Deck found time to train for the task of running 39.3 miles in two days.

He said his primary focus was being able to run 13 miles one day and being able to run further than that the next without feeling the effects of the first.

Having always been a runner, Deck decided to train to run in his first marathon in late 2001.

"I decided to run a marathon shortly after September 11th," Deck said. "I ran my first one a year after that."

His first was the Air Force marathon he ran in 3:35:58, still his best time, and the first event in a set of events he set out to compete in.

"My original goal was to run all the military events," the Ohio native said.

After the Air Force marathon, he went on to run the Navy marathon, the Army 10 miler in 2003, and the Marine Corps marathon in 2004.

The Marine marathon was the last of the four events I wanted to do, Deck said.

Deck chose the Air Force marathon first since it was close to home.

"I'm from Ohio, less than an hour from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base," he said. "I chose that one so that my family could be there."

When running on base, Deck likes to do it alone.

"There is a running club on base called the Robins Pacers that gets together on occasion," he said. "But I prefer to run alone unless I'm running with fellow soldiers."

Last year, Deck was the race director for a 5k run that the 138th Military Intelligence Company set up to raise unit funds.

"That was the first time that our unit has ever done anything like that, as far as a race," Deck said.

Deck hopes to be able to coordinate another event for the unit this summer.

Our ops tempo is pretty high with deploying, but if we can it will be in June or July, he said.

DAY AT ROBINS

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for the personnel directorate.

The educators said the opportunity to see what's behind the gates will allow them to better prepare students interested in pursuing careers in the aerospace industry.

"We are here trying to get an understanding of the base and how we can better partner with them to get employment for our students," said Calvin Williams, a counselor at Middle Georgia Technical College.

The educators were treated to an up-close look at some maintenance areas on base such as commodities, C-17, C-5 and electronics maintenance.

"We have been on great tours. When we went to the hangar where the planes were, it was so impressive, they were so large. It was amazing to see the intricacies of how a plane comes in and is taken a part and put back together," said Rosemary Knight, a social worker for the Georgia Academy for the Blind.

For some of the educators the most rewarding moment of the day was seeing the fruits of their own labors.

Sandra Wilcox, a recruiter for Middle Georgia Technical College said seeing the success of one of their college's co-op students here on the base was an amazing experience.

"For the guidance counselors, gradua-

tion coaches, and teachers, we wanted them to see first-hand some of the important work for our nation that goes on behind these fences. With that first-hand awareness we hope that they will spread the word to the students they guide about career opportunities in aerospace. For school principals, superintendents, and college administrators, our goal was to stimulate their creative thinking about designing educational programs to better attract and prepare students for aerospace careers," Ms. Singleton said.

Once the educators learned more about what was inside the gates, they were given an opportunity to see some of the many resources available at the Museum of Aviation for students and teachers.

"I can't wait to get back to school and let the kids know about this stuff," said Rhonda McDuffie, a school counselor at Bonaire Middle School.

She said it is also good to know there are opportunities available for the students



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Clare Swinford, NASA Regional Educator Resource Center coordinator, talks with Rosemary Knight, Georgia Academy for the Blind social worker about the educational resources the museum offers for youth.

during summer break and other school holidays where they can use their math, science and technology skills in fun ways.

"The educators from the state need to see all the different programs available to them as a resource," said Melissa Spaulding, director of education for the museum.

While at the museum, the educators were given the opportunity to tour the museum -- and see many of the resources available for school field trips -- and a chance to plunder through the NASA Regional Educator Resource Center.

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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TESTING OUR READINESS



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Above, Robins firefighters respond during an emergency management exercise scenario to the area where an F-15 Eagle crashed after a mid-air collision with a C-130 Hercules. They put out the fire from the F-15 and recovered the pilot.

Below, Robins Airmen go through a deployment processing line April 14. The Airmen participated in the mobility exercise as part of the Operational Readiness Inspection.



Feeling stressed? Remember freedom

It's been more than 80 days since I arrived at a Southwest Asian air base, and as I reflect upon my time here it feels as if we just arrived only a few days ago. While some Airmen deploy for as few as 60 days, others deploy for up to 12 to 15 months.

We military folks should be accustomed to being apart from our loved ones during deployments; however, there are a multitude of stresses on the military member, as well as on the families left behind. We sometimes are not there in person to take care of family issues or being at special events. We sometimes miss birthdays, wedding anniversaries, a sibling's wedding, or holidays.

The stresses are often hard to bear. You can see them in the faces of our fellow Airmen. You may have experienced someone letting off some steam by chewing out someone in the office for infractions, yelling at roommates, throwing a tantrum (yes, some adults still do it), being unreasonable, or experiencing someone who is normally polite turn into an angry irrational person. We all need to keep these types of behaviors in check. The stresses will build up throughout the deployment, so we need to know when to take a step back and cool off for a bit.

Do you miss your family? I know I do. I miss my 2-year-old son and I am missing the moments when he learns a new word or experiences something for the first time. I miss my wife, as she always finds ways to make me laugh and smile each day. I miss their hugs and kisses and

the simple things in daily life, but despite being apart from them, I realize that as an Airman we have a responsibility to uphold for the Air Force, our sister services and our nation.

If we do not support our mission, meet career field standards, fulfill job requirements or take care of ourselves then a part of the overall mission will fail. Basically, the big picture is we will hurt the mission, career field, job and ourselves if we cannot live up to our responsibilities during our deployment.

Just the other day, I was saddened and reminded of why we are here in theater. Several military members from the Marines, Army, Air Force and contract civilians witnessed the arrival of a C-130 Hercules carrying our fallen comrades who were killed by a suicide attack recently in Iraq. We held a procession and rendered them the proper salutes during an offload honor ceremony.

The stresses we face back home or during our deployments do not come close to what our fallen comrades in arms had to face. This brings home a true reminder of our involvement in support of operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Rather than worrying about stress or feeling the stress, we need to remember what we are fighting for. That is why I'd like to impress upon all of us, whether you are military or civilian, that we are here for freedom.

— Commentary written by Maj. Jeffrey Ferrer, 386th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Det. 1 commander

Our sacrifices are not made in vain

Staff Sgt. Travis L. Griffin was killed by an improvised explosive device in one of Baghdad's most violent neighborhoods April 3.

He was a security forces Airman from the 377th Security Forces Squadron from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Sergeant Griffin was serving a one-year deployment training the Iraqi police. His goals were to make Iraq a safer place, to ensure the sacrifices made by thousands of military members in Iraq were not made in vain, and to help create a free and democratic nation in the aftermath of Saddam Hussein's rule of oppression.

He believed in these goals, and he believed in his brothers and sisters assigned to his squad.

No one who deploys to operations Iraqi Freedom or

Enduring Freedom wants to consider that lives lost, injuries suffered or their personal sacrifices are in vain. We want to see the people of Iraq and Afghanistan emerge from this struggle as a free and prosperous nation.

We hope, years from now, the sacrifices of our fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines will have contributed to helping these two countries join the company of nations such as South Korea, Japan and Germany, which have emerged from years of war and struggle to become prosperous and free — thanks to the sacrifices and courage of American servicemen.

In the meantime, it is hard to envision this end state, and even more confusing and frustrating to witness the debate in America over our commitment to the war we have seen claim

so many lives.

Those of us who have worked with the Iraqi people know they are good, hard-working people, tormented by insurgents and terrorists with an agenda not aimed at bettering Iraq and its citizens — only the expansion of their group's power and influence.

Unfortunately, these long-suffering Iraqis have known nothing but a life of oppression and terror.

This hit home for me personally when, in 2005, my unit was performing a search in a farming village near Logistics Support Area Anaconda in Iraq.

I noticed the young children acted just like my own children — playful and full of life — yet their parents, some who were younger than me, looked like their lives were nothing but sorrow and fear. Even the

way they stood and talked showed they knew nothing of freedom or self-respect.

They were good people; simple farmers trying to make their way in the world and raise their children. They desperately wanted a more prosperous Iraq, full of opportunities for their children, but they had trouble believing it was possible.

The men and women of America's military are sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat every day in Iraq, hoping to one day bring a new reality to its people.

To Sergeant Griffin's wife and son, the Iraq war will never be worth what they have lost.

However, as his comrades in arms, we cannot let his sacrifice or those of the thousands of others who served and died in Iraq be in vain. We owe it to

those who have already paid a heavy price to keep working with all of our skill and courage to make a difference.

Even if your contribution seems to be a small one, it makes a difference.

Recently, Army Gen. David Patraeus, the commander of Multinational Force Iraq, said the progress in Iraq is "fragile but reversible."

Let's make sure our next opportunity to make a difference in the heart of even one Iraqi or Afghan is taken.

Let's also make sure the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters go toward making the world a better and more peaceful place for our children, as well as for the sons and daughters of Iraq.

— Commentary written by Lt. Col. Gregory Reese, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander

SPREADING THE WORD



Above, Col. Carl Block, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, is interviewed by members of the media as George Jozens, 78th Air Base Wing public affairs, looks on. Mr. Jozens works in media relations, helping coordinate interviews between local media outlets and members of the base community.

Top right, Misuzu Allen programs Robins TV, the base commander's access channel. Programming can be seen on Watson Cable's Channel 15 or Cox Cable's Channel 99.

Bottom right, Ray Crayton, 78th Air Base Wing public affairs, takes pictures on an assignment. Following a recent merge, multimedia is now part of the public affairs mission.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Public Affairs helps tell stories behind Robins' missions

BY AMANDA CREEL
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When it comes to base knowledge few people can boast they know something about almost every mission on base.

However, for members of the Robins Public Affairs office knowing something about everything is a way of life.

"A good public affairs specialist has to know just a little bit about everything. Our expertise lies in the fact that we are not experts, but that we know enough to get the experts," said Faye Banks-Anderson, deputy director of Robins public affairs.

In October 2007, the 78th Air Base Wing and the Warner Robins Air Logistics public affairs offices combined their missions to help better meet the needs of the Robins community.

"We are like a one-stop supermarket of information about the Air Force and Robins Air Force Base and we are here to tell the story," said John Birdsong, chief of media relations.

Along with the merger of the two PA offices, the base multimedia center also joined the team. The fusion of the three offices and their missions better equips the team to tell the story of Robins.

"Without PA, you wouldn't see the impact Team Robins has on Middle Georgia, the state and our nation," said Lt. Col. John Bryan, public affairs director.

Members of the team use numerous media to cover the base community including The Robins Rev-Up, Robins TV and the Robins public Web site.

"We've got news you can use and its all about the people at Robins. There are awesome photos, videos and stories about the extraordinary things people do here every day," said 1st Lt. Sequoia Lawson, chief of internal information.

The team not only covers news themselves, media relation specialists escort reporters from media outlets on base to cover events.

There are seldom two days alike. One day members of the staff might escort media to the alert pad to get a glimpse of the 19th Air Refueling Group's 80 years of heritage and the next day staff members might write about the construction of the \$21 million software facility by the 402nd Software Maintenance Group.

Members of the team come from various walks of life — some are career civil servants, some are military dependents and others are retired members of the armed services. The diversity enables them to understand what's important to all walks of life at Robins.

George Jozens, a media relations specialist and former Air Force master sergeant, said one of the most important things about his role within the team is drawing from his experience as an Air Force retiree and sharing it with the team.

Though public affairs is known for developing relationships with the media and telling the base's story through various news outlets, the office is also responsible for inviting members of the local community to see the base's mission firsthand.

"Our role is to strengthen and maintain a good Air Force-community partnership with the

base and surrounding communities," said Lisa Ham, chief of community relations. "We are here for them, to relay the story of Robins and the U.S. Air Force."

One of the many ways the office does this is through base tours for members of the local community such as clergy and ROTC cadets.

The community relations mission also facilitates requests for Robins Airmen to speak at community events and volunteer in the local community such as providing test proctors for area schools.

The multimedia side of public affairs provides many services to promote the base's missions and morale at Robins such as photo services, graphics, creating signs and certificates, video and loaning out and setting up audio visual equipment, said Mike Malone, base multimedia manager.

For the photographers on the team, taking photos is about documenting each historical or news event that takes place on base, said Raymond Crayton, lead photographer for the photo lab.

"The best part about my job is that everyday is different than the day before. The position keeps me aware of what's happening on base and I get a better view of how the different organizations on base work together to accomplish the mission," said Tommy Horton, photographer.

Along with photo coverage, the base photo lab also provides passport pictures for Airmen and their families who are being stationed overseas, and certificates of appreciation for the spouses of our active duty members or to recog-

nize the service of our Airmen, both civilian and active duty.

The job of the public affairs team is to promote the positive efforts of Airmen on base and the positive mission of the Air Force.

"If anyone in the base community has a story to tell we want to hear about it and 'put them on display' so they can get the recognition they deserve for faithfully serving their country and this great community of Robins Air Force Base and Middle Georgia," said 1st Lt. Evan Lagasse, a public affairs officer.

The PA team recognizes the awesome responsibility they have to share the base's story with the rest of the world.

"I think all too often people in the base community have a misconception about public affairs. People tend to get nervous when public affairs is mentioned. What they need to realize is that we are here to help them," said Holly Birchfield, staff writer for the Rev-Up.

All the members of the team encourage members of the base community to contact the PA staff and let them know what you would like to see us cover.

"We can't do our job without the support and cooperation of the people that make Robins so great — its people. Our eyes and ears aren't able to be everywhere on this massive installation. Our readers are our informants. We rely heavily on them to let us know what's going on," Mrs. Birchfield said.

So next time you see a member of the public affairs team, "Smile when we point the camera at you," said Claude Lazzara, a photographer with the base photo lab.

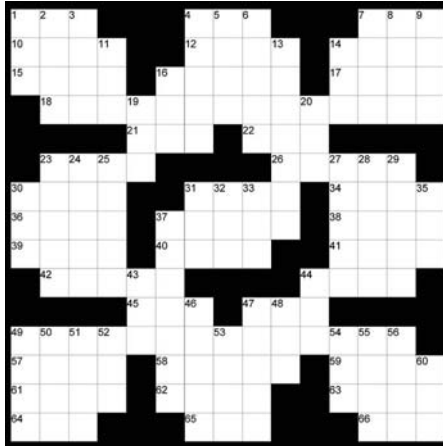


Ed Aspera, videographer for the 78th Air Base Wing public affairs office, tapes a segment for the Robins TV.



President Carter greets and visits with Amanda Creel, staff writer for the Robins Rev Up, March 29 in Plains, Ga.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Airman's Creed

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

ACROSS

1. Start of American warships
4. ...-fi
7. USAF auxiliary
10. Person referred to with respect to complete individuality
12. Wrongful act; results in injury to another for litigation
14. Full short of success or achievement
15. Great Lake
16. Line 8: And a Legacy of ____
17. M*A*S*H actor Alan
18. Line 4: I am an ____
21. Large, stocky, shaggy-haired wild ox
22. ... and yang
23. One side of a leaf of something printed or written
26. Tex-Mex appetizer
30. Part of the Department of Defense
31. Teenager problem
34. Operation Provide ____
36. Protocol optimized for the transmission of voice, in brief
37. Line 11: My Nation's ____ and Shield
38. Wallet stuffers
39. Jokes
40. Singer Fitzgerald
41. Charged particles
42. Senior member, as in age, rank, or experience, of a group
44. Mistakes
45. Mil. pay statement
47. Writer Fleming
49. Line 5: My mission is to ____, and ____
57. Silver or cupronickel coin and monetary unit of 55 DOWN
58. Odor arising from spices, plants, or cooking
59. Eye part
61. 1970s hair style
62. Singer Home
63. Line 3: I have answered my Nation's ____
64. CNN founder Turner
65. Lair
66. Michel ____; French revolutionary and Napoleonic military leader

DOWN

1. Expend or consume
2. Thin, clear parts of the fluids of plants
3. Thin
4. More or less orderly pile or heap
5. Overseas mil. pay entitlement
6. Words that are the opposite of its literal meaning
7. Without rough motion; still or nearly still
8. Verdi opera
9. Scheme or method of acting, doing, or proceeding
11. Charge or payment for professional services
13. Coached to a mode of behavior or performance
14. Distant
16. By a route that touches or passes through; by way of
19. Widely cultivated cereal grass
20. ... jiffy
23. Line 6: I am faithful to a ____
24. Body acid
25. European nomad
27. Singing group
28. Line 7: A Tradition of ____
29. Removes obstructions from; clears
30. 2004 science fiction movie
31. Pointed instrument for piercing small holes in leather, wood
32. Pass or depression in a mountain range or ridge
33. Gun lobby
35. Snake sound
37. Republic in W Africa
43. NY Giant Manning
44. Terminate
46. Cut up, tear
47. Start of Line 14
48. Ugly Betty actress Ortiz
49. College group
50. Line 13: I defend my Country with my ____
51. 3 feet
52. Alice's street-smart waitress
53. Quality or character of sound
54. Supplemental food program
55. Middle East country
56. African river
60. Stallone nickname

SOLUTION



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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 Kendahl Johnson at: kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks. The following has been approved as leave recipient: **Rose Jordan, 402nd AMXSS. POC is Pamela Gates at 926-2605.**

SERVICES BRIEFS

SUNDAY

Texas Hold 'Em will be **Sundays** with sign ups starting at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given. 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.

WEDNESDAY

A Membership bar bingo is today. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m.

An appreciation lunch for administrative professionals is today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Administrative professionals receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet.

Mongolian BBQ is scheduled today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horizons. Come out and try Chef Douglas's superb Mongolian BBQ in the dining room. Create your own stir-fry with a wide range of fresh meat and vegetables for only 75 cents an ounce.

ONGOING

Registration for swim lessons is underway in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place Tuesday through Friday. Fees are due at time of registration. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Exciting dance classes are underway in the community center, including Hip Hop (adult and youth), salsa, belly dancing, swing dancing, Tai Chi and piano.

The 2007 Colossal Cookie Challenge cook book is now available to the public at www.afcommunityprograms.com.

The Arts & Crafts Center is holding various classes throughout April. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change.

UPCOMING

The Child Development Center will host its Junior Summer Camp June 1 through Aug. 1. Children ages 4 and older may participate. Only 24 slots are available. Registration begins the week of April 1 and continues as long as spaces are available. For more information, call Kelly Green at 926-5805.

A bike trip is slated for May 3 at Red Top Mountain in Atlanta, Ga.

Pose a strike



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chris McDaniel participates in Officers Spouses Club league bowling at Robins Lanes April 15.

The bowling alley is now forming summer leagues. Call 926-2112 to reserve a spot in a league or for more information.

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 Saturday.

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.

Family Night Bingo will be played April 28 at the community center in the Heritage Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 per game pack, limit 3 packages per person. All children leave with a door prize.

Get your tools, paints, brushes, clay, glass and cameras out and make something creative for three Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery program coming in May. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

Wrestling fans, watch "Backlash" on April 27 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Dinner and dance is back April 25 with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 members and \$17.50 guests and includes choice of Prime Rib of

Beef, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon w/lemon caper sauce, tossed salad and red velvet cake.

Pine Oaks Golf Course will host the two-person club championships April 26 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Play a six-hole scramble, six-hole two ball better ball and a six-hole alternate shot for \$30 annual green fee members and \$35 guests. Cost includes food, prizes, golf, cart and range.

Enjoy Coca Cola products and register to win the following prizes at 78th Services Division participating locations: Pizza Depot - T-shirt giveaway, Fairways Grille - Coke golf bag, and Bowling Center - NASCAR racing jacket. Every time customers purchase any Coke bottled product at the Base Restaurant they will receive a free patriotic mug.

Enter to win by purchasing Coca-Cola bottled product and filling out an entry form and dropping it in the designated Coca Cola box in the participating facility. No entry limit. Drawing will be held at the end of April and the winners will be notified soon afterwards. No purchase is necessary if a customer chooses to send a postcard to 78 MSGSVK 755 Warner Robins St. Robins AFB, GA 31098-1468 with a postmark dated no later than the 25th day of the month with the name of the prize they wish to win and their contact information to include name and phone number.

Look for the Coca Cola giveaway programs throughout 2008 and enter to win great prizes at these participating facilities. For more information, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

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

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 — 6 P.M.
DOOMSDAY
R

The Reaper virus violently resurfaces in a major city. An elite group of specialists is urgently dispatched into the still-quarantined country to retrieve a cure by any means necessary. Shut off from the rest of the world, the unit must battle through a landscape that has become a waking nightmare.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
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MIC shop ensures parts delivered to C-5

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The mission of the C-5 material inventory control shop in the Aircraft Product Support Division at Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins is to ensure parts needed to support programmed depot maintenance of the C-5 Galaxy are readily available to support the needs of the Air Force mechanics servicing the aircraft.

The C-5 Galaxy is the largest transport aircraft in the U.S. military fleet. In addition to the C-5 MIC, there are approximately 20 other MICs set up to provide focused support to C-130, C-17 and F-15 aircraft as well as commodities and electronics shops at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

"We make sure the parts for the C-5 come in on time and get to the Air Force mechanics as quickly as possible," said Mike Williams, C-5 material, storage and distribution chief, DLA Warner Robins.

Parts come to the C-5 MIC from co-located DLA Defense Distribution Center Warner Robins.

"Everything is processed through the automated manifest tracking system, or what we call AMTS," Mr. Williams said. "With AMTS, we can track the parts from time of order, to time of delivery and all points in between."

Given the size of the C-5, the volume and size of material can vary widely, said Sandra Smith, supply technician. "There is a very heavy volume of parts that move through the C-5 MIC. It could be 200 one day and a little more than 100 the next."

Regardless of these variables, each part is closely tracked. "When an item comes in, we in-check it," Mr.



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Mike McElheny, expeditor at DLA Warner Robins, picks up parts for the C-5 Galaxy in the C-5 material inventory control shop.

Williams said. "We have a scanner and scan the bar code. Once the item is checked in it either goes to the shop or in a bin in the MIC."

Chris Jones is a supply technician in the C-5 material inventory control shop. His job is essentially to the repair cycle of the weapons system. He makes sure the depot level repairable items which have been removed from the aircraft during program depot maintenance are turned back into supply in a timely fashion.

"The clock is running to get the repairable parts back into supply and into repair to support the warfighter," Mr. Jones said. "From the time the new or serviceable part is issued to the mechanic, the unserviceable item should be received back from maintenance within 60 days."

If the part is not received in a timely fashion, Mr. Jones conducts follow-ups with Air Force maintenance personnel to ensure the turn-in is completed.

Mr. Jones said at times, the tracking of these parts can be challenging. Due to the nature of PDM, parts that were initially issued to one plane may have had to be reallocated by maintenance to another aircraft due to an urgent need such as operational or functional test requirements. The repairable item is now owed from a different aircraft. Research and continued communication with our Air Force customers is key to effectively tracking the turn-ins to completion, Jones said.

The C-5 MIC runs seven days a week to support the warfighter with two expeditors who work on the weekends.

"We have to support our customers," Mr. Williams said. "We work when our customers work."

Williams, along with his crew of seven in the C-5 MIC, all transferred in place from the Air Force to DLA in October. "Overall, I think it was a good transition," said Mr. Williams, a retired Air Force master sergeant.

"As far as looking at the bigger scope, I was glad to make the transition to DLA," Williams said. "It helps the Air Force because their supply is shrinking. With DLA coming on board it relieves the Air Force assets, as far as money and personnel. DLA is taking responsibility for managing moving, storing, and shipping the materials."