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School chorus stays busy building sound reputation

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Music can be a good source of fun for many kids.

For the Robins Elementary School's chorus, it's a way to express their pride in the military service to which their parents are committed.

Sheila Clopton, a music specialist and choral director at Robins Elementary School for 25 years, said the chorus, which is made up of 27 boys and girls ages 8 to 12, has performed at the POW Christmas luncheon at the Horizons Club, sang at the Robins Christmas Tree Lighting, sang the national anthem at Turner Field in Atlanta and made appearances at a host of other venues since late 2007.

Mrs. Clopton said the young vocalists have a heart for music as well as for their Middle Georgia community.

"A lot of the songs that we sing are not just about entertainment and learning how to sing correctly," she said. "They have to do with teaching values and pride in our country."

Mrs. Clopton said the children made an impact on the crowd at Turner Field.

"The chorus just participated in singing the national anthem for the Atlanta Braves game," she said. "This was especially important to them because all of these students are military dependents and they know firsthand the sacrifices their parents make serving in our military and supporting our country and our freedom."

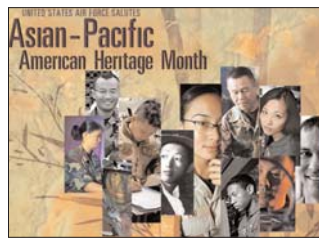
The Robins Honor Guard joined the chorus on the field.

"I think it was really neat that the audience in the stadium cheered the kids on because they knew their parents are in the military," Mrs. Clopton said. "That just especially made their hearts swell with pride and encouraged the kids."



Courtesy photo

The Robins Elementary School Chorus sings the National Anthem at an Atlanta Braves game. The school chorus also recently appeared on the broadcast of *The World's Largest Concert*. The chorus recorded "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Museum of Aviation and "Music Rocks" on the school stage. Both recordings were used in the broadcast and on the WLC DVD. Only twenty-eight schools from across the nation were featured in the sing-a-long concert that linked students around the world through music.



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration is held every year in May to recognize people of Asian Pacific Islander heritage in the U.S. May was selected because the anniversaries of the first Japanese immigrants and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad by many Chinese railroad workers are both in May. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

In 1977, a resolution was introduced that called upon the President to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage week.

Asian Pacific Americans have helped enrich our unique American culture. From big names such as news reporter Connie Chung and fashion designer Vera Wang, to lesser known names, such as architect Maya Lin and physicist Steven Chu, many have made an impact on our culture. So set time aside to reflect on the positive effects this mingling of thoughts, ideas, and culture has had on our culture and way of life here in America.

There will be a cake cutting ceremony today at 11 a.m. at the Base Exchange to kick off the celebration. A full schedule of events will be released soon.

AFMC announces new leadership



LT. GEN. DONALD HOFFMAN
Future AFMC commander

Department of Defense officials announced that Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, currently the military deputy in the office of the assistant Air Force secretary for acquisition at the Pentagon, will become the sixth commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

President Bush has nominated General Hoffman for promotion to the rank of general with assignment as commander of AFMC, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. General Hoffman will succeed Gen. Bruce Carlson, the current AFMC commander who has served in the position since August 2005.

No dates have been announced for when the change of command will occur, or when General Carlson will retire to end a 37-year Air Force career.

One of nine Air Force major commands, AFMC's mission is to conduct research, development, test and evaluation, and provide acquisition management services and logistics support necessary to keep Air Force weapon systems ready for war.

In his current position, General Hoffman is responsible for research and development, test, production, and modernization of Air Force programs worth more than \$23 billion annually.

MAY IS NATIONAL FITNESS MONTH Fitness trainers help folks meet exercise goals

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Finding the right exercise to burn fat and tone muscle and tallying the right amount of exercise to meet one's goals can be enough to make someone call it a day before ever getting through the gym door.

Personal trainers in the Fitness Center in Bldg. 826 and Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301 East Wing, Bay H, at Robins make getting on track with fitness goals easier.

The Fitness Center has four personal trainers on staff and two contracted trainers on hand to help people get on track with their fitness goals.

Before people can hit the workout floor, they must put pen to paper, said April Gray, a certified group fitness and spinning instructor and contracted personal trainer who has been at Robins since 2001.

"With personal training, I start people out with an assessment where we sit down one on one in a closed office and we (find out) what their goals are," she said. "We get their height, weight, and measurements. (I take their) body fat composition with calipers and do a flexibility test (and) a strength test."



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Scott Peavy, a recreational assistant at the Fitness Center, works with a patron. Mr. Peavy is one of six personal trainers who help patrons get the most out of their workouts.

Mrs. Gray said after people have been cleared by their physicians to start an exercise routine, she determines how she can help people meet their goals and designs workout plans to get them there.

Each personal trainer has his or her own approach to helping clients meet goals.

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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. and is open to swing and night shift workers only. For more information, see page 3A.



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Put your hands together for...

Rev-up gives special recognition to members of Robins community, 1B

AIR FORCE



Weather NCO wins AF award

Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin wins Air Force weather NCO of year, 2A

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Base Article 15s, discharges and courts-martial, 2A

WEATHER

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin holds a propeller from a Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle. He did weather briefings for these vehicles while in Kirkuk, Iraq. Sergeant Godwin, assistant NCO in charge of the weather operations flight, won the Air Force Noncommissioned Weather Officer of the Year award.



Robins weather officer nets AF award

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For one 78th Operations Support Squadron Airman, a phone call and the shock factor of earning an Air Force level award made him think he was the victim of a practical joke.

"I thought it was a prank," said Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, assistant NCO in charge of the weather operations flight.

It was Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hall, a fellow instructor from Sergeant Goodwin's days at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., who made the call breaking the good news he had been named the 2007 Air Force Noncommissioned Weather Officer of the Year.

"I told him to quit pulling my chain," Sergeant Godwin said.

However, it wasn't long before e-mails began to flood his inbox and the official word came that the Sergeant had been selected for the Air Force level award.

The phone call may have thrown Sergeant Godwin a curve ball, but his selection was no surprise to his coworkers.

"He finally got the recognition he deserved," said Capt. Hank Chilcoat, acting commander of the weather flight.

"Without a shadow of a doubt, he is one of the best NCOs I've seen pass through here," said Roddy Nixon, sen-

ior aviation meteorologist. "Weather is a science and is something you have to have a deep-seated passion for. What Brad brings to the game is some of the most sincere dedication I've seen."

His coworkers agreed he is always willing to meet any challenge and can always be found working to improve their flight.

Sergeant Godwin said one of his pet peeves is someone saying "we have always done it that way."

"I was taught to always strive to do a little bit more than you were paid to do," he said.

Sergeant Godwin said he is always looking for a better and more efficient way to do the tasks he is responsible for.

"I can't sit still. I have ideas popping in my head. Eighty percent of them don't work, but the 20 percent that do are good," Sergeant Godwin said.

One of the many ideas from the past year that became a reality included making weather information more readily available to members of the Robins community through the weather Web site.

While in Iraq from January until May of 2007, Sergeant Godwin designed a training class for the Iraqi air force to help their pilots gain basic weather knowledge.

He also brought his expertise from working with the

Web site here to give troops at the forward operating base similar access to weather conditions as they happened.

"He took the initiative and improved the services weather provides — not just here at Robins but in Iraq during his deployment," said Master Sgt. Thomas Wenger, Operations Flight NCO in charge.

However, the sergeant doesn't just take time to aid the Air Force's mission through weather services. He spent time during the last year working to help train Airmen preparing to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan through the Battlefield Airmen program.

"He has had the opportunity not just to focus on his job, but obstacles outside his job. It makes him a valuable asset," Sergeant Wenger said.

Sergeant Godwin said he wouldn't have been able to accomplish any of the things that lead to his selection with out the support and understanding of his wife, Amy; his son, Andrew, 8 and his daughter, Anna, 4.

He also attributes a lot of his success to his coworkers in the flight.

"I work for an excellent team. Nothing I did would have been possible without them," he said.

He said April was one of the luckiest months of his life. In addition to winning an Air Force award, he also netted a new rifle in a drawing.

► IN BRIEF

NETWORK 56 CAR SHOW

Network 56 is hosting the 2nd Annual "Support From The Heart Of Georgia Car Show" May 17 at the Galleria Mall. All vehicle types are welcome. Registration is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Judging begins at 11 a.m., with an awards presentation at 2:30 p.m.

Registration is \$20, with proceeds going towards care packages for combat deployed Airmen. All participant vehicles must be driven to the show area. For more information e-mail robinsnet56@yahoo.com or call 919-5985.

WR-ALC QUARTERLY AWARDS CEREMONY

The WR-ALC first quarter awards ceremony will be held May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater. Please note the change of location. All military and civilian employees are encouraged to attend to support your organization's nominees.

BLOOD DRIVE

It is time to give the gift of life to somebody in need. There will be a blood drive May 16 at the following locations: Cotton Auditorium, AFRC Hq (Bldg. 210) and Youth Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Bldgs. 640 and 645, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPECIAL DUTY BRIEFING

If you've ever wanted to have the opportunity to recruit sharp individuals into the Air Force as an Air Force recruiter, or mold civilians into Airmen as an Air Force Military Training Instructor, the AETC special duty briefing team can answer any questions you may have concerning these challenging and rewarding careers. The team will brief on all aspects of special duty oppor-

tunities from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. May 7 at the Base Theater. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. AICs with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service are invited to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply for these special duty assignments.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring it with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty applications contact the Master Sgt. Shondi Morrison, base career adviser, at 222-0168.

CCAF GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Education and Training Office is hosting the 2008 Community College of the Air Force Graduation Ceremony on May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater. The guest speaker for the event will be Chief Master Sergeant Karl Griffin. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Mr. Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers and Spouse to Teachers programs, will be at the Robins Education Center (Bldg. 905, Room 137) May 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the two programs. No reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at andrea.harris.ctr@robins.af.mil or call 327-7312.

WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

The White House Communications Agency Recruiting Team will be visiting Robins May 13. They will be conducting a briefing at the Museum of Aviation's Scott Theater at 10:30 a.m..

The WHCA is looking for highly dedicated and professional Airmen to provide state of the art communications support to the President of the United States. You Must be able to travel, work with little supervision and be extremely responsible.

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Candidates must be able to obtain top secret security clearance and be able to serve in a four-year Presidential Support billet. WHCA recruiters will identify, interview and select qualified Airmen.

For additional information, contact Staff Sgt. Kamesha Moore at 202-757-5148, kamesha.moore@whmo.mil or visit the WHCA recruiting Web site at www.disa.mil/whca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Air Force Junior ROTC has employment opportunities for retiring or retired Air Force officers and NCOs. Members within six months of a fixed retirement date or retired within the past five years or less may be eligible for employment as an

AFJROTC instructor.

Visit www.afjrotc.af.mil/ AFJROTC to learn more about the program and to submit an electronic instructor application. For more information, contact Ms. Jo Alice Talley at jtalley.rotec@maxwell.af.mil or 334-953-7742.

BASE PHONE BOOKS

The base phone books are available for pick up in Bldg. 255 in the northeast corner of the warehouse. Pickup dates are: May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and May 7-9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOD WALK

The Base FOD walk will be May 7. All units participating are asked to be at there designated areas of responsibility at 7:30 a.m. Personnel from the 402nd MXW, 78th ABW, 116th ACW, 19th ARG and the 339th FLTS will participate. FOD POCs are coordinating with 78th LRS to arrange pickup points and times.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person having any claim against or for the estate of Airman 1st Class Chase C. Baker should immediately contact 1st Lt. Shawna Wadley at 327-7343.

CHEF DOUG FLAMBÉ'S COMPETITION



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Douglas Goodridge, chef at the Horizons Club, took the bronze award in the Sysco National Food Show's beef and shrimp competition in March. Along with his recognition at the national show, Mr. Goodridge also received a certificate and a medal from the American Culinary Federal, Inc.

FITNESS

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"I concentrate more on body weight, free weight, and flexibility exercises versus the machines," said Kim Wilson, a contracted certified personal fitness trainer who has worked at the Fitness Center and Annex for a year and a half.

Training can be one-on-one or couples can tackle it together.

Either way, personal trainers have the expertise to help their clients take their workouts to the next level, Scott Peavy, a recreation assistant at the Fitness Center, said.

"It's great to have a trainer because a trainer can teach you so much above and beyond what you don't know," he said.

Mr. Peavy uses his background in exercise science and expertise as a weight management consultant to help people improve their health.

"We know how empowering it is for them to actually reach a goal," he said. "It makes a profound change in their attitude, the way they handle life, (and) the way they tackle issues. It all kind of ties together."

Mrs. Wilson said there's a "personal" side to personal training as well.

Clients tend to open up and talk about more than fitness when on the workout floor, Mrs. Wilson said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Kim Wilson, a contracted certified personal fitness trainer, works with Shirley Abbott Clark at the Robins Fitness Center April 30.

In the end, trainers often get personal satisfaction from seeing their clients reach milestones.

"Nothing's better than to see someone get a better life," Mrs. Gray said.

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 senior airman was convicted in a general court-martial for carrying or transporting a concealed firearm within the confines of Robins Air Force Base and indecent assault of a female airman. Punishment was confinement for four months, forfeiture of \$670 pay per month for four months, reduction to E-1 and a reprimand.

Article 15s

►An airman 1st class wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic.

►An Airman First Class was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while under 21

years of age. Punishment: Reduction to the grade of Airman Basic and suspended forfeiture of \$673.00 pay per month for two months.



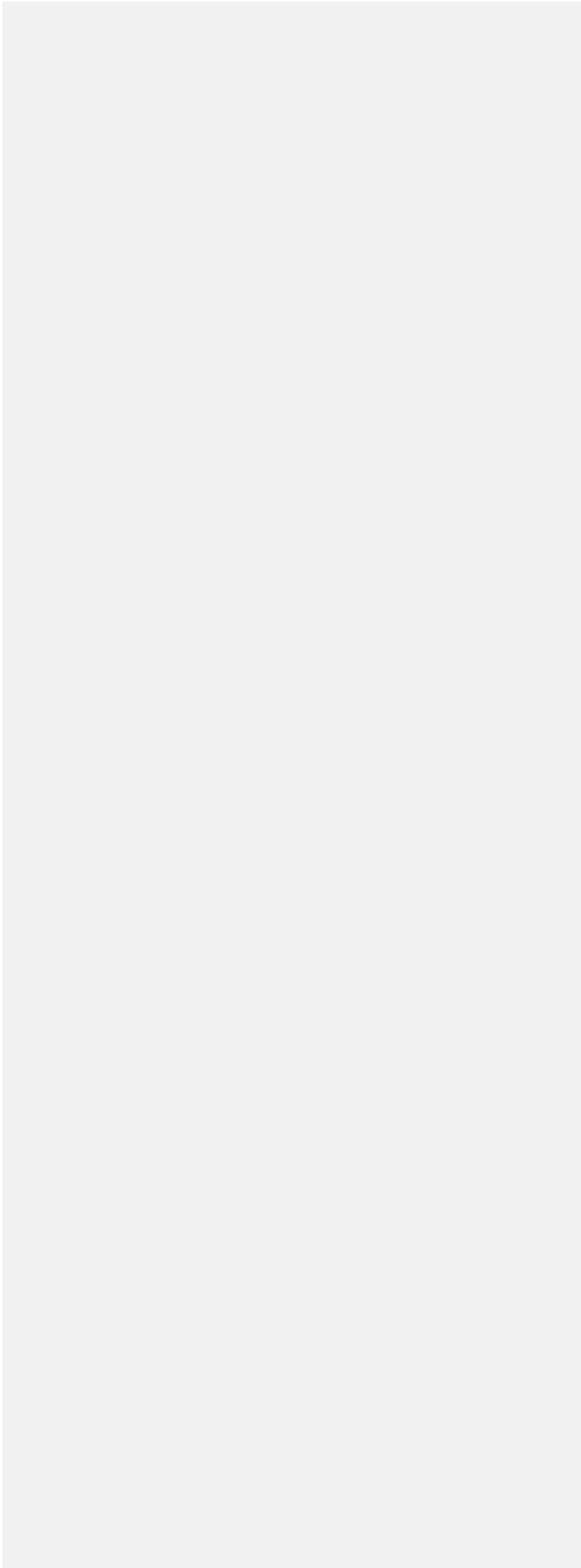
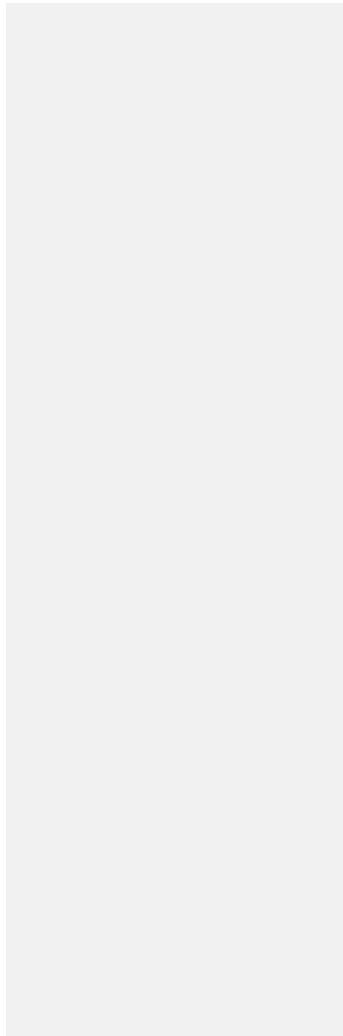
►A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

►A senior airman was derelict in the performance of his duties in that he negligently failed to ensure that security forces posts and patrols in his area complied with all security directives, operating instructions, special security instructions and other directives. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman 1st class and a reprimand.

Discharges

►An airman basic received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for Drug Abuse. The member had previously been found guilty at a summary court-martial for using marijuana and wrongfully using a government travel card for unofficial purchases and cash advances.

►An airman basic received a general discharge for drug abuse. The member had previously been punished under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for using methamphetamine.



"A new tanker is critical to our mission of global reach. With our tankers, we can deliver decisive effects anywhere in the world at any time. There's only so long we can do that with airplanes that were designed in the 1950s." — **Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley on recapitalization**

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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:
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FILLING JOB POSITIONS

I'd like to know why some organizations interview for GS-12 positions and others don't. Seems to me if the process is going to be fair, every promotion should be handled in the same manner.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

For GS promotion placements, a Candidate Referral Roster (a list of qualified candidates), and an official career brief for each candidate, is issued to the selecting official. In accordance with Air Force Manual 36-203, Staffing Civilian Positions, "as a minimum, review of system generated career briefs of all those referred" is required. All candidates referred must have, at a minimum, a documented review of their career briefs. Selecting management officials also have the option to conduct formal or informal interviews.

Thus, each selecting official may

decide whether to interview or not to interview. Interviews may not be necessary if the selecting official knows all of the candidates (for example, when all candidates currently work for the selecting official), when one particular candidate is clearly the most skilled or experienced as compared to all of the candidates, or in any other type of situation where interviews are not expected to add value or information to the selection process.

Placements without job interviews are also permitted in reassignments, for example, when a GS-12 is placed into another GS-12 position for which he or she is qualified.

Interviews are only required for GS-14 and above positions, including NSPS equivalent jobs.

We hope this information clarifies your concerns regarding this issue. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Lisa Hollis, Human Resource Specialist at 222-0719.

HOURS OF OPERATION

I went by the Class 6 Store on the 29th of March to purchase some lunch from the Church's Chicken franchise. I was surprised and disappointed to find the location was closed.

I asked the Manager on duty why this was and she said that the franchise was closed on the weekends. This is not a service to the community if this facility is closed on the days that there is increased activity in the Class 6, BX and Commissary.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

In order to better serve Robins Airmen and their families, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Church's Chicken is now open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Sunday. Their telephone number is 328 7570.

POT HOLE

I recently saw and reported a very big pot hole at the Green street gate. It is about 6 inches deep, 6 to 8 inches wide and about 12 to 18 inches long. It is located at the far right lane outbound where the asphalt and cement meet at the overhang. I almost hit it with my front wheel of my motorcycle. I reported it to the safety supervisor and he reported it to CE last week.

I know you are concerned with our safety, so I thought you could use your power to fix the roads.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for your interest in vehicle safety at Robins. The subject pot hole was repaired by the Civil Engineer Horizontal Shop during the week of March 24. In the interest of speeding response to such issues, please contact CE Customer Service at 926-5657. That is a direct number available 24/7 for reporting such situations.

Robins gains new unit as 638th SCMG stands up

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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A group under the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center recently became an official fixture at Robins Air Force Base.

A ceremony marking the inactivation of the 752nd Combat Sustainment Group and AFLGSC's official standup of the 638th Supply Chain Management Group took place April 29 in the Museum of Aviation's Vistascope Theater.

Subsequently, six other squadrons also stood up under the group: the 406th Supply Chain Management Squadron (materiel), the 407th SCMS (common avionics), the 408th SCMS (electronic warfare), the 409th SCMS (aircraft), the 410th SCMS (support equipment), and the 411th SCMS (special operations forces).

Bob Zwitich became the director of engineering in the group, and Carla Holt became chief of the management operations office.

Employees in the former 752nd CBSG will move into the AFLGSC's 407th SCMS under the leadership of Karen Brigance.

Former 752nd CBSG director Bonnie Jones, the deputy director of the 642nd CBSG, said the organizations will report to 448th Supply Chain Management Wing at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, Okla. — a move that has been in the works for quite some time.

"We've been doing immersion training for a long time and that is where we're starting to see the organizational structure get into place for purchasing and supply chain management," she said.

Scott Reynolds, 448th SCMW director under the AFLGSC, said the organizational standup at Robins affords the opportunity for positive change in the Air Force's supply chain management.

"The stand up of this last group gives us tremendous opportunities to look at how we can become more effective and efficient for the war fighter," he said.

Mr. Reynolds said the move allows leaders to look at how

the Air Force can deliver more supplies at a lower cost, determine what processes to standardize and which ones to centralize, and determine how to operate in a more streamlined fashion for the warfighter.

The AFLGSC will be the hub for supply chain management, networking logistics experts Air Force wide to link wholesale and retail logistics, as well as integrating and overseeing all logistic processes, technology, and resources to deliver end-to-end war fighter support with increased velocity and reduced cost.

Patty Martin, SCMG director under the AFLGSC Robins, who formerly served as the director of the 762nd CBSG (materiel), said her group was the last to stand up under the AFLGSC.

"The center, the two wings, and all of the other groups under those wings already stood up at their various locations," she said. "This culminates the initial operating capability of the new AFLGSC."

Robins AFB is one of six operating locations for the AFLGSC. Others include Hill AFB, Utah; Langley AFB, Va.; Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Scott AFB, Ill.; and Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

The AFLGSC headquarters are located at Scott AFB, Ill.

Mr. Reynolds said the 448th CBSW will have 3,500 people spread across five groups that are scattered across four states.

The AFLGSC functions as an enterprise-wide planning of Air Force supply chain management including planning for materiel, maintenance, and distribution; command and control as a single point of contact for customers to resolve logistics issues at the point of execution; and authority for supply chain strategy and integration.

"The whole purpose of the AFLGSC being set up is so that we have a single supply chain manager across the entire Air Force," Ms. Martin said. "This center will represent the capability at that authority. That's going to allow us to focus on supply chain management issues and it's going to allow us to make decisions that are best for the entire Air Force enterprise versus each base or each major command making decisions based on what may be best for them but not necessarily best for the Air Force as a whole."

The center's function includes management of business rules and procedures, providing functional requirements for supply chain systems, financial management, and measuring, assessing, and taking action to improve supply chain performance.

Ms. Martin said the AFLGSC has about 50 initiatives already identified on its plate that it thinks will streamline operations, allow them to support its customers more efficiently which means saving money while at the same time maintaining and improving its level of support.

The group will manage inventory, both wholesale and retail, from an enterprise perspective so that when a part is needed, it can ensure it gets there much quicker since it's issued from the retail stock, which is much closer to the area of need than the wholesale stock may be today, Ms. Martin said.

Ms. Martin said the Robins component of the AFLGSC will provide further support of the Air Force's future in supply chain management.

"I think that it's important for people to know that it's a new opportunity that's going to allow us to take advantage of the expeditionary logistics in the 21st Century, or what some call E-Log21, transformation initiatives that are coming online that will further transform the way we do supply chain management," she said.

Mr. Reynolds said E-Log's goal is to increase aircraft availability by 20 percent by 2011 and decrease operations and support costs by 10 percent.

"I'm really excited about working a little more closely with the great people at the WR-ALC," he said. "They have a great reputation. The Robins area has historically had tremendous leadership and they have outstanding community support. Those are two valuable pieces I look forward to working with."

Editor's Note: The following questions were asked at a Commander's Call. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, has responded to the questions.



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WR-ALC
commander

Question: Parking is limited at Bldgs. 48, 49, 50. Can parking spaces be put up against the fence? Tickets are being issued. Do away with tickets and increase parking.

Answer: Civil Engineering shops combined with the IDIQ contractor constructed a new parking lot north of building 59 which provides more than 350 new parking spaces for that area. The project also included the realignment of

Perimeter Road by straightening it out and moving it towards Ga. Highway 247, just west of the new parking area. Work on the new lot is complete and was opened March 24. We will eliminate parking along the fence once the parking lot is opened as this practice is hazardous to traffic and causes serious erosion problems along the fence.

A new entry turnstile is in the planning stages of being installed in the fence at the northwest corner of Bldg. 59. This will improve flightline access for personnel parking in the newly constructed

parking lot. In addition, a new walkway and a new walk-through gate have been put in place behind Bldg. 50 which allows easier access to Bldg. 48, 49 and 50 when employees utilize this parking area. The use of this lot has increased significantly since the turnstile was opened for operation.

Concern: VDATS in Bldg. 645 -- equipment is sitting on the floor. There is a rumor that the organization has been trying to get it operational for a year.

Response: The VDATS tester located in Bldg. 645 is operational, and is being used for software development by 402 Software Maintenance Group. VDATS was conditionally accepted by the program management office March 7. The first Test Program Set for this new tester is estimated for completion third quarter of fiscal 2008.

Q&A

ROBINS AFAC CONTRIBUTION STATS

Unit	Pct.	Unit	Pct.
5th CCG	67%	542 CSW	172%
19 ARG	103%	HQ AFRC	82%
78 ABW	57%	ALC Staff	185%
116 ACW	50%	Robins AFB	76%
330 ASW	139%		
402 MXW	150%		*as of April 28

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, 926-3088; Capt. Tricia Hill, HQ Air Force Reserve Command, 327-1756; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Stroup, 402nd MXW, 926-5332; 1st Lt. John Roth, 330th ASW, 222-1331; Lt. Col. John Stular, 542nd CSW, 222-2120; and Staff Sgt. Jason Lawrence, WR-ALC Staff, 222-1048.

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 Kendall Johnson at kendall.johnson@robins.af.mil or by phone at 926-2137.

Weather flight wins Outstanding Unit award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Tactical weather equipment must be in good working order for weather experts to keep a close watch on the atmosphere to ensure the safety of flight and ground operations.

It was the mission of 13 members of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron's Weather Systems Flight to keep equipment in good working order in Southwest Asia.

The team did an award-winning job at it – garnering the 2007 Outstanding Weather Support Unit of the Year award at Air Force level.

Senior Master Sgt. Cliff Walton, superintendent for the 51st Combat Communications Squadron's Weather Systems Flight, said his unit is one of only two units in the Air Force responsible for repairing tactical weather systems, and the unit has been engaged in a steady stream of deployments across Southwest Asia within the last five years.

"There are approximately 40 to 50 weather capabilities employed across Southwest Asia," he said. "We are the sole maintainers of their tactical weather systems. Without the weather systems there, they're unable to provide safety of flight."

Sergeant Walton said his team plays a crucial role in the deployed location.

"Our job is integral to mak-



Courtesy photo

Members of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron's Weather Systems Flight. The team won Outstanding Weather Support Unit of the Year, an Air Force-level award.

ing sure that not only flights are taken care of, but also ground operations," he said. "A lot of the sites that we visit are Army units that have Air Force weather people there. We maintain the Army-owned systems."

Their mission came with challenges though.

"We deploy with only a four-man team, and that four-man team is responsible for all of Southwest Asia, including Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates," Sergeant Walton said.

Staff Sgt. Paul Morrow, a weather systems technician in the 51st CBCS, said the challenges gave him an apprecia-

tion for his mission.

"It makes you feel the importance of your job," he said. "It makes you take pride in your work to make sure everyone else is safe and it makes you pay more attention to details to make sure the equipment is going to stay running after you leave."

Sergeant Morrow said the team provided training to those in the deployed locations so they could do simple equipment fixes without outside help after the team departed.

Senior Airman Andrew Denitis, also a weather systems technician in the 51st CBCS and team member, said while getting an award was

nice, he was simply glad to help people out.

"It was an honor to serve those guys out there," he said. "We had a lot of work and put a lot of flight time in," he said. "I did a lot of travel to forward operating bases. It's just good to see that the long hours gave something back."

Sergeant Walton said that the team was recognized with its current award at the Air Combat Command level a couple of years ago. It's the first time, however, for the team to win at Air Force level.

The team will receive their award at Langley Air Force Base, Va. in June.

NUGTEREN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Staff Sgt. Shawn Waters, 116th Maintenance Group, was presented a \$750 scholarship from Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren April 29. Sergeant Waters is studying professional aeronautics at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

"I feel very privileged. It was an honor receiving this scholarship from the general. It will go a long way in helping me finish my education," Sergeant Waters said.

The Nugteren Scholarship is awarded to military and civilians assigned at Robins who are enrolled in an on-base education program.

LOA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Recipients for the Logistics Officer's Association scholarships were (from left to right) Staff Sgt. Richard Sheppard, Mary Nauss and Senior Master Sgt. Stuart Allison.

Three scholarships were awarded at the Logistics Officers Association annual scholarship luncheon April 24 at the Museum of Aviation's Hangar One.

The award recipients were:

►Senior Master Sgt. Stuart Allison, a materiel management enlisted career broadener with the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, attending Bellevue University.

►Staff Sgt. Richard Sheppard, a depot level maintenance craftsman with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, attending

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

►Mary Nauss, an accounting specialist with the 78th Comptroller Squadron, attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Each recipient received a laptop computer, \$500 towards college expenses, laptop carrying case, and various LOA merchandise.

In addition to the local awards Ms. Nauss and Sergeant Sheppard will go on to compete at the LOA national level for a chance to earn an additional \$1,000 to pursue educational goals.

Volunteer makes a difference

BY AMANDA CREEL
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For most having a collection means collecting something you love, but for Kathy Hines collecting is about sharing your good fortune.

Ms. Hines' spare bedroom is a haven for any item that might benefit someone somewhere in the future. She has stacks of items such as shaving cream, coats, baby powder and granola bars that with her help, find their way to a place where they can make a difference.

"When somebody has a need I go to my room if I've got it and if I don't I go find someone who does," said Ms. Hines, an acquisition program manager for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System modification program.

The room contains items to brighten the day of troops around the world, orphans in Middle Georgia, nursing home residents, animals who call shelters home or any one down on their luck.

There are few charities or types of people, who Ms. Hines generosity has not touched.

Ms. Hines said she is always looking and listening to the needs of those around her.

One of her many projects is sending 14 boxes each month to deployed troops.

The troops may be strangers to Ms. Hines when they receive their first box, but it doesn't take long for them to understand the good intentions and care she puts into each box.

"I am willing to help anyone do anything," she said.

No request is too great for Ms. Hines, she said she includes her e-mail address with each care package and is always getting special request from the troops.

She said she has gotten request for all types of items including a bow to garish a gift for one of the troop's wives.

"One guy asked for underwear and socks, that was weird buying a stranger underwear," she said.

Ms. Hines is so dedicated to continuing to provide for any need she sees or hears of in the community she bought a truck just to ease her need to haul items around Middle Georgia to various charities and to and from the post office.

Ms. Hines, who has spent years collecting, items that enable her many random acts of kindness was recognized April 30 during the base's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony with the Volunteer Excellence Award.

Maj. Sean Tunaley, J-STAR Sustainment Flight commander, said the team decided to nominate Ms. Hines because she is always leading the charge until the applause starts and then she seems to disappear.

"She doesn't do it for the recognition, she does it because she loves to help people," he said.

According to her coworkers, her contagious enthusiasm and passion for sharing could convince anyone to lend a hand to their neighbor.

"She's my hero. This is one of the most giving organizations, I've ever been in and she's a big part of it," said James Jackson, one of her co-workers in the 577th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron.

RECORDER CHAMP



Courtesy photo

Sixth grade student Taylor Calabrese defeated Sierra Covin in a playoff to earn the title of the 2008 Robins Elementary School recorder champion.

569th EMXS deputy director retires after 41 years

BY AMANDA CREEL
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After more than 40 years as an employee of the Department of Defense, Sherman Stephens is looking forward to spending time with his family.

The Bayou La Batre, Ala., native has dedicated his life to serving the DOD as an active-duty Sailor and as a civil servant of both the Army and the Air Force.

On April 25, members of the Robins community celebrate his career, as he retires today.

Mr. Stephens, 569th Electronics Maintenance Squadron deputy director, said his carrier has taken many turns since he enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and served on the USS Kennedy. Some of the many stops included working with the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory and the Low-Altitude Navigation & Targeting Infrared for Night weapon system.

Though Mr. Stephens' career didn't bring him to Robins until 1985, he made an impact on various missions of the depot during his time here. His various jobs included electronic warfare flight chief, foreign military sales, and program manager for the navigation pod of the LANTIRN weapons system. He was also a member of the team that established the organic depot business office and an action officer for two Base Realignment and Closure

lists.

"Wherever he went, he always made an impact," said Jackie Cleghorn, civilian leader of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron. "He's always willing to share his wisdom and job knowledge."

Many of those who worked side by side with Mr. Stephens said they will miss his willingness to always volunteer to help those around him.

"He was a good sentry for the little guy," said Jeff Miller, 569th EMXS director. "It was almost as if he wasn't management."

Mr. Stephens said the hardest part about retiring will be leaving behind his Robins' family.

"I will miss the camaraderie and the fellowship with my coworkers," Mr. Stephens said.

He said it is important to remember and celebrate the history and ties we have as a community of civil servants and defenders of freedom.



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Sherman Stephens (right), 569th Electronics Maintenance Squadron receives his retirement certificate from Ken Percell, director of Engineering Directorate.

service is we are, "a joint department of defense and everyone is offering their talents to the service and defense of the country."

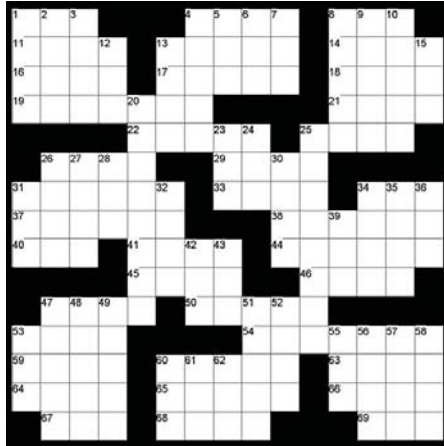
He encourages those who are just embarking on their careers at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to continue to pursue education, whether it's completing technical school training or pursuing a master's degree.

"Always pursue a higher education; your knowledge that will assist you in your job and in serving the country," Mr. Stephens said.

He said it is an awesome responsibility to supply the warfighter with the tools needed to fight.

Everything the WR-ALC maintains ends up in the hands of those men and women who defend our country, Mr. Stephens said.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Celebrate Asian-Pacific heritage month

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

- ACROSS**
1. Tokyo airport, in brief
 2. Carried (a person) on something, as if on a horse
 3. Math function, in brief
 4. Michael ____; youngest male tennis player to win French Open
 5. Horse food
 6. Dined
 7. Young boy
 8. Julia Chang ____; first Asian-American woman appointed US ambassador
 9. Readily bent; supple
 10. Carried
 12. I.M. ____; Louvre and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame designer
 13. Central European river
 15. Prefix used to change meanings to the opposite
 20. PFC. Sadao S. ____; WWII Medal of Honor recipient
 23. Young newt
 24. Two persons commonly associated with each other; couple
 25. General Eric K. ____; Japanese-American Chief of Staff of the Army
 26. ____ Bator; Mongolian capital
 27. Warsaw
 28. Lt. Gen. Allen K. ____; the Army's first three star Japanese-American
 30. Mental or intellectual hold
 31. School org.
 32. Return mail item, in brief
 34. Attraction
 35. ____ disease
 36. Zodiac sign
 39. ____ Father
 42. Took charge
 43. Lyrical poem
 47. Gird up one's ____; prepare oneself for battle
 48. Possessor; proprietor
 49. Actor George ____ of Star Trek fame
 51. De Niro film
 52. Terminates
 53. Bother
 55. Mahayana Buddhist sect asserting enlightenment through meditation
 56. The ____; military-themed TV show
 57. European weight measurement
 58. Seaport in and the economic capital of the Republic of Yemen
 60. Prohibit
 61. Bruce ____; Chinese-American action star
 62. In the past
- DOWN**
1. Haiing ____; 1984 Best Supporting Actor for The Killing Fields

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 Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SERVICES BRIEFS

FRIDAY
A First Friday "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" will be held at your Heritage Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 2. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5.

UPCOMING
A super seafood buffet will be held May 16 at Horizons from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat crab legs, shrimp, salmon and much more. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

A special Mother's Day champagne brunch will be held May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include all the traditional breakfast and lunch entrees, super salad bar and dessert bar. Cost is \$12.95 for club members, \$14.95 nonmembers, \$6.95 10 years and younger and children 2 years and younger are free. Open to all ranks/grades.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held May 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree ID card to the cashier.

A super seafood buffet will be held May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat crab legs, shrimp, salmon and much more. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

An America's Kids Run is slated for May 17 starting at 9 a.m. the fitness center track. This event is for children ages five - 13 years old. Each child will receive a free T-shirt for completing their run. For more information or to register call the community center at 926-2105 or go to www.americaskidsrun.org.

A yard sale will be May 10 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery contest will be held May 16-23. Register your artwork at the Arts & Crafts Center any time from May 16-19. Awards will be presented on May 23 at 4 p.m. Visit the Web site for details on categories and rules.

FORE!



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Robert Pinckney tees off on the first hole at Pine Oaks Golf Course May 1. Play Golf Robins Week will be held May 12-17 with specials every day of the week.

Tickets are on sale for the Mystery Theater/Dinner "Gone with the Wind." The stage is set, for this customer interactive play, in the community center ballroom May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$23 per club member and \$25 for guests that include theater and dinner. Menu includes a Southern fare of fried chicken, corn on cob, potato salad, coleslaw, red velvet cake and tea or water. Meet the cast at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club lounge. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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.

ONGOING
The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in May: scroll saw, watercolor painting, acrylic painting sketching, cherish scrapbook, lathe class, basket weaving tote class, card keeper and dividers beginning scrapbooking, painting, encaustic painting with wax, mosaic, beginning and advanced digital photography. For dates, times and cost, visit the Services Web site. Advance registration and payment is required for

all classes. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DoD civilians.

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 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.

You could be the lucky winner of two round-trip tickets by participating in May Coca Cola Giveaway! Every time you purchase two 20 oz. bottled coke products for \$2.25 at Pizza Depot, On Spot Café, Base Restaurant and Golf Course you will be given an entry form to complete and drop in the box at that facility. The entry forms will be combined into one drawing bin on June 2 and a single form will be drawn and the winner will be notified shortly thereafter. During May Fitness Month, Coca Cola will be conducting a product sampling and giving away pedometers from 2 to 4 p.m. May 8 at the fitness center annex. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

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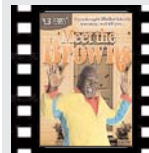
- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5262
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- 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

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 on 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.
TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS - PG-13

A single mom takes her family to Georgia for the funeral of her father -- a man she never met. There, her fiancé is introduced to the cross, fun-loving Brown family.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
PENELOPE PG

A modern romantic tale about a young aristocratic heiress born under a curse that can only be broken when she finds true love with "one who will love her faithfully."



SATURDAY — 6 P.M.
DRILLBIT TAYLOR PG-13

Three kids attend their first day at high school and meet up with a school bully. They seek out some protection by placing an ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine. Their best response comes from Drillbit Taylor, a down-on-his luck soldier of fortune who lives a homeless existence.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger). For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Program aims to increase contracts with locally owned small businesses

BY FREDERICK ANDERSON
WR-ALC Small Business Office

Last week marked the 45th anniversary of National Small Business Week, and the Small Business Administration recognized the achievements and contributions of small entrepreneurs throughout the country.

Likewise, the Air Force Small Business Program has embarked on a new strategy that also champions such recognition. Recently Mr. Ron Poussard, director of the Air Force Office of Small Business Programs, formally kicked off his vision of moving beyond percentage goals and focusing on utilization of small businesses as solutions of choice to meet mission needs.

In the Air Force Small Business Strategic Plan for fiscal 2008, Mr. Poussard acknowledges everyone is expected to meet program goals, but states the program goes beyond that.

"We must look beyond dollars and percentages. By focusing on performance results we can demonstrate value to the customer, change perspectives, create opportunities and eventually exceed goals," Mr. Poussard said.

Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, wholeheartedly endorses Poussard's approach.

"They are focusing on creating small business options and solutions for the customer, improving market research data, knowledge and tools to better support strategic sourcing and increasing leadership awareness of small business capabilities and contributions," he said.

Air Force Materiel Command also recognizes the value of growing and strengthening small business contributions.

"Small businesses are a driving force in our nation's economy and, as such, play a critical role in our national security. Within AFMC, small businesses provide parts for our aircraft, guards at our gates, information technology, advisory and assistance support services and many new and innovative technologies," said Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC Commander.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, maintains the benefits small businesses bring to the table in terms of innovation and cost savings should steer the

Center's acquisition strategies. "There are a number of Center-wide needs which are suitable for small business participation, such as the small business modifications effort, the information technology applications consolidation, and the enterprise-wide buy for engineering and advisory and assistance services," General Owen said. "We need to work these and closely examine others that are suitable for the various small business programs."

Jim Lovett, director of the WR-ALC Office of Small Business Programs, echoes the sentiments of Air Force senior leaders.

"There is clearly a recognition at the highest levels of the value small businesses bring to the mission," Mr. Lovett said. "My office periodically canvasses the wings for such examples. The most recent provided to us were the benefits local small businesses

bring to the U-2 program as well as to sustainment of the C-5 aircraft. These are good examples of small business solutions of choice."

The U-2 breakout program breaks away items from the prime contractor and utilizes local small businesses to produce and repair spare parts for ground support equipment. These firms include woman-owned Georgia businesses such as Stone Machine & Tool Inc (Jeffersonville), Greene Machine and Manufacturing (Macon), and SUJAC Sewing Contractors (Moultrie), as well as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business called Bryant's Machine Shop (Unadilla).

According to the U-2 breakout program manager, the estimated savings by using small businesses is about \$4 to \$5 million annually.

Another local woman-owned small business, Aging Aircraft Consulting Inc. of Warner Robins, has been instrumental in assisting the C-5 sustainment team in addressing supply chain issues.

By assembling a team of experts and applying life cycle solutions that foster effective communication to resolve problems, the ACCI team has saved the Air Force more than \$30 million in cost avoidance and savings since 2002.

Details of this effort as well as the U-2 breakout program can be found at the Air Force Small Business Web site at www.selltoairforce.org.



Courtesy photo

Squadron Leader David "Barney" Barnes enjoys the 330th Combat Training Squadron Tiki Lounge that he helped build. Sq. Ldr. Barnes is a foreign exchange officer from the United Kingdom assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing.

Allies deployed and at home

BY MAJ. RENEE MASSEY
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

What does the rock band Def Leppard and an airborne intelligence officer in the 116th Airborne Command and Control Squadron have in common? They both call Yorkshire, England, home.

Squadron Leader David "Barney" Barnes is a Joint STARS foreign exchange officer from the United Kingdom and has been assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing for the past two years. The exchange program began eight years ago as a result of the Royal Air Force's Airborne Stand-Off Radar aircraft program.

The British ASTOR system includes five Global Express business jet aircraft fitted with a radar. The mission is similar to Joint STARS. It is an airborne battlefield ground surveillance radar system for operation with the RAF and the British Army. The Synthetic Aperture Radar provides photographic quality images of the area being surveyed and a Moving Target Indicator, or MTI radar, tracks moving vehicles over wide ranges.

"The exchange program was a way for the Royal Air Force to identify your lessons learned over the past 10 years flying Joint STARS," said Sq. Ldr. Barnes. "Another benefit is that we can learn about each other's capabilities and cross-cue potential with using a UK asset."

Sq. Ldr. Barnes grew up in Yorkshire which is in central England. Located on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, the area is of great natural beauty and a large portion is a protected national park of England and Wales. He left school at 16 years old, which is not uncommon in the UK.

"I wanted to get involved in some type of communications," said Sq. Ldr. Barnes. "I saw an advertisement for the Royal Air Force and thought this sounded ideal."

Just before his 18th birthday, he joined the RAF as a communications operator. He spent several years working in ground communications and was stationed in Scotland, the Falkland Islands and Central America.

Next, he flew as an air electronics operator enlisted aircrew onboard the UK NIMROD maritime patrol aircraft. Then, he spent time with a C-130 Hercules RAF unit as a communication and console specialist with the Hercules simulator.

After earning his commission as an intelligence officer, Sq. Ldr. Barnes served in several ground intelligence positions to include tactical air director in the UK's Air Support Operations Center.

Wanting to return to flying, he heard about the Joint STARS exchange program. He applied and was selected based on his extensive communications and intelligence

background. Like other Airborne Intelligence Officers in the wing, Sq. Ldr. Barnes began his training in the 330th Combat Training Squadron. He left an enduring footprint on the squadron — the building of a tiki bar which is the squadron's outside lounge.

"Barney suggested to me the building of a tiki lounge like the 'Brits' build at their (forward operating locations)," said Lt. Col. Pat Taylor, former commander of the 330th CTS. "In the end, we all can thank Barney for his awesome tiki bar on the patio, a place where we in the CTS can call home."

Now assigned to the 116th ACCS, Sq. Ldr. Barnes has deployed twice to the FOL and once to exercise Red Flag. He will remain here for another year and looks forward to his next assignment hopefully with the ASTOR aircraft at RAF Waddington in the UK.

He lives in off-base housing with his wife, three children and two dogs.

"It was like Noah's Ark trying to get everyone here," Barnes jokingly admitted.

When he is not working or deploying, this continental traveler enjoys fishing, shotgun shooting and walking with his dogs. It was surprising to hear that he enjoys American football over soccer — a sure sign he has adapted to the American South.



Now that the weather is warmer, what do you plan to do more of?



Dick Roberts
Museum of Aviation

I'll be playing golf. I just enjoy it.



Staff Sgt. Sean Drummond
54th CBCS

I plan to do a lot more sporting activities with my son like soccer and just spending more time with him because you never know when you might be deployed.



Staff Sgt. Latoya Perry
Fitness Center

I'm looking forward to the warmer weather so that I can travel more and also learn how to swim.



Corporal Doug Grider
Army 148th Battalion Support Brigade

I'm a sportsman so I like the outdoors. I plan to do a lot of fishing and when I'm not fishing I'll be in the gym in the weight room, working out.



Lee Hamilton
589th CBS

My husband and I enjoy walking and haven't gotten out much during the colder months. So I plan to get outside, walk and just enjoy the outdoors, enjoy nature and the birds.

DOD aims to see more civilian deployments

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Department of Defense civilians may soon be seen more often serving alongside military Airmen in the deployed location.

The change is intended to promote opportunities for civilians to contribute their talents to the mission. Civilians can gain more insight and understanding of DOD operations through the deployments, according to Air Force officials.

The push will also assist DOD in making a more responsive civilian workforce with expeditionary capabilities to assist and prepare the department to succeed in the global war on terrorism, a number one priority of the secretary of defense.

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Dr. David S.C. Chut recently introduced interim policy guidance to promote building an increased civilian deployment capacity.

Nancy Moody, a human resource specialist in the Directorate of Civilian Personnel's Employee and Labor Relations Policy Branch at Robins who serves as the local point of contact for the interim policy, said while the Department of Defense is in the early stages of working the provisional policy, Air Force

Materiel Command has set up a link on the Air Force Portal to educate DOD civilians about the change.

Ms. Moody said the interim policy could open doors for local DOD employees.

"Hopefully, it will open up more jobs for the civilians," she said. "Right now if you go to the Web site where there are opportunities for DOD civilian employees to serve in Iraq and you hit on the 'positions available' tab, it says they're all full; but they're hoping to increase (position availability) with the new policy."

In the future, the policy is expected to increase job prospects in Iraq and Afghanistan for DOD civilians, Ms. Moody said.

What will this mean for the jobs DOD civilians hold locally? Not much, as civilians will be allowed to return to those jobs once their deployment is complete, said Rochelle McMullen, chief of civilian employee and labor policy.

Ms. McMullen said only DOD civilians who are offered and accept temporary or term appointments connected with the deployments will remain on the rolls of their former organizations and will be placed on officially documented leave without pay status for the duration of their time-limited appointment.

Reginald Butts, chief of the

Workforce Effectiveness Division in the Directorate of Personnel, said DOD civilians who volunteer for deployment will retain all benefits they had prior to deployment and may even receive additional benefits in connection with the deployment.

Ms. McMullen said Air Force leadership is on board with the policy.

"They've put out guidance requesting that leadership support civilians who decide to volunteer for deployment," she said. "It's about trying to increase total force awareness that civilians could have the opportunity to apply for these jobs that are mobile and they want them to know their leadership will support them if they choose to serve their country in that way."

According to a memorandum signed by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, reasons for denying civilians from deploying must be submitted to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The memo states that a lack of funds shouldn't limit support of the effort.

Ms. Moody said the interim policy guidance on civilian deployments is expected to affect all service branches. Robins is awaiting further information on the policy from AFMC and the Air Force.

