

An actual bill from Georgia Power shows the base owed more than \$1 million for energy use. The bill was for February 2008, and was for one of several substations at Robins. A second February bill was sent in the amount of \$442,856.40.

Robins leadership has established an awareness campaign to help remind base personnel to conserve energy. Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, unveiled the base's goal of reducing energy consumption by 10 percent by September 2009. This will help Robins meet the government's mandate of reducing energy intensity (energy per square foot) by 30 percent by 2015.

BELOW: Commander Kill A Watt will be used throughout the energy conservation campaign. The drawing helps remind base members to "stomp out" unnecessary energy use.

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ROBINS UNPLUGGED

Getting a grip on energy

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When it comes to dollars and sense, most of us are frugal with money spent on energy at home. However, when the bill doesn't come to you directly, it's harder to take a penny-wise approach.

With energy costs rising and a mandate from the President to decrease usage, members of the base need to be more responsible when it comes to personal energy usage in the workplace. To help raise this awareness, senior leadership at Robins is making energy conservation a priority.

In fiscal 2007, the base's total energy bill was \$27,605,855 with \$18,837,000 going to electricity and the remaining \$8,768,855 going to natural gas.

This means each Robins' employee, whether they are active duty, civilian or a contractor, owns about \$1,350 of the base's annual energy costs.

This is why Robins' senior leadership is asking employees to do their part and support the "Commander Kill A Watt" campaign by decreasing individual energy consumption.

"It is each of our responsibilities to take small steps every day to conserve energy, whether it is turning off your computer screen or unplugging coffee pots," said Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander. "Though these efforts may seem inconsequential by itself, when you multiply these small actions by the more than 20,000 workers at Robins, we can make a huge impact on our environment and stop the continual upward spiral of our energy bills."

It isn't just Robins tightening its belt when it comes to energy use. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires all federal agencies to reduce energy intensity by 30

percent and their water consumption by 16 percent by 2015. Another requirement of the act is to use renewable energy for 7.5 percent of energy consumed.

"Energy is a big issue in our country. I believe our generation will be judged in history for what we do with energy management," said Bob Farrell, deputy base civil engineer with the 78th Civil Engineer Group.

The base's annual energy bills could double about every five years due to a historical 15 percent increase in energy prices and a 2.5 percent increase in base consumption each year.

"I ask each of you to ponder, 'If not us, who? If not now, when?' We should be responsible for conserving energy and ensuring we are able to hand our planet and our country over to the next generation in better shape than we ourselves inherited it," Colonel Berry said.

In just the first seven months of fiscal 2008, the base has already spent \$10,352,311 for electrical energy for the industrial complex.

"We've spent well over \$10 million and we haven't even seen the 'hot' summer months yet," said Dave Bury, pollution prevention program manager in the Environmental Management Division. "We are well on our way to \$19 or \$20 million based on our history, if we don't change something soon."

Randall Evans, the 78th Air Base Wing change manager, explained the base is doing the same thing each employee would do if their power bills

were skyrocketing out of control. "We are having an awareness campaign, but instead of going to our kids and telling them to turn off the lights, we are asking Team Robins members

to do those things," Mr. Evans said.

If each employee at Robins reduced his or her energy use by a mere \$4 every two weeks, then the base could save approximately \$2.75 million each year.

Judah Bradley, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager, said he wants the base population to understand how important they are to the potential success of the base's new energy conservation agenda.

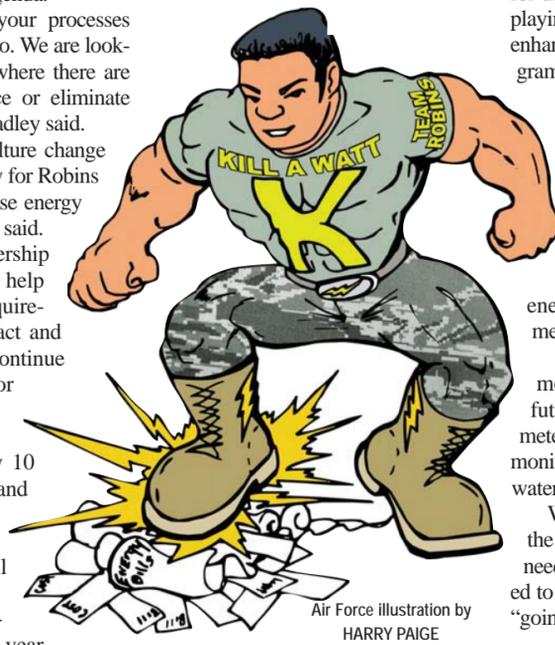
"We don't know your processes nearly as well as you do. We are looking to you to tell us where there are opportunities to reduce or eliminate energy waste," Mr. Bradley said.

It will require a culture change by the base community for Robins to be able to reach these energy milestones, Mr. Farrell said.

Robins senior leadership has devised a plan to help the base meet the requirements of the energy act and position the base to continue down a greener path for years to come. The first hurdle is to reduce energy use by 10 percent between now and September 2009, Mr. Evans said. He added the big initial push will be followed by an additional four percent reduction each year

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78th Civil Engineer Group



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Though Robins recognizes it can't reach its energy goals without Team Robins embracing the energy conservation campaign, it also realizes there are some big picture projects that must also take place.

Some of the many projects the base is considering include exploring using more renewable energy. Presently, the base secures renewable energy from off base sources, but the new focus of energy includes a push to generate our own renewable energy here. One idea is use of cellulose-based renewable energy, which uses wood to create ethanol.

The base is also working to enhance its use of other renewable energies at the base, such as solar, bio-mass and other renewable energy products.

"We have been working closely with the Alternative Energy Office for the state of Georgia and they are playing a key role in our efforts to enhance our renewable energy program," Mr. Bradley said.

One of the energy use awareness projects the base has already embarked on includes a \$1.5 million electrical metering project. Every building on base 35,000 square feet or larger, or other buildings considered a large energy consumer, will receive meters, Mr. Bradley said.

The base also has plans for more metering projects in the future including more electrical meters and installing meters that monitor usage of natural gas, chill water and steam usage, he added.

With all of these energy efforts, the base has also recognized the need for a team or office to be created to address the many challenges of "going green."

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Robins lends helping hand

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Storms affect community, Robins pitches in to help

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The Air Force not only helps destroy America's enemies, it also helps those people in need.

Team Robins did just that this weekend.

While the majority of the local population was awakened by strong thunderstorms May 11, several people in Macon were seeking shelter from tornadoes and disastrous winds.

Although Robins didn't bear much hardship, it did use its Air Force resources to benefit Middle Georgia.

The aid wasn't the usual Air Force's airlift of food for the hungry, but Robins did provide needed water and power for care facilities.

Two different Macon organizations requested support. The Coliseum Northside Hospital's emergency management director requested water service support, and the Goodwill Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities director requested generator support from Robins' leadership.

"While many of us spent a quiet Sunday afternoon preparing for the upcoming week, Airmen from across this installation extended a helping hand to families in need," said Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, 78th Air Base Wing's command chief master sergeant. "I applaud their efforts, not only to master the technical aspects of their crafts, but their servant leadership."

Thirteen members of the 5th Combat Communications Group, an Air Combat Command tenant unit on

Robins, used six government vehicles and moved six potable water tanks to the hospital May 11 to assist those in need.

In addition, the 78th Civil Engineer Group dispatched two civil engineers and a vehicle driver from 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and two generators to support the nursing home until power there was restored.

"I don't know what we would have done without the (base generators)," said Joy Shepherd, director of Goodwill Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Macon. "It's amazing how one phone call can lead to several good people out there responding immediately."

Those "good people" were nine 78th CEG personnel — seven from power production, one from the interior electric shop and one from the exterior electric shop. The team was led by Jeremiah Thompson, power production supervisor.

"We are the emergency power kind of guys," said Mr. Thompson. "We provide emergency power for any type of contingencies. On Sunday when we got the call, we came out and surveyed what needed to be done, then called in the guys and got the job done."

The job was to restore power to a building that was built in three stages, all with their own power supply. To power the facility, it took technicians hooking up two of the base generators and one generator from Georgia Power to the facility, accord-

ing to Mr. Thompson.

The Coliseum Northside Hospital also received help from the base, in the form of potable water.

"We sent six water buffaloes," said Capt. Nate Huston, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron's plans and operations flight commander. "We filled up with our approved sources and the medical group on base tested and approved the water."

The 13 Airmen who took the water to Macon were met by the fire department, which was also trying to restore water to the hospital.

"The fire department showed up and got the water turned on just as we were about to dump our water in their system."

The 5th CCG left three of the water buffaloes hooked into the system at the hospital in case they were in need later this week, according to Tech. Sgt. Shawn Helgerson, 51st Combat Communications Squadron.

The electrical power from the base was used for three days until commercial power could be restored.

The Goodwill facility has more than 170 beds and is currently occupied by 148 people, some of which require electricity for tube feeders, Ms. Shepherd said.

The power production team got the call about 12:30 p.m. and finished up around 11:30 p.m.

"Our residents were so thankful for their assistance," said Ms. Shepherd. "Without Team Robins I don't know what we would have done."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Jeremiah Thompson, 78th Civil Engineer Group power production supervisor, shows one of the generators to Joy Shepherd (left), Goodwill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center administrator. The CEG dispatched two generators to support the nursing home until its power was restored. The 5th Combat Communications Group sent six water buffaloes to the Coliseum Northside Hospital.

NEW LEADERSHIP



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Col. Tim Freeman (right) receives the wing guidon from Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander during a change of command ceremony May 9. Colonel Freeman takes command of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, replacing Col. Terence Szanto.

What is the most interesting aspect of your job?



Donnie Huddleston
First Support Services
78th LRS

With me the best thing is the end result, the quality of the work, customer satisfaction and that all the guys go home safe.



Master Sgt. Pat Cioffi
339th Flight Test Squadron

There's always something different every time I go out to test an airplane. It keeps it interesting.



Tim Braddy
78th Civil
Engineer Group

I assign work orders to the different shops to handle. It's always something new.



Staff Sgt. Johnny Seay
78th Security Forces

I train and evaluate security forces and DOD personnel to ensure the job is getting done according to AF regulations and squadron policy. I help ensure the base populace is kept safe from any threats to the base.



Allan Ray
HQ AFRC Services

It's interesting working with various AFRC installations to help them get what they need for their fitness, outdoor recreation and NAF construction. I have hands on input that impacts people directly.

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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LIGHTING NEEDED

My husband and I work the 6 a.m. shift and it is dark almost every morning when we come to work. We usually enter through Gate 5. Now that the entrance has been moved there is no lighting until you get almost to the area where the guards are. Most courteous drivers turn their lights off so the guards are not blinded. At 6 a.m. this area is very dark. A large street light would be very helpful for drivers trying to negotiate for spots in line.

The other area that needs lighting is the area on Third St between Bldg. 323 and Bldgs. 300 & 301. It is very difficult to see people in the cross walks at 6 a.m. in that area. There are street lights that street but they do not illuminate the cross walks. I was very startled by a pedestrian one morning as I crept through there. I did not see him until he was almost half way across the

street because it was dark.

Thank you for looking after the safety of Robins employees.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

A work request was submitted for new light poles on Third Street between Bldg. 323 and Bldgs. 300 and 301. The new light poles will greatly improve the lighting levels. This is in process of being completed.

Civil Engineering personnel plan to change the light bulbs at Gate 5, but an obstruction due to a newly built fence make lowering the light fixtures impossible. The CE personnel are in the process of relocating the fence. Once the fence is relocated, personnel will change the light bulbs and improve the lighting system.

WYNN DINING FACILITY

Trying to get a meal this weekend at

the Wynn Dining Facility was an absolute goat rope. Weekend hours were changed making it nearly impossible to get food before roll call. Service and hours at the chow hall have deteriorated over the past year.

I suggest restoring the hours so the dining facility will open at 6 a.m. and allow all Airmen to be fed before having to report to work. My other suggestion is to restore the ability of non-uniformed personnel to take a carry out box. I also think they should have midnight chow. While I understand the need to cut costs, I think it's a disservice to those serving at Robins.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

The military is required to furnish three meals a day to enlisted personnel and the Wynn Dining Facility exceeds the quality standards in their mission. As you may know the AF funding lev-

els have decreased significantly, which caused us to re-evaluate hours of operations and even cut those hours that had low patronage. The new Wynn hours of operations specifically target the historically high usage periods. We apologize if you are one of the few individuals affected by the cuts. If you can not get to the facility due to your working hours please see your first sergeant and fill out a missed meal form.

Additionally, all meals are intended to be consumed in the facility. The carry out program is for those personnel who, because of duty requirements, cannot take the time to eat the meal in the dining hall. While we would like to exceed the minimum requirements, the reality is that we cannot do so until we receive a budget increase. We are able to support your needs for midnight meals; personnel needing late night meals can call the flight kitchen at 327-4180.

Courtesy photo

Mike Watson sits with his 1957 Chevy, the first car he owned. He was heartbroken when his dad sold the car without his knowledge. But after more than 30 years, Mr. Watson was reunited with his car. He is now restoring it to its former glory.



Robins employee reunited with long-lost love

Taking a trip down memory lane has taken on new meaning for one Robins employee. Mike Watson, BRAC program manager for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs Office, located, purchased and is now restoring the car he owned as a teenager. The following is an account of the journey, as told by Mr. Watson.

Finding the dream

Saturday, March 16, 1974, my dad woke me up on my day off from Piggly Wiggly and told me I had to go with him to Dublin to help my uncle with some bugs. I was very upset. I wanted to sleep in, but I went anyway.

When we got to Dublin, instead of going to my uncle's house, we went to an unforgettable trip to a lady's house. Her name was Ms. Blizzard. My uncle was already there and we talked for a while.

Dad said, "Go look at that old car under the pecan trees."

The car was a '57 Chevy, black from years of pecan sap. After some inspection, I saw that it had once been a hot rod, and had bucket seats, a Hurst shifter and a motor I didn't recognize (turned out to be a 409). I walked back to my dad and told him what I had found.

He asked me if I thought I could get it running and if I wanted it. I said sure. He said good because it was mine and I owed him \$75. We loaded it on my uncle's trailer and hauled it back to Macon. I looked out the back window of the truck all the way home.

Restoring the car

I scrubbed for what seemed

like forever to remove the sap and discovered the car was green and white. We got it running, but realized the engine was going to need some work, so we swapped it for a 350 small-block Chevy because of parts availability.

I drove it the remainder of my junior and senior years of high school — and learned a lot about working on old cars. After graduation, I joined the Air Force. My first leave was Thanksgiving and I came home. While driving the Chevy, I broke the rear axle — for the third time. I guess I was a little rough on it.

A wrecker trip back home and my '57 was left to sit for a while — at least that's what I thought. The next time I came back home, much to my surprise, Dad had sold my car for \$275.

I was mad and didn't think I could ever forgive him. His excuse was the car wasn't road worthy and that I didn't have the money to keep putting into it. His consolation was to give me a '75 Toyota Corolla — which I had to make payments on to him.

Sightings

Several years later, I saw the Chevy again at a car lot on Ga. Highway 247. The guy wanted \$1,800 which was way out of range on my Airman pay. The next time I saw the car, it belonged to a guy in Perry and he told me it wasn't for sale.

I went for years wishing I had it back. Then, in 1991, I met a man and was telling him the story of my '57. To my surprise, he told me where the car was and who had it. I asked if

he was sure it was the same car and he said yes, because he was the one that brought it from Perry back to Macon.

Bringing the car back home

I contacted the owner every year or so to see if I could have the Chevy back. I came real close in 1999 when he agreed to meet me and let me see the car to confirm if it really was my car. I told him what kind of seats were in it, that the color was originally green and white and that it had been painted blue the last time I had seen it.

When he opened the shed door, my heart skipped a little. It was my Chevy. I told him the only thing missing was the Rally wheels I bought from a salvage yard on credit. He grinned and told me to go look in the corner. There they were.

I offered him \$7,000 for the car and he said he would consider it. But it didn't happen.

A few more years of phone calls and I still had no '57 Chevy. In June 2007 I sold my '49 Coupe and had a little spending money. I called the owner of the Chevy.

He said, "You must have sold something, because you always call about the '57 when you do."

Something was different this time. He told me he was probably not going to fix the old car, and nobody wanted or deserved it more than me. I purchased it the following day.

After 32 years, and a lot of begging, the only car I never wanted to sell was headed back home. I finally forgave my dad. I just wish he were here to tell him.

Gator Sword Exercise helps 52nd CBCS train

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It's 6:30 a.m. and the sun is just peering over the trees surrounding the South Training Area at Robins. It is cold and quiet — not a hint of movement across the grassy field.

Moments later, the serenity turns to bustle, as bodies are transporting \$15 million worth of communications gear, enough to fill an entire C-130 aircraft. The bustle continues through the afternoon, as teams set up nearly 50 short tons of equipment that is able to provide communications capabilities to a population of 700.

Later, more personnel set up two UTCs that include a mobile control tower offering air traffic services, and an instrument that gives omnidirectional course guidance and distance to and from a runway.

It's the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron training its abilities to support mobile and transportable command and control communications and air traffic control systems in what's known as Gator Sword Exercise.

Gator Sword is a field training event that prepares the squadron for the Gator Fury Exercise, an annual squadron certification that produces a graded evaluation of competence for the 5th Combat Communications

Group and higher authorities.

The 52nd CBCS became the first squadron to take to the field following the "excellent" ORI in April.

"This is a great opportunity for us to ensure the improvements made by the group in preparing for the ORI are handed down to each squadron in the group," said Lt. Col. Russell Smith, 52nd CBCS commander. "We are also adding some wrinkles to this exercise to make sure our Airmen can deploy effectively to build up a bare base under the force module construct."

Force modules are used to provide capability in a building block approach where initial forces arrive to "open the airbase" and follow on forces provide increasing capability.

This exercise was also timed to demonstrate to Air Staff enlisted functional managers ensuring they effectively evolve the communications and information career fields to better posture the enlisted force under the new Air Force Cyber Command.

"This exercise gave us an opportunity to show the tactical or deployed side of our business and as the Air Force continues to hone its expeditionary skills, combat communicators will be leading the way," said Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms, 52nd CBCS superintendent.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Members of the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron set up a satellite as part of the Gator Sword Exercise. The training exercise helps the squadron prepare for certification evaluation.

Robins to honor deceased at Camellia Gardens ceremony

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People mark the death of a loved one in different ways.

For 32 years, Robins, through a partnership with the Middle Georgia Camellia Gardens Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, has paid tribute to the deceased members of Team Robins in an emotional, patriotic ceremony at its Camellia Gardens located across from the Horizons Club on base.

The 2008 event will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the garden.

Staff Sgt. Jermarquis Johnson, a chaplain assistant at the Robins Base Chapel who serves as a point of contact for the service, said the ceremony helps mark the service of those who have died.

Fifty-six people will be honored at this year's Camellia Gardens service with the reading of names, ringing of bells and reading of scripture.

WHAT TO KNOW

Guests may park at the Horizons Club. There will be reserved seating for family members of those being remembered. In the event of bad weather, the service will be moved inside the base chapel and people will be bused to the chapel from the Horizons Club. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim or Staff Sgt. Jermarquis Johnson at the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

Wreaths will also serve as reminders of those lost, and a 21-gun salute will be observed at the service.

Staff Sgt. Derek Johnson, a chaplain assistant at the base chapel, said the ceremony is a great opportunity to show appreciation for deceased loved ones.

"I think it's a good way for people to remember their loved ones and friends they've worked with over the years and just give them credit for what they've done and give them thanks," he said.

Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim, a chaplain at the Base Chapel and project officer for the Camellia Gardens service, said the service is a great way for Robins to team with the local community to honor passed loved ones.

"Each service is a joint community initiative honoring the deceased of Robins Air Force Base military and those who served in civilian capacity," he said.

Robins and its partners teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead through celebration of life. The garden abounds with blossoms, birds, squirrels, and other wildlife.

The garden's entrance is marked by a brick and mortar wall displaying gold plaques

with the names of nearly 1,500 deceased military and civilian members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

Chaplain Kim said about 500 people attended the 2007 service, and the chapel is expecting more than 500 people to attend this year's ceremony.



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SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen (right), Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey place a wreath at last year's Camellia Gardens Memorial Ceremony. This year's ceremony is Thursday.

FSS recognized with VPP star award

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First Support Services, the service provider in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Vehicle Maintenance and Operations Section was recently recognized for its focus on keeping employees safe.

Theresa Harrison, regional director for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, presented the Voluntary Protection Program Star award to the work area's leadership in the Vehicle Maintenance Area May 6.

Eddie Poole, project manager for First Support Services in the 78th LRS, said the award signifies that the vehicle maintenance and operations area is implementing the best safety practices.

According to the OSHA Web site, less than 1 percent of companies have achieved Star

Status. Mr. Poole said less than 5 percent of companies that put in for the award get it on the first try, but his work area beat the odds.

The project manager said a lot of work went into making that happen.

"There is a lot of paperwork and procedures dealing with your accidents and accident ratios involved in the process for getting the OSHA award," he said. "It also deals with the work area and the facilities to make sure that everything is inspected and everything is safe for the employees."

Mr. Poole said one of the things that made their program so successful is having a partnership with employees that gets them involved in the safety program.

"Employees learn what their rights and responsibilities are so that everyone is looking

out for each other instead of just having employees work on their own," he said. "Employees are now looking out for their coworkers as well."

Dee Selph, an environmental and safety manager in the 78th LRS, said the program helped the organization cut its accident rate by 52 percent

over the last two years.

"I think the best part is when the employees come to you and they realize how important the safety program is to them," she said. "They're very involved in it. They're all part of it. They give their input and it makes them more aware and safer."

Mr. Poole said the program provides employees valuable safety information they can use at home as well.

A lot goes into ensuring safety, Mr. Poole said.

"All of it involves the use of personal protective equipment, such as steel-toed shoes, safety glasses, practices of simple things, such as not wearing jewelry in the work area," he said. "These are things that a lot of people don't normally think of, but they can cause accidents."

Pam McCullough, an administrative manager in the

78th LRS who maintains the work area's on-the-job accident reports, said VPP has helped the organization stay virtually accident free.

"It has been very good to see how the accidents have gone down to only one minor accident since then," she said. "It's really nice to see that improvement and that you're not having to follow up with people who are hurt."



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 David Langston, master certified mechanic, works on the engine of a MB2 low tractor in the vehicle maintenance shop. The shop won a coveted Voluntary Protection Program Star award.

VPP STAR AWARD

The VPP Star Program acknowledges the best workplaces that are in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations and that operate outstanding safety and health management systems for employees's protection. All VPP requirements must be in order and working effectively for at least one year prior to Star approval.

Categories include: injury and illness history requirements, comprehensive safety and health management, leadership, and employee involvement. There is no limit on the term of participation in Star, as long as a site continues to meet all Star requirements and to maintain Star quality. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov/dcs/vpp/index.html>.

101 Critical Days campaign to help base personnel remember safety

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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While summer can be a fun time, it can also be a time when people are at a higher risk for injury and even death.

According to the Air Force Safety Center, there were 19 fatalities Air Force wide during the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, which typically runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend.

So far this fiscal year, the AFSC has already reported 22 off-duty fatalities Air Force-wide which involved motorcycles and four-wheeled vehicle accidents.

Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, Robins chief of Safety, said the summer months are an important time to emphasize safe practices.

"(The campaign) is designed to make sure that people are aware of the risks that they are taking, but also how to lessen the risks," he said.

Jerry Clineman, Ground Safety chief in Robins's Installation Safety Office, said the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is a time when the base reminds people to use precaution on and off duty.

"We talk a lot about Operational Risk Management, but people don't remember to take that concept home with them," he said.

Mr. Clineman said safety points of contact at Robins give people the tools to stay safe.

"Identify the risks," he said. "Know what (you're) about to do. Consider if there are any risks or hazards."

Colonel Schwoob said motorcycle safety is among the many areas the base is touching on during the campaign.

"We've seen an increased

number of the use of motorcycles as gas prices go up," he said. "What we've also seen is an increased number of accidents related to two-wheeled drive vehicles."

Colonel Schwoob said before revving up motorcycles, people should ensure the bike's operational and safe.

The colonel said Robins offers many courses to help people operate motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles more safely.

Motorcycles, ATVs, and other type vehicles aren't the only means of getting hurt this season. Thrill-seeking adventures like bungee jumping and other outdoor activities can prove dangerous as well and should probably be avoided, Colonel Schwoob said.

Sometimes, just getting to and from summer happenings can present problems.

"You've got a Disney vacation planned," Colonel Schwoob said. "You're done on Friday at three o'clock and

decide to go on down to Disney. That's a six-hour drive after you've worked eight to 10 hours. You've got to keep an eye on it and make sure you don't try to beat the rush, beat the traffic, and take your time."

To keep people safer this summer, Mr. Clineman said Robins will partner with the Georgia governor's Traffic Highway Safety Office in Atlanta and piggy back on other well known campaigns such as the "Click it or Ticket it" seatbelt campaign and others.

"The Air Force is suggesting that we partner with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration because they run three campaigns that just happen to be timed with our campaign," he said. "It's the 'Click it or Ticket it' campaign, a national effort to get people to buckle up. The other one is 'Over the Limit,' which is (a campaign about) driving while intoxicated or while 'buzzed'



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Captain Jason Knab, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, fastens on a life vest before boating on Lake Tobesofkee last summer. Water activities are prevalent during the 101 Critical Days of Summer and officials stress the importance of being safe while swimming and boating.

because it's pretty much the same difference even if you're under the limit."

Mr. Clineman said Robins will also include the "Under Arrest" campaign, which involves traffic stops, checks for licensing and insurance, and sobriety tests.

While people should always exercise the Wingman concept, Mr. Clineman said the campaign is a good time to re-emphasize the point.

Retired Air Force nurse to speak at luncheon

Marie Berry will be the guest speaker at a luncheon at the Museum of Aviation. The presentation is titled "One Step Closer To Home - The War Through the Eyes of a Nurse at Landstuhl Hospital."

Mrs. Berry, served as specialty care section chief at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. During her three-year tour at Landstuhl, she was in charge of 125 civilian and military personnel from three services that provided care for a community of 48,000 Americans as well as troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. She and her staff treated over 6,800

Soldiers and Airman involving 9,600 surgical procedures.

She retired from active duty as a lieutenant colonel in November 2007 after a 20-year career as an Air Force nurse.

"The troops we cared for were amazing," Mrs. Berry said. "I learned firsthand the great challenges they faced in the war on terror and we all shared their pain and sacrifices. In spite of their serious wounds, they had tremendous spirit and patriotism. We were all so proud of them and I look forward to



Marie Berry

sharing this story."

During her career she also deployed in support of a variety of key military operations, including Somalia, Haiti, Saudi Arabia and Kenya.

Mrs. Berry lives in Warner Robins with her husband, Colonel Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and their 6-year-old daughter Lindsey.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Art Gallery of the Museum's Eagle Building. Tickets are \$20 and can be bought by calling 923-6600.

—Bob Dubiel

Talon Flight takes up fight against cancer

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Cancer touches every one in some way or another.

Cancer touched so many lives in the Talon Flight of the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group, the flight decided to stand up and say "enough."

"We are taught to be aggressive in the name of the warfighter. This time we are fighting our own war against cancer," said Donna Hartnett, High Velocity Maintenance Team member.

The group was determined to take action against the killer responsible for nearly 23 percent of all deaths in the U.S. in 2005. It decided the best way to fight back was through funding research.

"I want to see a cure for my children and grandchildren so they don't have to deal with cancer," said Terri Harrison, flight chief for fixed-wing in Robins' Supply Chain Management.

The group decided to start a Relay for Life team.

Though the group is still an infant in its commitment to the fight against cancer, the team raised over \$10,000 last year and is determined to surpass that this year.

It all started because several members of their team were diagnosed with cancer.

"When you sit there and you are watching your coworkers suffer from cancer, it's a real motivator," Ms. Hartnett said.

The team is willing to try everything and anything to raise funds for the American Cancer Society including joining with a Byron retailer, Dress Bam.

"It was a no-brainer because they match our funds," said Tommie Huff, item management specialist with Supply Chain Manage-

ment in the Global Logistic Support Center.

The team has made holiday baskets such as Valentine's Day or Easter baskets and handmade quilts to be raffled off. The team also did a bake sale, a book sale and a fashion show.

"Last year, we even did dog training classes," Ms. Hammett said.

The team said last year they were inexperienced. They are hoping their experiences from last year will help them raise even more this year.

"We did pretty good for being blindfolded," said Ms. Huff about their first year as a Relay for Life team.

One lesson the team learned was that the more support from both the base and outside communities, the better the results.

"Our team just keeps growing because we are always telling people what we are doing and getting them to join our team," Ms. Hartnett said.

The team has added members from other areas on the base and has invited numerous off-base industry partners to join their fight against cancer.

After months of fundraisers the team has big plans for the relay itself. The team plans to do a demonstration about therapy dogs and dog agility tests.

The team will also offer face painting and will sell all sorts of flashing gadgets.

"Things that light up — that's what the people like," Ms. Huff said.

The team will also raffle off several prizes at the relay, such as gift cards, golf accessories and watches.

"It's a whole lot of fun and it's a great place for people to come together if they've been touched by cancer," said Heather Gilbert, senior com-

munity manager for the American Cancer Society.

Ms. Gilbert added there will be lots of food, fun and entertainment available from the more than 90 teams participating. There will also be a children's area with bouncy castles and dunking booths.

"You name it, we've got it going on," Ms. Gilbert said. Ms. Gilbert said many other base contractors and units also participate in the event.

Another way people can get involved in the fight against cancer during the relay is by participating in the Cancer Prevention Study-3 Friday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Any one age 30 to 65, who has never had cancer, is encouraged to participate.

The study includes a health test including a sample of blood and the willingness to continue taking surveys for 20 years.

"We are basically trying to make connections between genetics and lifestyle choices and cancer," Ms. Gilbert said.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Houston County Relay for Life will be today and Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry. For more information, contact The American Cancer Society at 743-6391.

SPRING SINGING



Courtesy photo

The Robins Elementary Chorus wears Hawaiian shirts to perform "Surfing USA" during their spring concert for the May 8. The concert was a combination of singing and video clips highlighting this year's performances and events. Medals were awarded to the chorus members to reward their accomplishments this year.



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Robins NCO Academy students stand in formation during the 50th anniversary celebration of the school. The final NCOA graduation prior to the inactivation of the academy is Tuesday. Other academies that have also closed or are closing include those at McGuire AFB, N.J., which closed last year; Goodfellow AFB, Texas, which will close May 28; and Kirtland AFB, N.M., which will close in 2009.

NCOA will be missed by base, local communities

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Not long after celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Robins NCO Academy will close its doors permanently. The school inactivates Tuesday, one of several academies that has closed or is closing as part of the Air Force's cost-cutting measures.

Although the base will mourn the school's inactivation, it is perhaps the community that will suffer most.

"Ever since we found out that we're going to be closing, we've learned how the closure affects people you wouldn't even imagine," said Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, director of education at Robins NCOA who has been on staff for about five years.

Sergeant Rogusky said people both on and off base are sad about the closure.

"From civilians downtown to different people on base, they don't want to see it close," he said. "It surprised me of how many people that we actually touched in the local community. They know about us, they respect us and they don't want to see us close."

Traditionally, staff and students of the academy have taken many opportunities to make a difference in the base and Middle Georgia communities, especially with the Junior ROTC.

Each July, Georgia area JROTC programs hold a summer camp at the academy, supported by staff members support.

"Our staff members participate in terms of administrative as well as instructional duties," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sandru, director of evaluations and training at the Academy. "The ALS also participates. (It's) not just the NCO

academy, but PME itself giving to the community."

Sergeant Sandru said the RNCOA staff has also helped with the area JROTC programs's drill competitions statewide.

The academy's lessons in leadership have touched the Middle Georgia community through the school's participation in the Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce's annual training program which is intended to help area business and civic leaders network and share ideas.

"They've used our facilities and we've facilitated classes with them, passing on some of the same leadership and management techniques that we've been passing on to our students," Sergeant Sandru said. "What we're having is an integration of leadership across the board between military and civilian leaders."

In addition to the many blood drives, soup kitchens, and other community-based activities the school has helped with, Sergeant Sandru said the school's students and staff have made a difference by helping Network56, the Chiefs Group, Top 3 and other organizations with their events.

Despite the closure, Sergeant Sandru said the school's legacy will survive.

"I think we've set an example that even though the institution is going to be gone, the legacy of that institution is going to live on," he said. "I think people are going to remember that and they're going to try to match it and live up to it and keep that kind of legacy going for years."

He hopes other base organizations continue to get involved with the local community to help fill the void left by the NCO Academy's closure.



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Students of the Robins NCO Academy retire the colors after a retreat ceremony for the NCOA 50th anniversary.

RNCOA leaving behind a historical legacy

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Robins NCO Academy is leaving behind not only a history of high professional military education standards, but also the footprints of community support, as the school prepares to inactivate Tuesday.

The school, which has graduated more than 67,000 NCOs in its lifetime, has a rich and storied history.

Enlisted professional military education started at Robins in May 1958. It was named the NCO Preparatory School. In July 1970, the NCO academy at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., transferred to Robins and consolidated with ongoing PME programs at the base.

The school then became known as the Air Force Logistics Command NCO Leadership School. In October 1970, the school was designated as the AFLC NCO Academy/

Leadership School.

In 1984, Robins established the U.S. Air Force NCO Preparatory Course, and three of the existing four levels of enlisted PME came under control of the school.

The school became the Airman Leadership School in 1991, and two years later, it received its final name change to the Robins NCO Academy.

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant at the RNCOA since July 2006, said Robins has offered enlisted PME courses long before the school was given its current name.

"While our forerunner was an NCO academy, we started our enlisted PME here as an NCO orientation course which was intended to get people ready to become NCOs," he said. "From there, we started picking up different professional military education programs."

Throughout its lifetime, the Robins NCOA has had a great

impact on the enlisted force, Chief Lapioli said.

"All of Robins's enlisted folks, when they were eligible to go to that particular level of school, they got to go to the Robins NCO Academy," he said. "That isn't the only students received and taught here."

Chief Lapioli said over the years, RNCOA instructors have taught active-duty, Guard, and Reserve members Air Force-wide. He has seen firsthand how the school has produced phenomenal NCO leaders.

While the school is closing, some of its artifacts will be displayed in a section of the Wynn Dining Facility and given to Robins's ALS to remind people of its heritage.

Other relics will go to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, and the Air Force Enlisted Research Institute, formerly known as the Enlisted Heritage Hall at Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.



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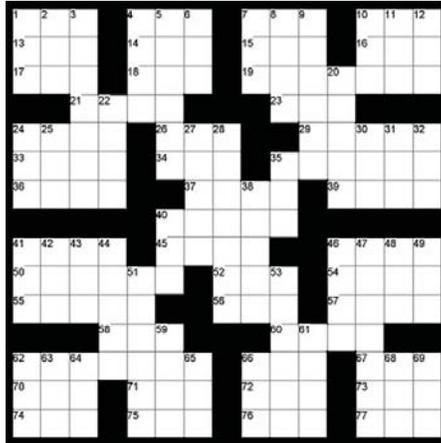
The Robins NCO Academy is professional military education targeted to technical sergeants. All technical sergeants must complete the six-week course before becoming senior NCOs. More than 220 academic hours focus on leadership, communications, and the profession of arms -- among many other subjects.



U.S. Air Force file photo

Students of the NCO Preparatory School pose for a group photo. The school was established in 1958 and after a plethora of name changes, became the Robins NCO Academy in 1993. Tuesday, the academy will inactivate.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Attack-Pursuit course work

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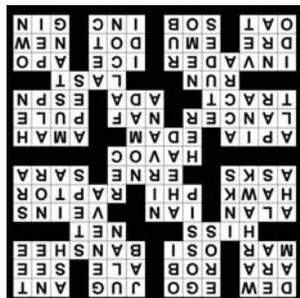
ACROSS

1. Morning precip
4. "I" or self of any person
7. Nickname for the P-47 Thunderbolt
10. Picnic pest
13. Notre Dame football coach Parseghian
14. Steal
15. Pub order
16. Observe
17. Damage
18. USAF investigative arm
19. A-24
21. Snake sound
23. Device for capturing birds, fish, or insects
24. M*A*S*H actor Alda
26. Writer Fleming
29. Blood carriers
33. P-36
34. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
35. F-22
36. Interrogates
37. Sea bird
39. Love Song singer Barenilles
40. A-20
41. Capital of Western Samoa
45. Cheese type
46. Female servant; maid in India
50. P-43
52. USAF structure above the wing
54. Cry in a thin voice; whine
55. Expanse or area of land, water, etc.
56. Oklahoma town
57. Sports network
58. Gallop
60. Coming after all others, as in time, order, or place
62. A-26
66. Frozen precipitation
67. Mil. overseas address starter
70. Rapping Dr.
71. Flightless bird
72. Period mark
73. Unused
74. Horse feed
75. Cry
76. Business ending, sometimes
77. Distilled alcoholic liquor

DOWN

1. Water barricade
2. Pitcher's stat
3. P-40
4. Greek god of love
5. Idle talk or rumor
6. Japanese sash
7. Boxing punch
8. ___ Bator
9. Swiss town host to conventions on treatment of non-combatants, prisoners
10. Burn residue
11. Formerly
12. Golf prop
20. Movements or course in walking or running
22. Append one's signature to
24. Exclamation of triumph, mockery, contempt, or surprise
25. ___ Vegas
27. In or to the front
28. 90s grunge band
30. Ain't ___ Shame
31. Neither's literary partner
32. USAF E-4
35. VCR button
38. Vagabond
40. Death Becomes ___
41. Model Carol
42. Even score
43. ___ jiffy; quickly
44. Capital of Ghana
46. Mocks
47. P-51
48. European mount
49. Coop denizen
51. Pieces composed for the development of a specific point
53. F-16 Fighting ___
59. Finding ___
61. USAF MAJCOM
62. Wedding words
63. Gun lobby
64. Animal doc
65. Remove by pressure and friction; erase
66. Ugandan strongman ___ Amin
68. Designer I.M. ___
69. Possess

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 super seafood buffet will be Friday 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.

SATURDAY

An America's Kids Run is Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at the fitness center track. This event is for children ages five to 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.

Dance the night away on Latin night May 17 at the Heritage Club from 9 p.m. to close. Enjoy DJ Lucho with the best Latin and Salsa music in middle Georgia. Cost is free to members and \$5 for guest.

SUNDAY

Watch "Judgement Day" May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests.

THIS WEEK

The Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery contest will take place 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.

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.

ONGOING

Purchase a mug when you join the Mug Club for only \$15. Receive a customized mug in full color with your logo, squadron or unit patch, call sign or rank. Pick up your order forms from Horizons, Heritage Club or the Arts & Craft Center.

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

What a drag...



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Drag racer Mike "The Hitman" Hill stopped by the Heritage Club May 13 with his green Corvette to sign autographs. The Hitman will be competing at the Macon National Dragway this month. Tickets are on sale through Information, Tickets and Travel.

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.

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is selling Atlanta Braves VIP ticket packages for only \$50 (a \$300 value). Receive four free game tickets and six buy-one-get-one-free tickets. A limited supply is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

A White Linen Party/R&B concert and Old School dance party (All in One) will be held May 31 starting at 9 p.m. in the Heritage Club, presented by the Heritage Club and Mack-Tyme Entertainment. Enjoy the smooth sounds of Danny Clay, guest emcee comedian Ice Cream and special guest DJ, A.J. the DJ. Advance price tickets are \$17 for members and \$20 for guests.

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.

Join outdoor recreation on a kayaking trip to Appalachian Outfitters, in Dalton/Georgia on June 12. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. for departure at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$75 per person and includes use of kayak, paddles, life vest and transportation. Deadline to sign up is May 30. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

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.

A yard sale will be held May 31 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)

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- 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 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.
STOP-LOSS
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A veteran soldier returns from his completed tour of duty in Iraq, only to find his life turned upside down when he is arbitrarily ordered to return to field duty by the Army.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
NIM'S ISLAND
PG

Anything can happen on Nim's Island, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination...

A young girl inhabits an isolated island with her scientist father and communicates with a reclusive author of the novel she's reading.



SATURDAY — 6 P.M.
21
PG-13

"21" is the fact-based story about six MIT students who were trained to become experts in card counting and subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions in winnings.

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

Youth bowler preps for international competition

BY AMANDA CREEL
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When it comes to bowling Brianna Woolery is one lucky 11-year-old.

It all started two years ago when she won a drawing for a bowling ball and bag at the Gold Cup Bowling Center on Russell Parkway in Warner Robins.

"I was excited to win something for once, so I wanted to try it out. I found out I loved it," Brianna said.

It wasn't long before Brianna brought her love of bowling to the Robins Bowling Center and its youth bowling league, where she has been throwing splits, spares and even a few strikes for two years.

Recently, her passion for bowling, brought more good fortune when someone somewhere knew her love of the sport and her winning personality made her a perfect candidate for the Friendship Games in Haarlem, Holland in July.

Brianna's initial nominator

remains a mystery, but no one was surprised to hear she earned a spot as a People to People Sports Ambassador.

After her nomination Brianna was given the opportunity to apply to be a sports ambassador at the Friendship Games. Her application led to an interview and eventually to her selection.

People to People International was founded in 1956 by President Eisenhower to promote world peace through increased understanding between the citizens of the world. Sports ambassadors were added to the People to People mission in 2000.

The program searches for athletes from many different sports, who not only have some athletic ability but are also good leaders and are known for their good character.

"We aren't just looking for star athletes. We are looking for well-rounded representatives of the U.S.," said Andy Henderson, area sports administrator for the Georgia People

to People Sports Ambassador program.

Mr. Henderson, who interviewed Brianna and helped select her, said he was so impressed with her at her interview.

"I remember her so well because she was so shy and bashful at first. As the interview progressed, I could see her confidence grow. After that, I knew she was a special young lady," Mr. Henderson said.

He is confident she is going to be a great sports ambassador. "She's going to represent us well. She is just such a neat kid. She is going to be a good ambassador," Mr. Henderson said. "We want to win with dignity and class and I know she will do that."

During the games, Brianna will be representing the U.S. and making friends with her peers representing more than 20 nationalities at the games. Brianna is one of 125 students from the state of Georgia selected, who will spend 10 days touring the country visit-

ing a cheese factory and participating in a ten-mile bike ride.

Brianna said the thing she was looking forward to the most was visiting the home of Anne Frank.

"I read the book and I really loved it and I want to find out all about it," Brianna said.

Along with bowling in Holland for the Friendship Games, Brianna will also be knocking down pins at the State Bowling tournament in Savannah May 17 with other members of the base youth bowling league.

Brianna and her parents, Charlie and Pam Woodrow, agree she would have never been afforded this opportunity without the base youth bowling league program helping her discover her enthusiasm for the sport.

When Brianna started bowling on base two years ago her average was about 60. After two years of practice and league play she more than doubled her bowling average to a 123, Mrs. Woodrow said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Brianna Woolery, 11, has been bowling for several years and will compete in the Friendship Games in Haarlem, Holland in July.

"She's a sweetheart. She's not the best bowler I have, but she enjoys her bowling and she tries very hard," said Margaret Corzine, a coach with the base youth bowling league. "It's the chance of a lifetime for her and I am so proud of her."

Brianna credits the youth league coaches with her success on the lanes as well.

"I don't think I could have gotten over 90 if I didn't have them," Brianna said.

Brianna is a little apprehensive about the competition.

"It's going to be really fun, but I am nervous about being around people who speak different languages and not being able to understand the other kids," Brianna said.

TOURNAMENT VICTORS

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Left to right, Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Danko, Master Sgt. Mark Schwab, and Airman 1st Class Kent Parsons hold their trophy from the Shaw Invitational. The Robins quartet captured first place, marking the first time ever a Robins team won that tournament. "We have competed in the event for 10 years and finally brought home the trophy," Sergeant Danko said.

UNDEFEATED CHAMPS

U.S. Air Force photo by AMANDA CREEL



EJ Lindsey, 9, dribbles past a defender in the championship game of the 2008 Robins Youth Soccer Association Y-10 Soccer Tournament. EJ scored three goals to lead his team, The Incredibles, to a 4-2 victory in the tournament. The team finished the season unbeaten.

PME pioneer recognized for contributions

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This week, Robins Airman Leadership School students were given a unique opportunity to look back at the 50 years of Professional Military Education at the base through the eyes of one of its pioneers.

It all began as one retired Airman, his wife and son traveled from Ohio to the Southeast in search of warmer weather.

Jack Ratcliffe, a retired master sergeant, his wife, Roberta, and his son, Darryl, decided to visit a few former duty stations, including stops in Georgia-Hunter Airfield in Savannah and Robins.

It wasn't long before the trio arrived to Robins where Sergeant Ratcliffe had been the first flight chief of the Robins Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, known today as Airman Leadership School.

Mr. Ratcliffe said he just wanted to see what the school was like today.

It wasn't long before Mr. Ratcliffe's present-day predecessor, Master Sgt. Matthew Ogle, decided his presence

was a moment that could not go unrecognized by the school.

"He's a PME pioneer," Sergeant Ogle said.

He added Mr. Ratcliffe epitomizes one of the key slogans or phrases of the school today: 'Know the way, go the way and show the way.'

The leadership school's present class joined together with the Robins NCO Academy's final class for a special retreat ceremony to honor the 86-year-old man for his contributions to the school's beginning in 1958.

The school presented Mr. Ratcliffe with a flag that was flown over Iraq as part of the Operation Iraqi Freedom and a plaque recognizing his 28 years of service to the country and role in PME at Robins.

The school even took a moment to recognize Roberta and her 28 years of sacrifice in support of her husband's service with a bouquet of spring flowers.

Mr. Ratcliffe was overwhelmed with gratitude. He and his wife said this was a moment the couple would never forget.

The Airmen enrolled in the

present day airman leadership school were thrilled with the opportunity to learn about the beginnings of the program from one of the pioneers of Robins military education.

"The opportunity to meet him was incredible. We got to see this portfolio he had all of these pictures of the school house and the students back then," said Staff Sgt. Brad Burfield, an air transportation specialist with the Readiness Flight.

He said the course had changed over the years because in Mr. Ratcliffe's day the school was similar to basic training with the Airmen living in dorms or barracks.

"They had the lockers just like at basic and everything had to be separated into separate drawers, even a sock drawer," Sergeant Burfield said.

Senior Airman Ashley Deering, a fuels specialist with the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said it was neat to see the similarities and differences between the first class in the '50s and her graduating class in 2008.

"There are a lot of parallels even though the times have changed," Airman Deering

said. Airman Deering said she is glad the class, which graduated from ALS May 13, was able to recognize Mr. Ratcliffe's role in PME and his contributions to the Army Air Corp and the Air Force.

She said many of the same lessons impressed on their class in ALS were part of the school's curriculum in its formative years.

One of the differences that surprised her was the amount of marching the students had to do then.

"We got to take a step back to where they were and let him know what he did we appreciated," Airman Deering said.



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In 1958, Tech. Sgt. Jack Ratcliffe (right) was the first flight chief of the Robins Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, known today as Airman Leadership School. He was honored by the Robins ALS for his contributions to military education.



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Jack Ratcliffe holds a plaque in recognition of his years of service. The current ALS class held a retreat ceremony in honor of Mr. Ratcliffe, who was the first flight chief in 1958 for the school.



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ON THE BEST WAY FOR PEOPLE TO CONSERVE ENERGY:
"Unplug or turn off appliances and light sources. Use natural light sources when possible. Watch your temperature set points. Reset thermostats when you're home and away from home."

HOBBIES:
Running and bicycling

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MENTOR APPRECIATION



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Quintae Turner (left) of Lindsey Elementary School gets a face painting from Karris Lewis as part of the Raising Education Achievement for Children mentoring program's annual appreciation picnic.

Throughout the year, mentors work with elementary students on a one-on-one basis for one hour each week. The goal of the REACH program is to pair volunteer mentors from Robins with local students who are struggling academically. The objectives of the program are to help these students improve school attendance and academic performance while reducing disciplinary problems.

"The picnic is the finale of a successful academic year where we celebrate the bonds created between students and their mentors, and is eagerly anticipated by both mentors and students," said Jywanja Dillinger a contracting officer in the 78th Contracting Squadron. "It is a way to spend time with one another outside of the school environment."

Robins works to eliminate FOD

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has developed an effective and proactive Foreign Object Damage and Dropped Object Prevention program.

There are many causes of FOD. Two major contributors are poor housekeeping and poor work habits such as not accounting for hardware, safety wire, tools, etc., during operations and maintenance. All loose objects, regardless of their origin, can cause catastrophic and costly damage to an aircraft, major end item or loss of life. FOD awareness and prevention is everyone's responsibility.

Publicity is a key element of an effective FOD program and this done through awareness training, recognition, awards, posters and banners, and frequent FOD walks.

Several practices are used to mitigate FOD such as:

- ▶the use of caps and plugs on openings, ports, lines, hoses, electrical connections and ducts
- ▶intake/inlet/exhaust inspection prior to engine start and after engine shutdown
- ▶use intake plugs or tape and barrier paper as required prior to performing maintenance

WHAT TO KNOW

Foreign Object Damage, or FOD, is any damage to an aircraft, missile, engine, aircraft system, missile systems, component, tire, munitions, or support equipment caused by a foreign object which may or may not degrade the required safety and/or operational characteristics of the aforementioned items. All personnel (military, civilian, and contractors) working in, on, around, or traveling through areas near aircraft, missiles, munitions, AGE, engines, or components thereof will comply with FOD prevention.

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- ▶a local flightline clothing policy aimed at FOD prevention
 - ▶hardware and tool control and accountability policies
 - ▶awareness and prevention training
 - ▶FOD inspections on all towed equipment, vehicles, vehicle tires, and open cargo areas of vehicles prior entering the runway, taxiway, and flightline
- FOD incidents are classi-

fied as preventable and non-preventable. FODs are considered preventable except those listed below:

Caused by natural environment or wildlife. This includes hail, ice, animals, insects, sand, and birds.

From internal engine materiel failure, as long as damage is confined to the engine.

Caused by materiel failure of an aircraft component if the component failure is reported as a deficiency.

Found during depot overhaul for maximum operating time.

WR-ALC has experienced a sharp decline in the cost attributable to preventable FOD. The yearly cost since fiscal 2005, when FOD cost the government more than \$2 million, is as follows:

- FY05 - \$2,186,749.22
- FY06 - \$154,904.72
- FY07 - \$638,136.24
- FY08 YTD - \$73,764.28

Events such as the May 7 base FOD walk are awareness tools used to emphasize the importance of FOD prevention. Members of Team Robins were able to remove 826 pounds of debris from the airfield. — 78th Operational Support Squadron



Courtesy photos

More than 500 Team Robins members walk the 12,000-foot Robins flightline May 7 in a semi-annual FOD walk. FOD, or Foreign Object Damage, is any debris, loose rocks or trash, tools and things that can be sucked up into an airplane's engine or propellers, causing damage to it. Every year at Robins and around the Air Force, FOD causes tens of thousands of dollars in damage to aircraft. Removal of foreign objects helps prevent damage and save money.