

'Mission Complete'



Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group carry the furled and sleeved Squadron and group flags as they are marched to the "Cherokee Rose" for departure. The unit has spent 40 of its over 80 years at Robins.

19th Air Refueling Group mission ends at Robins

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When it comes to stories, few units can beat the arsenal of tales associated with the 19th Air Refueling Group.

The group's legacy provides an endless supply of sagas as the unit has recorded each chapter in its 80 year history.

On May 28, the Black Knights recorded the end to its many chapters of service during the group's 40-year residence here.

The unit has served in every major conflict since its inception Oct. 18, 1927, and has been designated as an observation, bombardment and refueling unit.

The "bittersweet end" was celebrated during a mission complete ceremony, where past and present members, community champions and family and friends of the unit gathered to say farewell.

As the Black Knights turn the page

and its time at Robins comes to a close, the unit is comforted knowing the unit's designation will continue to make history with its new airlift mission.

The group starts its fourth chapter Oct. 1 as part of the newly designated 19th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base.

Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, said the Black Knights would continue to be invaluable in the war on terrorism as its mission transforms from supplying the warfighter with fuel in the air to supplying Airmen, Marines and Soldiers on the ground with the materials needed to continue the fight.

"This is not the night the lights went out in Georgia," he said.

Instead, he said the 80 years of heritage would serve as a foundation for the 19th Airlift Wing.

"Your flag will continue to play a vital role in our mission as we continue to fight the war on terrorism," General Hawkins said.

Colonel Chris Bence, 19th ARG commander, credited the diligence of the Black Knights in continuing to complete its mission in the wake of impending closure for helping make the Air Force's decision to not fold the group's flag an easy one.

"It's a true testament to the proud heritage and all the men and women of the 19th," Colonel Bence said.

He said Black Knight pride is unwavering. As the group prepared for its deactivation, the group earned numerous honors, including the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, which was formally presented by General Hawkins, and its eighth consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

"You are the most decorated unit in Air Mobility Command and the 18th Air Force, and that is why your flag is going to continue to fly proudly," General Hawkins said.

He added the group had lived up to

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A moment of quiet reflection



Annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service honors 56

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Kim Bounds holds her granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Martin, during the Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 22. They attended the service to honor Alfred "Spike" Nicklow, Ms. Bounds' father and Lauren's great-grandfather.

The service marked the 32nd year Robins has gathered to celebrate and pay tribute to the lives of deceased members of Team Robins who have contributed to the mission. To read more about the ceremony and for a complete list of those memorialized and photos from the event, see page B-1.

Environmental Management wins Secretary of Defense Pollution Prevention Award

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Robins has proven it's a good caretaker of the environment.

Robins recently earned the fiscal 2007 Secretary of Defense Pollution Prevention Award in the Industrial Category, for its vast efforts in improving aircraft paint processes and implementing green procurement practices to protect the environment.

Dave Bury, pollution prevention program manager in the Environmental Quality Branch of the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the base is a proven DOD leader in pollution prevention.

"Robins' pollution prevention program aggressively targets both hazardous and non-hazardous waste reductions through material substitutions and process changes," he said. "The program's main focus is on reductions in hazardous materials, hazardous waste, air emissions, ozone depleting substances, and also solid

waste."

Mr. Bury said the 402nd Maintenance Wing primarily focuses on process changes in material substitutions within its processes in its aircraft and commodities divisions.

Todd Lavender, an environmental engineer in the 402nd MXW's Environmental and Ergonomics Office who works directly with aircraft pollution prevention, said the maintenance wing's new approach to aircraft paint processes is bringing big savings.

"We've implemented an airless paint spray system," he said. "The airless paint spray system allows the painter to get more paint on the aircraft. The transfer efficiency is much higher than the normal gun that we had been using. Because we're using less paint, emissions are reduced."

Mr. Lavender said the new process is also a material savings for the 402nd MXW.

"Another system that we use is an alodine reduction process where we went from an automated spray system

to a manual spray system and we had an 85 percent reduction in alodine usage," he said.

Mr. Lavender said the process improvement brought even more savings.

"We were able to go from 125 gallons per aircraft to 18 gallons per aircraft, which resulted in reduced personnel exposure," he said.

A new pre-coat treatment used in the aircraft paint process is helping paint stick to planes much better, while its green ingredients make it safer for the environment.

Ben Torrey, an environmental engineer in the 78th CEG, said Robins has been actively seeking ways to incorporate environmentally-sound methods in its contracted services and products.

"Part of the pollution prevention philosophy on Robins Air Force Base is to buy environmentally-preferable products, or green purchasing, and that's something that we've instituted at Robins starting in 2008," he said.

Mr. Torrey said the green procurement programs encourages purchasing



James Cranford and Todd Lavender look over a Prekote surface pretreatment vat. The treatment is less hazardous than previous methods.

of products made from recycled materials.

"We're just being proactive in buying materials that are environmentally-friendly, thus saving on the front end any environmental impacts that might happen on the back end. If you buy smart initially, there's less waste on the

back end."

Mr. Bury and Mr. Torrey agreed that Robins leadership has had a hand in helping to garner its now seventh DOD-level award in pollution prevention.

Base representatives will accept the award June 4 at the Pentagon.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 38
Last DUI: 19th MXS
—courtesy 78th Security Forces

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335-5238 or 335-5236.



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Quarterly awards ceremony

The Team Robins first quarter awards ceremony will be today at 2 p.m. in the Base Theater. Everyone is invited to come out and support your organization's nominees.

Museum WWII Hangar grand opening

The Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation Foundation are inviting the public to the opening of their new World War II Exhibit Hangar June 6. The ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. and will include live music from the Band of the Air Force Reserve. For more information call the Museum of Aviation at 478 926-6870.

ENERGY



APTO looks at alternate fuel sources

Teams look to water as a potential renewable energy source. Hydrogen is already being used to fuel a Robins forklift, 2A

BASE COMMUNITY



Last shindig

Members of the 19th ARG gather one final time to celebrate a job well done, 3B

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AF looks at hydrogen as potential fuel source

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Few of us would ever think of pouring water down the gas tank.

However, as the Air Force continues initiatives to redefine the Air Force's energy culture, more Airmen might picture water as an energy source.

No one is going to be pouring water down our gas tanks anytime soon, but there is a possibility some members of Team Robins will be using a water-based energy, hydrogen, to meet fuel needs.

Some members of Team Robins will be some of the first Airmen to see the use of hydrogen-power in their daily lives, after the addition of a Quantum HyHauler Plus and a hydro-

gen-powered forklift.

Robins received the HyHauler Plus through a partnership with the U.S. Army National Automotive Center and the Air Force's Advanced Power Technology Office, which is based here.

The project would have not been feasible without the NAC and the cooperation of the 78th Air Base Wing because it allowed the office to use the expertise of its firefighters, environmental and safety specialists and members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, said Mike Mead, chief of the APTO office.

The HyHauler is a trailer-mounted hydrogen fuel dispensing system. It uses only

0.2 gallons of tap water per hour and converts that water into hydrogen using electrolysis, where it is stored in 20-kilogram, carbon-wrapped hydrogen storage tanks.

"It cracks the hydrogen from the water, producing hydrogen and oxygen," said Ernie Powell, APTO engineer.

The hydrogen fuel cells involved in the project can be used to fuel a vehicle or to provide electricity to a building.

The HyHauler Plus is used to both create and dispense the hydrogen. The trailer will house the hydrogen producing equipment until a permanent station can be constructed, Mr. Mead said. Not only will the station help provide hydrogen energy to different base agencies, it will also be powered

using another renewable energy, solar power.

The forklift, which was an existing battery-powered standard Air Force forklift, was converted to a hydrogen-powered forklift through a joint venture with ePower Synergies and Plus Power Inc.

The HyHauler Plus produces about 2 kilograms a day, which is more than the 1.8 kilograms of hydrogen required to fuel the forklift for an eight-hour shift.

The Air Force will compare the productivity of a traditional battery-powered forklift with the one the office converted to hydrogen power.

"We will test the vehicle to ensure it meets the requirements capabilities for the Air Force," said Mike Mead, chief of Advanced Power Technology Office.

Many of the base's warehouses use the conventional battery-powered forklifts and one of these warehouses will be given the opportunity to test the practicality of switching to a hydrogen-powered forklift in other areas on the base.

"We are going to put this hydrogen forklift in a warehouse, where we plan to operate it for eight to 16 hours a day and then they can refuel it after each shift," said Scott Slyfield, program manager for the project.

The trailer functions as a "hydrogen and go" stop for the forklift. The forklift backs into position, is grounded and then is filled using a straight nozzle that is controlled by a touch screen located on the trailer.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Scott Slyfield, Advanced Power Technology Office program manager, shows off the hydrogen storage tanks inside the HyHauler.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Mike Mead, Advanced Power Technology Office chief, stands next to the HyHauler Plus, a mobile Hydrogen Infrastructure trailer.

Mr. Mead said one of the keys to implementing the alternative or renewable energy source for practical use is not requiring the users to learn new ways of doing things but to make the new energy transition transparent.

"That's the beauty of everything. It looks and operates the same as everything we have," Mr. Mead said. "It's just part of the Air Force's initiative to advance alternative fuels and energy into the Air Force's daily structure."

The office, which manages the Air Force's efforts to build a bridge from oil-based energy to the many alternative and renewable energy sources available, is responsible for bringing several other energy projects to Robins.

The APTO office is also working to cause a culture change by convincing the public we can use these alternative

energy sources, Mr. Mead said. He added the Air Force as a whole is encouraging people to "make energy a consideration in everything you do."

The team said they are aware of safety concerns when using hydrogen energy, but that the system is equipped with many safety features to ensure the members of Team Robins are safe.

"It is as safe as or safer than gas," Mr. Mead said. "Hydrogen is lighter than air, so when it spills it floats away, when gas spills on the ground it stays."

The HyHauler Plus includes a flashing light on the exterior of the trailer to alert those in the area if there is a hydrogen leak, a fan that can suck out any hydrogen leaks within the trailer, and sensors that enable the system to shut-off automatically if a hydrogen leak occurs.



Why do you think it's important to conserve energy?



Dimitra Slay
WR-ALC/XP

It's important to me to be cost effective, to save money any way you can.



Donna Foster
WR-ALC/XP

It might be one of the steps in preventing global warming.



Kim Lambert
Military spouse

It's difficult for the average person to go green but you need to do what you can for the environment. Saving money is secondary to me.



Staff Sgt. Dante Ray
19th OSS

To save money. We need a lot more resources on the base the money could be used for instead, such as the gym being undermanned and there is no money for certain equipment or base maintenance.



Tech. Sgt. David Pecchia
19th ARG

By saving energy you're helping the economy. On base, they could direct the money saved to funds for other base issues.

Celebrating Asian Pacific American heritage



ABOVE: Kimiko Henry and Megumi Bourns create cranes, frogs and flowers out of paper as they demonstrate the art of origami.

RIGHT: Anita Smith and Luisa Gaston, Damayan Filipino-American Association of Warner Robins, perform a traditional Filipino flirting dance at the Asian Pacific American Heritage luncheon May 27.



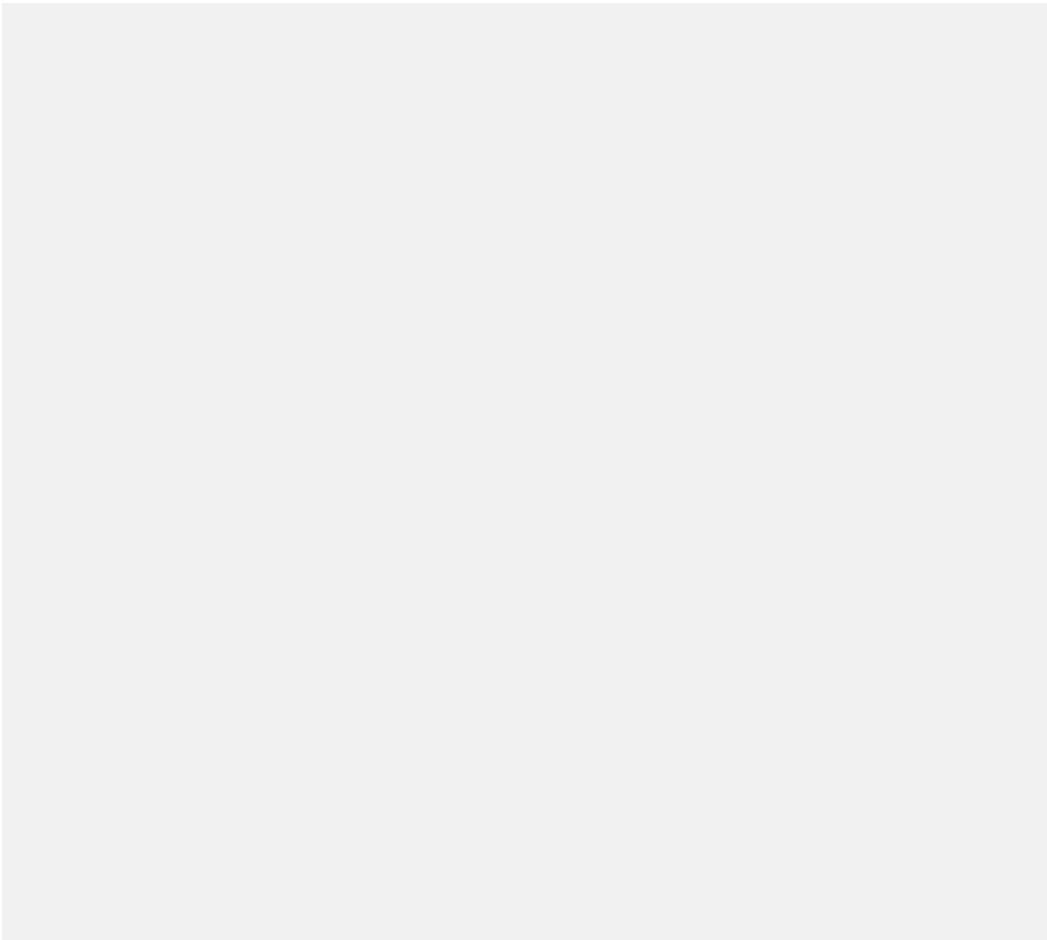
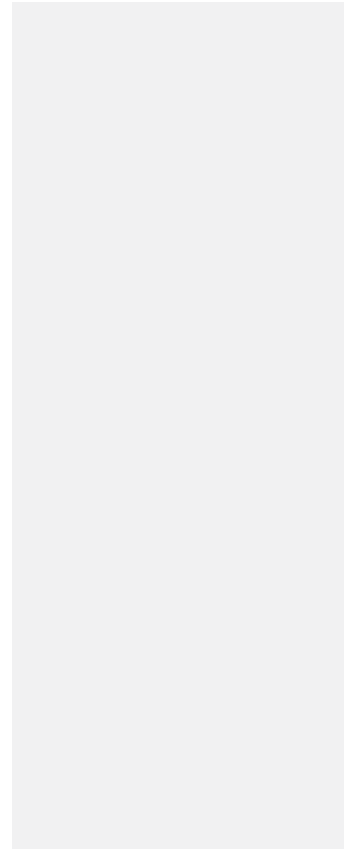
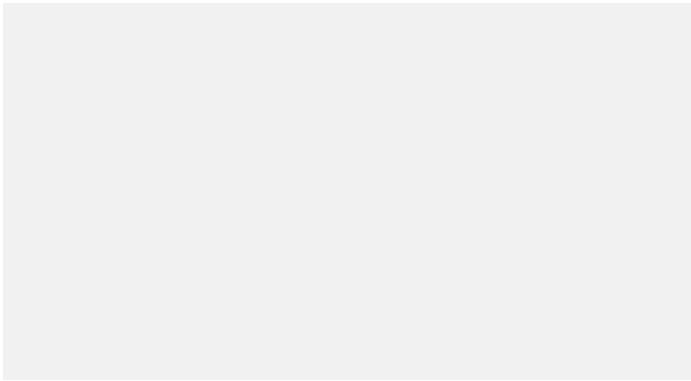
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► IN BRIEF

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland will be at the Robins Education Center (Bldg. 905, Room 140) June 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to

Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312 or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.



Base historian garners Frank Futrell Award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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A simple phone call from someone inquiring about a piece of Air Force history inspired William Head, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center historian, to write a book about AC-119G Shadow and AC-119K Stinger gunships in the Vietnam War.

One year later, his book is being recognized at the Air Force level.

Dr. Head, who holds a doctorate in the history of U.S. foreign relations with East and Southeast Asia, recently earned the 2008 U.S. Air Force History and Museums Program's Frank Futrell Award for Excellence in Historical Publications for his publication, "Shadow and Stinger: Developing the AC-119G/K Gunships in the Vietnam War."

The historian said his book, which was based on action reports and histories, focuses on the gunship's impact on the

Vietnamese and later the American forces against enemy ground forces, among other parts of the gunship's history.

Diane Truluck, a historian in the Center's history office has worked with Dr. Head on and off since 1987. She said she's excited for her colleague.

"I think it's great," she said. "Historians, as a rule, don't get a lot of attention. I think it's fantastic that we finally get some acknowledgement for the work that we do."

Dr. Head said while he's pleased his book was recognized with such a prestigious award, it's whom the award is named for that really excited him.

"I think the greatest honor is in fact that it's named after Frank Futrell who was truly one of the pioneers of Air Force history and a real gentleman," he said.

Early in Dr. Head's career, he was able to meet Mr. Futrell, a historian Dr. Head



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Dr. William Head proudly displays his book "Shadow & Stinger," about gunships in the Vietnam War. The publication helped the historian win an Air Force-level award.

admires greatly.

Jim Balleto, retired art director for the Museum of Aviation who designed the award-winning book's cover, said he couldn't be more proud of his friend's accomplishment.

"I think it's great," he said. "He's one of the best writers in history with the Department of Defense I've ever met. I love his books, all of them. They're great stuff. I think it's a privilege to get to work with him."



▶ IN BRIEF

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

A vendor fair will be displayed at Robins with an open invitation for the entire base community. The event will take place at Horizons Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no fee to attend, with complimentary refreshments served.

To see a complete list of exhibitors on display and to register, visit www.fedpage.com/eventslist.asp.

FOUND PROPERTY

The following is a list of property found at Robins:

Two \$50 dollar bills, a blue dome tent, a green/blue sleeping bag, a green hand broom, a blue kids rally bike, numerous cutting devices, including knives, a box cutter and a machete, a box containing black faced monitor panel, more than 100 night vision goggle cases and a stainless steel punching device with spikes.

The following vehicles were found: a 1972 white Chevrolet Nova, a 1981 brown Dodge D-150, a 1987 white Nissan 200SX, a 1992 blue Jeep Grand Cherokee, a 1990 blue Lincoln Town Car, and a 1992 white Mercury Grand Marquis.

To claim any of these items, contact Staff Sgt. Michael Buck at 926-5271.

ACADEMY DAY 2008

Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Sen. Johnny Isakson, U.S. Congressman Jim Marshall and members of the Georgia congressional delegation invite all students grades 8 through 12 to Academy Day 2008. The event will be Sept. 13 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hanger. Representatives from all five military academies will be available to answer questions. To register, e-mail Theresa_Milligan@chambliss.senate.gov. For more information, call 770-763-9097.



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 special court-martial for stealing five Sony PlayStation3 units and six Megellan Maestro Global Positioning System units from the Robins Base Exchange. Punishment was confinement for 30 days, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

Article 15s

▶ A staff sergeant wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman and 14 days extra duty.

▶ A senior master sergeant was derelict in the performance of his duties by wrongfully using, and allowing another individual to use, his government travel card for unauthorized purchases. Punishment was suspended reduction to the



grade of master sergeant and forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months.

▶ A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman 1st class, forfeiture of \$417 pay, and a reprimand.

▶ A staff sergeant drove while intoxicated on Robins. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman.

▶ A master sergeant was derelict in the performance of her duties by wrongfully using her government travel card for unauthorized purchases. Punishment was reduction to the grade of technical sergeant and a reprimand.

Discharges

▶ An airman basic received an Under Honorable Conditions (general) discharge for drug abuse. The member had previously been punished under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for using marijuana.

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Georgia ANG activates intelligence squadron

The Georgia Air National Guard stood-up its newest unit at an activation ceremony at Fort Gordon, Ga., May 29.

The 139th Intelligence Squadron is part of America's Total Force and is associated with the 31st Intelligence Squadron of the U.S. Air Force. The activation of the squadron represents the first new geographically separated unit in the Georgia Air National Guard in 32 years.

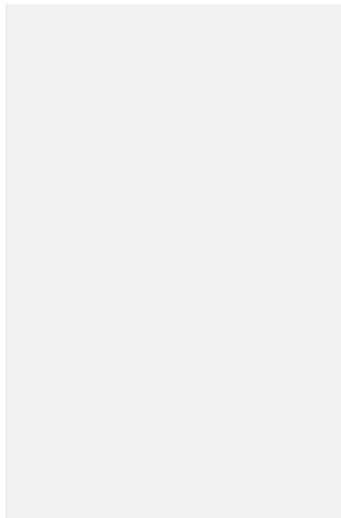
The 139th IS has a mission of executing cryptologic intelligence operations to satisfy strategic, operational and tactical intelligence requirements of national decision makers, combatant commanders, and combat operations, plans, and forces.

In addition to its federal mission, the 139th IS has a state mission to provide an organized military force, trained and equipped to assist the citizens of the state of Georgia in times of emergency.

The unit will employ 44 Air National Guardsmen — 37 traditional part-time guard members and seven are full-time. The unit compliments Ft. Gordon as home of the

U.S. Army Signal Corps, the largest communications electronics facility in the world. The Distributed Common

Ground Systems for the Air Force is also located at Ft. Gordon. — *116th Air Control Wing public affairs*



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

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

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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RANDOM DRUG TESTING

I have a problem with the random drug testing process. I have been chosen many times in a row and can tell when I will come up next, because my working wingman will get tested and then I will get tested plus others I have noticed will get tested when I do. There seems to be a repeat of this through the years, and I have seen where some workers WGs that are not tested at all. I feel that the tests are designed to be for numbers and not a true random test. If you could enlighten me on how this works, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your time on this matter.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for your question about how individuals are selected for the Drug Demand Reduction testing pro-

gram. The Drug Demand Program is a Department of Defense program that follows strict DOD guidelines and AFIs. We can assure you that the selection process is random and every individual has an equal chance of being selected.

Individuals at Robins are selected using the Air Force Drug Testing Program software used by the Robins Drug Demand Reduction office. This software program randomly selects all individuals for drug testing whenever there is a drug testing day. All civilians that are in Testing Designated Positions and all military members are included in the selection process. The random selection process of an individual is based on three factors: 1) the monthly selection rate, 2) the number of actual testing

days in the month, and 3) the individual's random number. Random selection for testing is not based on any of the individual's identifying information such as social security number, rank/grade, position, duty section, or age. For civilians, the only qualifier for testing is whether or not the individual is assigned to a TDP.

A monthly drug testing quota must be accomplished in order to meet the Department of Defense's yearly drug testing quota. In order for the Drug Testing Program software to select enough names to attain the quota, it must calculate a daily rate. The daily rate is computed by dividing the monthly rate by the expected number of test days. For example, if the monthly test rate is 20 percent and the expected number of test days is five,

then an average of four percent of the population must be selected each test day to attain the goal.

All personnel that have been tested are then placed back into the selection pool and can then be tested again on the very next testing day. Random means that everyone has an equal chance of being selected each time the Drug Testing Program software is run. It of course does not mean that each individual will be selected each testing day, but true random selection does mean that some individuals might be picked more than others. One of the main objectives of the drug-testing program is to deter people from illicit drug usage and prescribed drug abuse, so this random selection process is fundamental to the program's success.

AF leaders send out 101 Critical Days campaign safety message

We have entered the 101 Critical Days of Summer, the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During this period, we are involved in summer activities potentially exposing us to increased risk. Unfortunately, Air Force safety statistics show this time of increased risk results in more mishaps, especially in off-duty activities. Last year alone we tragically lost 19 Airmen during this 101-day period.

The leading cause of fatal mishaps during the 101 Critical Days of Summer continues to be off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps followed by water sports and drowning. Whether traveling at excessive speeds, driving while fatigued, failing to fasten seatbelts, drinking then driving, or not using personal flotation devices, the sad news is that all of these mishaps were preventable.

We must ensure Airmen at all levels understand the importance of smart personal risk management and being good wingmen. These 101

Critical Days of Summer present an excellent opportunity for us to personally do our part to drastically reduce this trend of mishaps. Supervisors at all levels must engage their Airmen and ensure they understand their role in mitigating risk for themselves and their families. Additionally, continued education efforts should focus on creative ways to communicate the importance of safety for our younger personnel. Success in reducing preventable mishaps depends on strong leadership, effective training, looking out for each other, and maintaining our warfighter edge at all times.

To help ensure success, Air Force Safety can provide key support tools for commanders from the MAJCOM to squadron levels. These tools include analytical surveys, historical trends and support



General T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff

ability to accomplish the mission depends upon each of you. Be smart, emphasize risk management, and remember Airmen take care of Airmen. Enjoy the summer months ahead and be safe.

WHAT TO KNOW

The 101 Critical Days of Summer 2008 campaign ends at 7 a.m. Sept. 2.

This Air Force-wide campaign has run annually since the late 1960's and was developed to counter the traditional increase in Air Force mishaps and fatalities during the summer months.

SUMMER SAFETY REFRESHER QUIZ

- How much UV reaches your skin from a 15 SPF sun block?
 - 2.2 percent
 - 6.7 percent
 - 8.7 percent
 - 15 percent
- What are the three types of light sunlight is composed of?
 - Ultraviolet, radiation and visible light
 - Radiation and infrared
 - Ultraviolet, visible light and infrared
 - None of these
- When buying sunscreen what does broad spectrum mean?
 - Best possible protection
 - Partial coverage
 - Eliminates 100% of UV rays
 - Provides at least an SPF of 30
- Who is responsible for safety in the work place?
 - Supervisor
 - Everyone
 - Commander
 - Individual
- How often should safety briefings be given?
 - Only as required by the AFIs
 - Before a long weekend or holiday
 - As needed, flexibility is the precursor

- After someone gets hurt
- Which type of swimmers drown the most?
 - Those with little experience
 - Drunk and intoxicated
 - Those with years of experience
 - B and C
- When should bicycle helmets be worn?
 - At all times
 - When there is traffic nearby
 - During dusk and dawn
 - When conditions seem unsafe
- How often should a helmet be replaced?
 - When it has been broken
 - Every 5 years
 - After a head injury
 - A and C
- When is swimming a safer environment?
 - When there is supervised lifeguards
 - When using the buddy system
 - When swimming alone
 - A and B
- Which answer is not a factor when properly preparing a boat for a trip?
 - Water and weather suitable
 - Fuel lines and tank free of leaks
 - Proper rain gear and extra clothes
 - Battery charged fuel tanks full

Showcasing success



Sherrie Luck speaks to a small group during the AFOSQ21 Medical Summit. About 70 people from across the command attended the summit, which was hosted by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Robins was able to showcase the tremendous AFOSQ21 efforts of the installation, including implementation initiatives and Lean/Continuous Process Improvements.

Summer Safety Quiz Answers



For more questions and answers visit:
<http://afsafety.af.mil/seg/101Days/101Days.shtml> and click on the 100 Days of Summer refresher quiz.

- 10. ANSWER: C
- 9. ANSWER: D
- 8. ANSWER: D
- 7. ANSWER: A
- 6. ANSWER: D
- 5. ANSWER: C
- 4. ANSWER: B
- 3. ANSWER: A
- 2. ANSWER: A
- 1. ANSWER: B

A tribute to service & dedication



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above top, 56 members of Team Robins were honored during the 32nd Robins Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 22.

Above, Special music was performed by the Robins Base Chapel Chancel Choir.



Master Sgt. Scott Gunn plays "Amazing Grace" during the laying of the wreath.

Annual Camellia Gardens ceremony pays tribute to 56 deceased Team Robins members

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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Hundreds of friends and family members gathered in the scenic Camellia Gardens May 22 to honor and memorialize 56 departed military and civilian members of the Robins family.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, delivered the memorial address, a tribute to the men and women who "served their country so honorably."

"The Camellia Garden ceremony is a most cherished and unique event," General Owen said. "This is a precious opportunity for the Robins family, base and community to come together as family and friends of those who have departed, to honor those people for their years of service."

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, made opening remarks at the ceremony. He said it was important to honor the people "who dedicated a part of their lives and their passions for the

possibilities of aviation and for the defense of their country."

He asked that we never forget their dedication and service.

"I'd ask you to do one thing today, one very simple thing: remember them. Remember what they did for Robins Air Force Base and in turn for our great nation," Colonel Berry said. "They believed in our case, the pursuit of freedom and peace for all. They gave their passions to the mission here at Robins.

Serve them, honor them and remember them in your memory."

In addition to remarks by the two commanders, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey also asked the audience to remember those who passed and their influence in our lives.

"Gathering here recalls the sorrows of their passing but it also gives us an opportunity for healing the pain of their absence," the chaplain said. "We honor the memory of these 56 precious souls. May

we recall their special touch and unique contributions to our lives – as family members, as friends and as colleagues."

Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Joyner read the names of the honorees, and hand bell ringer Margaret Scheer sounded the bell after each name. It was one of several emotional high-points of the solemn ceremony.

Other moving moments included an anthem sung by the Robins Base Chapel choir, the playing of "Amazing

Grace" by bagpiper Master Sgt. Scott Gunn, echo Taps by Staff Sgts. Michael Richter and Thomas Salyers and a 21-gun salute by the Robins Honor Guard.

Family members gathered at a reception in the Officers' Club following the ceremony, many of them sharing remembrances of those they had come to honor.

The patriotic red, white and blue prevailed in the large wreath placed in the garden and in the posting of colors by the Robins Honor Guard.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey (left) and Maj. Gen. Tom Owen lay a wreath at the Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 22.



Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Joyner reads the names of the honorees as Margaret Scheer tolls a bell for each one.

For whom the bell tolls
 ♦ Margaret Rozella Booker
 ♦ James Ronald Boutwell
 ♦ Kenneth Edward Boutwell
 ♦ Robert Livingston Brown, Sr.
 ♦ Airman 1st Class Beau Dorian Browning
 ♦ Onnis J. Butts, Jr.
 ♦ Lloyd E. Calhoun
 ♦ Michael Scott Carroll, Sr.
 ♦ Master Sgt. Clayton Costello, (Ret.)

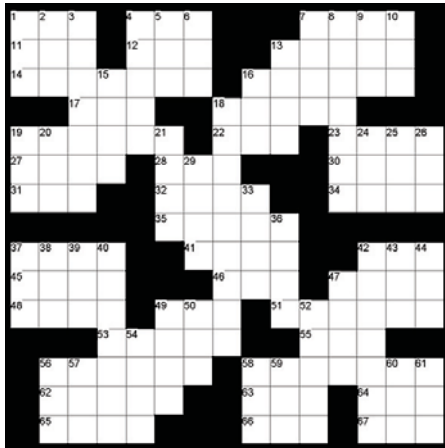
♦ Inis C. Dickerson
 ♦ Edward Eugene Ford
 ♦ Staff Sgt. James S. Foshee Sr. (Ret.)
 ♦ Col. William J. Freeman, (Ret.)
 ♦ Staff Sgt. Luis R. Gracia, (Ret.)
 ♦ Paul E. Goodwin, Sr.
 ♦ Charles Walker Harper
 ♦ Dora S. Harrell
 ♦ Carl Wayne Hilton
 ♦ William A. Holland, Jr.
 ♦ Tech. Sgt. Harry Howard, (Ret.)

♦ Curtis Clayton Howell
 ♦ Billy M. Jones
 ♦ Nellie M. King
 ♦ Master Sgt. James A. Lane, (Ret.)
 ♦ Col. Elbert McClung, (Ret.)
 ♦ John McGahagin
 ♦ Denise Tucker Meeks
 ♦ Michael Timothy Miller
 ♦ Senior Master Sgt. Alfred Nicklow, (Ret.)
 ♦ Era Faye Nix
 ♦ Norman E. Noll

♦ Cheryl G. Perry
 ♦ Dallas Perry
 ♦ Staff Sgt. Larry James Pinckney,
 ♦ Bobby Neal Ramsey
 ♦ Russell Rawlins
 ♦ Edward E. Redmond
 ♦ Staff Sgt. Wayne L. Register, (Ret.)
 ♦ Virginia Diane Reid
 ♦ Foster Roberts
 ♦ Larry Sullivan
 ♦ Master Sgt. John A. Trostle, (Ret.)
 ♦ Robert Eugene Tucker

♦ Margie S. Tyner
 ♦ Frank Rego Vital
 ♦ Elizabeth B. Walker
 ♦ Ilene Warner
 ♦ Thomas Edward Watson
 ♦ Staff Sgt. Charles Webb, (Ret.)
 ♦ Andrea Michelle Conner White
 ♦ Lesia D. White
 ♦ Judy Ann Williams
 ♦ Willard F. Wynne
 ♦ George A. Yalch
 ♦ Thomas Irvin Yancey
 ♦ Charles J. Yeager

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Equality State's base

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Federal org. concerned with the environment and pollution
4. Cereal grass
7. Produced offspring
11. Yankee great Gehrig
12. Caviar
13. Bring out of a state of sleep or unconsciousness
14. Part of ICBM
16. Brags
17. Cardinal number
18. Tall vertical spars on a ship
19. ___ 11
22. Taxing org.
23. Other than the persons or things mentioned or implied
27. Maj. Gen. Roger ___; 20 AF commander at Equality State base
28. Long time
30. Unintended hole through which liquid escapes
31. Fury
32. In ___; downtrodden
34. Numerous small, flat-bodied, wingless biting bugs
35. Distributes by or as if by measure; allots
37. Col. Gary ___; 90 SW vice commander at Equality State base
41. Edible part of anything, as a fruit or nut
42. Permit
45. Intellectual or spiritual guide
46. Mil. field ration
47. Pulled apart or in pieces by force
48. Small nuclear particle
49. Afternoon beverage in the UK
51. Col. Michael ___; 90 SW vice commander at Equality State base
53. Muscular strength
55. Me to a Frenchman
56. Person born in Louisiana but of usually French ancestry
58. ___ Emroy Warren; namesake of Equality State base
62. MAJCOM the Equality State base is assigned
63. Stadium cheer
64. Op or deco
65. Champ down on
66. Vote in favor
67. Set down

DOWN

1. Shade tree
2. Hawaiian dish
3. Without excess, luxury, or ease
4. P-3
5. Internet provider
6. Golf prop
7. Water craft
8. Fort D. A. ___; original military post at Equality State base
9. Langley AFB time zone
10. ___ Moines
13. First female governor in the Union
15. Pirate's plunder
16. Prohibit
18. LGM-30G; ICBM controlled by 90 SW at Equality State base
19. Japanese sash
20. Mongrel dog
21. Line formed by sewing together pieces of cloth
24. Hawaiian gift
25. Former MAJCOM for the Equality State base
26. ___ out a living
29. Utah town
33. Rip
36. Flower part
37. Tiger Woods' org.
38. In the open air
39. DoD intel agency for space reconnaissance
40. Most unintelligent
42. Reasonable; to be expected
43. Epoch
44. X to Cicero
47. 1980s sci-fi movie
49. Drying powder
50. Female sheep
52. Nebraska city home to STRATCOM
54. Lasso
56. Taxi
57. Mil. request for info
58. Cook in a pan
59. Norma ___
60. Gen. ___ Eaker; USAF pioneer
61. Pig's pen

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. The following has been approved as leave recipient:

Anna Wynne, 407th SCMS. POC is Kevin Pryor at 926-1865.

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

A White Linen Party/R&B concert and Old School dance party (All in One) will be 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, AJ the DJ. Advance price tickets are \$17 for members and \$20 for guests.

A yard sale will be Saturday 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).

MONDAY

Pizza Depot's 20th birthday party will be June 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its new location, Bldg. 956. Sample new pizza selections and other appetizers and have some birthday cake. Look for the entry form in the June Edge to fill out and bring to the party for a chance to win prizes.

UPCOMING

A First Friday "Hawaiian Beach Night" will be June 6 at Horizons and Heritage Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5.

An eight-ball pool tournament will be June 18 and 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. with final competition June 20. Participants must register by June 16. Winner receives name on a plaque and runner-up will receive a certificate. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park June 14 for a family-friendly presentation of "Waterhorse." The movie will start at dark, about 8:30 p.m. Concessions will be on sale.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be June 9 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 Mongolian BBQ is scheduled for June 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come out and try Chef Douglas's Mongolian BBQ in the dining room. Create your own stir-fry with a wide range of fresh meat and vegetables for only 75 cents an ounce.

Simulation station



Col. Mike Brice, Commander, 367th Recruiting Group, (left) and Lt. Col. Ken Walters, deputy group commander, (right) explain the F-15 simulator donated to the Museum of Aviation. Museum director Kenneth Emery, (center) and Museum Education director Melissa Spaulding (in seat) will use the simulator in Museum education programs.

Join outdoor recreation on a kayaking trip to Appalachian Outfitters, in Dahlonega 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.

A quarterly table tennis tournament is scheduled for June 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. Draw is limited to 16 players and is open to all Robins personnel. Please register by June 23.

ONGOING

The Airman 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.

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.

The Robins Base Chapel is sponsoring a vacation bible school June 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the Robins Elementary School. The theme is "God's Big Backyard." Children will have a week of learning, crafts and fun. Registration forms are now available at the Chapel. Contact Liz McCarthy or Kiley Glass at 926-2821 for more information.

Club scholarship submissions are due July 1. Robins Heritage Club and Horizons members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Services club membership scholarship program. Air Force-wide, 25 \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. For additional information, go to www.afclubs.net or call 926-5432.

YMCA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Houston County YMCA builds strong kids, strong families and strong communities. The YMCA offers group exercise, adult and children dance classes, recreational gymnastics, martial arts, junior golf, competitive cheerleading, summer dance camp, summer camp for children, choreographed sword fighting, mother's morning out, and parents night out. Programs are designed for everyone. Call 922-2566 or visit www.hocoyymca.org.

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.
88 MINUTES
R

A college professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the FBI receives a death threat claiming he has only 88 minutes to live. He must use all his skills and training to narrow down the possible suspects before his time runs out.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM — PG-13

An American teenager discovers the legendary stick weapon of the Chinese sage and warriors from martial arts lore. With the lost relic in hand, the teenager unexpectedly finds himself traveling back to ancient China to join a crew of warriors on a dangerous quest.



SATURDAY — 6 P.M.
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL — R

Devastated Peter takes a Hawaii vacation in order to deal with the recent breakup with his TV star girlfriend, Sarah. Little does he know Sarah's traveling to the same resort as her ex.... And she's bringing along a new boyfriend.

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

19th ARG members gather for final celebration

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Family and friends of the 19th Air Refueling Group were treated to some fun in the air followed by some fun on the ground May 22.

The fun-filled day was a final celebration for the group as they prepared for their closing ceremonies May 28.

The day started with members of the Black Knight family taking off for the last group-sponsored incentive flight and ended with a picnic in the park.

The flight gave the Black Knights a chance to give family and supporters from the Middle Georgia community another glimpse into their refueling mission.

Members of the Black Knight family were all pleased with the opportunity to celebrate the heritage and tradition of the group that marked its 80th birthday in October.

Though the group doesn't end its mission here until September, about 40 percent of the group has already moved on to other assignments and the Black Knights wanted to have fun together before the remainder of the group is dispersed around the world.

"It gives us one final good time together before we all say goodbye and go our separate ways to different parts of the country and the world," said Staff Sgt. Rashard Williams, with the 19th Operations Squadron.

For many, the opportunity to fly during a refueling flight was indescribable.

"It was awesome. I got to lie in the boom pod and I got to wave at the F-22 pilot," said Valerie Rose, wife of Tech Sgt. Gary Rose. "It was the icing on the cake, one last hurrah."

Jennifer Lammers, wife of Staff Sgt. David Lammers with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said the flight was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Though the group has done annual incentive flights for



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Master Sgt. Mark Denney grills chicken for the 19th ARG picnic May 22. The picnic was one of the final gatherings for the group, as it prepares to close.

years, Col. Chris Bence said this one was extra special because it was the last one.

"It's our way of saying thank you to all the spouses, family members and the community for their support," Colonel Bence said.

Members of the community were invited for one more flight with the airborne gas stations, known as KC-135 Stratotankers, as well.

"It just shows what amazing people we have serving us," said Eddie Wiggins, who flew on the incentive flight. "They don't have to do it but they do it because they love it."

The loss of the 19th ARG will be felt throughout the Middle Georgia community, Mr. Wiggins said.

The day ended as the group sponsored a final celebration of the group's 40 years as a part of the Middle Georgia community.

The festival included numerous fun activities for young and old alike, including dominoes, inflatable slides and a dunking booth.

"We work hard and we play hard," said Tech. Sgt. Cesar Stephenson with the 19th



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY GRAYTON
Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group take a peak out the window during the group's last sponsored incentive flight.

Maintenance Squadron.

Colonel Chris Bence said the event was just another way to recognize the contributions of Black Knights, both present and past, and gave members of the group a chance to celebrate their time together as a Black Knight family.

The picnic was a chance for Black Knight leadership to say thank you to the Black Knights and their families for their hard work, dedication and outstanding achievements during their past year.

He said he was impressed by the Airmen's drive to excel in the midst of the closure.

Not only did the group earn the all-time group safe flying award, it also was one of only two Air Mobility Command units to earn the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award for 2007.

"Even though we are closing down, we are still doing the job, because that's what we do," said Staff Sgt. Marquis Knight, a member of the 19th AMXS.

Sergeant Stephenson said, it was important to recognize the significant role of family members in the Black Knight's achievements.

"Family is the key to why we have been so successful as Black Knights," he said.

One thing that made the group's preparations for a final farewell less heartbreaking was the announcement the group's flag would not be folded after their closing.

"I think it's sad the Air Force feels the need to close a squadron with so much history. I am glad they are going to redesignate it somewhere else;

that's important," said Erin King, wife of Maj. Michael King who was assigned to the 99th Air Refueling Squadron.

"We are extremely ecstatic that the 19th is not physically folding its flag, but instead it is going to Little Rock Air Force Base to become an airlift wing," said Chief Kevin Hamilton, group superintendent.

No matter where the flag flies, members of the base community will always remember the 19th ARG's contributions at Robins.

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its maxim "In Alis Vincimus," which means "on wings we conquer," throughout its history.

General Hawkins noted many of the unit's accomplishments, including being in the air within five hours of the attacks on Sept. 11 providing homeland defense, and its service during World War II where the 19th Bombardment Group earned the honor of flying the last conventional bombing mission of the war.

Colonel Bence said the many decorations received during the past two years made it evident the group's story could not end.

Colonel Bence was also awarded the Legion of Merit Award for his service as commander and his recent deployment to the area of responsibility where he served as U.S. Central Command Combined Air Operations Center deputy commander of mobility.

He said he humbly accepted the honor because he knows without the support of his fellow Black Knights and his family, he would not have been selected for this honor.

"It truly is a team effort. I was just the one fortunate enough to be 'out front,'" he said.

General Hawkins said Colonel Bence's and his fam-

ily's footprints were evident throughout the Robins community.

After the ceremony, the group's flags flew away with Cherokee Rose, the group's flagship aircraft, where they were returned to AMC at Scott Air Force Base for safe keeping.

Cherokee Rose's departure was meant to signal the conclusion of the ceremony; however the bad weather delayed its departure until 3:45 p.m.

Members of the unit all agreed the thunder, lightning and rain were a message from God that he too couldn't bear to see the unit's tenure at Robins come to an end.

It was fitting a former Black Knight, Maj. Gen. Fred Roggero, AMC Air, Space and Information Operations director, was behind the controls as Cherokee Rose made her symbolic exit. He served with the unit from 1978 to 1982.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be able to fly the aircraft out, although I know it's a sad day for the 19th and for Middle Georgia area," he said.

Instead of the ceremony ending with Cherokee Rose flying away, it ended in "true Black Knight fashion" as the men and women of the 19th belloyed its chant: "Black Knights, Out Front; Black Knights, Out Front."



Arthur Howard

HOMETOWN:
Chico, Calif.

TITLE:
Program manager for the Intergraph Corporation, an energy contractor at Robins. The company's headquarters is located in Huntsville, Ala. He has been in this job for 18 months.

BACKGROUND:
Retired Air Force Colonel who retired from service in 1997. His last duty assignment was at Headquarters Air Force Reserve at Robins. Prior to his time at Robins, Mr. Howard was a C-130 navigator on active-duty, in the Air National Guard, and Reserve.

HOBBIES:
Landscaping, walking, and reading history

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Retired officer reflects on wartime career

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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A retired Air Force nurse shared her experience as a specialty care section chief at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, with more than 100 people from the community at the Museum of Aviation's Hangar One on May 21.

Marie Berry, wife of Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, presented her talk, "The War Through the Eyes of a Nurse at Landstuhl, Germany" at a luncheon benefiting the museum's foundation.

The luncheon was the first in a series the foundation will hold to support the World War II Hangar scheduled to open in October.

June Lowe, executive vice president of the Museum of Aviation Foundation, said she's very pleased with the first luncheon's turnout.

"Next month, there will be a ribbon cutting on the new building, and then we will schedule other lunches leading up to the opening of our new building, a World War II building in October," she said.

Ms. Lowe said the base commander's wife was the ideal speaker for the first luncheon.

"We heard Mrs. Berry tell a story one day," she said. "She was talking to us in a group about what it was like as a nurse in Germany, being able to receive patients from the war. We thought a great way to start our series of events leading up to the opening of our World War II Building would be to find out what's happening with our (servicemembers) today."

Ms. Lowe, like many who attended the luncheon, had to choke back tears upon hearing



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Marie Berry speaks at a luncheon May 21 at the Museum of Aviation. Mrs. Berry, a retired Air Force nurse, served as specialty care section chief at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Mrs. Berry recall experiences of treating military members who had sustained serious injury from improvised explosive devices, rocket propelled grenades, and other brutal attacks.

Mrs. Berry's words brought to life the time when she and her team cared for a staff sergeant who had shrapnel removed from his spinal chord, narrowly escaping paralysis.

The sights, sounds, and smells that accompanied her role as a nurse were revived in the midst of the crowded hangar.

Reflecting on her memories stirred the mother's emotions.

Mrs. Berry said her experiences gave her a new perspec-

tive.

"I gained a new appreciation and understanding for the human spirit and for the patriotism and the honor of serving your country," she said. "It didn't matter what the sacrifices were, everybody had a common purpose and they just kept going and going to take care of their fallen brother or sister in order to get right again."

For Kati Falzone, a consultant with Robbins Gioia who works in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, the speaker offered inspiration.

"She's an incredible woman," she said. "It was a pleasure to hear about her experience. It was an honor to be here and listen to her story."