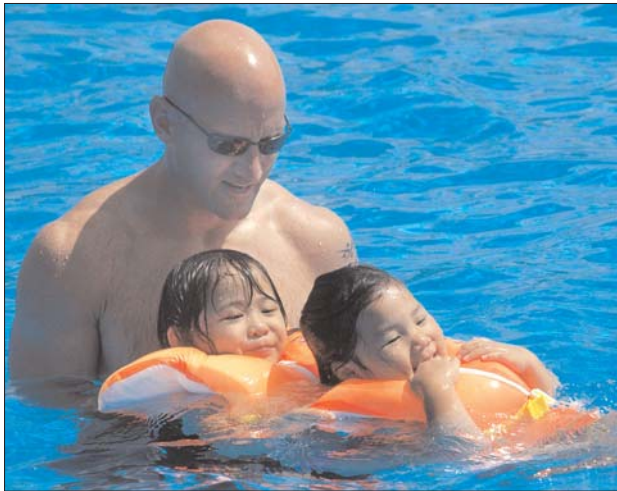


Beat the heat



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Lt. Col. Christopher Leist, commander of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, and his daughters Isabelle, 3, and Sophie, 4, enjoy cooling off at the Heritage Club pool. With temperatures nearing 100 degrees, people are looking for ways to stay cool and the base pools have become a popular option.

ROBINS UNPLUGGED

Team Robins kills 400,000 kwh

By AMANDA CREEL
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Commander Kill A Watt is earning his keep as members of the Robins community take heed of the energy conservation message.

Team Robins' willingness to meet the energy conservation objectives set before them was evident as the base community celebrated the Memorial Day holiday.

"Robins stepped up to the challenge. Through general conservation measures, the base saved an estimated \$24,000 over the Memorial Day holiday. If we can save that in one weekend, think

what we could do with the remaining 3,700 off time hours remaining in 2008," said Dave Bury, pollution prevention program manager with the Environmental Management Division.

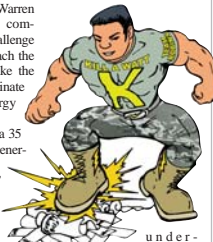
The base population was asked "to turn it off when they were off" and many answered the call, saving more than 400,000 kilowatt hours of energy during the long weekend.

"Since I became commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, I have continually asked the base to raise its game and that is just what Team Robins did during the Memorial Day holiday. I am proud to say, game well

played," said Col. Warren Berry, 78th ABW commander. "Now I challenge you once again to reach the next plateau and make the plays needed to eliminate our opponent—energy waste."

The savings were a 35 percent reduction in energy use compared to an average Robins' workday and a 16 percent reduction in comparison to energy usage during the 2007 Memorial Day holiday.

"We surveyed the base Saturday, Sunday and Memorial Day and found employees and supervisors



understood the energy reduction message and took positive action to ensure lights and equipment were turned off," said Judah

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Museum opens new WWII exhibit hangar

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Museum of Aviation opened another door to the past today when its World War II Exhibit Hangar was introduced to the public.

The 60,000 square-foot hangar, which houses about 15 World War II aircraft and new exhibits, is the first building added to the museum's complex since 1996.

The hangar, located north of the Century of Flight Hangar, expands the museum's total exhibit and education classroom area to nearly 200,000 square feet.

Pat Bartness, Museum of Aviation Foundation president and chief operating officer, said the hangar will better preserve World War II relics.



Courtesy photo

The World War II Exhibit Hangar, a 60,000 square-foot hangar at the Museum of Aviation, was introduced to the public today. The official opening will be Oct. 17.

"We're bringing in a lot of airplanes from different areas mainly to get them out of the weather and get them in where people can see them," he said. "The first exhibit will be the 'D-Day Exhibit.' It's about the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment who jumped into Normandy on D-Day and the men who flew the C-47s and dropped them in Normandy."

Mr. Bartness said the exhibit is the

▶ see WWII HANGAR, 2A



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Debra Bean recently assumed the job of 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, a position that has been vacant for several months.

78th ABW welcomes new vice commander

By KENDAHL JOHNSON
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When Col. Warren Berry assumed command of the 78th Air Base Wing in January, he vacated the office of vice commander. That office has been empty since. The office is now occupied, as Robins welcomed Col. Debra Bean as the new vice commander in late May.

"I've heard a lot about how great this part of the country is and how enthusiastic the community is about the military and that's wonderful," she said. "I am absolutely thrilled to be in this position and am truly looking forward to this assignment."

Also excited to have Colonel Bean on board is the wing commander.

"I'm thrilled we were able to bring another thoroughbred to Robins," Colonel Berry said. "Many people don't realize just how crucial a vice commander is to our mission. She is essentially the wing running. If you want to know who's behind the scenes making things happen, it's the command chief and the vice."

"Without a doubt, Colonel Bean will help us raise our game."

Col. Warren Berry
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Colonel Bean is originally from Woodburn, Ore. She comes to Robins with her husband and two teenage sons. Her previous assignment was at the Pentagon, where she worked as chief of the Civil-Military Aviation Systems and Airfield Operations Division. She said she is excited to be working at the wing level again.

"I wasn't sure I would ever have the chance to work at a wing again and that was a sad thought, so I couldn't be happier," she said. "This is absolutely where the work gets done."

Colonel Bean said her primary focus will be to support the wing commander. "I take seriously the idea of servant leadership. It's my job to support Colonel Berry and support the wing," she said.

In addition to energy conservation, one of the wing's top initiatives, she supports compliance and building on the successes of recent inspections.

"We are going to be looking at a more robust self-inspection program and following up on the various inspections we have endured the last year," she said. "Once we've gone to all that effort to fix issues, it's important to keep that steady state and to set the bar a little higher. Once you get in a habit of doing things right, and inspecting yourself to ensure you are doing them right, it does get easier over time."

Colonel Bean said she would like to be known for helping others work more efficiently and effectively, to help employees "raise their game." She also said workers who have a strong picture of how their job fits with the Air Force mission will be more successful and enjoy their careers more.

"Learning how your job fits in to the bigger picture and how valuable you are to the Air Force makes it more interesting to come to work every day," the vice commander said. "It helps you be a little more creative. It helps you be a little better, because you have a stronger sense of what 'better' is. Air Force service is a wonderful life if you are trying hard to do it well."

The colonel said the lowest ranking person with the smallest job in the shop is valuable and can make a difference. "As soon as you figure that out, your career is going to start being fun."

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Museum of Aviation seeks volunteers
The Museum of Aviation is also looking for volunteers.

Requirements are a pleasant attitude, dependability and the desire to serve in a capacity that helps the Museum and the community.

Each exhibit building has a visitor desk where volunteers welcome and assist visitors. Volunteers also walk the floors of the Museum while visitors are present to help keep an eye on things to ensure exhibits are not damaged.

For more information, contact Dan Hart, Volunteer Program administrator, at 926-6870 or dan.hart@museumofaviation.org.

SAFETY

Officials ask riders to adhere to motorcycle safety policy

78th SFS to enforce policy that includes wearing bright colors and other gear, 3A

FLY BOY

Airman logs 10,000 hours
330th CTS sergeant reaches flying milestone, 8A

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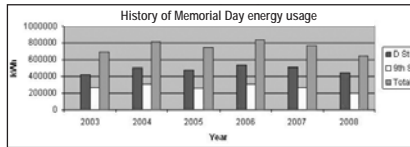
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Bradley 778th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager. "We had the lowest Memorial Day energy consumption since 2003."

The results of the weekend prove that together Team Robins can meet the demands not only of the base's individual energy goals but the requirements of The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Members of the base's energy team agree the first effort was a success, but encourages Team Robins to continue to conserve energy each day, not just during holidays.

The energy team asks the communi-



ty to make the effort everyday to conserve energy by turning off lights and computer screens, unplugging coffee pots and microwaves and looking for energy waste in personal areas.

"We need to focus on identifying energy waste and take measures to eliminate it," Mr. Bradley said.

If Robins continues to reduce energy consumption at the same rate or

higher than the Memorial Day weekend during upcoming holidays and weekends, Robins could save 16 million kilowatt hours and approximately \$1 million this year.

"This is evidence that each individual can make a difference. Having said this, there is still more that can be done," said Randall Evans, 78th Air Base Wing change manager.

AFRC selects team excellence award winners

Teams from Robins and Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., are representing Air Force Reserve Command in the 2008 Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award competition.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, announced May 21 that teams from the Headquarters AFRC inspector general and Charleston's 315th Airlift Wing had won the command's awards.

"This award reflects the best in the Air Force Reserve, and I congratulate both teams for outstanding performance and dedication in earning the honor of this award," wrote General Poulin. "I applaud all candidates for team performance, enhancing mission capability, improving operational performance, and maximizing efficiencies."

The 315th AW took the lead in devising a joint, C-17

composite team to compete in Airlift Rodeo.

Combining the Air Force Reserve and active-duty rodeo teams significantly reduced costs and resources. As a result, one team and one aircraft now represent both airlift wings.

The AFRC IG partnered with AFRC A6 Directorate of Communications to form its Management Internal Control Toolset team. The team uses existing technolo-

gy to streamline the self-inspection workflow, Functional Area Management oversight and inspection management processes.

This initiative increases the visibility of a unit's internal control for wing commanders as they prepare to validate their yearly statement of assurance.

— courtesy Air Force Reserve Command news service.

WWII HANGAR

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what took place in the former Wellston, Ga., will also be displayed.

An exhibit about the Tuskegee Airmen which was previously in Hangar One will be moved into the hangar as well.

Mr. Bartness said the museum has many plans for the hangar. The main goal is to honor WWII veterans.

"The hangar is to honor them for the sacrifices that they made and the mission that they accomplished to make this country free and really, a large part of the world free," Mr. Bartness said.

He would also like the exhibit to tell the historical story to people of today, particularly young people.

Dudley Bluhm, Museum of Aviation's deputy director, said the hangar allows the museum to bring together the pieces of the World War II story.

"Our goal has always been to be able to put (the aircraft and different conflicts they were in) in the context of the World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm, and beyond," he said. "This is the beginning of actually being able to do that."

Mr. Bluhm said the hangar will

allow the museum to put its entire World War II aircraft inventory into one location and be able to tell a concise story so that all of our visitors will comprehend the enormous bravery of the men and women who not only fought in the war, but also produced the aircraft at home and really supported the war effort on the home front.

Mr. Bluhm said the museum will offer an educational film, "Papa Says," which portrays the story of a girl who experienced D-Day firsthand and illustrates how Americans aided the French as well as how the French supported Americans on the ground and protected them.

Bob Dubiel, the museum's marketing director, said he hopes the new hangar and its exhibits will increase the museum's visitation.

"I think it's going to give us another opportunity to bring in visitors essentially from all over the world and repeat visitors by having a new exhibit that tells another historical story in depth," he said.

The hangar's official opening will be on Oct. 17, and will be held in conjunction with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment's reunion. Many special events will mark the occasion throughout the day and evening. There will be a free, open air concert featuring Lee Greenwood in the museum's parking lot Oct. 18.



If money wasn't a factor, where would you vacation this summer and why?



Candy Gordon
78th CEG

I'd go to Australia for the blue water beaches and their food. I want to go to the Outback and see koala bears and kangaroos and to enhance spiritual connection.



Airman 1st Class
Christopher Swift
54th CBCS

I'd probably go to France or Germany. They are places I've never been and I've heard nice things about both. I'd like to experience the different cultures.



Darcey Lewis
78th MSS/DPE

I wouldn't just take a vacation; I would buy an island in Fiji and be on eternal vacation.



Staff Sgt. Jamal Jihad
116th AMXS

I would like to go somewhere in the Caribbean. Some place with palm trees and sandy beaches.



Russell Thornbury
78th CES

I'd love to go to Colorado. I'm an oil painter and I'd like to go out there and paint the mountains.

Robins snags White House Closing the Circle award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Being a good steward of the environment has been an ongoing priority at Robins.

Robins recently earned the 2008 White House Closing the Circle Award in the Military Installations Category for its Environmental Management Systems Team. The team uses various programs to maintain Robins' environmental health.

Additionally, Robins' Green Procurement Program, an initiative that ensures contracted products and services include environmentally-sound materials, received an honorable mention.

Erica Orr, EMS program manager in the Environmental Quality Branch of the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the White House honor reflects Robins' commitment to taking care of the environment.

"The award recognizes outstanding achievements of federal employees in their facilities for making significant contributions in making a positive impact on the environment," she said.

Mrs. Orr said Robins' EMS ties all of the base's environmental programs together to ensure regulatory requirement dates are met and ensure everyone in their respective work areas understands the environmental impact of their actions.

Pollution prevention and partnering with the local community in environmental management are just two of many things the EM team did to earn recognition.

Robins is also addressing the growing concerns that rising fuel prices bring.

"Our alternative fuels program really kicked up last year," said Mark Summers, 78th CEG branch chief. "We had about 110,000 gallons of biodiesel that was used on base last year."

Mr. Summers said the award

took a total team effort.

"This is a Team Robins award," he said. "We couldn't have accomplished any of these tasks if it hadn't been for the partnerships throughout different organizations doing their part by buying the recycled material. CE has done a great job working green procurement into facilities like the air recirculation unit in our new paint hangar. It has really become a team effort."

Casey Spinks, EMS contract support specialist in the 78th CEG, said EMS had the help of EM representatives in organizations base-wide to make programs successful.

Ben Torrey, a 78th CEG environmental engineer and GPP program manager, said the honorable mention of the relatively new green procurement program came as a welcomed surprise.

"The Green Procurement Program is the plan that embraces the purchasing policy delivered in Executive Order

13423, which came out in January 2007," he said.

Mr. Torrey said the program includes procurement requirements, recovered materials, bio-based products, energy and water conservation, ozone depleting substances, priority chemicals, and environmental preferable products."

Mr. Torrey said Robins' development of a comprehensive plan of training employees on GPP, its resourceful Web site, and the support of base leadership all propelled the program to great results.

Tina Meyers, a quality assurance program coordinator in Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Contracting Directorate, said green procurement is becoming more important.

"We have a lot of waste in areas we know we can recycle and recover things," she said. "We don't want to be wasting our precious resources. We can be (better) stewards of the land



Courtesy photo

Robins implemented an Alodine Reduction Plan, which decreased chrome usage in the F-15 Paint Facility by 85 percent and substantially reduced personnel health/safety risks associated with chrome aerosols. This employee shown is utilizing the manual Alodine spray application system.

and recover this material now and use it again."

Mrs. Meyers developed language to be used in contracting documents and trained requirements workers and other base

workers on how to incorporate it into Robins' contracts making the base GPP compliant.

Representatives from Robins will accept the award June 10 in Washington D.C.

Officials encourage motorcycle safety

With gas prices nearing \$4 a gallon, many commuters are turning to motorcycles as an economical means of transportation. With more bike riders on the roads, the need for safety is vitally important.

Motorcycle riders must adhere to several safety practices required by Robins policy. 78th Security Forces personnel will enforce requirements and could refuse entry on base.

► Wear a helmet and other protective gear:

Protective gear serves three purposes for motorcyclists: comfort and protection from the elements; injury prevention; and a means for other motorists to see the motorcyclist, through the use of color or reflective material.

Helmets: This is the most important piece of safety equipment. Safety helmets that comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218 save lives by preventing or reducing the extent of head injuries in the event of a crash.

Eye Protection: Since many motorcyclists don't have windshields, riders must protect their eyes against insects, dirt, rocks, or other airborne matter. Even the wind can cause the eyes to tear and blur vision, and good vision is imperative when riding. Choose good-quality goggles, glasses with plastic or safety lenses, or a helmet equipped with a face shield.

Proper clothing: The only upper outer garments authorized for motorcyclists on Robins are a brightly colored upper outer garment during daylight hours and a reflective upper outer garment for nighttime or dusk.

Contrasting colors are no longer an option, and vests are strongly recommended.

Wearing a backpack is authorized only if it has brightly colored/reflective properties.

Jackets must have long sleeves and be made of heavy-weight, durable material like leather or denim. Riders must wear bright colors and a reflective vest.

Gloves: Durable gloves must be a non-slip type to permit a firm grip on the controls.



U.S. Air Force file photos by SUE SAPP

Wearing a helmet and other protective gear is required for base motorcycle riders.

Footwear: Proper over-the-ankle footwear must be worn.

► Never mix motorcycles and alcohol.

Alcohol affects those skills essential to operate a motorcycle – balance and coordination. Alcohol and motorcycling are a deadly combination. Nearly 45 percent of all fatal-motorcycle crashes involved alcohol or drugs in 2005.

► Make sure that your motorcycle is road-ready.

Check your tire pressures to make sure they are set correctly. You should also inspect your motorcycle for loose chains, and make sure that the clutch, brake and other control positions are set correctly.

► Receive required training: According to Robins policy, all military personnel must accomplish Motorcycle Safety Foundation training prior to operating a motorcycle on- or off-base, on- or off-duty. All civilian personnel must accomplish MSF training before they operate a motorcycle on-base.

From online registration to new training range sites, the motorcycle and ATV training courses at Robins have been revamped to provide a better service to riders.

Riders on base must carry an approved motorcycle rider's course completion course. In addition, squadron commanders or equivalent must conduct one-on-one counseling with individuals who ride motorcycles.

Security Forces will continue to do spot checks to ensure riders are adhering to all safety practices, especially during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

— 78th Safety Office



Riders line up for their turn on the motorcycle training course on base. Motorcycle Safety Foundation training is required before riders can operate a motorcycle on Robins.

Commentary

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing." — Abraham Lincoln

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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18th Air Force commander visits Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, speaks with Staff Sgt. Justin Steffens and other members of the 19th Air Refueling Group during a tour of Cherokee Rose, the 19th ARG's flagship KC-135 Stratotanker, May 28.

The general was here for the group's 'Mission Complete' festivities.

78th OSS offers hurricane preparedness, safety tips

BY 78TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON

The Atlantic hurricane season officially began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

The 78th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight is ready to provide Team Robins with risk information relevant to land-falling tropical storms and hurricanes. Fifteen named storms are forecasted for the upcoming Atlantic basin season, eight of which will become hurricanes, including four intense hurricanes with forecasted winds of 110 mph or greater.

"When the last two years are compared to the historic natures of the 2004 and 2005 seasons, we see a sense of dangerous complacency emerging," said Roddy Nixon Jr., senior meteorologist who represented Robins at the National Hurricane Conference this spring.

Mr. Nixon is deeply concerned too much focus is placed on the track of the storm and not the overall impacts.

"The track is crucial but impacts of a large hurricane or tropical storm can extend out hundreds of miles," he said. "Georgia experienced 18 tornadoes that were directly attributed to Hurricane Katrina after the storm made land-fall 500 miles southwest."

He added that preparedness is critical and given the tight budget situations at all levels of government, individual preparedness takes on greater importance.

The most common haz-

ards in Georgia associated with tropical storms and hurricanes are threats of high winds, tornadoes, and flooding.

"These threats are real and individuals must be prepared to react accordingly," he said.

The weather flight encourages Team Robins personnel and their families to be prepared for the 2008 hurricane season.

"Every family needs a severe weather action plan determining sheltering locations and post-storm accountability," said Capt.

WHAT TO KNOW

ROBINS HURRICANE CONDITIONS (HURCON)

NOTE: HURCON conditions are declared and/or changed by the installation commander.

CONDITION FOUR: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 72 hours.

CONDITION THREE: Sustained winds of 50 knots (58mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 48 hours.

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— Information courtesy 78th OSS Weather Flight

WR-ALC earns Intergraph Icon Award for vision, innovation



courtesy photo

Ken Percell, director of engineering and Air Force Smart Operations 21 adviser for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, accepts the Icon Award from Intergraph Corp. president and CEO R. Halsey Wise. The 2008 Icon Awards honored eight companies and organizations that have deployed and leveraged Intergraph software in a visionary manner to yield results that have significantly contributed to their business and industry.

Perry leadership group tours Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Members of a Perry leadership group watch and listen to Staff Sgt. Leonardo Heng, 5th Combat Communications Group combat readiness instructor, as he demonstrates a survival method of collecting water during a tour at Robins June 4.

Taming the chaos

New maintenance philosophy revolves around mechanic

BY AMANDA CREEL
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"Stop the chaos and bring order" is a simple phrase epitomizing the philosophy of high velocity maintenance.

Members of the high velocity maintenance high performance team are convinced they can tame the chaos.

The search for order began because Warner Robins Air Logistics Center maintainers are spending too much time searching for parts or equipment.

No one would ask someone on an assembly line to walk away and get their own parts said Doug Keene, HVM high performance team co-lead.

"If we want to see things change, we have to keep the mechanic on the airplane," Mr. Keene added.

"We want the universe to revolve around the mechanic," said Terry Mobley, HVM high performance team co-lead.

A few members of the 402nd Maintenance Group in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Group A flight are putting some of the theories of the philosophy to the test by implementing them on a C-130 at the T-spot 9.

Their hangar is equipped with a visual board forecasting assigned tasks for the following 10 days.

The hangar is home to PSC or Production Support Center cage, where many of the required materials for the mechanics are waiting for them including their daily use items or usables such as masking tape, trash bags, sanding discs and ear plugs.

"They are no longer standing in line to get their harnesses and lanyards," said Robin Hamsley, HVM integration team member.

The mechanics are able to focus on the maintenance immediately after arriving to work versus having to spend the beginning of their shift securing the needed materials to perform a task.

"Everything is on hand we don't have to scrounge and hunt for it," said Harold Ingram, lead night shift sheet metal mechanic.

Task kits are prepared with everything required for each individual job such as tools, technical data and parts.

Members of the HVM high performance team described the effort as "choreographing or synchronizing" the maintenance efforts.

This way, mechanics will spend their time actually turning wrenches instead of searching for materials or setting up.

For the new maintenance philosophy to work, it requires a detailed plan and process.



Above, Art Bazaruto and Jack Rogers, aircraft sheet metal mechanics, seal a skin on the C-130 undergoing the high velocity maintenance.

"We want to devise a very standard process where it is difficult to make a mistake," Mr. Keene said.

Many of the A flight mechanics said the new organization of their tools makes getting aircraft out on time and ready for the fight easier.

"We are letting the mechanics tell us what they need and we are tweaking it as we go," Ms. Hamsley said.

The mechanics said they also are thrilled to see that their opinions and needs are being addressed as part of the HVM experiment.

"They listen to what we want and it doesn't take long for a turn around," said Larry Sterner, work leader for airframe repair flight controls crew.

"We are using this to validate the process," Mr. Mobley said.

The experiment in T-spot 9 is just the beginning as the team prepares to test out more of the philosophies' theories.

Currently aircraft in the Air Force's fleet return for program depot maintenance approximately every five to six years. Because the planes are out in the field for such long intervals, when the aircrafts return for PDM any foreseeable maintenance must be performed.

The new maintenance philosophy would allow for less maintenance to be done each time an aircraft returns because the airplanes are returning more frequently.

Under the proposal the maintenance would be divided into quadrants where maintenance would be performed every 18 months.

The change would return 52 to 55 airplanes back to their operational wings instead of having 70 C-130s sitting on the ground at any time.

"We fight wars and save lives in our aircraft, so availability is very important," Mr. Keene said.

That's \$1.6 billion in assets that can be returned to the warfighter, Mr. Keene said.



Maurice Appling, supply technician, hangs safety harnesses for the mechanic's use. Mr. Appling manages a cart close to the aircraft with support equipment that is readily available to them.

"It's of no value in the depot. It's only valuable in the wing," Mr. Keene added.

The new approach to maintenance is similar to the approach of many commercial airliners where less maintenance is performed at more frequent intervals.

Another key to the new maintenance philosophy is taking the time to inspect the aircraft after each quadrant of maintenance. This allows parts to be ordered and plans to be made prior to the aircraft's return.

In the past, parts have been ordered based on history. For example, if a part was repaired five times in one year, it would be ordered five times the following year.

The new process allows them to monitor maintenance issues, rather than performing unnecessary maintenance because it could become a problem before its next date with program depot maintenance.

"If it's not a safety of flight issue, we can leave it for next time," said Mr. Keene.

Another issue with existing maintenance procedures includes a lack of communication between field and depot maintainers about what maintenance was performed in the field.

"We want to get to the point where we know the condition of the aircraft before it gets here. In order to make sure we have the parts ahead of time," Mr. Mobley said.

Though the philosophy is just beginning to be implemented at Robins, the team expects the first Air Force Special Operations Command C-130 prototype to arrive in October.

"We want to really stay focused and make sure what we are doing is creating order rather than more chaos," Ms. Hamsley said.

Airman and Family Readiness Center classes

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

A&FRC is located in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Group pre-separation counseling

The Center provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members separating more than 90 days from separation

date is conducted in a group setting.

The goal of Transition Assistance is to equip transitioning military personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for re-entry into the private sector workforce. The emphasis is on transition preparation rather than job placement.

The transition counselor will walk participants through the sections listed on DD Form 2648.

"Pre-separation Counseling Checklist". The checklist items ensure the necessary assistance and information is received.

Federal job search basics

The A&FRC is offering a Federal Job Search Basics class, Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m.,

Bldg. 794.

This class is to educate personnel on the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and classification process, the steps to apply, and how to write a Federal Resume.

Bundles for babies/passport to parenthood

The Airman and Family Readiness Center/Family Advocacy will conduct a Bundles For Babies/Passport To Parenthood class June 17, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 794.

Course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is present-

ed, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active-duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children. Call 327-8398, to sign up.

Uniformed TSP

The A&FRC Financial Management program is offering a briefing on the Uniformed Thrift Saving Plan June 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

Bright ideas earn Robins cash

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Ideas might be a dime a dozen, but a great idea might just net Team Robins members up to \$10,000.

The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program allows employees to earn cash by improving processes or creating new ones.

"It's a wonderful program and I want people to utilize it," said Renee Beringer, Robins IDEA program manager.

All civilians, active duty and reservist who are on active-duty status are eligible to submit an idea and earn a financial reward for their efforts.

Both tangible and intangible awards can receive some fruits for their labor. Idea submitters, whose ideas are determined to be intangible and out of the scope of their responsibilities, can receive a \$200 award and a certificate. But, when the idea nets tangible savings idea submitters can be awarded up to \$10,000 based on the amount of projected savings during the first year the idea is implemented.

During fiscal 2008, \$21,497 in tangible awards have been paid to members of the Robins community. Along with the tangible awards presented this fiscal year, 29 Team Robins members earned \$200 for intangible ideas.

Those who have navigated the IDEA program successfully in the past agree it's important to take the time to become familiar with the program.

"It's a good program. My advice would be to contact the IDEA office first and get some counseling right from the start on the key points needed to get an idea approved," said Frank White, who earned \$10,000 with his partner for a great idea.

Ms. Beringer did caution submitters to be aware there have been some changes to the program. All submitters need to refer to our new AFI 38-401 that was published Nov. 21. She said the changes to the AFI are designed to make the program more user friendly.

One of the many changes regards the creation of an IDEA Validation Committee, which will be responsible for approving all tangible ideas with savings greater than \$15,000.

As the process becomes more user friendly Ms. Beringer hopes to see more great ideas submitted. To help encourage people to start sending ideas Ms. Beringer will be handing out gifts to any one who submits and gains approval for a great idea now through Aug. 31.

IDEA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jeffrey Tharpe, James Smith, and Mark Binzen's great idea paid \$3,333 each.

The trio's idea was to create a repair procedure for the Voltage Controlled Oscillator, where none had existed before. The VCO is a major component of the Missile Radar Altimeter Test Assembly, part of the Electronic Systems Test Set.

The test set calibrates the cruise missile used in the B-52 Stratofortress, the B-1B Lancer and the B-2 Spirit.

"We all came to the conclusion that we had to find a better way than throwing what we call ovens or VCO's out," said Mr. Binzen, who worked for the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group at the time and is now a general mechanic with Lear Siegler Inc.

"When we developed the

procedure we ended up helping our weapon system out," said Mr. Smith, who was a master sergeant with the 402nd when the idea was submitted.

By creating a repair procedure for the VCO, the trio kept the Air Force from having to design, test and qualify a replacement for the VCO.

The trio encourages everyone to give the IDEA program a try.

"If you can find a way to do it better, do it faster and do it cheaper, don't reap the financial rewards?" said Mr. Smith, who presently works for the Scientific Research Corporation as a logistics engineer.

"The important thing is not really the money. The important thing is the points you get on your record," Mr. Tharpe said. "It can advance your career. It can advance your pocketbook what more do you want?"

David Brown earned \$1,700 for thinking outside the typical procurement box.



David Brown

His great idea was to no longer purchase compressors through a contractor, but to use a blanket purchase agreement.

"The main reason for looking into the idea is the amount of time it took civil engineering to get compressors that cost more than the credit card limit," said Mr. Brown, a heating ventilation and air conditioning direct digital controls foreman with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

This simple change in procedure saves the Air Force the contractor's fee, which was 18.5 percent of the purchase cost for each compressor bought.

Mr. Brown said it was his first time to apply and he was pleased with how easy the IDEA process was.

Not only did the idea save the Air Force money, it also allowed the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron to receive parts sooner, which meant customers were seeing repairs to air conditioning units faster, he added.

"I think everybody needs to look at the processes they are doing in their area. Be aware and see if there is a more cost effective way to do things," Mr. Brown said.

Frank White and Gerald Wynne earned \$5,000 each for developing a



Frank White

new way to drill holes in the F-15 spar, enabling the Air Force to prolong the life of the spars.

In the past, the F-15 Wing Repair

Flight would step up the size of the taper-loc holes each time maintenance was performed on the spar. This would cause the need to replace the spar because the required edge distance between the holes is eventually lost.

"We had to just shoot straight through with no consideration for the space between the holes" Mr. White said.

Mr. White and Mr. Wynne both F-15 wing shop mechanics decided there had to be a way to create a new "good hole" without



Gerald Wynne

ruining the spar.

The pair decided if you could keep one side of the hole intact and move the other just enough to create another "good hole" you would be able to create a greater edge distance.

The duo got scraps out of the trash cans and used the scraps to prove the theory, he said.

"You could move it .008 of a half inch and still get a good hole," Mr. Wynne said.

The pair agreed the program is a good venue to recognize the employees willing to spend the time developing new processes or creating solutions to existing problems.

"The government puts a lot of time and money into this program. It's not a joke," Mr. White said.

Jay Ostler earned \$10,000 for his great idea, where he helped keep the Air Force from duplicating efforts to sustain the C-5 Galaxy's Elevator Variable Feel Unit.



Jay Ostler

The problem involved the EVFU and the absence of replacement parts.

"We were having to can the EVFU a lot because there weren't serviceable parts," said Mr. Ostler, a C-5 systems engineer with the 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

The C-5 Reliability Enhancement and Re-engineering Program was also facing the same dilemma and considering their options to redesign the EVFU.

Mr. Ostler said no matter what the RERP did he was going to have to find a more immediate solution to the problem for his legacy systems.

"We had to fix the problems with the EVFU, we couldn't just be grounding aircraft," Mr. Ostler said.

The RERP thought the EVFU was unreliable and obsolete, but Mr. Ostler proved the redesign and manufacture of the existing EVFU with no change to form fit or function would return the part to viable.

"Now the unit is as reliable as it was when it was new," he added.

He described the program as a "good force for change."

Mr. Ostler said one of his favorite parts of the IDEA program is that, "instead of just talking about it or why it's wrong or cumbersome, you can do something about it."

WHAT TO KNOW

If you have a great idea and would like to submit it to the IDEA program contact Renee Beringer, IDEA program manager, at 222-0743 or e-mail her at renee-beringer@robins.af.mil.

For more information about the IDEA program visit <https://pds.csd.disa.mil>.

IN BRIEF

MUSEUM OF AVIATION

As part of its salute to veterans during the month of June, the Museum of Aviation is offering veterans and their guests a tour of Robins June 18.

The tour will include a close-up look at the aircraft and major operational units at the base and an opportunity to have lunch with base personnel.

"The tour is being offered to give our veterans an update on the important mission of Robins Air Force Base," said Bob Dubiel, director of Marketing. "We're honoring veterans all during June with this tour, a new WWII hangar opening

ceremony today, an open house June 14, daily discounts in our gift shop and café, and a drawing for prizes on June 30."

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. in the Museum's Hangar One and conclude with a lunch with military members from the base at Horizons. The tour is free to any veteran and one guest except for the pay-as-you-go lunch. Buses will return to the museum at 1 p.m.

Veterans must present a DD Form 214 (Statement of Service) or retired ID card to get on the tour and vouch for their guest. Reservations are limited to the first 40 people who sign up.

To make a reservation call 926-6870.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Robert "Sid" Fernandez, a senior surveillance manager with the 116th Air Control Wing's 330th Combat Training Squadron, reached 10,000 flying hours recently.

JSTARS senior surveillance manager puts 10,000 flying hours under his wing

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Master Sgt. Robert "Sid" Fernandez, a senior surveillance manager with the 116th Air Control Wing's 330th Combat Training Squadron, topped the 10,000 flying hour mark on May 8.

Sergeant Fernandez, who has been in the Air Force for more than 21 years, is a bit reserved about his achievement.

"I was just happy to get it over with and keep doing my job," he said. "The closer it got, it just seemed like it took forever."

The NCO's low-profile approach to his career milestone comes as no surprise to his colleagues.

Senior Master Sgt. Russell Ratley, 330th CTS operations superintendent, said although Sergeant Fernandez doesn't see what the big deal is about his recent achievement, every-

one else can.

"To me, it's a huge achievement," he said. "I can't imagine having that many hours honestly. That's a lot of flying. It's pretty much his whole career. I can't fathom having that many flying hours."

Sergeant Fernandez has undergone several assignments since his Air Force career began in 1986, including NATO Airborne Warning and Control Systems in Germany, where he flew in several operations, including Operation Deny Flight, Allied Force, and Joint Guardian.

Sergeant Fernandez was then assigned to the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System where he had several jobs, including superintendent of the 116th Operations Group's Standardization and Evaluations Office, and NCO in charge of the IA4 Flight in the 330th CTS.

Sergeant Fernandez's fly-

ing hours exceed others in the 116th ACW by 2,000 hours, and the NCO ranks fourth in E8-C flying hours with a total of 3,386.

Senior Master Sgt. Steven Helms, 330th CTS superintendent, said Sergeant Fernandez's milestone goes beyond a notch on his career belt.

"I think it's more of a personal milestone really," he said. "You don't see many fliers hit the 10,000 mile mark anymore. Back in the day, it used to be not completely unusual. Today, it's one hell of a milestone."

Sergeant Fernandez said the Airman's large volume of flying hours is a reflection of his commitment to service.

"I think it's just a testament of his attitude and motivation," he said. "He's extremely dedicated. If I needed someone to fly tomorrow and I asked him right now, he would be there."

Career briefs help broaden civil service career options

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Most civil service employees have worked in other jobs before being hired at Robins.

While some may feel their time in off-base employment is useless, recent career briefings at Robins are teaching employees that job experience outside the government shouldn't be discarded.

The briefings, first offered in the maintenance areas of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in November 2007, began increasing in March as Civilian Personnel taught people how to broaden career options.

Phil House, a human resource specialist in the Directorate of Civilian Personnel who works job classification issues in the maintenance areas, said the briefings explain how the civilian hiring system works and how employees can get their prior work experience coded and credited on their career briefs.

More than 400 employees have attended the voluntary briefings in the maintenance area in the past few months, and the information provided has been much appreciated.

Randall Petre, a process analyst in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Support Squadron said the briefing he attended was very helpful.

"People need it," he said. "To be able to update your career brief online is a whole lot easier."

Mr. Petre said now, he'll be able to include his prior military training to possibly further his career.

Gail Trice, a program support assistant in Quality Assurance in 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's Maintenance Division,

attended the career briefing May 20. She said she wanted to learn how to be selected for a job.

"I think anybody who is not familiar with the career brief and wants to know more about it and how to further their promotion potential should take this briefing," she said.

Mr. House said the career brief updates allow people to put past hard work to good use.

"It reminds people that nothing they've done in the past is wasted just because they may be in a different type of job now," he said.

People shouldn't exaggerate their experience level, however, as it could hurt them later if hired into a job they can't do, Mr. House said.

In addition to career briefs helping the employee, management has something to gain as well.

"It ensures that management has the best pool of applicants to select from," he said. "If the best employee for the job isn't properly coded, he's not going to show up (in the system) and management isn't even going to get to take a look at him."

Civilian Personnel recently began giving the briefings to organizations outside of the maintenance realm and will continue to do so into the coming weeks.

Mr. House said organizations should schedule a career fair briefing for their employees through the organization's resource advisor.

WHAT TO KNOW

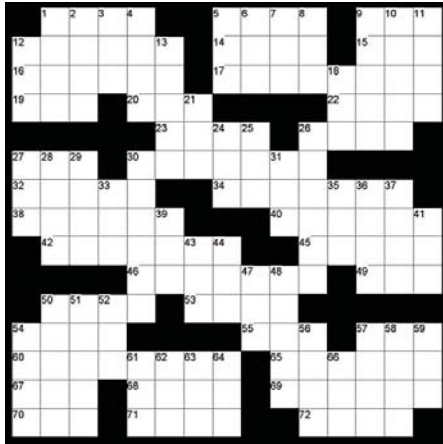
For more information, call your organization's resource advisor or Civilian Personnel Customer Service at 222-0602.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Shane Parten (left), a painter with the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, is counseled by Phil House, human resource specialist, about his civil service career brief. The briefings, which began last year, are now being utilized by more members of the civilian workforce than before.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



D-Day

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

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Japanese martial arts | 1. D-Day beach |
| 5. Voyage | 2. D-Day beach |
| 9. Sault ____ Marie | 3. Water barricade |
| 12. Colorless, flammable gas fuel | 4. Wallet stuffer |
| 14. We ____ Soldiers | 5. Thomas Jefferson was on this bill |
| 15. Pallid; lacking color | 6. Gun the motor |
| 16. Varnishes, or paints that dry to a hard, glossy finish | 7. Fury |
| 17. Operation ____; Allies' D-Day invasion plan | 8. Each |
| 19. Homer's interjection | 9. D-Day beach |
| 20. Address for a male USAF officer | 10. Pacific islands edible tubers |
| 22. Greek god of love | 11. Terminates |
| 23. Rip | 12. Cot |
| 26. Offspring | 13. Upper class |
| 27. Sound of a cough, grunt, or the like | 18. Hawaiian gift |
| 30. Operation ____; D-Day assault and amphibious operations | 21. Congressional member, in brief |
| 32. USMA or USNA freshman | 24. Dined |
| 34. ____ Channel; D-Day crossing site | 25. Jog |
| 38. Evening party or social gathering | 26. Unit of absolute temperature |
| 40. Incarnation of a Hindu deity in human or animal form | 27. FedEx competitor |
| 42. Gen. Omar ____; U.S. D-Day invasion commander | 28. Soft thick lump or mass |
| 45. Toughen or harden; habituate by prolonged subjection | 29. Person entitled to inherit the rank or title of another |
| 46. Close relationship, connection, or link | 30. Sewing instrument |
| 49. Carry out | 31. Federal org. providing timely, accurate geospatial intelligence |
| 50. Tennis great Arthur | 33. Swimsuit part |
| 53. E pluribus ____; Seal of the United States words | 35. 007 writer Fleming |
| 54. Thought | 36. Knob, nailhead, or other protuberance used as an ornament |
| 55. Harass | 37. Mata ____; WWI spy |
| 57. Pointed instrument for piercing small holes in leather | 39. NY Giant Manning |
| 60. Site of D-Day, June 6, 1944 | 41. ____ Sea |
| 65. Dell order | 43. ____ Claire |
| 67. Federal investigation org. of the Attorney General | 44. ____ and yang |
| 68. Game of chance, adapted from lotto for gambling purposes | 47. Solar system center |
| 69. Parcels out; distributes or apportions | 48. D-Day beach |
| 70. DoD operation since 2001 | 50. Sun-dried brick made of clay and straw |
| 71. First man | 51. Smaller line used to finish off a main stroke of a letter |
| 72. Shovels | 52. Part of a hog's hind leg |
| | 54. Data |
| | 56. D-Day beach |
| | 57. State of eager desire; excitedly |
| | 58. Keep one's ____ about them; remain alert and observant |
| | 59. Mil. pay statement |
| | 61. Alias ID |
| | 62. Homer's neighbor |
| | 63. Cellular ID |
| | 64. ____ Kippur; Jewish high holy day |
| | 66. The Greatest |

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

TODAY

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.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

UPCOMING

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

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

An eight-ball pool tournament will be June 18 and 19 from 5 to 8

Exploring technology



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Mike Larson, AXSYS Technologies, talks with Zohra Khan about thermal surveillance cameras at the Technology Expo June 3 at Horizons.

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.

"Time to Get Caught in a Story" is the theme for the summer reading program to be held June 23 – July 21 starting at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 11 a.m. for school age children. For more information call the library at 327-8761.

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

Operation Macon Relief is collecting items for the victims of the Mother's Day tornado. Items include: baby items, children clothes (ages one – 17 years old), men and women clothing (18 years and older), any size shoes, cleaning products, disposable towels/rags, canned goods, dry goods, non-perishable food items and bottled water. Anything else that can be donated will be greatly appreciated. Drop box locations: fitness center, fitness center annex, Wynn Dining, AAFES Main Exchange, commissary and MIFE. For more information call Airman 1st Class Diane Flowers at 926-6596 or Airman 1st Class Candace Covil at 926-2128.

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.

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.

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 926-5492.

The community center is offering a FAMWEB lending program for military families and civilians whose family member is deployed on a remote assignment. You may rent a web camera, for free, for up to two weeks or longer depending on case to case situations. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

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 — 8 P.M.
BABY MAMA
PG-13

A successful and single businesswoman has long put her career ahead of a personal life. Now 37, she's determined to have a kid on her own. But she discovers she has a million-to-one chance of getting pregnant. Undaunted, the driven Kate allows a South Philly worker girl to become her unlikely surrogate.



SATURDAY — 8 P.M.
DECEPTION
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An accountant is introduced to a mysterious sex club known as The List by his lawyer friend. But in this new world, he soon becomes the prime suspect in a woman's disappearance and multi-million dollar heist.



UPCOMING
MADE OF HONOR
PG-13

Tom leads a good life; he's sexy, he's successful, and he knows he can always rely on Hannah, his best friend. When Hannah goes to Scotland he realizes how empty his life is without her. He resolves that when she returns, he will propose, but is floored to learn she is already engaged.

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

Robins welcomes DOD military family life consultant to the team

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins welcomed its first military family life consultant, Rae Lynn Nettles, last month.

Through a five-year contract between the Mental Health Network and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Ms. Nettles will be the first of many MFLCs at Robins to provide mental health support to active-duty military members and their families, retired military members, Department of Defense civilians, as well as contractors on a limited basis.

MHN will provide its services to service branches across the DOD.

Christine Parker, Airman and Family Readiness Center flight chief, said the need for MFLCs comes as length and frequency of deployments rise.

"The Office of the Secretary of Defense saw a need to provide more support for our military families, and that includes our Department of Defense civilians who work at military installations," she said.

Ms. Parker said OSD funded the program, which started with serving U.S. Army soldiers and families.

"They've been doing that for a little over a year now," she said. "They started expanding that to the Air Force side of the house and Air Force installations."

Mrs. Parker said OSD will provide 54 stateside installations with MFLCs by July.

The consultants will serve

on a 45-day rotation at Robins, with a two-day overlap in between their time at Robins for hand off of duties.

"We may or may not see the same person twice," she said.

"It's set up so it's flexible. People are being used outside of the Middle Georgia community, so we don't tap into our resources that we already need and use. These are people from elsewhere who are able to break away for 45 days at a time and come provide a service."

Julie Hawkins, chief of family member programs in the 78th Mission Support Group's Services Division, said the MFLC program will be a bonus for already existing base programs.

"I think it's going to be a tremendous support to our already existing programs we have in place like our mental health office and our Sexual Assault Response Coordinator," she said. "I think these people will be here to be the first voice people who need to see those offices hear and then will refer, if necessary, or just help them solve some issues that they may have at the time."

Ms. Hawkins said MFLCs will also work with Child and Youth Services which deals with Robins' summer camp program. As part of that role, a Child and Youth Services counselor will serve a 60-day rotation at the Child Development Center.

"There have been increased

deployments which causes increased stress for families," she said. "Children often show that stress by acting out, behavior issues. These people will help us deal with the children and maybe give our staff some skills to deal with the children and their behaviors."

Joy Ashley, Trained Spouses in Action program manager at the A&FRC, said the MFLC will be a great help to her program's volunteers.

"This is a role we've already been playing in for a few years now, so I see them as being a partner in the whole thing," she said.

Lt. Col. Monica Kopf, 78th MSG deputy, said MFLCs will enable Robins to help individuals who may not line up with traditional services offered.

"It may catch some of the folks who are unwilling to go to Military One Source, Mental Health, and so forth," she said. "It's outside of the military chain, but it's still on base and very easy to access."

Colonel Kopf said Robins intends to use MFLCs in newcomers and reintegration events.

"Sometimes, people just need to vent," she said. "It's a one-time, good deal. They get it off their chest, feel a lot better, and off they go. They need to feel like somebody cares and is listening to them. This program sounds like it will fit that bill and give them the opportunity to do so without compromising anyone's career, security clearance, etc."

Independence Day concert to celebrate AF Reserve anniversary, nation's freedom

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF KELLY
AF Reserve command

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve welcomes Lonestar for a scheduled performance July 3 at the 25th Annual Independence Day Celebration at McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. and celebrates our nation's birthday along with the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The free concert features a night of music, fireworks and family entertainment.

Lonestar made its debut on the U.S. country music charts in 1995 with the Top 10 single "Tequila Talkin.'" Since then, the band has amassed a total of 27 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, with nine of those singles reaching No. 1. In 1999, Lonestar released its signature song "Amazed," a crossover hit that reached No. 1 on both the country charts and the Billboard Hot 100.

Festivities begin with the Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools. Mary Therese, executive director 21st Century Partnership, emcees the show starting at 8 p.m.

"Last year was a record-setting crowd, and this year we are expecting just as big an attendance for the Independence Day observance," said Allen Tatman of the Warner Robins Civitan



courtesy photo

Above, The country music band Lonestar will perform at the 25th Annual Independence Day Celebration July 3 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium.

Below, J. Justin Baker, 3, holds up a sign for his deployed father during last year's concert, which was headlined by Lee Greenwood.

Club.

"Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the talent of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, we have an incredible celebration planned featuring country group Lonestar, and a fireworks display that gets bigger and better every year. We encourage families to bring the kids and enjoy an amazing show."

Mr. Tatman remarked people should watch the show from inside the stadium as the fireworks are set to music, "making the spectacular display that much more stirring and enjoyable to watch."

The stadium bleachers offer seating; however, attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the infield. Food and beverages will be available at con-



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cession stands. Bags and containers are subject to search since alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited at this family event. No pets allowed.

Canned Food Drive and FEMA relief

Since the devastation by tornadoes early on Mother's Day morning, many community organizations have reached out to help their neighbors in need.

Because of the extensive power outages, many families are left without food or the means to cook. After the tornado, the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank gave out 16,000 bottles of water and Gatorade as well as 4,000 Little Debbie Snacks. Seven hundred and fifty bags of food were given out in addition to the food many other organizations used to help feed volunteers and families in the hard hit areas. Currently, the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank is out of 65 percent of its food. The community's need for food will last for many months to come, so help is needed to restock the neighborhood's pantry.

Many organizations use the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank as a food supplier, so contributions of any non-perishable items as well as canned goods to the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce would be helpful. Currently, the most need is for protein items such as peanut butter and canned meats, and then vegetables. Monetary donations are accepted as well, and remember any donation is appreciated. The Chamber is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. FEMA is also offering

assistance. Below is a FAQ on how they can assist storm victims.

HOW CAN FEMA HELP?

FEMA's Individual Assistance program can help eligible applicants with temporary housing assistance, uninsured personal property and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster, along with other disaster-related experiences and serious needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you sustained losses or damage in one of the counties declared a federal disaster area, you may be eligible for federal and state disaster aid.

HOW DO I APPLY? WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please use the below resources to both apply and find more information.

- ◆ Call 1-800-621-3362. If you are speech or hearing impaired, call TTY 1-800-462-7585. The toll free numbers are available seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- ◆ Visit www.fema.gov and download the resource guide (http://www.fema.gov/pdf/assistance/process/help_after_disaster_english.pdf).

WHAT IS A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER? WHAT TIMES ARE THE DRCS OPEN?

Disaster Recovery Centers

are operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency; these centers will assist Georgians affected by the storms and tornadoes. Residents of Bibb County who suffered uninsured or under-insured losses will receive person-to-person assistance at the centers from specialists skilled in many disaster-related subjects. The centers will operate from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice from FEMA.

WHERE ARE THE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS?

- ◆ Bruce Elementary School - 3660 Houston Avenue Macon, GA 31206

- ◆ Bloomfield Middle School - 4375 Bloomfield Drive Macon, GA 31206

- ◆ Macon/Bibb County Fire Department, Station 105 - 8456 Eisenhower Parkway Lizella, GA 31052

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO QUALIFY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE?

To be considered for FEMA assistance, you must register by calling the toll free number, or register online within sixty days of the county being declared a federal disaster area. Bibb County's declaration date was May 23rd.

Microsoft 2007 upgrade hits Robins this summer

Robins Network users will soon notice a change in the appearance of their computer software.

Robins will upgrade its government computers with the Microsoft Office 2007 package beginning this month, as part of an Air Force-wide deployment of the software.

The phased upgrade will take effect between June 8 and July 13 at the base.

Fran DuPerry, 78th Communications Group Information Technology Depot manager, said the Force Training Directorate has already trained nearly 1,700 computer users on the software since August 2007.

About 1,200 people at Robins have volunteered to test the software in different areas to help pinpoint and head off any problems with the software.

Ms. DuPerry said once people get past the initial adjustment, she's certain they'll like upgrade.

"It brings them more up to date with the outside (world)," she said. "The tools will

become more efficient. The office suite has been upgraded. The menus have a different look and a different feel, and they've actually consolidated some features that are really good enhancements for most users."

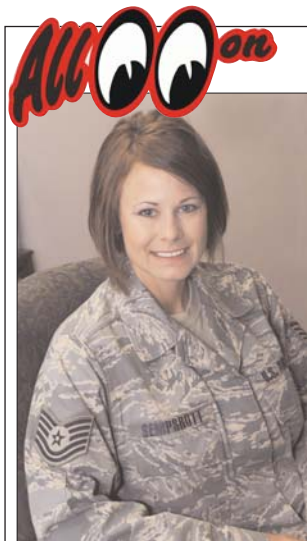
Ms. DuPerry said changes can be seen in programs like Word, PowerPoint, Excel and others.

Microsoft Office 2007 offers tutorials in its programs to help users get adjusted.

"They've really done a great job getting people to embrace the new product, and personally, I love it," Ms. DuPerry said.

Air Force Materiel Command has identified some areas that may not work with the software and those impacted have been notified. Ms. DuPerry said. Those with problems should call 926-4357 for assistance.

—By Holly L. Birchfield



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Tech. Sgt. Janette Sempstrott

AGE: 37

JOB TITLE:
Airman Leadership School instructor.

BACKGROUND:
Mother of two. Joined the Air Force in 1989.

THOUGHTS ON HER JOB:
"I'm blessed to have the jobs that I've had and the enjoyment of meeting wonderful people. I'm proud to be an Airman in the greatest Air Force ever."

HOBBIES:
Spending time with her kids and Yoga.

PHILOSOPHY IN LIFE: "To be a role model for my children"