

AFMC commander: we must re-focus, fix problems

BY GEN. BRUCE CARLSON
AFMC Commander

By now you have heard about the resignations of the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force. This was unprecedented and I want to make sure you know I am fully committed to finding and fixing the root causes of the Air Force shortfalls recently identified by the Secretary of Defense.

Together we owe it to the citizens of our great nation to address this situation directly in order to resolve

systemic problems and regain our credibility as guardians of our nation's nuclear arsenal. Let there be no misunderstanding, the stewardship of our nuclear enterprise is one of our most sacred responsibilities—and we will identify and fix the gaps in our execution of this critical strategic mission.

The facts surrounding the unauthorized B-52 flight with live nuclear weapons onboard and



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the recent mis-shipment of four Mark 12 nose cones to Taiwan highlighted a brutal truth: there are problems within our nuclear enterprise. Some of those problems lie within this command and we will fix them.

We started to repair the kinks in our nuclear enterprise several years ago. To regain unity of command in the acquisition and sustainment of the ICBM fleet, we stood up the Air Force Nuclear Weapons

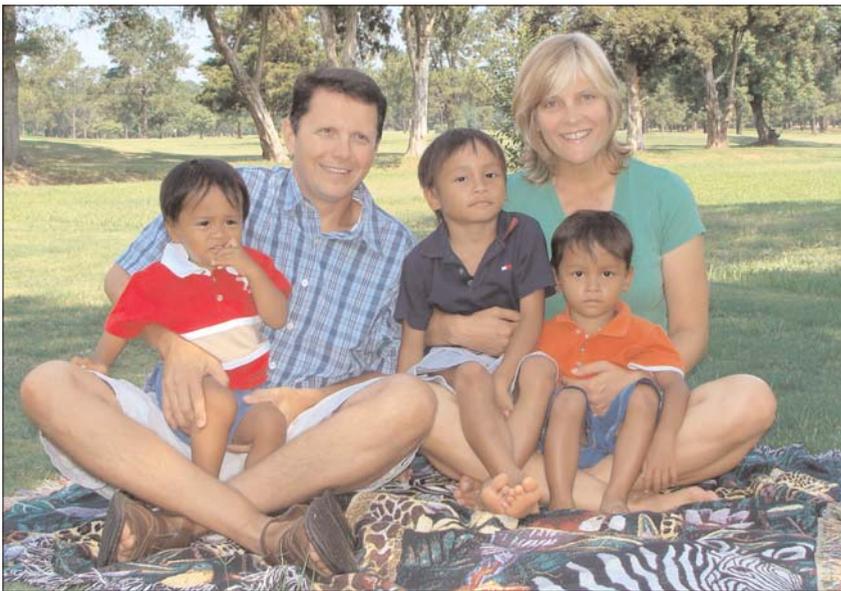
Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. We continue today with the development of the commercially-based Expeditionary Combat Support System for more positive inventory control, improved in-transit visibility and more accurate parts forecasting. These are good first steps and we must continue to reinforce their success. However, organizations and systems alone will not be enough. It will take the personal involvement of each person on the Air Force team—military, civilian, contractor, National

Guard and Reserves.

During the next few months there will likely be several reports, studies and audits conducted. I ask for your personal commitment to attack head-on the root causes and systemic shortfalls identified in any of these reports.

After all, this is not just a nuclear enterprise issue, it's also about regaining the culture which created the world's most feared and respected Air Force—a culture based on

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Senior Master Sgt. Brian Golter and his wife Liza are pictured with sons Benjamin, Nicholas and Jake. The couple adopted the three siblings from Vietnam and are enjoying settling into their new family life.

Gift of Love

Robins couple adapts to adopting, settles in to new life

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Imagine receiving a call saying there are three children, all brothers, waiting in an orphanage in Da Nang, Vietnam to be adopted—are you interested? That's exactly what happened to a 116th Computer Systems Squadron superintendent and his wife. Their emotional story describes how love transcends cultural and language barriers.

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Golter and his wife Liza began their adoption process almost two and half years ago. They used a non-profit agency in North Carolina and quickly discovered the paperwork for international adoption is intense. They selected the country of Vietnam because they were pleased with the orphan to care-giver ratio in Vietnam's orphanages. Also, the couple was interested in that area of the world.

"We'd decided on getting only one child because sibling sets are so rare and to receive non-sibling sets is difficult to do because of the addi-

tional paperwork and time it takes," said Sergeant Golter. "It was such a surprise to receive the call last October saying there are three siblings available."

Even though it took the couple a few days to process the surprise call, they quickly began picking out names for the boys. The children range in ages of 16-month old Benjamin, 3-year old Nicholas and 5-year old Jake. It was an exciting time for them, but then the arduous task of waiting began.

"Two months after receiving the call, we were still waiting. We were hoping to go to Vietnam in December to receive the children. We had Christmas gifts bought and ready for them, we purchased a minivan and set up their rooms. It was frustrating knowing the boys were languishing in the orphanage all this time," said Mrs. Golter. "But after six months of waiting, we received another call in early April giving us 10 days notice to make travel arrangements to Vietnam."

The couple flew to Hanoi and waited a few more days before being

allowed to travel to Da Nang to meet the children for the first time. The Republic of Vietnam sponsored an official ceremony called a Giving and Receiving Ceremony which sanctioned the adoption.

"It was an experience—the entire ceremony was conducted in Vietnamese. We did have an English speaking interpreter with us," Sergeant Golter said.

They spent time with the three children in the orphanage before traveling back to Hanoi. The children were placed in adoption due to their birth mother's financial hardship after her husband was killed in an automobile-related accident.

"The orphanage was very sparse and austere to our standards," said Mrs. Golter. "It is located in a very poor rural area."

Once back in Hanoi, the new family waited in a hotel for two and a half weeks before receiving permission to travel back to the U.S. Even though the children did not speak English (and two of the boys speak

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TH-1H to modernize helicopter training for service branches

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An aged UH-1H helicopter whose parts were becoming scarce spurred the Air Force to change its helicopter training mechanism to the TH-1H.

The TH-1H helicopter trainer combines the look of the UH-1H, commonly known as the Huey, with a modern cockpit that brings pilots' training up to date.

In December 2004, modification of the existing UH-1H into the TH-1H configuration began. Lockheed Martin produced the first TH-1H in July 2005, and the trainer immediately underwent tests.

Upon clearing tests, two TH-1Hs were released to the Air

Education and Training Command in May.

Lisa Jackson, TH-1H program manager in the 573rd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron at Robins, said the transfer should be smooth.

Ms. Jackson said the TH-1H will better prepare student pilots for platforms they'll use in their careers.

"It basically offers a seamless transition from the aircraft to what the pilots will be flying in their careers, the CB-22 and any other helicopters out there, like the H-60," she said.

Alfred Woods, a program management support contractor in the 573rd ACSS, said the TH-1H's glass cockpit lines it up with the current platforms the Air Force operates

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Jonathan Leon, 78th Security Forces Squadron, shows Cadets Nick Mercier and Bernabe Tucker an M-249 squad assault weapon atop a humvee.

Operation Air Force gives ROTC cadets taste of enlisted mission

BY HOLLY BIRCHFIELD
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Operation Air Force is giving ROTC cadets a chance to test drive the enlisted side of the Air Force before making a commitment to service.

Cadet Jacob Singleton, who is part of ROTC Detachment 860 at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, is one of 17 cadets currently undergoing the three-week program at Robins.

"One of the things I think is important about being involved in Operation Air Force is getting involved with the NCO group and getting to know what they do in their jobs," he said. "We always hear about what we do in different jobs,

but it's different when you're actually working with it."

David Fulbrook, a cadet with ROTC Detachment 875 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., said he has learned a lot since his June 2 arrival.

"It's important to see the other side," he said. "We interact with officers in our cadre at ROTC all the time (as we prepare to) become officers. Getting an appreciation for what the enlisted ranks do, the Airmen, the NCOs and the senior NCOs is the most important part."

Capt. Albert Chapman, ROTC officer in charge of Operation Air Force Session One, said the program gives cadets a better understanding of the service.

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

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Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will hold a series of mandatory commander's calls Wednesday. The commander's calls will be held at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Base Theater.

Russell Parkway Gate Closure
The Russell Parkway Gate will be closed from 1 a.m., June 21 until 5 a.m. June 24.
The closure is needed to allow civil engineer craftsmen to remove the inoperable tire shredders at the gate and repair the holes. For more info on this closure call Russell Thornbury at 397-8937.

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today and prepares student pilots for the future.

As Huey parts become harder to come by, Mr. Woods said moving to a modernized training platform was a necessary action to take.

"We were fortunate to modernize an airplane with up-to-date parts so parts can be available to provide more airframe time for the students to bring about an operational environment where they can do what they're paid to do," he said.

Mr. Woods said the move was cost efficient.

"AETC made a wise decision to take an old platform like this Huey and basically run it through a shop and upgrade it," he said. "When this airplane goes back into the shop, they strip everything out and it comes out as a TH-1H. By doing that, we were able to produce an aircraft at about \$2.5 million a copy. If we were buying a new helicopter, we'd pay in excess of \$15 million to \$20 million a copy."

Mr. Woods said updating the helicopter trainer was a good move.

"This has been a very smart move for AETC and it has also been a giant move for the (Warner



courtesy photo

The Vietnam-era UH-1H helicopters were converted into brand new TH-1H helicopters, seen above in action. The UH-1Hs are stripped down, cleaned and then built back up with brand new structural and dynamic parts, an upgraded engine and a glass cockpit that includes state-of-the-art avionics.

Robins Air Logistics Center), he said. "The only other aircraft we've actually taken and rebuilt twice is this airplane and the C-130. The C-130 has proven to be a war horse in the operational environment. The Huey is run along those same lines."

Paulette Lemons, 573rd ACSS director, said the Air Force expects to receive 24 TH-1Hs in total by Fiscal 2011.

Ms. Lemons said Robins will

provide program management and technical support for the TH-1H, while Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas will maintain the helicopter trainer.

"We are indeed happy to provide this support and savings to AETC in support of their training mission," she said.

A TH-1H simulator will be placed at Fort Rucker, Ala., to aid with training needs in early 2009, Ms. Lemons said.

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"We're bringing in rising sophomores from various colleges throughout the country to give them a hands-on experience of how an Air Force base operates and specifically the role of the NCOs and the Airmen on the base," he said.

Captain Chapman said cadets learn the value of enlisted Airmen.

"As we all know through our training, the enlisted force is the backbone of the Air Force," he said. "For being officer candidates, this is really the closest together hands-on with those folks."

Captain Chapman said cadets try their hand at many missions.

"They're going to be working with (enlisted Airmen), getting their hands dirty, and really just picking their brains," he said.

Capt. Wade Cornelius, director, Operation Air Force for the 78th Air Base Wing, said cadets are working in the 116th Aircraft Maintenance, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and other units.

Cadets will also work side by side with senior NCOs in the 5th

Combat Communications Group, 78th Medical Group, the 78th Security Forces Squadron, and the 78th Communications Group, Captain Cornelius said.

"They're going to be doing the same job that the Airmen and NCOs do every day," he said. "Each cadet has a senior NCO assigned to them to ensure they don't get in those types of positions that would overwhelm them."

Cadets experience different career fields and share lessons learned with other cadets.

Captain Cornelius said Operation Air Force is a good start for ROTC cadets considering military service.

"I think the program is vital," he said. "It's absolutely the ground work for these cadets to appreciate the backbone and work horse of the Air Force. As an officer, you need to understand what the enlisted force does and the strengths that they bring to you."

WHAT TO KNOW

Individuals must be enrolled in an ROTC program at a college or university to become a cadet in the Air Force Operation program. To find an ROTC detachment, visit www.afrotc.com.



Sunday is Father's Day. What's one of the best things you learned from your father?



Airman 1st Class Darrion Garrett
78th SFS

To always be hard working. If you see something that needs doing go ahead and do it. Never wait for someone to tell you to. He always said to do what you need to do today so you can do what you want to do tomorrow.



Clay Blocker
Youth Center summer camper

He taught me how to ride my dirt bike and to shoot my BB gun. We have a lot of fun together. He's a good dad.



Eddie Graham
78th LRS

To be honest and to treat people the way you want to be treated.



Halle Swygert
Youth Center summer camper

I learned obedience because if you don't obey people, they won't respect you as you're supposed to respect them.



Kendra Nash
Robins Bowling Center

To be giving. If you see someone that needs help or support, do what you can to help them. It will always come back to reward you.

STARBASE Robins offers summer fun, education

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STARBASE Robins has programs to help kids have fun and learn about math and science at the same time.

STARBASE is a Department of Defense funded program offered nationwide that enhances science, technology, and math education among younger children.

The program, which boasts 60 STARBASEs DOD-wide, began at the Museum of Aviation in 1996.

Wesley Fondal, STARBASE Robins director, said while STARBASE Robins is an Air Force Reserve program, others throughout DOD are funded by active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Navy and the Marines.

Mr. Fondal said STARBASE Robins extends schools' education efforts.

"During the school year, we work with the school district," he said. "This STARBASE works with Houston, Twiggs and Bibb counties and we primarily work with the 5th graders during the school year."

Dawn Pannell, a STARBASE Robins program instructor, said the school program puts learning in kids's hands.

"We teach them about Newton's laws and that kind of thing," she said. "We shoot off rockets. We do a lot of hands-on experiments."

Mrs. Pannell said she uses the formula, Dream + Action = Results, to teach kids to reach for their dreams.

Mrs. Pannell said STARBASE Robins targets at risk kids in the 5th grade at Title One Schools, but that could change in the future as Georgia performance standards change.

About 1,500 children come through the STARBASE program each year.

Classes usually run one day

a week for five weeks.

The fun doesn't stop with the school year though.

Mr. Fondal said STARBASE Robins camps are another avenue to help kids learn.

"They're designed to go along with our mission which is actually to try to increase Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math, commonly called STEM learning.

These academies are geared toward getting kids interested in science and technology," he said. "This year, we're doing pre-engineering as well to get them excited about it and interested in going into those fields."

Mr. Fondal said the program is offering four academies this year, which range from two-day to week-long learning experiences.

Mrs. Pannell said STARBASE ROBINS recently completed its Robotics I camp where about 17 kids built and took home remote control robot kits.

In Robotics II camp, kids build programmable LEGO NXT robots. The kids use the robots to accomplish missions listed on a challenge board and compete against each other in groups.

Danny Depuy, 11, said he most enjoyed building things and launching rockets.

Mr. Fondal said about 36 Northside High School students will get involved in robotics and multimedia through the Robotics II camp this year.

In 'Rocket Science' camp, about 24 kids learned about rocket science in relation to Newton's laws and launched different types of rockets, Mrs. Pannell said.

Mrs. Pannell said STARBASE Robins is offering an engineering camp for the first time.

A Washington D.C.-based instructor will teach 6th to 8th



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Above top, Chipper Messer and Eddie Henning III, build bottle rockets, which were liquid propelled, in the Rocket Science class June 5.

Above, bottom, Timothy Johnson, in the Rocket Science class June 5, looks at an Egg Launcher rocket. The rocket carries an egg for its payload.

graders how to build products and 3-D objects using the Museum of Aviation's special 3-D printer.

Mr. Fondal said STARBASE Robins' programs are a great way to help kids learn outside of school.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, visit www.starbaserobins.org or call 926-1769.

Commentary

"Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike." — **Theodore Roosevelt**

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY:

I am writing to vent my frustration. I drive my motorcycle to work. It seems as though we're constantly being picked on. The rules keep changing and all I seem to be hearing is what else we need to do. I understand that it is important that we operate our motorcycles safely on and off base. I follow the rules. However, it seems as though there are more rules for motorcyclists. I see folks talking on their cell phones without using hands-free devices, people texting while they drive and people not wearing their seatbelts. It seems as though the 78th Air Base Wing commander has it out for

motorcycles, or he just doesn't like them.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Trust me, I don't have anything against motorcycles nor those who enjoy riding them. My primary concern is your safety along with the safety of everyone who enters Robins. As part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, security forces just recently did three POV traffic stops targeting seatbelt use and cell phone safety while conducting zero stops targeting motorcyclists.

Please understand that motorcycles are inherently more dangerous.

Just recently the Air Force suffered a motorcycle death at one base and another two people were seriously injured at another location - thus the extra information and emphasis on motorcycle safety. Remember that all riders must adhere to Robins and Air Force Materiel Command guidance on Personal Protective Equipment. To make sure riders are safe and abiding by the rules - i.e. long sleeve shirts, full finger gloves, DOT helmets, Motorcycle Safety Foundation cards - security forces will begin doing spot checks at the gates beginning June 20. Spot checks are not new. This is actually something we said we would do when we

stopped requiring base decals and MSF checks at the gate.

Also, although military riders have to adhere to these rules both on and off base, I'm asking all motorcyclists to think about their safety and do the same. The same reason these rules are in place on base are the same reasons you should follow them off base. It's for your safety.

While you and other motorcyclists may feel like I am targeting you, I assure you that I just want you to be safe. I don't want a fatality or serious injury to occur at Robins because someone wasn't following the rules or had not been properly trained prior to riding a motorcycle.

GRAND OPENING

MUSEUM OF AVIATION OPENS WORLD WAR II HANGAR, EXHIBITS



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Visitors at the Museum of Aviation's new World War II building are greeted by enthusiastic flag wavers from the local community.

The Museum opened its newest facility, a 60,000 square-foot hangar which houses about 15 World War II aircraft and new exhibits, June 6.

The hangar's official opening will take place Oct. 17, and will be held in conjunction with the 50th Parachute Infantry Regiment's reunion. Many events surrounding the unit will take place throughout the day and evening.

On Oct. 18, there will be a free, open air concert featuring Lee Greenwood in the museum's parking lot. 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.

Air Force Chief of Staff sends letter to all Airmen

It has been my highest honor to serve our great country as an Airman for almost 37 years. In peace and in war, I've had the privilege of serving alongside countless outstanding men and women -- Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines -- who have pledged themselves to our country's defense. I was honored and humbled to be appointed the Air Force's 18th chief of staff and have been proud to serve our Airmen, their families and the American people in that role. Upon taking the oath of office, I committed myself to

Secretary Wynne and to the Air Force to ensure we provided the right forces at the right time so that our nation and its allies are victorious in the Global War on Terror and ready to meet future challenges. Working to fulfill that commitment and do the right thing for America and its Airmen, at a crucial time in history, has been the most rewarding experience of my life.

Given my pride in our service and its distinguished



Gen. T. Michael Moseley

history, you can imagine how it pained me to read the recent report concerning lapses in the control of nuclear-related assets. The profession of arms is a demanding one, and the expectations are as high as the stakes of national security. As our service's

senior uniformed leader, I take full responsibility for these events that have hurt the Air Force's reputation and wrongly raised questions about our commitment to our

core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. The nation places a sacred trust in its Airmen, and I have a deep personal belief that I am accountable for that trust. Therefore, the honorable thing for me to do is to step aside at this time. Secretary Gates has approved my request for retirement.

You are the strongest and finest Air Force the world has ever known. And you will do whatever is necessary to make the Air Force even stronger. Most importantly, you will continue waging and

winning today's fight as part of the joint team, even as you take care of our Airmen and prepare for tomorrow's challenges. Before I depart the fix with an unceasing admiration of your devotion to our country, let me thank you one last time for all you do every day for the Air Force and our great nation. Jennie and I are immensely proud of having served with each and every one of you, and our hearts remain with you and our Air Force. I am an American Airman, and I always will be.

Fly, fight and win, now and forever!

Introspection may clear up question of 'what's your sign?'

Comedian Bill Engvall is famous for his shtick on certain people wearing the "I'm stupid" sign. Doing so will make better sense to others when they ask, say or do stupid things.

What does your sign say? Maybe it says, "I'm a sheep." Or perhaps you're just wearing a big target. Hopefully, you bear a large placard that reads, "I'm ready. Bring it on!"

Our enemies are checking our signs. They don't especially care about what your Air Force specialty code might be or what qualification badge

you wear on your chest. In fact, the only part of your uniform that really matters to him is the small segment above your left breast that reads, "U.S."

By now you are surely wondering, "How will I know if I'm wearing the wrong sign?"

If you can't remember the last time you cleaned your weapon, you are surely wearing a sign that reads, "Don't count on me." And if your running shoes have a thin (or thick) layer of dust on them from the lack of use, your sign probably says, "Somebody

please be prepared to take care of me in an emergency."

Maybe you find yourself constantly being reminded to tuck in your PT shirt, or to remove your hands from your pockets, or to get a haircut. You get the idea. If you're that person, your sign very likely says, "At the critical moment, I'll do what's convenient and probably not what's right."

Our enemies will probably read these signs as large targets. The less than subtle message here: Don't be a human vulnerability. Don't be that guy.

Since our enemies always have the advantage of choosing the time of attack, it makes good sense to always be prepared. This means knowing the plan, maintaining good situational awareness, staying fit and healthy, taking care of your warfighting equipment, and most importantly, taking care of one another. To use a great old adage, none of us are as strong as all of us. This is especially true during adverse conditions and a great philosophy to guide you while deployed.

To guarantee you wear the

right sign today, take a good look in the mirror and evaluate yourself. Are you fit to fight? Do you know your responsibilities if attacked? Have you rehearsed these actions individually and with your team? Do you wear your uniform in a way that will represent yourself, your unit and the Air Force favorably? Are you looking out for your wingman?

So what does your sign say? It's your choice.

—This commentary was written by Master Sgt. James Herkel, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Robins VBS is a blast for youth

BY AMANDA CREEL

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Robins Base Chapel delighted children with a backyard adventure this week.

The backyard adventure, "God's Big Backyard" was open to all school-age children and offered a variety of activities.

The Vacation Bible School taught students about serving others such as their families, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus, said Kiley Glass, protestant religious education coordinator for the Robins Chapel.

During the week, the children had the chance to learn Bible stories such as the four men who carried their friend to Jesus.

"The man didn't walk, so they carried him to Jesus to get help," said Sophia Andino, 7.

One of the ways the students

implemented what they learned was by participating in trust-building exercises with their friends such as closing their eyes and following their leader.

"We are learning about friendship, so we had to trust our friends to guide us to a place we needed to go," said Rachel Jones, 11.

The children were treated to daily puppet shows and taught a variety of songs.

"My favorite song is God's Big Backyard," said Anna Bell, 11, as she illustrated some of the hand jives that accompany the song.

While, Niala Herrera, 6, said her favorite part was watching the puppet shows.

"There's a squirrel and a dog and they talk to each other. They talk to each other about eating nuts," she said.

The students also made a variety of crafts during the

week such as squirrels and gift bags.

"I liked making the helping-hands necklace. The hardest part was putting on the heart bead," said Micah Pinckney.

The children also participated in races, dodge ball and kickball.

No matter what the activity the attendees were involved in a spiritual message or lesson was also offered.

"If they come out knowing that Jesus loves me then it's been a success," said Liz McCarthy, director of Catholic religious education.

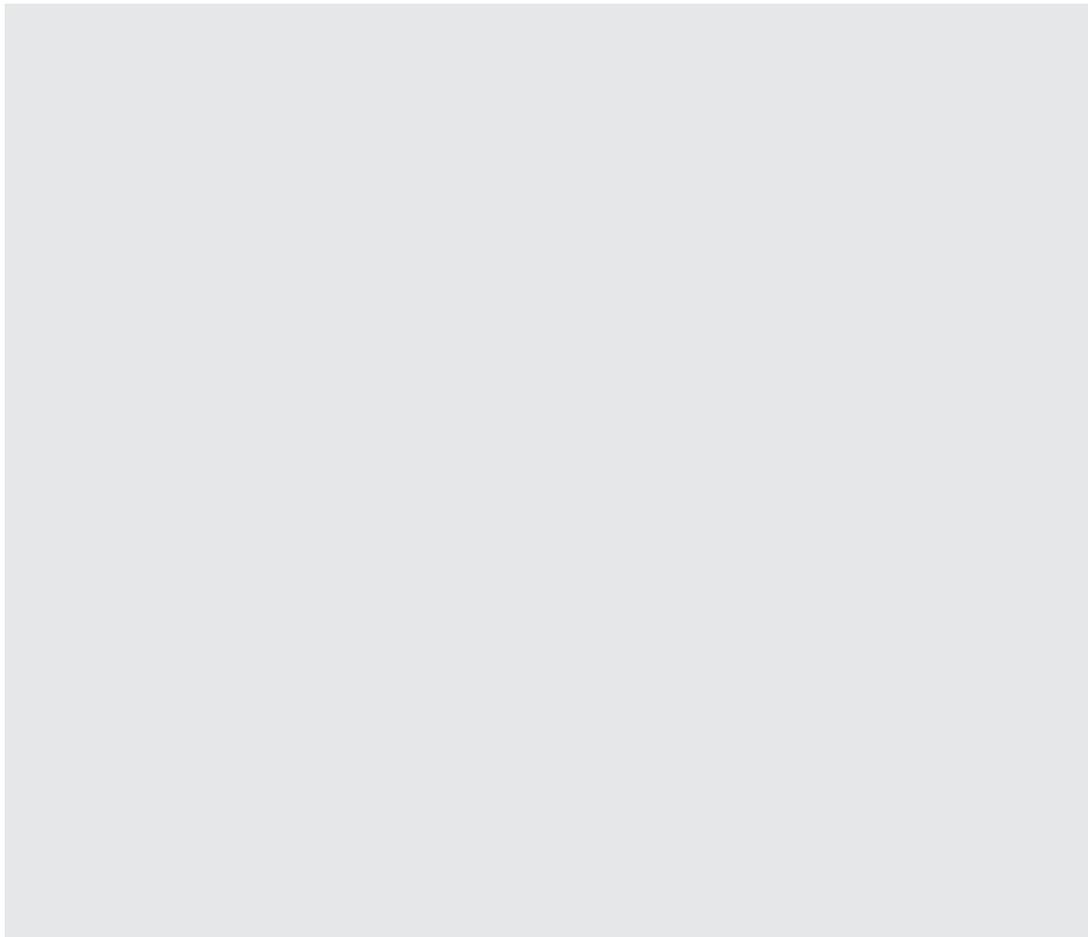
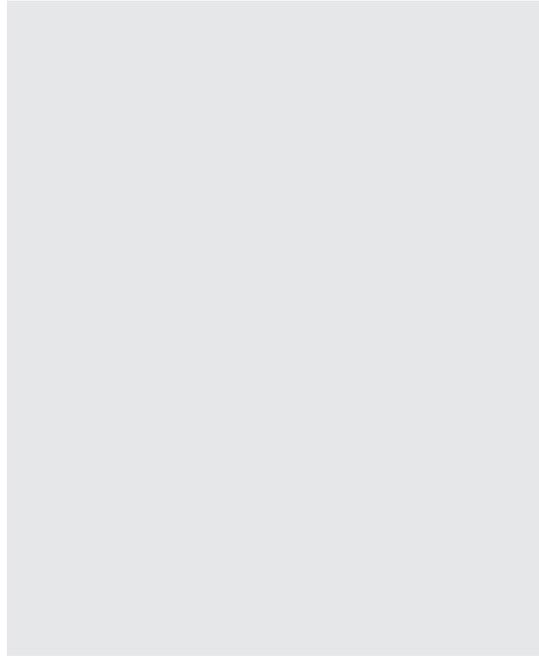
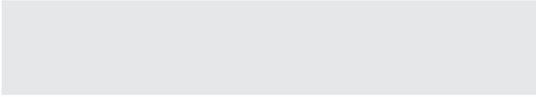
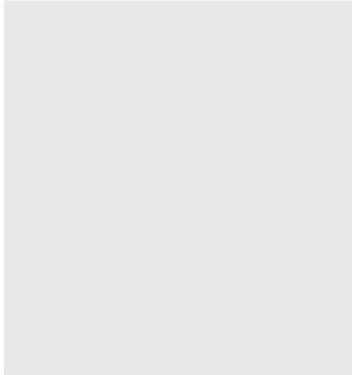
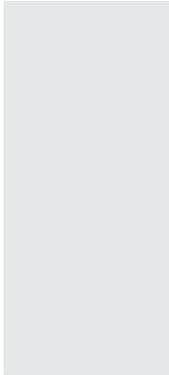
WHAT TO KNOW

Today parents are invited to join the Vacation Bible School fun at 11:30 a.m. at the Robins Elementary School gym, where the children will perform.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Daniel Sahn, 6, and Danielle McTeer, 5, finish making helping hands necklaces during arts and crafts at Vacation Bible School June 10. The theme for this year is "God's Big Backyard."



COMMANDER

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discipline, adherence to standards and strict attention to detail. So these incidents must serve as our wakeup call...we each need to actively execute the fundamentals of our profession every day.

Whatever job you hold in AFMC, you are a critical link in the chain and our overall success depends on your actions, your individual discipline, adherence to standards and our strict attention to detail.

In 1979 a commercial aircraft took off from New Zealand with 257 people aboard for a sightseeing trip to Antarctica. Unbeknownst to the crew, ground personnel had introduced a two-degree error in their navigational computer.

When they flew down below the clouds over the snow and ice of that frozen continent they had no way of knowing that this small error placed them directly in the path of an active volcano, the 12,447-foot Mount Erebus.

The white clouds above and snow covered land below masked the rapid approach to

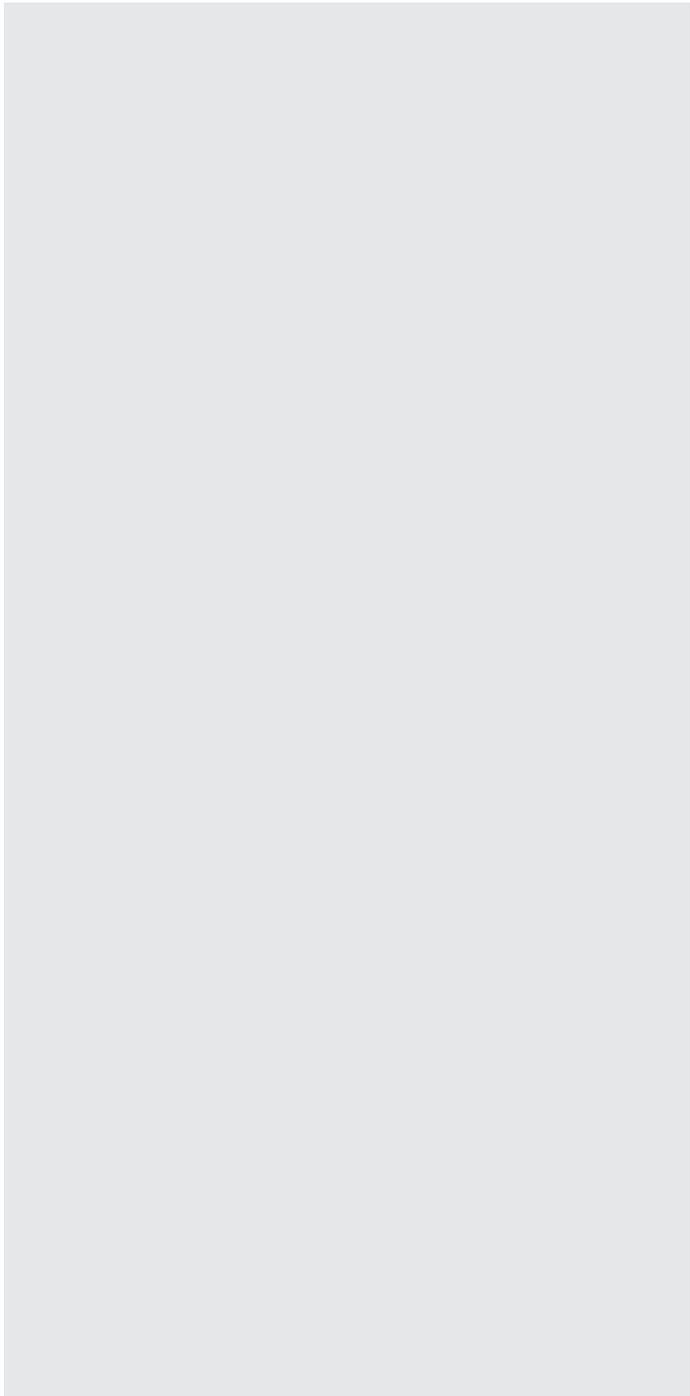
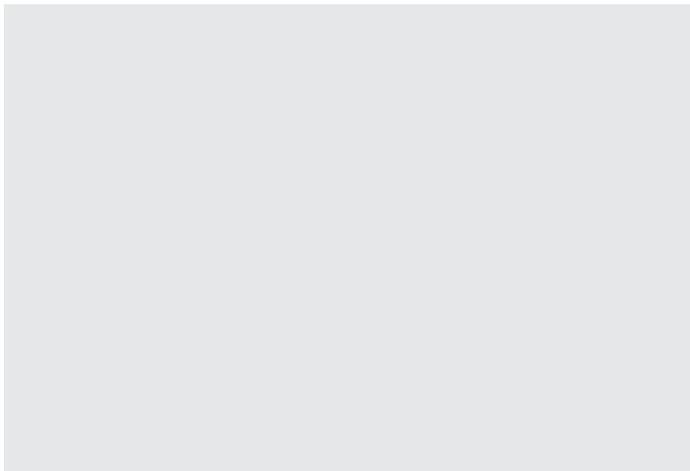
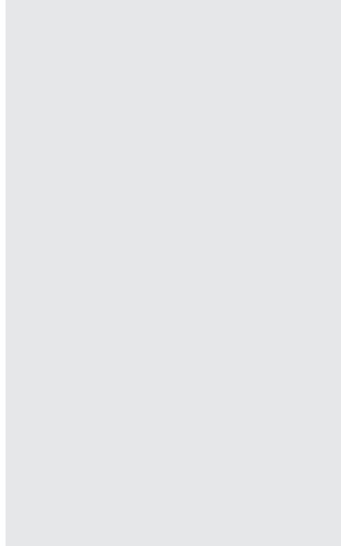
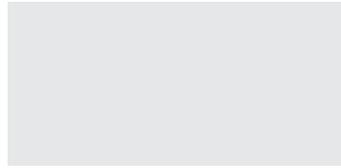
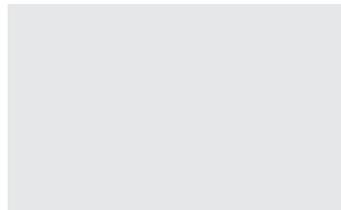
the large mountain. By the time the cockpit warning sounded it was too late and everyone aboard perished in a tragic accident caused by a very small error put in place well before the actual mission launched.

Similarly, a single error in a logistics system, on a shipping document or in an RFP has the potential to throw the entire Air Force off course with tragic results.

The Air Force's priorities remain unchanged: win today's war, take care of our people and prepare for tomorrow's challenges. We must join together and exercise the teamwork and discipline which created this nation's great Air Force.

Now is not the time to speculate or become defensive. It is a time to act, to fix, to succeed. Together we must rededicate ourselves to excellence by recommitting to the basic fundamentals of our profession...discipline, adherence to standards and strict attention to detail.

As one of your wingmen, I stand beside you as we work together to restore the nation's confidence in our great Air Force. Thank you for your service.



► IN BRIEF

EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Multiple positions for Equipment Specialist, GS-1670-07 target 11 are currently open for self-nomination. These positions are located in various offices within the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing and Global Logistics Support Center. Anyone interested in this program should self-nominate in the Civilian Personnel Self-nomination Process. The vacancy announcement will close June 18 and is open to career and career conditional employees employed by Robins who are eligible for promotion, reassignment or change to lower grade. Employees who are selected for a change to lower grade will be entitled to pay retention.

The individual requirements for self-nomination are:

Applicant must be a permanent employee located at Robins and must have at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-5 level or above.

The duties of these positions include: participating with higher graded specialists in performing a variety of conventional equipment management duties using established equipment management principles, concepts, and methodologies. Participating in determining current and future maintenance requirements through review and analysis of data and considers such variables as cost, policies and procedures, and technical data requirements. Participating in analyzing and resolving issues and problems of a procedural nature in maintenance operations, planning or program management to ensure the timely delivery of services.

HEALTHY START SCREENINGS

The 78th Medical Group will be providing Healthy Start School Screenings for newly assigned and current Tricare beneficiaries from pre k-12th grade June 28, July 12 and 26 from 9 a.m. until noon. No appointments are necessary. Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams; all of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, height, weight, and blood pressure will be checked and a scoliosis screening exam will be performed.

Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record.

Security Forces will also be providing finger printing services if interested. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and completed at the event. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Robert Wilson III at 327-8220.

FLAG DAY OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM OF AVIATION

All veterans and the public are invited to the Museum of Aviation Saturday for a Salute to Veterans Flag Day Open House. The opening ceremonies will be in Hangar One starting at 11 a.m. Participants will include a color guard from the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Ocmulgee

Chapter of the SAR, the Southern Flare Cloggers and the 78th Security Forces Squadron K-9 unit. At 1 p.m. in the Eagle Building youngsters 8 years old and above will meet Maj. Dan Badia, 339th Flight Test Squadron test pilot and build a model of an A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter. The \$5.00 registration fee for the model building class can be made online at www.museumofaviation.org through the gift shop page.

The Museum will have some of its aircraft open for display and will offer free face painting for children. There will also be a display of cars from the Antique Automobile Club of American and some

military equipment displays. For more information call the 926-6870.

BHO SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors who have been accepted into college are eligible to enter the Robins Air Force Base 2008 Black Heritage Observance Youth Scholarship Essay Competition. The prize is a computer. The application package and essay are due by July 1. For more information contact Ardell Johnson 926-0699 or Brenda Black 222-3838.

SPORT BIKE COURSE

The Sport Bike Course is a training course to familiarize,

educate and train riders to operate their sport bikes safely. Riders should have at least one year riding experience and have completed an Experienced Rider's Course. The course's purpose is to familiarize riders with sport bike riding, and their bike's capabilities. It is not intended to prepare riders for track racing.

Numerous courses are available throughout the year. Visit the Robins home page to sign up. For the following dates: June 16; July 11, 21; Aug. 8, 18; Sept. 12, 22; Oct. 3, 14; Nov. 14, 24; and Dec. 5, 15 contact Jerry Morningstar, 78th Air Base Wing Safety, at 926-6271.

FAMILY

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Vietnamese), they began to communicate in rough sign-language and gestures.

"The return flight home was an adventure," Sergeant Golter said. "It was a 20-hour flight and we couldn't get four seats together on the airplane. I think Liza and I were awake for nearly 48 hours. We flew from Hanoi to Hong Kong, then San Francisco to Atlanta."

The boys were amazed to

see their new mini-van at the Atlanta airport. There are no mini-vans in Da Nang— so this is riding in style. Once home, the children were amazed to find a playground, toys to include big-wheels, and a cat.

The children are adjusting quickly and learning new words everyday. They enjoy eating chicken so much in fact that 'chicken' was the first word spoken by Benjamin.

The new parents are learning to survive on little to no sleep. Liza left her job as a

school teacher to care for her new children—which keeps her quite busy.

"I love being home with them and wouldn't trade this experience for the world," she said.

The children visit the Museum of Aviation twice a week. Two of the boys have learned to say "airplane"— a sure sign they are acclimating to their new military family and community.

To experience the Golter's adventure, visit www.tiptop-website.com/bgolter.

▶ IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents who are new to and reside on Robins may register their children in Robins Elementary School during the summer months.

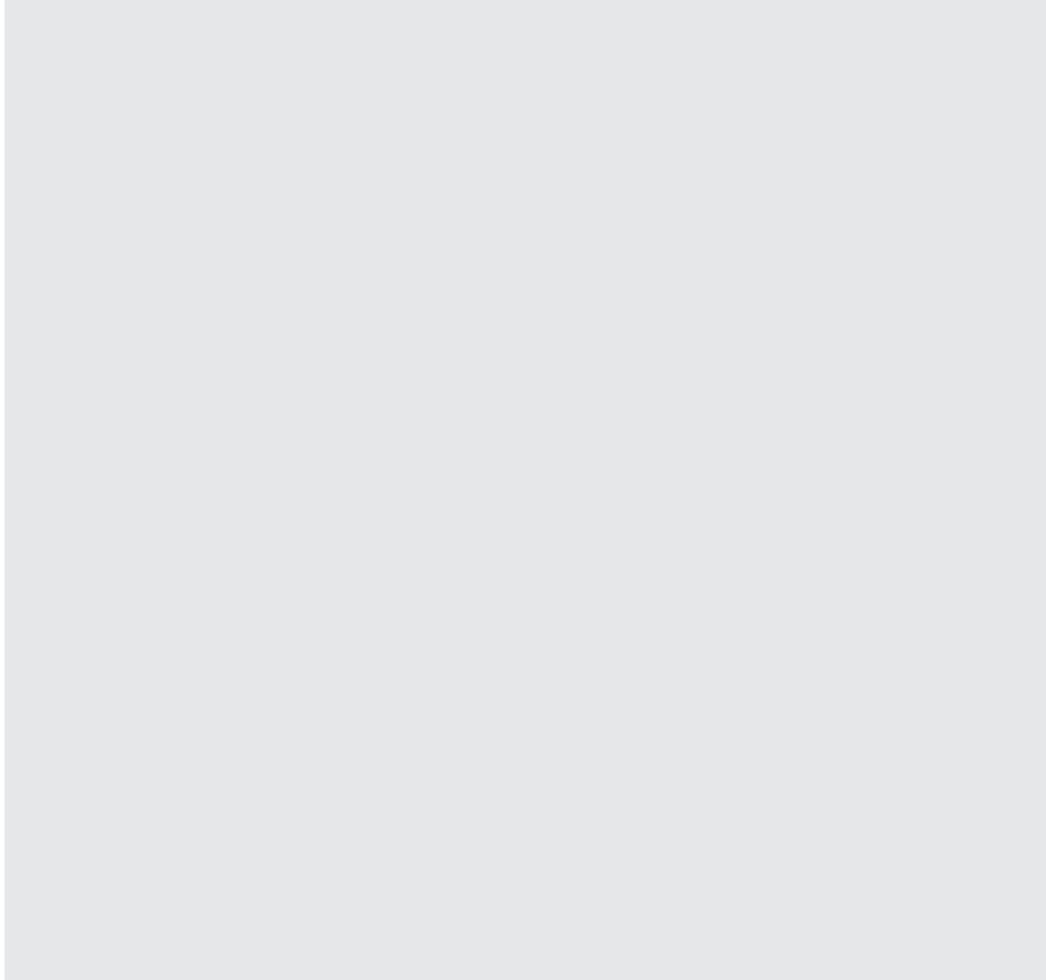
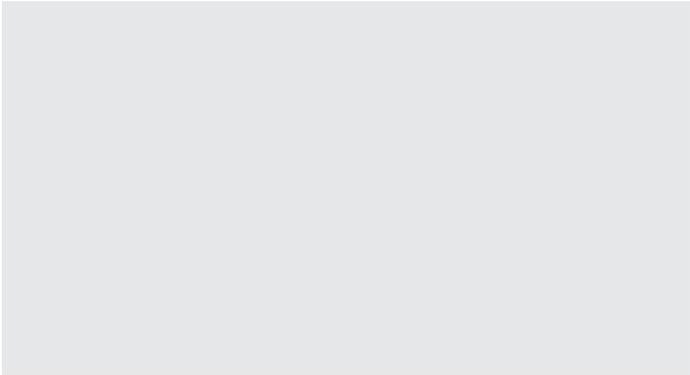
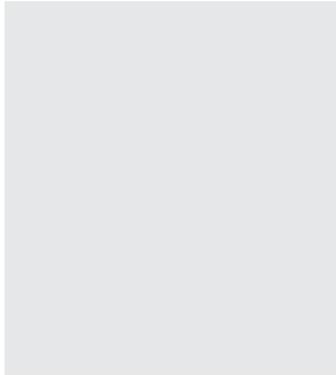
The school is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for registration. Parents can help the school system plan for the new school year by registering as soon as possible. School starts Aug. 8.

Kindergarten is an important part of the Robins school program. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

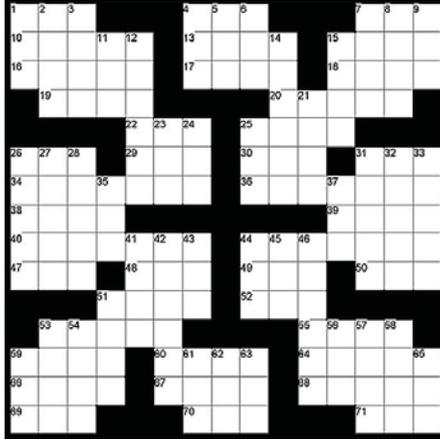
The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for 4 year olds. To be eligible, a student must be 4 years old on or before

Sept. 1 of the current year.

Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate, copy of the social security card, housing verification letter, copy of sponsor's orders and immunization records (not the yellow shot record.) For more information, call 926-5003. All children between the ages 7 and 16 years are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday, U.S. Army

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

ACROSS

1. Small flap of material used to seal a container opening
4. Inclined; disposed; given; prone
7. Skating surface
10. Smallest Army maneuver unit
13. Extending far in width; broad
15. 1982 Jeff Bridges movie
16. Rid of whatever is impure or undesirable; cleanse; purify
17. Region
18. Staffs
19. Middle Easterner
20. Longtime close friend or companion
22. American Indian people of Utah and W Colorado
25. Permit
26. DoD identifier for Army
29. Neither's literary partner
30. Stimpny's pal
31. Infantryman's marker for combat
34. Army combat vehicle
36. Army organization; part of SCBT
38. Push or force along; impel with force or vigor
39. Opera highlight
40. Reduced to simple curves
44. CSM Kenneth O. ____; Sergeant Major of the US Army
47. Helmet, body armor, goggles, etc., in brief
48. Card game
49. M-4, M-9, M-16, etc.
50. Style of rock music with stylistic roots
51. Axlike tool with a curved blade at right angles to handle
52. Conjunction
53. Gen. George W. ____ Jr.; Army Chief of Staff
55. ____ fact; by the fact itself; by the very nature of a deed
59. Nessie's home?
60. Flat pieces of coarse fabric used for wiping feet
64. Nobody
66. Unit above Corps
67. Self-esteem or self-images; feelings
68. The Honorable Pete ____; Secretary of the Army
69. Tiny
70. Breakfast item
71. Standard time in the fifth time zone west of Greenwich, briefly

DOWN

1. Kitchen meas.
2. Spanish water
3. Dueling vice president
4. Okla. town
5. Each
6. Golf prop
7. Periodic Table Fe
8. Gen. Richard ____; Army Vice Chief of Staff
9. USN O-1
11. ____ Khan; divine head of the Isma'ili branch of Shi'ism
12. Expose the falseness, sham, or exaggerated claims of
14. Green Bay player
15. 2004 Brad Pitt movie
21. Princess or queen in India
23. Foot part
24. Mistake
25. Sphere
26. Use without authority or right; employ wrongfully
27. Flexible strip of leather used for sharpening a razor
28. Debate
31. ____ blanche; unconditional authority; full power
32. Expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual use
33. Form of bingo, especially one using beans as markers
35. Desire
37. Fuel
41. ____ Where's My Car?
42. Proteins functioning as biochemical catalysts
43. Buck's companion
44. Tiger's org.
45. Sprint
46. Conclusion
51. Pale; wan
53. Central part of a fleshy fruit, containing the seeds
54. Highest point; summit; peak
56. Edgar Allen ____
57. Physically painful or sensitive, as a wound
58. Singles
59. Canon
61. Iron or Bronze
62. Coat or cloak
63. Army E-6
65. Tolkien character

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 Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

Atlanta Falcons presale tickets will be on sale at the Information, Tickets and Travel office, Bldg. 956, from 9 a.m. - noon June 14. Four tickets per person per game will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Phone or email orders will not be accepted. Customers must be present when ordering their tickets. Home games are: Colts on Aug. 16; Titans on Aug. 22; Lions on Sept. 7; Chiefs on Sept. 21; Bears on Oct. 12; Saints on Nov. 9; Broncos on Nov. 16; Panthers on Nov. 23; Buccaneers on Dec. 14 and Rams on Dec. 28. Cost is \$40 upper level seating and \$80 lower level seating. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

SUNDAY

A special drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from Dick's Sporting Goods will be conducted during the Father's Day Sunday champagne brunch to be held June 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Horizons. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests, \$6.95 for children three - 10 years old and free to children two years and younger. Brunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

An eight-ball pool tournament will be held 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.

UPCOMING

"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.

The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up - everything it takes to put on the play, the all-time favorite classic, "The Little Mermaid" ... everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program June 23 - 27. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the kindergarten to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions at the Robins Elementary School cafeteria on June 23 from 9 - 11 a.m. Be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal

Happy Birthday Pizza Depot



Pizza Depot celebrated its 20th birthday June 3. More than 700 people showed up to sample new pizza selections, other appetizers and have some birthday cake. A special drawing yielded prizes, including a computer, a cell phone and a mountain bike.

U.S. Air Force photo by SHERRY TRAUH

schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

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

Registration for swim lessons is underway Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place Tuesday - Friday. Fees are due at time of registration. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

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/rag, 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, Army & Air Force Exchange Service Main Exchange, commissary and Military Personnel Flight. 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.
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.



SATURDAY - 8 P.M.
SPEED RACER
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Speed Racer is a young man with natural racing instincts whose goal is to win The Crucible, a car racing rally that took the life of his older brother, Rex Racer. He enters The Crucible with his onetime-rival, Racer X, seeking to rescue his family's business and the racing sport itself.



UPCOMING - JUNE 21
IRON MAN
PG-13

Using his intelligence and ingenuity, Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor, builds a high-tech suit of armor and escapes captivity. When he uncovers a nefarious plot with global implications, he dons his powerful armor and vows to protect the world as Iron Man.

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



Marge Corzine “Grandma Marge”

TITLE: Volunteer Coordinator for the Robins Bowling Center Youth Bowling League

BACKGROUND: She arrived at Robins in 1969 as an Air Force spouse and has spent the last 36 years donating her time to help Robins' youth learn more about bowling.

WHAT MAKES HER COME BACK YEAR AFTER YEAR:
“We are a family. We get involved in more than the average bowling coach. We see families leave. We see daddy's deploy and we see mommy's deploy. There are some days when somebody needs more hugs than they needed last Saturday and we are there to do it.”

HOBBIES: When she isn't bowling, Mrs. Corzine can be found trying to keep up with her 10 grandchildren.