

Above, Cadet Tiara Williams, Warner Robins High School, performs exercises during confidence course training June 12. U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Building blocks

Junior ROTC cadets gain skills, confidence during Robins Summer Leadership School

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The former NCO Academy was bustling with activity as some of Middle Georgia's youngest Airmen spent a week focusing on becoming better leaders.

The cadets, members of the Houston and Twiggs counties' Air Force Junior ROTC programs, spent the week living the Air Force life.

The Airmen were given a chance to practice their drills, do physical training, sleep in the barracks and even eat MREs as part of the Summer Leadership School experience.

Although some of the students were fonder of the military lifestyle and grueling routine than others, they all had to learn to excel under the circumstances to survive the week and graduate from the course on June 14. "It is a challenging course for a lot of them, but it is also an opportunity for them to come out of their comfort zone," said Master Sgt. Sonia Grate, a first-time instructor at the Summer Leadership School and an aerospace science instructor at Twiggs County High School.

She said she has enjoyed watching the students learn their own abil-



Cadets Felisa Glover, Michael Watson and Tre' Barnes fold the flag during retreat June 12 as Cadet Matthew Newell (center) instructs.

ities and use that knowledge to prepare for their adult lives.

Though the week-long school is only a small glimpse into the life of those wearing blue, it allows the students not only to gain skills needed to succeed in life and school, but helps them make informed decisions about whether or not military life is the way for them.

"It is teaching me things I didn't know about the Air Force," said Cadet Justin Yerdon, a 10th grader at

Warner Robins High School, who hopes to earn his commission as an Air Force officer one day.

The students were taught a variety of different skills necessary for military service such as a survival skills exercise, guidon and element drills.

Cadet Jerry Williams, an 11th grader at Twiggs County High School, said the many drills throughout the week helped him to

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Robins contracting director bids farewell after six years

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The career of a member of Robins' senior leadership will come full circle as she returns to where it all began—Dayton, Ohio.

Patsy Reeves, the Robins director of contracting, has been selected for reassignment as the director of contracting for the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Mrs. Reeves will be returning to Wright-Patterson 32 years after she began her career there as a GS-05 in the Copper Cap training program.

Mrs. Reeves said it would be an honor to lead the same organization where she got her start in civil service.

Mrs. Reeves said she is excited about taking the reins of the largest contracting workforce in the Air Force. She added she realizes the position will be more challenging because of the large amount of numbers, money and programs involved, but she looks forward to meeting its demands.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander said

Mrs. Reeves time at Robins has left a lasting impression on the future of Robins contracting.

General Owen also presented her with the Meritorious Civilian Service award for her service at Robins from Dec. 30, 2001 to now, during which time she oversaw 80,000 contracts for 11 Air Force bases.

"It's going to be an incredible loss, but she has done a great job training people so her legacy will continue on," said Mike Mehrman, director of financial management for the WR-ALC.

Mrs. Reeves said one of the things she enjoys most about her job at Robins is developing the workforce.

She said she would always look back on her six-year stint at Robins with great fondness, however, she knows it is important to turn the page and embark on a new challenge.



Patsy Reeves

"Change equates to growth. That is one of the reasons I am embracing this assignment," Mrs. Reeves said.

General Owens highlighted some of Mrs. Reeves many noteworthy achievements during her End of Tour Reception June 16 such as her work to help build the Requirements Symposium from the ground up and her efforts to create an educational partnership with Macon State College by designing contracting course load for the school to help future civil servants prepare for the career as contracting agents.

Dr. Steve Butler, Warner Robins Air

Logistics Center executive director, said he is proud to know the Air Force Materiel Command looked to Robins and Mrs. Reeves for such a position because it means the command knows the caliber of workers Robins maintains.

He added he is proud to have worked with her many times throughout her career and is sure more great things are in Mrs. Reeves future.

Mrs. Reeves said she looked forward to watching Robins' contracting and its future successes. She said she encourages all the members of the contracting team to continue to strive for excellence.

"Continue to be open to new innovations. Don't rest on your laurels charge on to change," she said.

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Patsy Reeves
Robins Director of Contracting

Honorary commanders get behind the scenes look at Robins' missions

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For many members of the community, there are areas at Robins that seem unapproachable. These areas are similar to a secured fortress, where only those who work inside ever cross the threshold, but on June 16, 11 honorary commanders were given the chance to cross that threshold. They were taken behind the scenes and given a closer look into Robins' missions.

Tom Gibbons, the 78th Mission Support Group honorary commander, said touring Robins helped him

have a better understanding of the diversity of the missions on the base.

"There is a lot more than airplane maintenance and supply storage going on here," said Mr. Gibbons, the vice president of investments for UBS Wealth Management.

He added he was impressed with the remarkable talent of all of Robins Airmen—civilian and military alike.

The tour was given to members of the Honorary Commander's Program, a program designed to cultivate and preserve relationships with the Middle Georgia communi-

ty by pairing members of the local community with base commanders. The program gives them opportunities to get a closer look at units' missions and interact with members of the base community.

"We need to do that to foster and maintain these excellent community relationships we have," said Col. Patrick Higby, commander of the 78th Mission Support Group.

He added it was especially important in light of the recent leadership changes in the Air Force, to make sure the Air Force story is

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Senior Airman Jason Bailey and Staff Sgt. John Cleaves, with the 78th Medical Group, tend to Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Minkel with the 78th Security Forces Squadron during a moulage demonstration for honorary commanders June 16.

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WR-ALC executive director heads to Headquarters AFMC

BY KATHLEEN A.K. LOPEZ
AFMC Public Affairs

Air Force officials announced that Barbara A. Westgate will become the new Air Force Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs, replacing Maj. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., who will become the commander of Air Force Reserve Command. Mrs. Westgate, a member of the Senior Executive Service, currently is the executive director of Air Force Materiel Command. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Replacing Mrs. Westgate is Dr. Steve Butler, also a member of the Senior Executive Service, and currently the executive director at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Brenda Romine, a member of the Senior Executive Service, and director of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, will take over Dr. Butler's position.

In his new position, Dr. Butler will advise the AFMC commander in managing all

aspects of the command's mission to deliver war-winning capabilities, aircraft and weapon systems on time and on cost to America's warfighters. He also will advise the commander on labor union relations and development of the civilian work force, which at 70 percent of AFMC's total force, is the highest among the Air Force's nine major commands.

Dr. Butler has served in many broad assignments within the military departments. His assignments range from developing precision guided weapons to senior advisory roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He served as the deputy program director for the F-22 Raptor, and the technical director for most of the Air Force's munitions inventory, including the



Dr. Steve Butler

Joint Direct Attack Munition. As executive director at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Ms. Romine will oversee worldwide logistics management, engineering, supply, contracting and depot maintenance for a wide variety of aircraft and weapon systems. The center provides worldwide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, F-15 fighters, U-2 reconnaissance aircraft as well as support for remotely piloted vehicles. Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics and electronic warfare requirements.



Brenda Romine

Ms. Romine began her Air Force career in 1979 as a clerk typist before entering a training program with the

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

In her new position, Mrs. Westgate will assist in the development, integration, evaluation and analysis of the U.S. Air Force Future Years Defense Program that exceeds \$682 billion, as well as the Air Force long-range plan to support national security objectives and military strategy.

Mrs. Westgate entered government service with the Air Force in 1973. She has served in numerous logistics, financial and acquisition program management positions. Prior to assuming her current position, Mrs. Westgate was Headquarters AFMC Director of Plans and Programs.

"I feel privileged to have served in AFMC the past five years," Mrs. Westgate said. "We've tackled some tough challenges and the people of AFMC have always stepped forward to deliver awesome capabilities to our Air Force and the warfighter. I am proud of what we have accomplished."

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being told and Airmen are getting credit for their role in the war on terror.

"It helps us break the perception that the Air Force is not doing anything in the war on terror," Colonel Higby said.

One of the stops on the tour was the 542nd Combat Sustainment Group's Electronic Warfare facility.

As the honorary commanders entered the facility, they were shown some of the many threats to our armed forces the unit helps defeat each day, such as SA-16 Gimlet and SA-11 Godfly, which are both infrared heat seeking missiles and the SA-8 Gecko, a radio frequency missile.

Lt. Col. Keith Bearden, deputy commander of the 542nd CBSG, explained these missiles were hung on the wall and displayed throughout the inside of the building to remind members of the electronic warfare team of the importance of their role in the global war on terror.

"We have these out here to remind us our job is to make sure these missiles don't work," Colonel Bearden said.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, explained the mission of the group with an analogy. He asked the honorary commanders to envision driving down the highway and passing a patrolman going 95 miles an hour when the speed limit is 65. He then compared electronic warfare to a good radar detector.

"If you have a good electronic warfare system, his radar is going to say you are going 65 miles an hour," General Owen said.

Another stop on the tour was Warrior Air Base, where honorary commanders were given a demonstration of some of the wartime skills that Robins was tested on during the Operational Readiness Inspection in April.

Airmen from throughout the 78th Air Base Wing and

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron showed off the skills that earned the base an excellent rating in the recent operational readiness inspection. The scenario for the demonstration was a mortar attack in a deployed environment. The Airmen demonstrated how they would protect and secure the base and how they would treat injured Airmen.

"I enjoyed the demonstration at WAB showing them being attacked and how they handled themselves," said Jenice Tar, honorary commander of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

After the demonstration, the honorary commanders were given a chance to shoot some of the same weapons used during the demonstration such as the M-16 rifle and an M-4 Carbine.

Chuck Shaheen, a Purdue Pharmaceutical representative and an honorary commander for the WR-ALC, said seeing all of the different missions and having an opportunity to meet and greet some of the Airmen made him realize how important each member of the Robins' workforce is to winning the war on terror.

Additional stops on the tour included a tour of an F-15E Strike Eagle, where honorary commanders got to see inside the cockpit and were given a walk-around tour of the aircraft.

"I am amazed at the complexity that is here," said Lowell Register, honorary commander for the 78th ABW and a trained recreational pilot. "It's hard to imagine what it is like to operate all those different controls."

The honorary commanders received a mission briefing about the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and a briefing from the members of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing.

The men and women were also treated to a demonstration by some of Robins' military working dogs and their handlers before they were treated to lunch at the Wynn Dining Hall where many of Robins' Airmen dine each day.

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focus less on his individual performance and more on teamwork.

Some of the most important skills developed during the school are time management and organizational skills, said Cadet Jeffrey Berry, an 11th grader at Houston County High School.

"It's teaching me how to be in control when things get extremely hectic," he said.

Cadet Kyle Holder said his parents are going to be thrilled with the results of his participation in Summer Leadership School because it is teaching him to follow instruction in a more expedient fashion.

"My parents always fuss at me about doing things and having to ask me seven times to do things. After this I think I will be doing things the first time," said Cadet Holder, who is an 11th grader at Perry High School.

Although the week was intense and grueling, an end-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The Delta flight "Dominators" sound off in formation. JROTC cadets from Middle Georgia spent a week at Robins living the Air Force life.

of-the-week activity known as "healing waters" kept many of the students motivated to keep working hard.

Healing waters is the group's chance to dive head

first, feet first or any other way they would like, into one of the base's swimming pools for some much needed therapy after a week of walking in Airmen's boots.

Cadet Greg Floyd, a 12th grader at Northside High School said the thought of healing waters was a great motivator for all of the students.

What's your favorite way to beat the heat?



1st Lt. Jeff Pacini
5th CBCSS

We don't have a pool so my wife and I just grab a garden hose, go out back with the dog and spray each other to cool off. It's less expensive than the cost of A/C or getting in the car with A/C.



Msgt. Gary Brown
5th CBCSS

My favorite way is sitting on the couch, drinking Cherry Coke and watching an Atlanta Braves game with my kids.



A1C Renessa Johnson
78th SFS

Stay hydrated and get in the pool. I pretty much do that everyday.



Kimberly Roberts
586th CBS

I enjoy going to the pool to cool off.



Conya Pacheco
Military spouse

I go swimming with the kids. We also go to the movies where it's cool and dark.

Commander calls for Team Robins to save energy, don't be 'that guy'

BY KENDRAH JOHNSON
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A series of commander's calls June 18 served as a safety talk, energy conservation lesson and an introduction ceremony as Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander addressed his workforce.

"My number one priority is energy conservation and I need your help," Colonel Berry said. "Everyone needs to make an effort to save energy."

The colonel kicked off the calls by introducing the wing's new vice commander, Col. Debra Bean.

"You have a Berry and a Bean in charge, so I guess you could say there are a bunch of fruits and vegetables running the show," the commander joked.

Moving on to more serious

matters, Colonel Berry discussed the need for the base to save energy. He said the base alone uses enough energy to power the entire residential population of Macon.

"I need you to think about energy savings," Colonel Berry said. "We do not use energy efficiently. There is a lot of waste. It's an expensive commodity and we need to use it wisely."

Robins is required to reduce its energy use 30 percent by the year 2015, a monumental task that will require the sincere efforts of each individual on base, Colonel Berry said.

The commander next spoke about the body mass index reduction program. Military members will be asked to reduce their BMI to 30 or less. Those with a BMI greater than 30 will have 90 days to show

progress, with progress measured as a reduction of two BMI points.

The commander then turned some time over to Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, 78th ABW Safety Office chief, who discussed motorcycle safety.

"With the increase in gas prices, we are seeing more motorcycle riders, so the risk of accidents is increasing," Colonel Schwoob said. "We need riders and drivers to exercise caution and be alert."

Colonel Schwoob said Air Force-wide, an average of seven fatalities occur each year due to accidents involving motorcyclists. He emphasized the requirements for riding on base, including the need for Motorcycle Safety Foundation certification and the need for wearing the proper attire,

including bright colors.

Both Colonel Schwoob and Colonel Berry said there would be more random checks of motorcyclists to ensure compliance with Air Force regula-

tions.

Finally, time was spent discussing the base's "That Guy" campaign, an alcohol awareness campaign that uses humor and peer influence to make a

point and drive that point home.

"The point is to make responsible choices," Colonel Berry said. "We aren't telling you not to drink, but when you go out, make smart decisions."



Senior Airman Krystal Carson puts out "That Guy" information in the lobby of the Base Theater June 18 for members of the 78th Air Base Wing attending Col. Warren Berry's commanders call.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

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EMERGENCY DATA SYSTEM

As we approach the summer months, we are reminded that three years have passed since the most active hurricane season in recorded history, which claimed over 2,000 lives.

The devastation caused as a result of these storms as well as similar catastrophic events over the past several years have highlighted the need for immediate access to next of kin information for Air Force civilian employees.

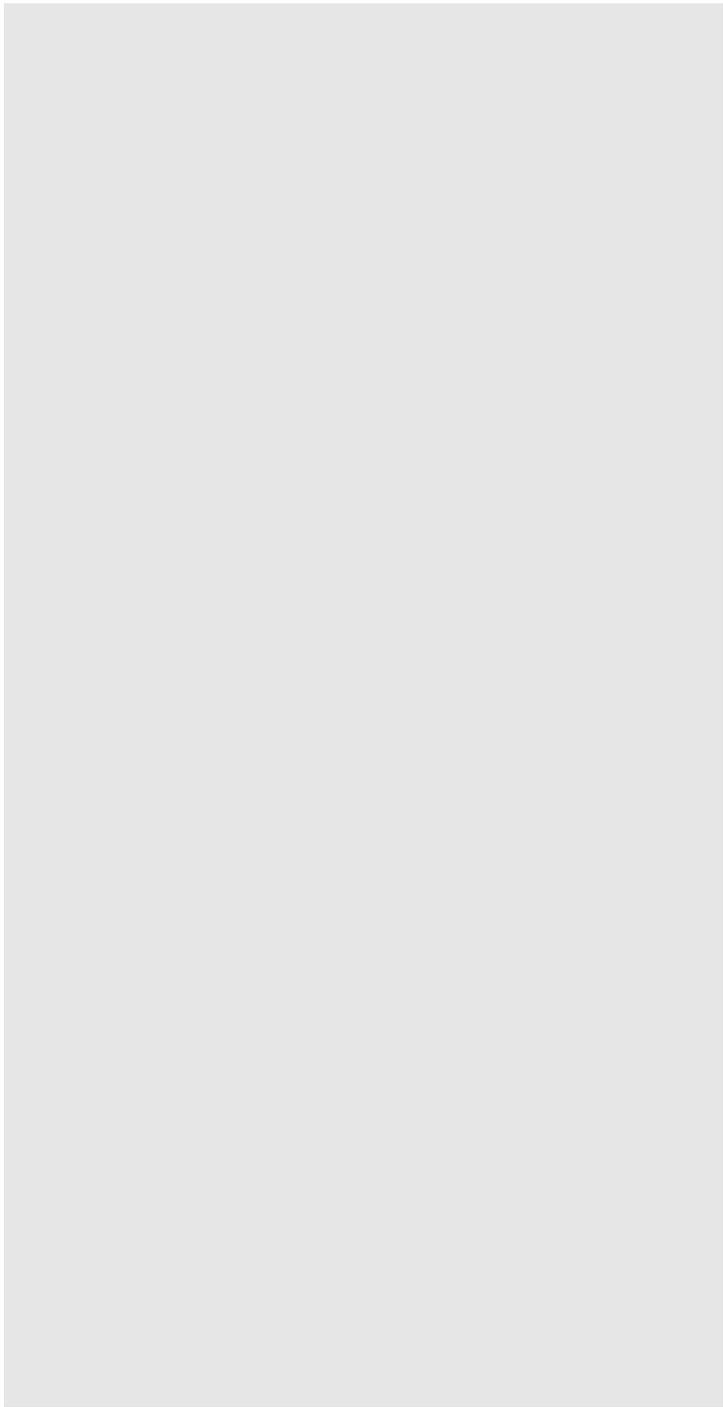
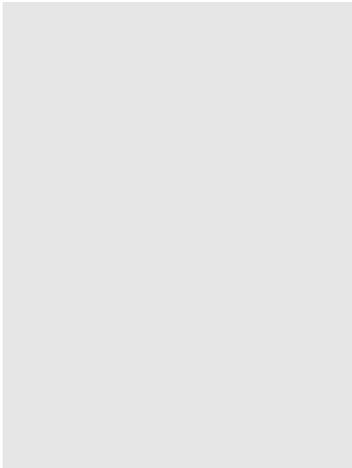
The Air Force has established the Emergency Data System, which allows employees the capability to update NOK notification in the case of emergencies. Information stored in EMDS includes names and addresses of spouses, children, parents, and any

other person(s) the employee would like notified if the employee becomes a casualty or for any other emergency.

The employee is the only person who can update his or her emergency information. The Robins Civilian Personnel Office and the Air Force Personnel Center have view-only capability.

All Air Force civilian employees are strongly encouraged to update their emergency data information so the Civilian Personnel office can make personal NOK notification to the family. Instructions on how to access EMDS can be found at <https://afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Questions concerning EMDS and updating your NOK should be directed to your servicing benefits and entitlements specialist at 327-4484. — Submitted by Jeffrey Holley, Civilian Personnel



Commentary

"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have." — Ronald Reagan

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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COMPRESSED WORK SCHEDULE:

I would like to first start by commending Robins Air Force Base management and employees who are looking to save energy. The article in the Rev-Up on May 22 concerning saving energy over the Memorial Holiday weekend was very enlightening and strongly supports the question I would like to ask.

Why does the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center not allow its employees the opportunity to work a compressed work schedule? I'm not talking about 10 hours a day for four days a week and then having every Friday off. I'm talking about working nine hours a day for eight days and eight hours on one day. This would allow a day off every other week. The choice of which day the employee would take off, would be left to the employee and his/her supervisor.

This has become a popular work schedule throughout the Department of Defense. A few examples of places offering this to their employees are Wright Patterson AFB, Eglin AFB, Hill AFB, Tinker AFB, and locally Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Several civilian companies have also adopted this policy.

With today's high gas prices, this would help the employee, the environment and ultimately national security. It would help save energy on base and help fulfill a quality of life issue for the employees and their family members.

Many of us are trying to limit the number of trips we take in our cars, so that we can save gas. Not driving to work one day every other week would help significantly in this matter. This work schedule may not work for every employee or every organization on base but I would like to see it offered to those that it does work for. Remember "People first Mission always."

FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK?

With the price of fuel going up almost 70 percent in the last couple of years, I propose the base goes to a four-day work week. I know this has been proposed before, but economists tell us if we reduce our energy consumption by 15 percent, we could drive the cost back down to a reasonable price.

The fact that most of our workforce is driving substantial distances to get to the base and the fact that a lot of them are out here for about 10 hours a day, it appears that going to a four-day work week should not be that complicated. When you also factor in the cost of eating, clothing, etc. for that one extra day, the workforce could see a significant savings.

We could have half the workforce work Monday through Thursday and the other half work Tuesday through Friday, so the base would have full coverage at all times. For even more conservation and savings, have everyone work Monday through Thursday and have an energy day on Friday, therefore,

driving energy cost down for the base even more.

This would also eliminate some of the fuel consumption that is used due to the congestion we have getting onto the base in the morning. It would also cut down on the cost of having some of the gate guards. I see this as a benefit to the base, the workforce, the economy and the environment. Thank you for your consideration.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

As you know, there are many competing interests at a complex base like Robins. For example, energy conservation and facility footprint reduction mandates bounce up against new workload that will better support the warfighter. Maintaining levels of service in an era of declining resources presents a similar challenge. In all cases, we seek to strike the proper balance.

Over the years, many Air Force installations have experimented with alternative work schedules, be it a 4/10 or 5/4/9. In a 4/10 example, if we mandated the day off, we could, in theory, realize multiple benefits like you describe. However, we also need to balance those with accomplishing our core missions, which is what our taxpayers expect.

Our experience, and the experience of other DOD installations, is that an alternative work schedule did not improve productivity nor enhance our ability to meet those very critical mis-

sion requirements...requirements made even more critical during this time of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Furthermore, many people still work on the "off" day, which means we would not recoup those theoretical energy savings from an alternative work schedule. While we will never fully close the door on such a proposal, we don't believe now is the right time to implement it.

In the meantime, I encourage you to consider other avenues to conserve energy and save money. You'll see many initiatives to help us reduce our energy consumption by taking some very basic steps...YOU can make a huge difference! We already had great success during our Memorial Day "Robins Unplugged" weekend. Another great initiative that has taken off in the Bldg. 640 complex is carpooling.

A great many of our Team Robins members are using this program to help save their hard-earned dollars while also saving the environment from harsh pollutants. If you'd like to "cash in" on this program, consider becoming a partner with the "Clean Air Campaign," which sponsors a RideShare program on Robins. In some cases, members receive cash to commute...what a win-win program!

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AFSO21

Air Force Smart Operations For The 21st Century



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WRALC command

Question: What are the five desired effects of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century?

Answer: The five desired effects for AFSO21 should be the guiding force for AFSO21 initiatives across the Air Force. As listed in the AFSO21 Playbook, the five desired effects are productivity, asset availability, agility, safety and energy efficiency. We have focused heavily on productivity and asset availability for many years.

As we have matured in our journey, we have embraced the tenets of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) which highlights safety as everyone's responsibility as we strive to increase combat capability. The Secretary of the Defense has mandated a 75-percent reduction in injury rates by the end of fiscal year 2008, and VPP aligns under our AFSO21 journey to address this mandate.

We also continue to focus on true agility in all our processes as we work to improve response times to the warfighter at all levels of the Air Force and reduced process cycle times.

One area where I personally feel we need to focus a large part of our future efforts is energy efficiency. As part of the five desired effects, AFSO21 promotes finding better ways to save energy, finding alternative forms of energy and encouraging a culture where Airmen make energy conservation a consideration in everything they do to achieve the President's goal of at least 3 percent annual savings. I believe here at Robins, with help from everyone on the base, we can meet or exceed that goal. There are simple things each one of us can do everyday to help this effort, like turning off lights in areas not in use. There are many seemingly "little things" that, when multiplied by the number of personnel on base, could have a tremendous effect on our energy efficiency. Everyone can expect to hear more about this effort very soon as we execute our "Kill-a-Watt" campaign.

As the Department of Defense challenges the services to win the War on Terror in a fiscally constrained environment, I challenge each and every one of you to continue to identify and eliminate waste in your areas. If we focus on reducing waste by understanding our value streams and eliminating the non-value added processes in the eyes of the customer we will see more and more substantial gains. As we create, improve and sustain standard work our overall productivity will increase and cost will decrease.

In conclusion, the five desired effects for AFSO21 will improve our effectiveness to deliver war-winning capabilities, on time and on cost.

CHANGE OF COMMAND



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Carl Unholz (left), 78th Communications Group director, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. William Eger III, the new commander of the 78th Communications Squadron, during a change of command ceremony June 11 at the Museum of Aviation's Hangar One. Colonel Eger replaces Lt. Col. Leornest Ruffin.

Safety video promotes driving, recreation safety

The top Air Force safety officer appears in a video for the service's annual "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety campaign, which started May 23 and ends Sept. 2.

In the production, Maj. Gen. Wendell Griffin, the Air Force chief of safety and commander of the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M.,

addresses driving, riding motorcycles, water sports and other recreational activities

Memorial Day through Labor Day is a season of greater risk to Airmen because they spend more time traveling and engaged in outdoor activities in the summer than they do in the fall, winter and spring. Three Air Force mem-

bers have already died since May 23: one in a vehicle crash, one while kayaking and another in a private aircraft crash. The Air Force lost 19 members during the 101 Critical Days period in 2007.

Visit the Air Force Safety Center Web site to view the video.

— courtesy Air Force Print News

Dorm sweet dorm



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, 78th ABW command chief, present the Dorm of the Quarter award to Airman 1st Class Ben McBryan from the 116th Air Control Wing's 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. Airman Bryan also received a \$50 gift card from the 1st Sergeants' council, 78th Services Division dollars for use on base two movie tickets and coupons for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The program was initiated by the Robins 1st Sergeants' Council to recognize Team Robins Airmen who live in the dormitory. It provides leadership an opportunity to recognize those whose rooms go above and beyond in cleanliness and safety.

Summer Grill Safety

According to the Insurance Information Institute, backyard grilling accidents result in more than 2,000 fires, 300 grill-related injuries and 30 or more deaths in the United States each year. Use the following tips to stay safe.

- ▶ Check the tubes that led into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.

- ▶ Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

- ▶ Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot

surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you cannot move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.

- ▶ Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.

- ▶ Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and do not attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.

- ▶ Keep lighted cigarettes, matches or open flames away from a leaking grill.

- ▶ Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, carport, porch or

under a surface that can catch fire.

- ▶ Never attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repairperson.

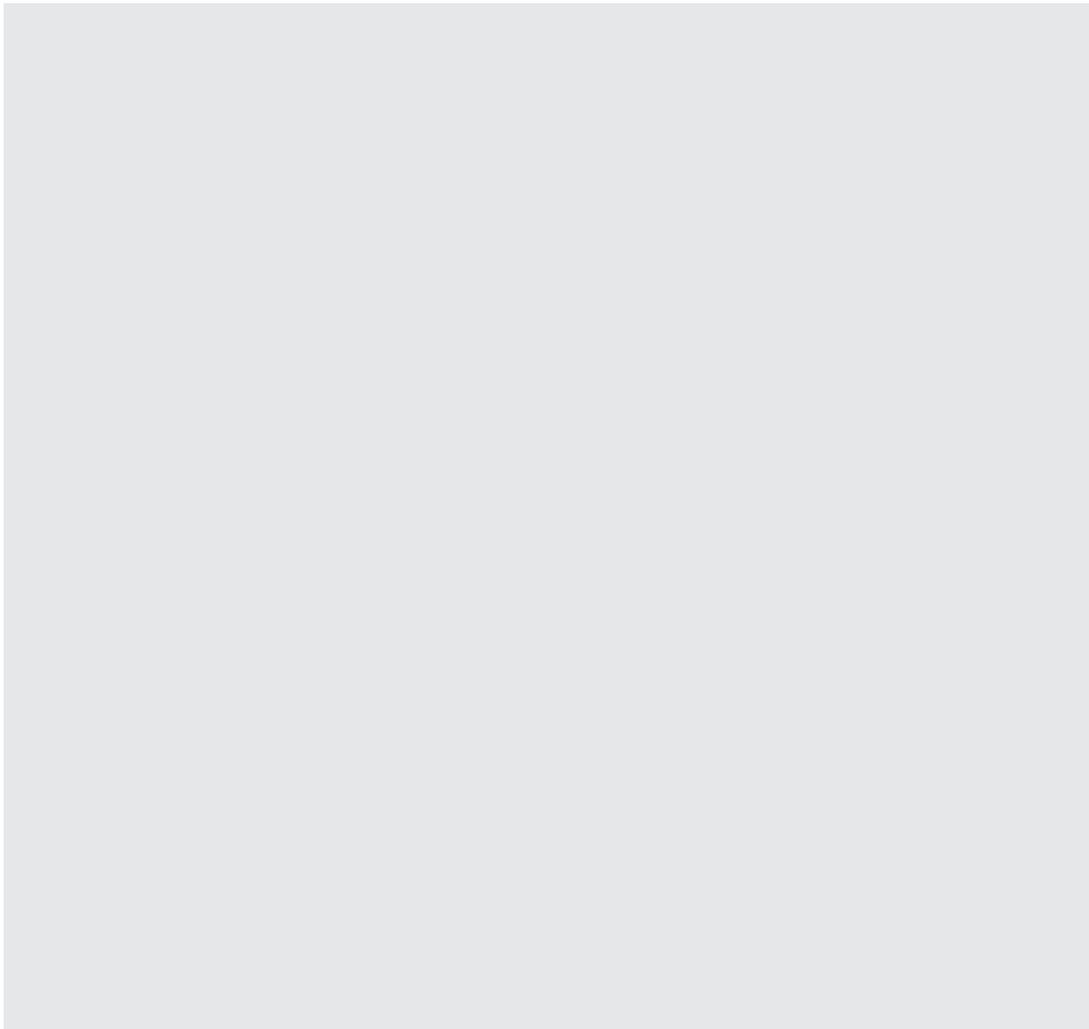
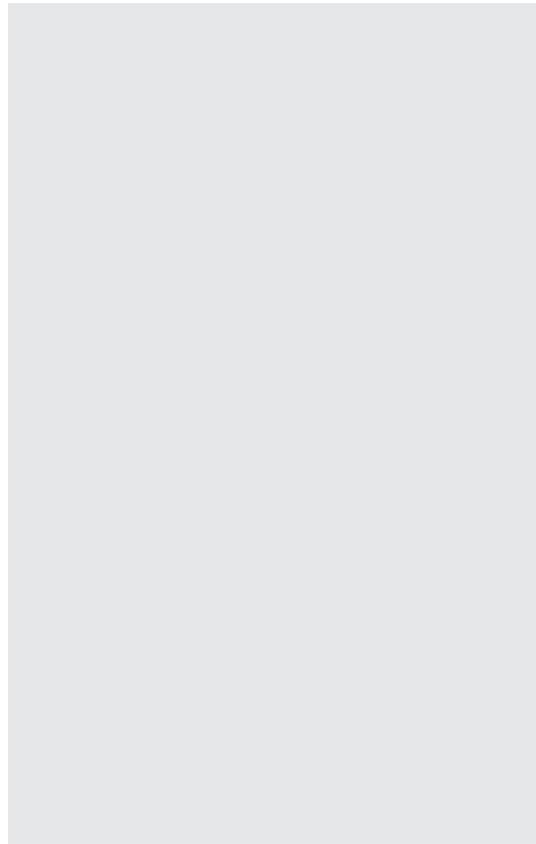
- ▶ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill.

- ▶ Always keep LP containers upright, and never store extra containers underneath the grill. Never store a full container indoors, and never store flammable liquids near the grill.

- ▶ Always transport the LP container in a secure, upright position, but never keep it in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the pressure to increase, causing the relief valve to open and allowing gas to escape.

— Air Force Safety Center

BE SAFE DURING THE 101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER



► IN BRIEF

HEALTHY START SCREENINGS

The 78th Medical Group will be providing Healthy Start school screenings for newly assigned and current Tricare beneficiaries -- from pre-k to 12th grade -- June 28, July 12 and July 26 from 9 a.m. to 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. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and can be completed at the event. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Robert Wilson III at 327-8220.

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.

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 of 7 and 16

years are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.

SPORT BIKE COURSE

The Sport Bike Course is a training course to familiarize, educate and train riders to

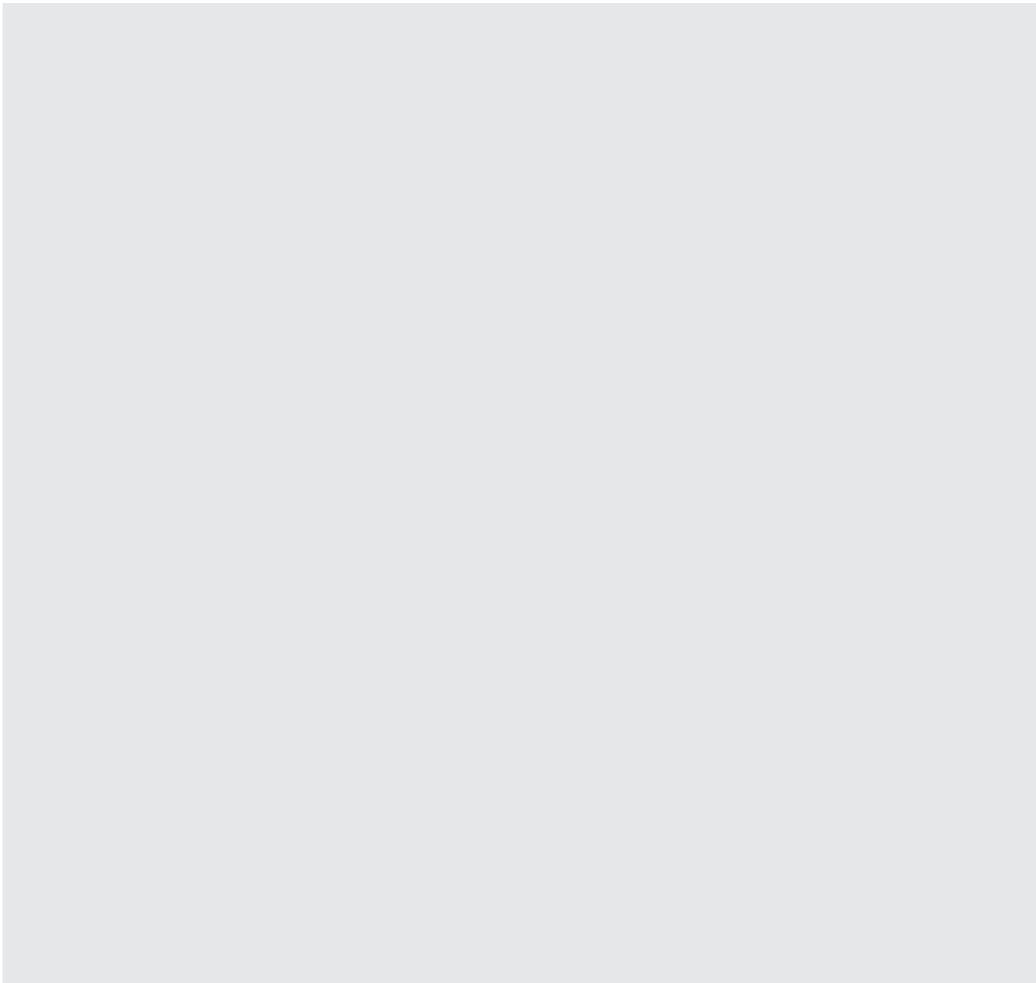
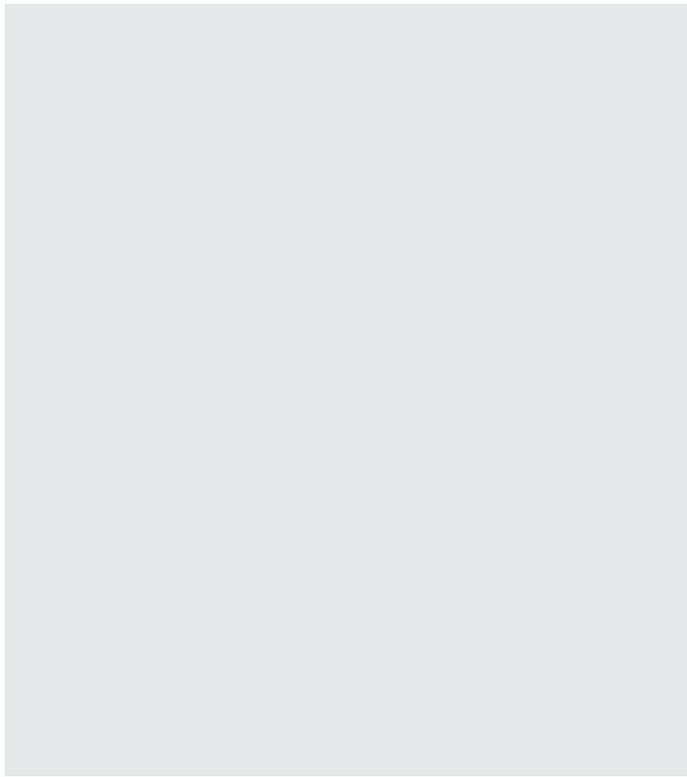
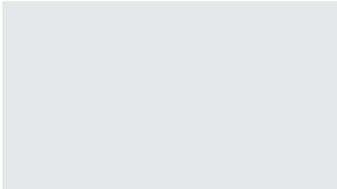
operate their sport bikes safely. Riders should have at least one year riding experience and have completed the Experienced Rider's Course.

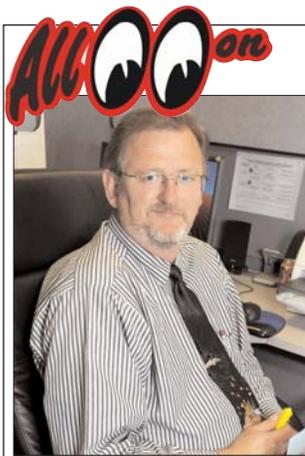
The course's purpose is to familiarize riders with sport

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: July 11, 21; Aug. 8, 18; Sept. 12, 22; Oct. 3, 14; Nov. 14, 24; and Dec. 5, 15. For more info, contact Jerry Morningstar, 78th Air Base Wing safety office, at 926-6271.





U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Phil House

TITLE: Human resource specialist and a classification specialist in the Directorate of Personnel.

BACKGROUND: Mr. House, a retired chief master sergeant, has been at Robins since 2003.

AGE: 51

HOMETOWN: Cullman, Alabama

WHAT IS IT YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT CIVIL SERVICE:

"It gave me a great opportunity to travel and it gave my kids an international perspective on the world."

HOBBIES: Tennis, playing guitar and writing music

Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

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

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Heritage 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.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

The A&FRC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday 1 to 2 p.m., Bldg. 794. The training provides information on what information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it, and different ways to communicate with the inbound member. Sponsors are given vital information regarding their responsibilities to the newly assigned

member and their family, if applicable.

VA BENEFITS BRIEFING

The Veterans Administration and A&FRC transition assistance program are offering a briefing on Veterans benefits Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

Participants receive information on medical records review for VA claim filing, the Disabled Transition Assistance program, Vocational Rehabilitation and Veterans' benefits through the Veterans Administration.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a

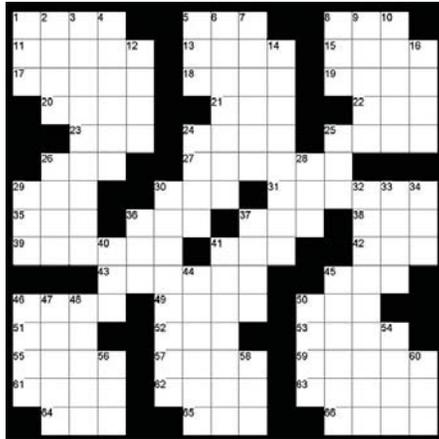
free "Money and Credit Management" workshop Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFINGS

Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the A&FRC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9:30 a.m., Monday and Friday, in Bldg. 794. Call 926-1256 for details.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Willkommen nach Deutschland

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Annoying or troublesome person, animal, or thing; nuisance
- For shame!
- Owed at present
- USAF description for pilots and aircrew
- Burn
- Small island
- Remove or cut out as superfluous
- Hindu god of death; opposite of Kama
- River separating Korea from China
- Shock
- Zodiac animal
- Coniferous evergreen tree
- Attempt
- Choooses
- Mexico currency
- Length of time during which a being or thing has existed
- In a state of agitation or excitement
- Pie _ _ _ mode
- Adult male
- F-15s
- Each
- Bond writer Fleming
- First _ _ _
- Put a question to; inquire of
- Reply to, usually in a sharp or retaliatory way
- Transgression of divine law
- Denial or refusal
- Sire
- Mil. duty uniform
- Support, or countenance by aid, usually in wrongdoing
- Cuts of meat from the thigh of a hog
- Bro's sib
- Mil. field ration
- Flowing backward or away; decline or decay
- Hollywood dog
- Former Deutschland currency
- Detach from that to which one is strongly habituated
- Rude, boorish, or surly person
- Garfield's foil
- Vesicles

- Target competitor
- Desire
- Na Na; 70s music group
- Walk heavily or move laboriously; trudge
- DOWN
- USAF nuclear handling program
- Hearing organs
- German town home to EUJCOM
- Period or term of holding something
- TV Guide listing for a movie channel
- Bring to a point
- Japanese martial art
- Network for self-help people
- USAF MAJCOM at 14 DOWN
- Island; former U.S. immigrant examination station
- Operation _ _ _ Flight
- USAF base near Kaiserslautern
- Currency in Deutschland
- USAF base in Korea
- Wood pin
- Away from the wind
- Possessed
- Spring mon.
- Col. Earl D. _ _ _; 435th ABW commander
- Army Regional Medical Center in Deutschland
- Son of Isaac and Rebekah
- Vanilla _ _ _
- A Gershwin
- Broadcasts
- Many times at short intervals
- USAF annex attached to KMC in Deutschland
- corpus; right to a trial by jury
- Lt. Gen. Robert D. _ _ _ Jr.; 3rd AF commander
- Bullets, in brief
- Gen. Roger A. _ _ _; USAF commander
- Spooky
- Pillage or loot after capture; plunder
- A Guthrie
- Barbie's pal
- US cryptologic org.
- Amphibious ship used for assault landing craft, in brief

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

In order to meet its customers' demand and for their convenience the Robins Church's Chicken is now open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The teen center will hold a Keystone meeting and poetry night June 21 at 7 p.m. The monthly fine arts and photography submissions are due by June 27. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

MONDAY

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 to 27. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering kindergarten to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions at the Robins Elementary School cafeteria June 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. Be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout the week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. 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 June 23 to 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.

WEDNESDAY

Enjoy M.U.G. night at the enlisted club every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to closing at the Heritage Club. Customers may bring their mug and get refills (up to 20 ounces) for only \$2. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

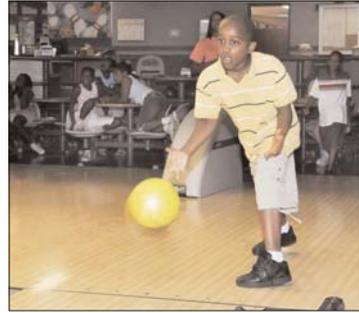
THURSDAY

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.

UPCOMING

Join Horizons for an elegant night featuring wine and cheese samples from around the world June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Georgia Room. Advance tickets are on sale now. Cost \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Open to all ranks and grades. Enjoy musical entertainment by Carla Sands accompanied by Bob Cummings. For more

Strikingly good fun



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Zavion Seales, 9, eyes the pins as he bowls a game at Robins Lanes during Robins Youth Center summer camp.

information call Horizons at 926-2670.

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 establishment of the 78th Force Support Squadron (78th Services Division and Mission Support Squadron) will be held on July 1 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation Hanger One.

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 through 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/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, 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 Covill 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.

Find out how the 78th Services Division rates! Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon.

At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to give a rating and/or comment. Please provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

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 926-2945.

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
- Literary 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.

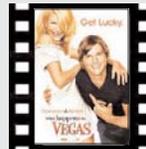
Orthodox Christian

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.
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS
PG-13



SATURDAY — 8 P.M.
IRON MAN
PG-13



UPCOMING - JUNE 27
THE STRANGERS
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Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger). For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Two strangers awaken together to discover they've gotten married following a night of debauchery in Sin City, and one of them has won a huge jackpot after playing the other's quarter. The newlyweds devise ever-escalating schemes to undermine each other and get their hand on the money, only to fall in love.

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.

A terrifying suspense thriller about a couple whose remote getaway becomes a place of terror when masked strangers invade. The confrontation forces Kristen and James to go far beyond what they thought themselves capable of if they hope to survive.

Independence Day concert set for July 3

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will team up with Country music group, Lonestar in concert at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins on July 3 at the 25th Annual Independence Day celebration.

The free concert, which will include music, fireworks and family entertainment, will be a simultaneous commemoration of America's independence day and the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Dean Sams, who plays keyboard and vocalist for Lonestar, said his band is very excited to be part of the celebration.

"We are very excited to be coming to Warner Robins to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve," he said. "We worked with those guys at the Grand Ole Opry last December on a show for our troops and they were so amazing. We've always wanted a 'big sound' for our group and they worked so well with us. They are amazing."

Lonestar debuted on the U.S. country music charts in 1995 with the Top 10 single "Tequila Talkin'." The band has accrued 27 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, with nine of those singles hitting No. 1.

In 1999, Lonestar released its signature song "Amazed," a crossover hit that reached No. 1 on the country chart and

Billboard's Hot 100.

The band will perform its hits "Amazed," "I'm Already There," and one of its latest hits, "Let Me Love You."

Mr. Sams said the band wants to make Robins' celebration the best ever. "We want your Air Force community to walk away with a sense that they have a huge group of fans for the military and their families."

Mr. Sams said he hopes the show will bring smiles to faces.

Warner Robins' own Jessica "Jessie" James will perform with the Band of the Air Force Reserve.

Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with the Houston County Honor Band, comprised of chosen musicians from the county's four high schools.

Mary Therese, 21st Century Partnership executive director, will emcee the show starting at 8 p.m.

Allen Tatman with the Warner Robins Civilian Club suggested people watch the show from within the stadium since the fireworks will be set to music.

WHAT TO KNOW

People may bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating on the field. Food and drinks will be available for sale. All bags and containers are subject for search since alcoholic beverages and glass are not allowed at the family event. No pets are allowed.

Civilian discipline, adverse actions

The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility for their actions. The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee's past disciplinary record, are taken into account when determining appropriate discipline.

The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the program and the consequences for misconduct.

The following actions occurred in September 2007 and are reflective of the types

of disciplinary actions taken during that period.

September actions:

- ▶ Three reprimands for failure to attend scheduled training. No priors.
- ▶ Three Reprimands for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.
- ▶ Reprimand for failure to honor a valid denial of a leave request.
- ▶ Reprimand for discourteous conduct.
- ▶ One-day suspension for inappropriate comments and conduct.
- ▶ One-day suspension for disrespectful conduct.

▶ Two-day suspension for negligence. Prior reprimand.

▶ Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior two-day suspension.

▶ Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave, unauthorized absence and inappropriate conduct.

▶ Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

▶ Seven-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior three-day and four-day suspensions.

▶ 14-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

▶ Five-day suspension for unauthorized absence and failure to properly certify work.

▶ Indefinite suspension for criminal indictment.

▶ Termination during probationary period for misuse of government charge card and failure to comply with AFMC civilian fitness program.

▶ Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Two prior 14 day suspensions.

▶ Removal for unauthorized absence.

Safety Office offers summer car and driver care

78TH AIR BASE WING
SAFETY OFFICE

It happens every year. Shortly after Memorial Day, give or take a couple of weeks, drivers start to lose their cool. The windows go up, the air conditioner goes on, and the light breezes of spring turn into the heat blast of summer. For drivers, a scoop of chocolate-chip ice cream usually improves their attitude in a hurry. Your car, on the other hand, would probably enjoy a little more attention to potential maintenance problems.

Radiator Review: One of the main hazards of summer driving is overheating. It's easy to recognize when a breakdown may be brewing. Check the radiator hoses regularly for bulges, small cuts,

and cracks, especially after the rubber-hardening winter.

In hot weather, pressure from the radiator can quickly turn a crack into a hole. Belts can also take a beating over the winter. Loose belts can slip. Belts that are too tight can wear down quickly and snap. Also be sure that you have the right mixture of coolant and water in the radiator.

Keep a clear view. As long as you're under the hood, make sure the windshield wiper solvent reservoir is full. Dust and insects can block your vision on even the sunniest summer days. Also, check that your wiper blades don't streak. They can deteriorate over the winter.

Going from extreme heat to heavy summer rains also wears them down quickly.

Tire Troubles: Extreme heat takes a toll on your tires too. Under-inflated tires will flex more in hot weather and build up pressure, increasing the chance of a blowout.

For an accurate tire pressure reading, check your tires after they have been cool for several hours. You should also take the time to check the tire walls and the tread surface as often as possible.

Have a mechanic check for objects that may be stuck inside the tread and for proper wear and rotation.

Other Pre- and Post-Trip Vehicle Inspections: Check your vehicle's: brake lights and turn signals, steering mechanism, oil, brake, transmission and battery fluids, rearview and side-view mirrors, safety belts, horn, and spare tire. Remember

Murphy's Law — that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Be prepared for the unexpected.

Teen camp packs lessons in aviation, leadership in one week

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Tyler Heck has always wanted to be a pilot.

The 16-year-old Houston County High School junior, son of Maria and Lt. Col. Amand Heck, recently joined 35 other teens Air Force-wide at the Air Force Services Teen Aviation Camp at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., to get insight into a possible future as a military pilot.

"I've wanted to go to the Air Force Academy my entire life, so it was a really good opportunity for me to see what it was really like," he said. "I've heard all of the stories, but I really wanted to experience firsthand what the Air Force Academy was truly like."

That experience included a jump school, physical training, and flying.

"The most memorable part for me was flying the Cessna," Heck said. "There was a pilot next to me, but (I) got to do everything. This was like the pinnacle of the entire camp. It's what we all were waiting for."

Marvin Hawkins, Robins School Age Program coordinator and Teen Program director, said the competitive program packs lessons in aviation, leadership and the Air Force Academy into one week.

"It's just a good opportunity for them to learn more about the career field of aviation because they're involved in quite a bit while

they're at the camp itself," he said.

Kimber B ergo, 16-year-old daughter of Michelle and Lt. Col. Kurt B ergo, also attended the six-day camp. She was excited by the opportunity to take flight.

"I want to be a pilot and this was a great opportunity to help me get closer to my goal," she said. "Anyone who wants to be a pilot shouldn't hesitate to apply."

Kimber said the camp was "amazing."

"The staff of the Air Force Academy helped us a lot and gave us a ton of information, not only on piloting, but also on the academy itself," she said. "It's possibly the best experience I've had to date."

Mr. Hawkins said becoming one of the 38 teens selected for the camp isn't easy.

To qualify, teens must be enrolled in high school and must enter their junior year the following fall.

Teens must first complete a nomination form and a familiarization exam. Once information is verified, teens are interviewed and Mr. Hawkins compiles a list of teens for final selection at the Air Force Services headquarters.

Mr. Hawkins said about 150 teens compete for a spot in the camp each year.

Caleb Pyle, son of



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Tyler Heck sits in the cockpit of a Cessna airplane about to taxi off the runway at the Air Force Services Teen Aviation Camp. He had the opportunity to pilot the plane; take off, fly and land.

Kimberly and Master Sgt. Steven Pyle, attended the camp and said the experience is worth it for people who want to make aviation a career one day.

"It gives you a good insight into aviation and into the Air Force Academy," he said. "They basically told you everything you needed to do in order to be eligible

and on par with everyone else who has applied to the academy."

WHAT TO KNOW

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