

Center commander: July 4 a time to revel in hard-earned liberties

The Fourth of July has always been one of my favorite holidays. After all, it comes in the middle of summer – a time of great weather and, for many, much deserved vacations. Most of us will get outside and grill some tasty food we will share with family and friends. We'll flock to beaches, mountains, and scenic parks for fun and festivities. Red, white and blue will be in abundance. Our Nation's flag will fly on every street and fireworks will light up the night.

What's not to love? It is easily one of the best and most enjoyable days of the year.

Of course, we must also remember this is a patriotic occasion – a celebra-

tion of our 232 years of independence as a Nation. Like most people I know, I was raised in a patriotic family. My father was a B-17 lead bombardier in 8th Air Force during World War II. My mother gave up college to return to her hometown and work at the local Army Air Corps base. Their example instilled in me a great pride in being an American and a lifelong passion for service to our great Nation.

So obviously, Independence Day has always carried great meaning for my family. While we never lose sight of the significance of the date when our forefathers signed the Declaration

of Independence, we have always observed the day in traditional American ways – parades and picnics, holiday ventures and summertime family fun.

The cynic may say we're so busy having a good time, we're not paying enough respect to the costs paid for our freedom. I say we're celebrating that freedom. By enjoying ourselves on this holiday, we are reveling in those liberties so hard-earned by our revered ancestors. These liberties, even today, are vigilantly protected by our modern-day warriors, which includes those in forward-deployed

areas and those of us in the USA. In fact, it can be said we're honoring our heritage by celebrating July Fourth in our customary ways.

Granted, amid the rejoicing of the holiday, we may not remain focused on the historic implications of the day. But the day's meaning is inescapable. We'll hear the patriotic music during the fireworks. We'll see "Old Glory" everywhere we turn. We'll proudly stand for the national anthem at the ballpark or feel the swell in our chest and the lump in our throats as we see the flag marching by at a parade. In those instances, we'll fully know what



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP
Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

See Independence Day message from AFMC commander, Gen. Bruce Carlson, A3

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

David Quinn, new 78th Force Support Squadron director, accepts the newly formed squadron's flag from Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support commander, during the 78th FSS stand up July 1.

78th Force Support Squadron stands up, gets new leadership

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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David Quinn has a wealth of experience in managing programs that improve the quality of life of Airmen.

It's those talents Mr. Quinn will use to make Robins a better place to work and live as the first director of the newly formed 78th Force Support Squadron.

Mr. Quinn already has a couple of goals in his sights.

"We have an awesome customer service," he said. "Customer service has always been my number one focus no matter where I've been. That's why we're here, and whether it's the internal or external customers, it's something that we absolutely have to focus on."

Mr. Quinn said from the start he was impressed with Robins' enthusiasm for being the best.

"At every facility I've been to, the frontline staff has been incredible," he said. "They have been friendly and warm and asked all sorts of questions to see how they can better serve, which is great. A big part of leadership is to enable our team to do their job and also to effectively utilize the resources we're given."

Mr. Quinn, formerly the programs branch chief for Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services in Sembach, Germany, said finding the best energy conservation measures for his squadron's 100-plus facilities and making the most of scarce resources are two challenges his organization will soon tackle. And while he sees a lot of good in Robins' programs, Mr. Quinn said with teamwork, good can always become better.

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Going buggy for books



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Alexa Smith, 4, finds a good book to read in the Base Library. The library's summer reading program runs through July 21.

Summer reading program kicks off at Robins

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Literacy and its importance to academic and life-long success doesn't take summer vacations. The library's summer reading program here is making sure its participants stay on track.

This year's program, which has the theme "Time to Get Caught in a Story," will introduce the children to an interesting cast of characters - many of whom have at least eight legs.

"We've pulled out all of the bug books and we'll do Internet searches to learn more about bugs," said Blanchella Casey, base supervisory librarian. "We are also going to give out plastic bug jars to catch lightning bugs. We're excited and think it's going to be lots of fun."

The summer reading program, which kicked off June 23, runs through July 21 and offers both preschoolers and school-aged children a chance to learn about bug species while encouraging them to read.

Mrs. Casey, who has been with the Robins library since 1999, said the yearly program was the brain-

child of the American Library Association and has been going on for nearly three decades.

"The program's primary purpose is to keep children's reading levels up during the summer," she said. "Reading is a skill and if it's not used it declines."

While the program has an educational basis, Mrs. Casey said it's her goal to make the experience fun.

"We don't want it to be too much like school because they are on vacation," she said. "Each week the children will be able to enjoy a different craft project."

The librarian said in addition to activities to keep the children looking forward to coming back each week, she has a relaxed goal for her readers.

"I don't say that if you read 10 books you get a prize," she said. "Everyone gets a prize if they come and read and for the little ones if their parents read to them that also counts."

The entire library staff and some volunteers will host the weekly get together.

Venus Zahiri, a library aide for nine months, said she enjoys helping people find the books they are look-

ing for and is looking forward to helping during the program.

"I am going to help with the craft projects, and my son, who is a volunteer, is going to read some books," said Mrs. Zahiri. "I want the kids to learn from the stories they hear."

Good storytellers draw kids in and she said she's sure her son, 13-year-old Farbod Zahiri, will be able to do that.

Farbod, an 8th grader at Huntington Middle School, said he had some free time this summer and since he loves to read decided this would be a great thing to do. He is confident he can make story time fun.

"I want the children who I read to to enjoy the books and have fun," he said.

He hopes it encourages those who don't already enjoy reading.

The program will include story time, arts and crafts activities, and a chance for the children to check books out for their personal reading pleasure. It starts each Monday at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 11 a.m. for school-aged children.

The program will conclude July 21 with an ice cream party.

ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

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- ▶ Unplug plasma screens and radios
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- ▶ Consolidate refrigerators
- ▶ Turn off lights when exiting bathrooms



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The base goal for the holiday weekend is a 50 percent reduction from an average workday in July.

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DEPLOYMENT



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Historian first civilian from 116th ACW to deploy, 6A

RIBBON CUTTING



5th CCG gets new facility
Operations support facility to streamline supply, logistics, 2A

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Operations support facility to streamline 5th CCG's supply, logistics

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 5th Combat Communications Group celebrated the opening of its new operations support facility at Robins June 27.

The \$4.5 million Congressionally-funded facility is the first building to be established in the forthcoming 5th CCG complex.

Capt. Mark Landez, Combat Support Flight commander in the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron, said the 27,000-square foot facility, located in Bldg. 1561, will be a great asset to the many missions the 5th CCG shoulders.

"It's a state-of-the-art facility that will help our mission squadrons fulfill

their wartime contingencies and taskings," he said. "It's also the first step towards the creation of the 5th Combat Communications Group compound end state, consisting of four mission squadrons, (5th CCG) headquarters, supply, and operations support facility."

Master Sgt. Regina Ingram-Meier, combat supply operations chief in the 5th CBCSS, said the facility will enable the group's supply functions to operate more smoothly.

"The new facility allows all of the three sections of supply (which includes) the Individual Equipment Element, Mobility Warehouse, and Material Control, as well as the Logistics Plans sector to

come under one roof, making it easier for us to help our customers and to coordinate supply actions," she said.

Col. Carl Block, 5th CCG commander, said realization of the facility has been a long time coming.

"The vision of a centralized 5th CCG campus has been alive for over 15 years," he said. "This is the first building for that centralized campus. When the campus is complete, Airmen will be able to more effectively perform their duties because of reduced travel time between 5th CCG buildings around the base."

The colonel said the facility's location makes Airmen's training more convenient.

"In addition, overall train-

ing will improve since the 5th CCG campus will be close to our primary training and exercise sites, improving the capabilities of our warriors as they prepare for expeditionary operations," he said.

Colonel Block said by bringing a number of func-

tions under one roof, the facility will make Airmen's preparation for deployments more efficient.

The added space will solve some storage challenges the unit has had, the colonel said.

"In the past, we have had to store some equipment out-

side," he said. "The additional indoor space will allow us to store newly acquired equipment under cover as we enter data about the equipment into our logistics tracking systems."

A definite completion date for the 5th CCG compound has not been set yet.



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Robins Honor Guard presents the colors at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 5th Combat Communications Group's operations support facility June 27.

78th Force Support Squadron — July 4th hours

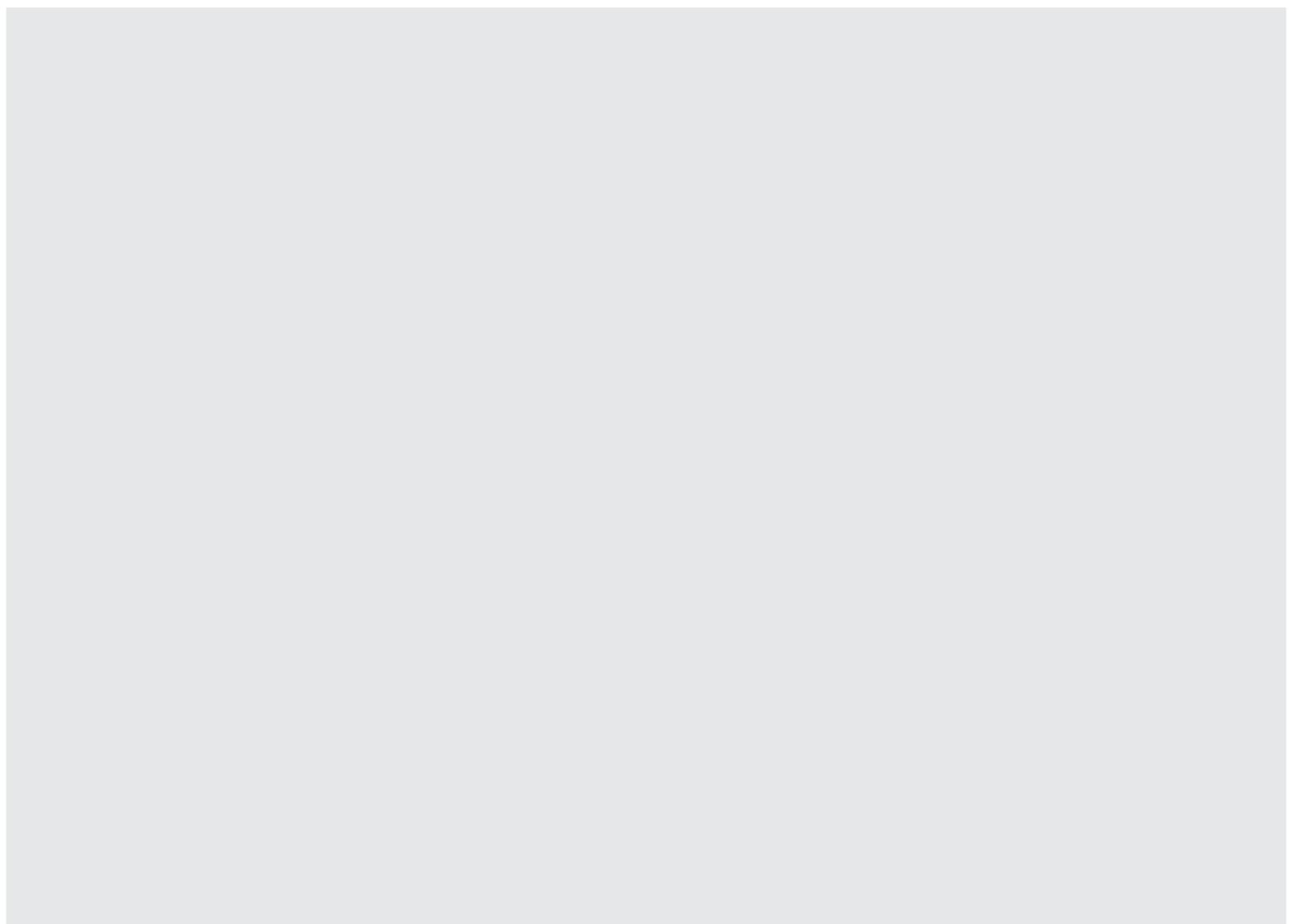
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- ▶ Fitness Center, open Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Kitchen
- ▶ Golf Course, normal hours and tee times
- ▶ Lodging, normal hours
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Closed

- ▶ Aero Club, administration and sales
- ▶ Airmen and Family Readiness Center
- ▶ Airmen Leadership School
- ▶ Auto Hobby Shop
- ▶ Base Library

- ▶ Base Restaurant
- ▶ Bowling Center
- ▶ CDC East & West
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Commentary

"A 'No' uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a 'Yes' merely uttered to please, or worse, to avoid trouble."

— Mahandas Gandhi

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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had to put his personal property in was an old brown paper bag. I believe this base should have some type of official bag with the Robins Air Force Base insignia on it. Families of employees deserve more than a grocery bag; they deserve dignity for their loved one's faithful service to this nation. Please let

me know if I need to donate to buy this item for my fellow employees who serve us daily.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

While the purchase of mementos for those who pass while in civilian federal service with appropriated or non-appropriated funds is not authorized,

the families of our employees do deserve more than a grocery bag. The Base Exchange has a variety of items with the Air Force logo available for purchase that may be suitable in these instances. Personal or private organization funds may be used for this type of purchase.

Independence Day reminds us of need to preserve freedoms

As the July 4th weekend approaches, many of us will come together to celebrate Independence Day. It's a holiday with the power to transcend differences, as people across the country honor our great nation.

There is much to honor on the Fourth of July, as our country has a proud past. We recall the fortitude and values of our forefathers and mothers, who laid the foundation for our

country. We commemorate the Declaration of Independence - a document that cemented our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We celebrate our military heritage and the contributions the Air Force has made in preserving democracy.



Gen. Bruce Carlson
Commander
AFMC

We in Air Force Materiel Command also honor the United States on a daily basis. Each duty we complete, each mission we perform, we reaffirm our allegiance to the country we've agreed to serve - a task we do with integrity and excellence.

Our day-to-day accomplishments repre-

sent not just the goals of our command, but the values of our country.

Independence Day goes beyond honoring the past and living that tribute in the present. This holiday is also a time to honor the country by looking forward. With forethought and intellect, it is our job to plan for the years to come. It is exciting to know that the Air Force has a part in shaping the future of the United States.

That is why we must continue to strive for excellence, so that we preserve this nation's freedoms and ensure future generations can celebrate Independence Day.

Finally, as your fellow wingman, please keep safety in mind and make responsible decisions as you celebrate our nation's independence with friends and family.

Vicki and I hope you all have a wonderful July Fourth.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Greg Pearson, crew chief for the 19th Air Refueling Group, marshals the "Cherokee Rose" to the runway for take off June 23. The aircraft was the last belonging to the 19th ARG and after flying its last mission landed at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

"Cherokee Rose," the group's flagship set four World Records in 1986 as a member of the Robins fleet. The aircraft was just one example of the many KC-135 Stratotankers that once called Robins home.

19th ARG's 'Cherokee Rose' bids Robins fond farewell

BY SUE SAPP
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Without ceremony or fanfare the last 19th Air Refueling Group aircraft lifted off and left the skies of Middle Georgia June 23.

The official "Mission Complete" ceremony was May 28, but a small group of some of the remaining mem-

bers of the 19th watched as "Cherokee Rose," the final 19th aircraft launched, made a circle and then a final fly by of Robins.

The last mission for the 19th ARG was the passing of 40,000 pounds of fuel to Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft after which they landed at McConnell Air Force Base,

Kansas to deliver the plane to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing instead of returning to Robins.

"Bittersweet" was the word used most often among the crewmembers aboard to express their feelings.

Maj. Donnie Starling, navigator said it was sad but he and both pilots, Capts. Jasmin Silence and Scott Whinnery have all served at McConnell

before.

"It feels like I'm closing the circle," he said.

For Senior Master Sgt. Wally Tennyson, boom operator, the mission had even more meaning.

"After 27 years, I'm retiring, so this is the last mission for the 19th and also my own last flight," he said.

Col. Alan Hart, 19th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, stood on the flightline as Tech. Sgt. Greg Pearson marshalled the aircraft out to the runway.

"It's the end of an era. It's sad for a lot of people and a significant blow to lose a unit with such a great heritage. But the mission will continue on at Little Rock," Colonel Hart said.

The birth of a nation takes leadership, hard work

As we celebrate our nation's 232nd birthday, it's humbling to look back and imagine the difficulties faced by those leaders who were "eyes on" the formation of a new republic.

In 1776, the idea of a new world colony gaining independence from the world's most powerful country appeared a bit far-fetched, and in some circles of European society, an amusing and deadly venture. Yet despite the daunting challenges, there was enough creative energy among our very different colonial state leaders to organize a new

government and fight for survival.

The key to success was leadership; both in the planning stages of a new government and directly on the battlefield. Our founding fathers understood the power of leading from the front.

In the planning stage for a new republic, the Continental Congress was wise enough to select five successful leaders to write and publish the Declaration of Independence. This ultimate working group included Thomas Jefferson, age 33; John Adams, age 41; and Benjamin Franklin, the sen-

ior mentor at age 70.

Their finished product brazenly told the world the United States of America was open for business. The signers of the Declaration of Independence publicly put their relatively cozy lives and fortunes on the line for a new form of government.

More importantly, the Declaration of Independence helped Gen. George Washington rally his troops by putting on paper the ideals and freedoms they were fighting to establish, preserve and protect. General Washington faced incredible manpower and

resource shortfalls on the battlefield in 1776. He persevered by keeping our fighting forces intact, picking his battles wisely, and understanding that as long as we had a military we had a nation.

General Washington's art of the long view is something we all need to remember the next time we complain about resource shortfalls or the direction of our own organizations.

So a hearty "Happy birthday" to the United States of America. As a nation we have both sputtered and soared through the centuries

and decades. We were, and still are, imperfect at times. Yet during other periods we seem blessed with providence. And while fate certainly is a factor in any nation's success, I believe leadership and just plain hard work generated our own good fortune.

In the end, we have survived every challenge and we remain this world's best example of what Abraham Lincoln called a nation of the people, by the people and for the people.

—This commentary was written by Col. Steve DePalmer 53rd Wing.



Staff Sgt. Kelly Salinas

TITLE: Honor Guard Flight sergeant. She has been at Robins for about 5 years.

FAMILY LIFE: She is married to Tech. Sgt. Demetrious Salinas, an aircraft structural maintainer in the 116th Maintenance Squadron. The couple has one daughter.

AGE: 27

HOMETOWN: Hoboken, N.J.

WHAT MAKES THIS YEAR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL FOR YOU:

"All Fourth of July holidays are special because we're celebrating the freedom that we've fought for and continue to fight to keep."

HOBBIES: She enjoys spending time with her daughter and sewing.

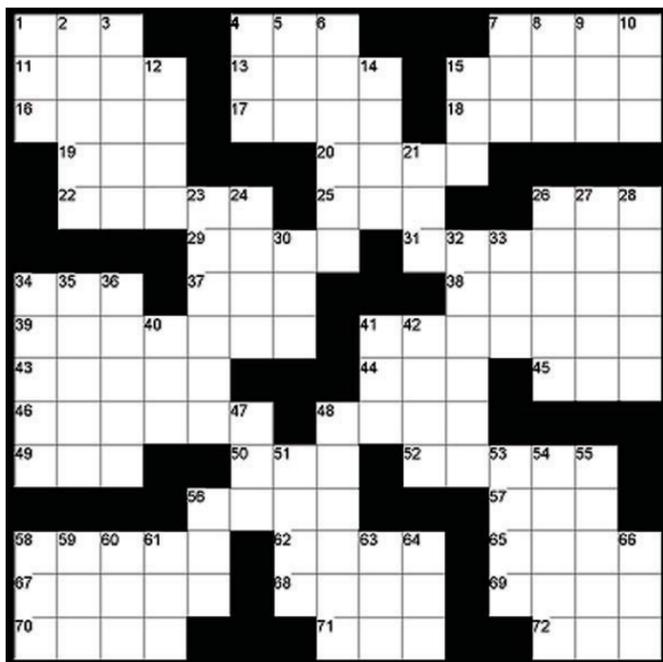
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Independence!

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Filing aid
4. Jackie Moon's org.
7. Of, pertaining to, or noting two
11. Heavenly spot
13. Maj. Gen. William ____; AFCYBER commander
15. Valley ____; winter quarters of Washington's army 1777-78
16. Space org.
17. Gen. Peter ____; former Chairman, JCS
18. Narrow passage between islands
19. Thick mass of hair
20. Exam
22. ____ Act; British law enraging the Colonies
25. Altar words
26. Hallucinogenic drug popular in the 1970s
29. USAF MAJCOM
31. African desert
34. USA O-3
37. Fed. agency responsible for airport security
38. North American dogwood
39. Formal public speech
41. Central African republic
43. Hall of Fame pitcher Ryan
44. Tolkien character
45. Goddess of the dawn
46. King ____ III; British monarch during American Revolution
48. Second letter of the Greek alphabet
49. USAF E-2
50. African oxlike antelope
52. Film award
56. Celestial object
57. Pub order
58. NY Yankee great
62. Go away hastily and secretly; flee without notice
65. Cut apart or open along a line
67. ____ Rock or Uluru; Australian icon
68. Abominable Snowman
69. Dr. Ron ____; former USECAF and astronaut
70. The Seven ____ Itch; 1955 Monroe movie
71. Decay
72. 22°30' east of due north, in brief

DOWN

1. X to Cicero

2. Samuel ____; American statesman and Revolutionary leader
3. Intoxicate or stupefy with drink
4. European mount
5. Constrictor
6. ____ Ocean
7. Put on or dress in, as in MOPP gear
8. Web address
9. Bronze or Ice
10. Permit
12. California wine valley
14. Exploit or achievement; feat
15. In shape
21. USAF PME for O-3s
23. The ____ Game; 1959 Randall/Reynolds movie
24. Mexican currency
26. Thomas ____; Common Sense writer urging Colonists to revolt
27. Set of fundamental beliefs or guiding principle
28. Treaty of ____; ended American Revolution in 1783
30. Amy ____; The Joy Luck Club author
32. Heart parts
33. Northernmost Calif. state college, in Arcata
34. Cuban ballroom dance
35. Introduction; preface; preamble
36. T-38
40. Road material
41. Honey maker
42. Do ____ others ...
47. Egotism; conceit; self-importance
48. ____ Hill; site of famous Colonial stand against British forces
51. Unduly curious about the affairs of others; prying
53. Mama ____; The Mamas & the Papas group member
54. Ethan ____; iconic leader of Green Mountain Boys during American Revolution
55. Period during which a sovereign occupies the throne
56. Mr. & ____ Smith
58. John ____; Revolutionary hero statesman, first Chief Justice
59. Hurricane center
60. Boston ____ Party; defiant act by Colonials to protest tax
61. Mistake
63. Simpson trial judge
64. Hole in the ground
66. ____ kwon do; Korean martial arts

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Is your wallet feeling thin at the pumps? Purchase any Coca Cola product at the base restaurant or any of its snack bar locations, Pizza Depot, On Spot Café or Fairways Grille and enter for a chance to win a \$100 gas card. Contest runs July 1 - 31. Winner will be notified by Aug. 4. Sponsored in by Coca Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the Force Support Squadron, Marketing Office at 926-5492.

A First Friday "All American Party" will be held one week later, because of the Fourth of July holiday, at your Heritage Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 11. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

Shape up or ship out during the build-a-boat competition July 14 at the Heritage Club pool. Teams may consist of four to eight people. Competition begins with boat construction outside the pool area at 5 p.m. with races at 7:30 p.m. Winners will be recognized for the fastest boat, best looking boat, most team spirit and the Titanic. Cost is free and all teams must be registered by July 11. All supplies will be provided. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A yard sale will be held July 12 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Youth fall sports registration will be July 15 for tackle football (ages 11 - 12 years old), cost \$55; flag football (ages 5 - 10 years old), cost \$55; cheerleading (ages 5 - 12 years old), cost \$90; fall soccer (ages 5 - 18 years old), cost \$55 and start smart soccer (ages 3 - 4 years old), cost \$45. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10

Day dreaming of the big one



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Stephen Bassett and Shane Patrick spent a couple of hours fishing at Luna Lake June 25.

a.m. to 4 p.m. Registrations accepted until teams are full. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars July 18 for a presentation of "Waterhorse." The movie will start at dark in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Watch WWE "The Great American Bash" July 20 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the Heritage Club lounge at 926-2670.

Sign up today for the British Soccer Summer Camp to be held July 28 - Aug. 1. Cost is \$60 for 3-4 years old from 9 to 10 a.m. and \$75 for 5-17 years old from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Receive a free soccer jersey when you sign up. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

The Rewards Yourself club drive will begin July 15. Chase Bank and Air Force Clubs will launch an enhanced Cash-back, Military Free Cash Rewards Program. Additionally, new club membership applicants can choose between a MasterCard or a limited-use Proprietary membership card. New members will receive six months free dues and a scratch-off

ticket for a chance to win between \$5 and \$100. Six-months free dues not applicable to members who switched cards. The club drive will end Oct. 15. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING

"Time to Get Caught in a Story" is the theme for the summer reading program that runs through July 21. The program starts at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 11 a.m. for school-age children.

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.

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 926-2105.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- ▶ Services 926-5491
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ 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 (Jumua) 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

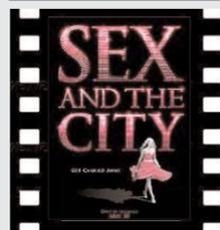
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

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 — 7:30 P.M.
SEX AND THE CITY
R

Sex and the City finds Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda four years after the hit HBO series ended. Our favorite friends continue to juggle jobs and relationships while navigating motherhood, marriage and Manhattan real estate. Carrie still narrates her own story about sex, love and the fashion-obsessed single women in New York City.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN
PG

The Pevensie siblings are magically transported back from England to the world of Narnia, where a thrilling, perilous new adventure and an even greater test of their faith and courage awaits them. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct. Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy.



UPCOMING -
INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
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In 1957, Indiana Jones is thrust back in action, venturing into the jungles of South America.

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



Courtesy photo

Alan Marsh, a 116th Air Control Wing historian, was the first Title 5 civilian in his wing to deploy.

Civilian historian makes mark in deployed location

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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When Alan Marsh became the 116th Air Control Wing historian, he knew that deployment was inevitable.

He never imagined how it would change his appreciation for his fellow Airmen though.

The 48-year-old Macon native deployed to a forward operating location in January for a 120-day assignment that charged him with documenting the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing's operations in theater.

Mr. Marsh is the first Title 5 civilian assigned to the 116th ACW to deploy, an honor he didn't take lightly.

At home, Mr. Marsh documents the 116th ACW's mission and any other related aspects.

"We do a periodic history, which is an annual history stateside that's approved by the commander and eventually housed at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.," he said.

A large part of Mr. Marsh's job involves tracking lessons learned so that future leaders and key staff can

make better decisions ahead.

Mr. Marsh carried his zest for history to the field.

The historian was often armed with pen and paper and sometimes a recorder to document the deployed mission.

Mr. Marsh's job is quite different in theater.

"This year was my first deployment, and I am in the Air Expeditionary Force bucket so I'll be going again," Mr. Marsh said. "There doesn't seem to be a lot of (Department of Defense) civilians out in the deployed area, but it's increasing."

The way he prepared for deployment isn't much different from that of military Airmen though.

"Even though I'm a DOD civilian, I go through a lot of the same training that any Airmen would go through: chemical warfare, weapons qualification, etc.," Mr. Marsh said.

One difference that distinguishes Mr. Marsh from military Airmen is his civilian uniform, though some have mistaken him for an active-duty Airman at times.

The main difference between Mr. Marsh's uniform and a military one was his civilian patch, one that many often missed.

"Many times, people who would approach me would

start to salute thinking perhaps I was an officer," Mr. Marsh said. "After a while, it just gets to where you just let them salute."

While Mr. Marsh never served in an active-duty military role, he now feels closer to the experience and has gained a greater appreciation for those in the armed forces.

"I loved this country before I left and I respected all of our Airmen before I left, but that has increased and I didn't even know that it could," he said. "Our men and women over there are doing a tremendous job, not just the Airmen, but other military branches as well. I feel it's not only important to document what's happening for commanders to learn from, but also as a testimony to what our military personnel are accomplishing."

Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore, 116th ACW commander, said his wing historian's deployment lines up with today's 'total force' approach.

"We live in an age of transition and integration, an era of Total Force," he said. "Here at the 116th Air Control Wing, we are one family. It does not matter if an individual is active duty, Guard or civilian. What is important is that we accomplish our mission."

General Moore said DOD historians are a great asset to deployed units.

"DOD civilian historians are well equipped to record and present our operations in an unbiased manner and that is important," he said. "Alan Marsh is the first DOD civilian to be deployed from the wing and I am pleased to have a DOD civilian in our wing who is committed to the mission and willing to be deployed where needed."

Dr. Bill Head, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center historian who worked with Mr. Marsh when he first came to Robins, said he's very proud of his fellow historian.

"(Alan) has been a great personal friend and a superb historian for his entire career," he said. "His dedication to serving his country came as no surprise to me."

Dr. Head said Mr. Marsh was eager to deploy, knowing his role was important.

"The Air Force deployed one of its best historians to collect the important documents and provide the most accurate history possible so future generations will know the important role that the U.S. Air Force has played in this war," he said.

"Our men and women over there are doing a tremendous job, not just the Airmen, but other military branches as well."

Alan Marsh
Historian, 116th Air Control Wing

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"I want people in our unit to work with me, not always for me," he said. "We have to be a team to make this happen."

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said Mr. Quinn has the right blend of skill and character to raise Robins' game even higher.

"What David brings that is unique is a leadership style that is inclusive, an ability to listen to many sides of an issue, and an infectious, positive outlook," he said. "When

you think about standing up a new unit, those traits are particularly important. We are lucky to have David and I look forward to seeing this new unit perform to the incredibly high standards that each has done previously."

Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, is also glad to have Mr. Quinn on board.

"He's definitely very excited for this opportunity," he said. "He gets to see firsthand the whole Force Support Squadron stand up at Robins and tackle all the challenges that come with that. Based on what I've seen so far, he's very

energetic and very excited about learning this whole new FSS dynamic."

Maj. Emilio Ruizsoriano, former deputy director of the now defunct Services Division, said he expects great things to come with the new Robins team member.

"I can say that Robins is in great hands right now," he said. "Mr. Quinn is a superb individual. I've known him only a few days, but I can tell that the focus on the mission and the customer support and the morale of our people is unbelievable."

Maj. Ruizsoriano said although the merging of the

former MSS and Services Division can be scary for people, he thinks ultimately it's going to be a better organization for Robins.

Mr. Quinn said he looks forward to working with great people, including Maj. Eddie Taylor, 78th FSS deputy director.

"I'm very excited to be here," he said. "We want to deliver the highest quality programs to all the folks at Robins and I think this is just a great opportunity. The FSS will provide synergy and opportunities to excel, some like we've never seen before in our support business."

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day it is. We'll know, and we'll remember.

When those moments occur, I ask that you send up a little prayer or give silent thanks for those generations of brave men and women who sacrificed so dearly for our Nation and its independence. Please, also remember the brave Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors deployed far from home and family on this July Fourth. That we have this day to enjoy is due to this continuing heritage of heroes, and it's fitting that we

remember them and the ones who went before them as the founders of our celebration.

It also can't be forgotten that each of you, members of the great work force of Robins Air Force Base, serve to bolster our country's strength and ensure its liberty. On this special holiday, I want you to know your efforts are recognized and appreciated. I'm proud to be your commander and fellow Airman.

Mary Beth and I wish for all of you a terrific Fourth of July and a safe and happy holiday weekend.

— Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander



How do you plan to celebrate the Fourth of July?



Airman 1st Class Joseph Cooper
53rd CBCS

I'm going TDY to Oklahoma City so I'm going to pretty much hang out with the people I'm TDY with and see what's out there.



Nikki Joiner
Acquisition Co-op employee

I'm going to Lake Blackshear in Cordele and be on the boat and Jet Ski all day.



Staff Sgt. John Daehne
373rd TRS Det. 6

I'll probably spend it at home with friends and maybe catch the local fireworks display.



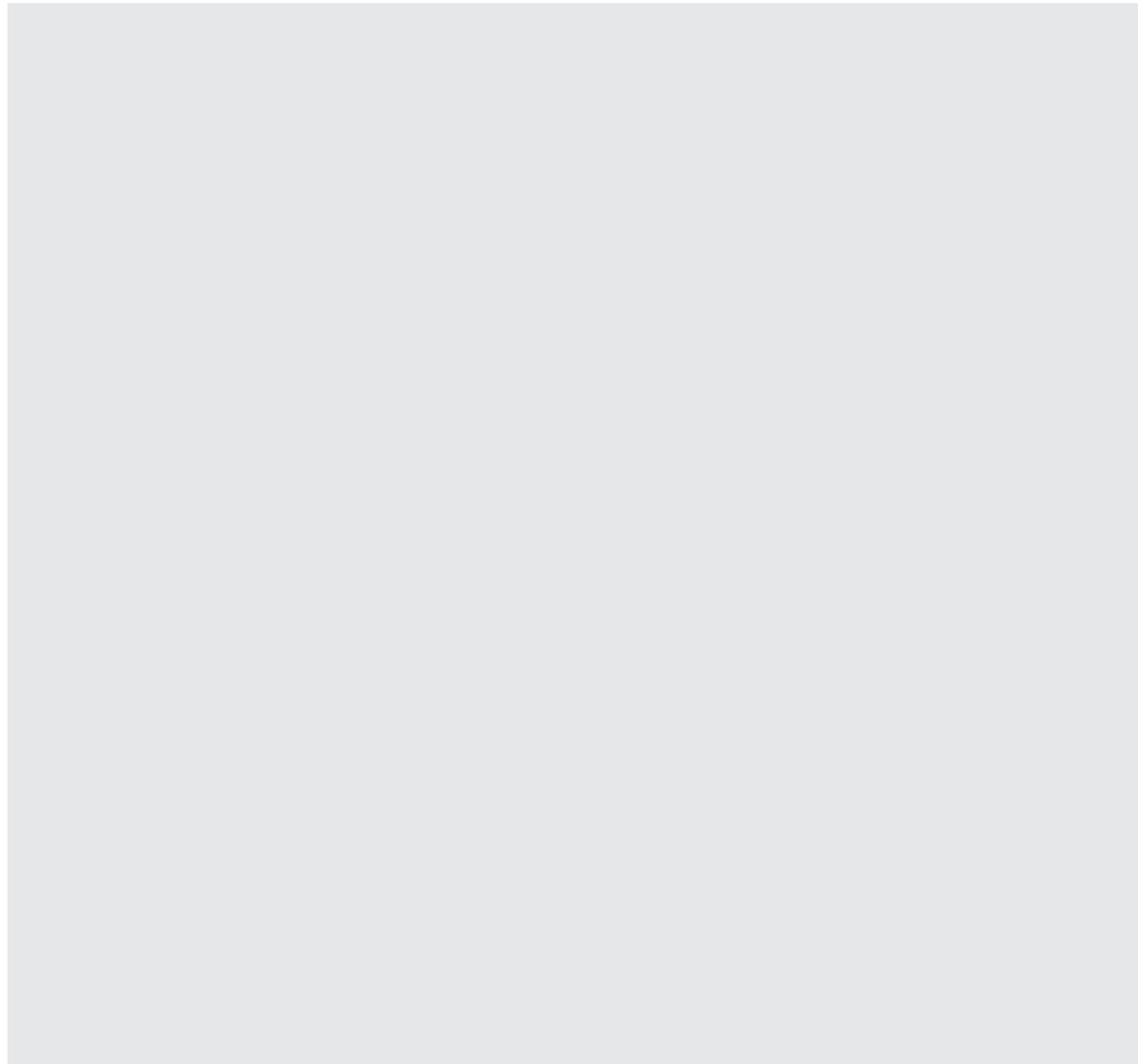
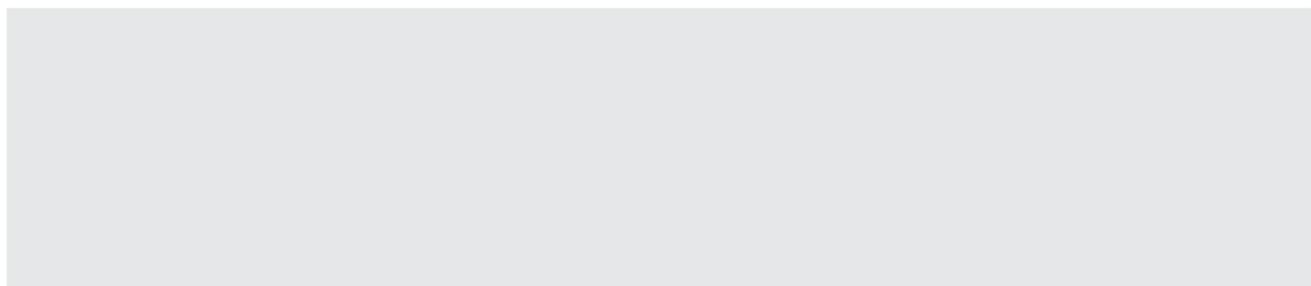
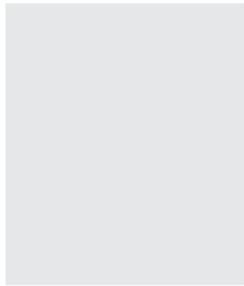
Staff Sgt. Joshua Pope
5th CBCSS

I'm going to barbeque and go visit my family in Kentucky.



Staff Sgt. Rodney McQueen
373rd TRS Det. 6

I'm taking my wife and daughter to Tybee Island for some family time and to enjoy the ocean for a little bit.



Fireworks safety tips

This year as in past years, Americans will celebrate the Fourth of July with parades, cookouts and fireworks. That brings us to a very important matter, fireworks. On Independence Day in a typical year, more fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for half of those fires.

While most injuries occur from legal fireworks, a considerable amount occur from illegal fireworks, and half of the victims are under 15 years of age. Most of the injuries occurred to the hands, eyes, head or face, and upper parts of the leg.

Fireworks that are illegal/banned under Georgia and Federal Law include:

☞ M-80's, cherry bombs, and any firecracker containing more than 50 milligrams of powder.

☞ Large re-loadable shells.
☞ Aerial bombs.

☞ Mail-order kits for building fireworks.

☞ Torpedoes, skyrocketes, roman candles, and bombs

Before using fireworks, make sure they are legally permitted in your state or local area. If you happen to reside in an area that authorizes the use of "safe and sane fireworks," consider some of these safety tips:

☞ Store your fireworks in a cool dry place. Check the instructions for special handling and storage requirements.

☞ Never allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers considered safe will burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit hot enough to ignite any clothing. Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision, and never allowed to horseplay with any type fireworks.

☞ Always light fireworks

outdoors in a clear area away from buildings and grass and never light fireworks around any flammable materials.

☞ Make sure everyone is out of the area before igniting fireworks.

☞ Never try to relight or handle any malfunctioning firework. Douse these fireworks with water and discard.

☞ Never light fireworks in a glass or metal container, shrapnel from these containers can cause serious injuries or even death.

☞ Keep all unused fireworks away from the designated firing area.

☞ Keep a bucket of water available for emergencies.

☞ Never experiment, modify or attempt to make your own fireworks.

☞ Never throw or toss fireworks at another person.

☞ Do not wear loose clothing; it can very easily catch fire.

☞ Only light fireworks one at a time.

☞ Do not mix drinking and drugs with fireworks, this presents an added danger that can cause serious consequences.

☞ In case of an emergency make sure you know the emergency reporting number in your area. If an accident does occur, do not delay medical attention even for seemingly mild injuries.

*Remember, there is no safe way to play with fireworks. The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is at a professionally run public display.

*The use and storage of fireworks is strictly prohibited on Robins unless prior approval has been obtained in writing from the Air Base Wing Commander.

If you have any questions, call the Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

— Courtesy Robins Fire Department

