

## Robins VDATS tester deploys on first real-world mission

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A crowd of Robins team members gathered together July 9 to celebrate a milestone in the base's mission to establish a universal tester for the depot.

The Versatile Depot Automatic Test Station was put to the test as it examined its first production asset in its career as an Air Force and Department of Defense Family of Testers member.

The production asset to be tested was the decoder assembly from the Pave Penny pod, which is a targeting device used in the A-10 Thunderbolt II. This asset, up until now, has been tested on the Computer Operated Multifunction Electronics Test System tester; a 1968 vintage tester

which has become increasingly difficult to maintain and keep operational.

Michael Hunt, lead test station operator, described the addition of VDATS to his test station as "awesome."

Mr. Hunt also said the addition of the VDATS to the test station will relieve some of the workload off the COMETS, which he hoped would lead to fewer mechanical malfunctions.

The Test Program Set, which was approved on June 27, officially made its debut at 7 a.m. in Bldg. 158.

Dempsey Ventress, VDATS depot program manager, described the early morning milestone as the finish line to the team's first race and the starting line of the next.

"This event represents the first of

many test programs to be re-hosted from our legacy testers to the common VDATS tester," Mr. Ventress said.

About 20 test programs are expected to be in production by the end of fiscal 2008, he added.

Mr. Hunt said his favorite part about the addition of VDATS to his test station was "the ease of operation."

"There is so much involved with COMETS; its just point and click with VDATS," he added.

John Dunn, deputy director of the Avionics and Instrument Flight, described the first VDATS unveiling in the production arena as a great start to their desire to retire their one-of-a-kind tester, COMETS.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA  
Michael Hunt, lead test station operator, prepares to test the first production asset using VDATS, a decoder assembly from the Pave Penny pod.

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## 116th ACW earns AF outstanding unit award

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The 116th Air Control Wing knows how to make hard work look easy.

The unit recently earned its 14th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the 116th ACW's third such accolade since it became the first blended unit with active-duty and Air National Guard members in October 2002.

Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, Georgia Air National Guard commander, presented the wing with its award at the wing's multi-purpose hangar July 10.

General Hammond said the honor is rare among such units.

"In the Air Force, only a handful of ANG organizations nationwide receive this honor," he said. "I congratulate the men and women in the unit for this singularly distinctive honor."

The 116th ACW stands alone in its operation of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, one of the most advanced airborne ground surveillance and

battle management system in the world.

The unit set itself apart by providing continued and unprecedented advancement as the only blended total force wing in the U.S. Air Force, consistently deploying above Global Military Force Presence surge rates.

Joint STARS aircraft and crews assisted in multiple raids in Baghdad, supporting the 101st Cavalry's largest air assault since Vietnam, allowing them to destroy enemy mortar encampments.

Surveillance during Operation Varsity March resulted in the capture of the number one and number four high value individuals on the 'Anti-Iraq Forces' Most Wanted List.

The wing clocked more than 9,500 combat flying hours and flew more than 850 sorties for operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Chief Master Sgt. Donald Camp, 116th ACW command chief, said the award reflects how the wing puts its heart and soul into the mission.

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## America's independence celebration



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON  
The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve teamed up with Country music group Lonestar in concert at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium July 3 for the 25th Annual Independence Day celebration. The free concert included music, fireworks and family entertainment, and was the simultaneous commemoration of America's independence day and the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force Reserve. For more photos of the celebration, see page B-1.

## Minor growth hiccup relieved following removal of long-buried propane tank

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Robins engineers recently unearthed a propane tank that was interfering with a planned construction project.

An underground propane gas tank, which was buried in front of Bldg. 128 in the early to mid 1970s, became of particular concern when plans to change the area's infrastructure surfaced.

"The people from the 402nd Maintenance Wing were getting ready to demolish Bldg. 128 and build some kind of new facility there," said Steve Smith, base tank program manager in the Quality Assurance Branch of the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division. "The new building) was going to be larger than Bldg. 128. This 10,000 gallon underground propane storage tank was

going to fall in the footprint."

In addition to the demolition plans for Bldg. 128, the removal was also prompted by Air Force regulations that pushed for the raising of underground propane storage tanks.

Mr. Smith, who became involved in the project to remove the tank about a year ago, said the propane gas storage tank was used primarily in the Heat Treatment Shop in Bldg. 140, an area that wasn't using the tank's 10,000 gallons to full capacity.

Kevin Bartoe, special operations chief with the Base Fire Department's Fire and Emergency Services, said the tank's removal was part of an environmental initiative to get tanks out of the ground where they can be monitored to know if they're leaking.

"It was part of an Underground Tank Standard project," he said. "They were looking at all the underground tanks on the installation and

deciding which ones needed to be unearthed and moved above ground."

The tank was removed by contractor J2 Environmental and subcontractor TAK, both based in Florida. As an extra precaution, the soil in the area was removed and taken to a special treatment facility where it was buried, Mr. Smith said.

The tank's removal caused a temporary inconvenience for workers in Bldg. 128.

"The project caused some headaches for the employees of Bldg. 128) for about a week," he said. "They had to work around the contractor mitigating this and the removal of the tank."

Despite the shop's operational difficulties, Joseph Carroll, a fire inspector with the Base Fire Department, said safety came first in the project.

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This 10,000 gallon propane tank buried for nearly four decades was recently raised and removed from an area near Bldg. 128. The tank became a concern last year when demolition of the building was planned.

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**Change of command ceremony**  
Maj. Gregory Anderson will relinquish command of the 78th Security Forces Squadron to Maj. Russell Stilling in a change of command today at 8 a.m. in the base theater. A reception will immediately follow.

**Gate 5 lane closure**  
The Martin Luther King gate, Gate 5, outbound lanes will be closed from 5 a.m. Saturday until noon Tuesday to allow civil engineer craftsmen to perform repairs. The inbound lanes will operate as normal. Call Russell Thornbury at 327-8937 or Marshall Wall at 327-8935 with any questions.

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## Commissary adds self-checkout lanes, new checkout system

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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The Robins commissary recently underwent a face lift.

When the commissary opened July 1, morning patrons were welcomed with a wide array of improvements meant to help eliminate long checkout lines and making shopping more enjoyable.

The front-end operation, known as the Commissary Advanced Resale Transaction System, features new cashier stations designed to make purchasing groceries easier and more efficient.

Paula Lewis, Robins Commissary store director, said one of the most exciting things about the new checkout system is the addition of four self-checkout lanes.

On July 2, shoppers were already thrilled with their ability to skip long lines and dash out the door rather than waiting for the next available cashier.

"Oh, I really like it. I think it will make the lines faster," said Patricia Lanning, store

patron. Even members of the commissary staff were thrilled with the addition of the machines and were looking forward to using them themselves when they do their shopping.

Alma McBryer, a grocery bagger at the commissary, watched as several patrons used the self-checkout lanes hoping to learn from their experiences.

"I am going to try it before I go home," she said.

The new self-checkout lanes accept all forms of payment including cash, credit and debit, and allow patrons to scan their own coupons.

As patrons make the adjustment, Ms. Lewis said members of the commissary staff will be on hand at the self-checkout lanes to assist with any difficulties and ensure patrons have their government IDs.

The commissary also added new conveniences for customers who prefer a more traditional checkout experience.

"It's nice to be able to look up and see what you have purchased," said Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Roberts with the 116th Operation Support Squadron. "You can see all your items and how much you spent."

Sergeant Roberts is referring to the 15-inch color display allowing customers a better view of their purchases. The screen will also be used to display special deals and other in-store promotions.

"We have improved the look and function of check stands thanks to an ergonomic design that reduces a lot of unnecessary things between the cashier and the customer," Ms. Lewis said.

Some of the other features include a touch-screen display for cashiers, which will speed up checkout times, a hand-held scanner allowing cashiers to reach larger items while they are still in the shopping cart and an electronic check conversion system that speeds up the check writing process



Donna Baldwin, a commissary cashier, assists Horace Ellis with one of the new self-checkout lanes installed at the commissary during the last weekend in June.

U.S. Air Force photo by AMANDA CREEL

and eliminates the handling of paper checks by store personnel.

"This system represents a new era of service for the customer," Ms. Lewis said. "Our customers will be amazed at how this technology will improve their shopping experience."

Even as customers shop the commissary aisles, the new system will ease their shopping experience through the availability of two price-check stations located on aisles five and eight, which will allow customers to scan the price of products before they reach the checkout station.

### TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center July 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to those who served in the Armed Forces and are seeking a second career as teachers. The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 141, no reservations needed. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

### BLOOD DRIVES

Fort Gordon Military Blood Services and the American Red Cross will hold blood drives July 18. The Fort Gordon drive will be in Cotton Auditorium and the youth center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Red Cross drive will be in Bldgs. 640 and 645 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and AFRC Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



**What gets you going in the morning?**



Capt. Kay Beigh  
78th ABW

The morning hug from my little girl.



Tara Cephas  
Robins Furniture Store

Going to Starbucks and getting a cappuccino. I would still get up if I didn't have one, but I wouldn't be as happy.



Airman 1st Class  
Phillip Curtis  
TMO

Coming here (to work) to be around my friends is what gets me motivated.



Penelope Rodgers  
DRMO

My French vanilla coffee gets me going. I get up and make it every morning. I always add a little regular coffee to make it stronger.



Preston Staten  
DRMO

My Rottweiler gets me up in the morning because he has got to go!

# Airlines giving active-duty members breaks on increased baggage rates

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Rising fuel costs aren't just putting a squeeze on personal budgets. Airlines are also suffering from increased fuel bills.

To help combat revenue loss due to higher fuel costs, many airlines have increased rates on baggage. This means more travel expenses for some going on temporary duty and other official government travel orders.

Laura Paschal, assistant manager for Airtrak Travel, the company that handles all government TDY and permanent change of station travel for active-duty Airmen and Department of Defense civilians traveling on official orders, said American Airlines is one of the first airlines to increase rates on travelers' baggage and began applying its new rates June 15.

Mrs. Paschal said American Airlines is giving active-duty military and DOD civilians a break on luggage for official travel.

"American (Airlines) exempts active-duty and civilians (traveling on orders)," she said. "If they're traveling on orders, they will not be charged for the first or second bag (if they're going TDY or PCSing on a government rate)."

Other airlines are giving active-duty military members breaks with baggage rates also.

"(Delta) is telling me that active-duty military traveling on orders are exempt from the second bag fee of \$25," Mrs. Paschal said. "For civilians

going TDY on the government rate, they will not be exempt (from that \$25 second bag rate)."

Mrs. Paschal said military and



civilians traveling on government orders should bring their TDY or PCS orders to either Airtrak Travel or the Traffic Management Flight to make their reservations. Travelers should present their orders along with their government-issued ID card to be exempted from the second bag charge.

Continental Airlines exempts active-duty military members from increased baggage rates while on official orders. Active-duty members can check in two free bags, with additional bags at \$25 per bag, Mrs. Paschal said.

Northwest Airlines exempts active-duty members traveling on orders from a second bag charge. However, DOD civilians would be exempt only if the bags didn't exceed 50 pounds each. If bags exceed 50 pounds, civilians are charged for the second bag.

U.S. Airways exempts active-duty military members traveling on orders from paying a fee for a second bag. Civilians traveling on official government orders, however,

are allowed one free bag at check in with a \$25 fee for the second bag, Mrs. Paschal said.

While United Airlines exempts active-duty military members traveling on orders from paying for a second bag, DOD civilians traveling on government business must pay \$85 for a second bag.

Mrs. Paschal said even the government-contracted rate for official travel has increased within the last month due to rising fuel costs.

Linda Hamburg, Airtrak Travel office manager, said while the changes aren't adversely impacting active-duty members, it's causing DOD civilians to think twice about their luggage as such rates can change without prior notice.

Mrs. Paschal said there has also been an increase in ticket prices and other related items with some airlines.

As of Oct. 1, 2007, many airlines have included a fuel surcharge to cover added fuel costs, which in some cases could add as much as \$100 to a round-trip ticket in the lower 48 states and add \$100 to tickets for overseas travel, Ms. Hamburg said.

Elaine Shuttlesworth, deputy comptroller in the 78th Comptroller Squadron at Robins, said the increases could be a sign that the government-contracted rate for airline tickets could climb as well.

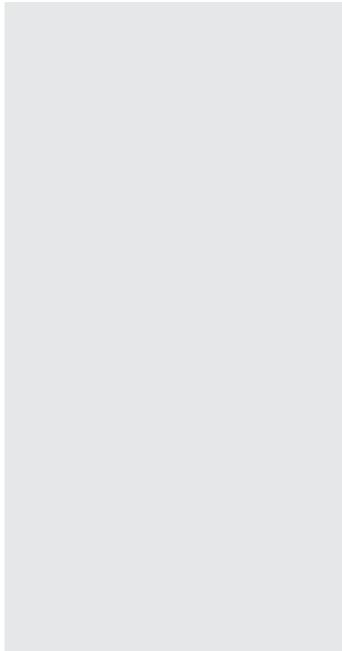
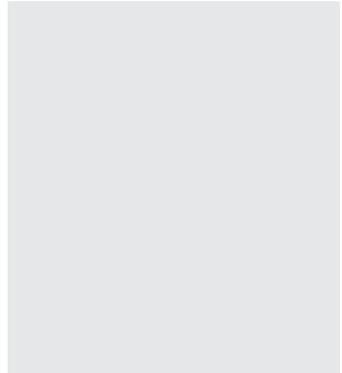
"I'm sure (the government contracted) rate will go up also since they're going up on

all the other tickets," she said. "It will probably mean fewer trips. You only get a certain amount of travel money and managers choose which trips are most necessary for (organizations) to attend."

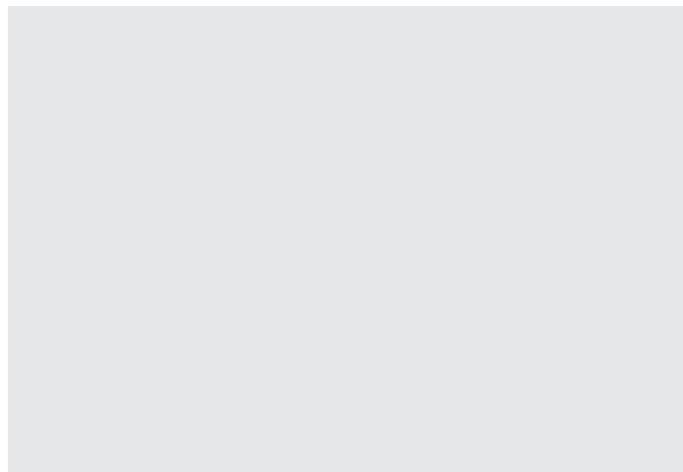
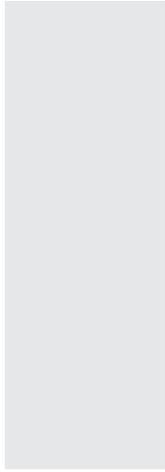
Mrs. Shuttlesworth said organizations may have to consider alternatives to participating in TDY activities, such as teleconferences and video conferences as opposed to in-person visits.

## WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on changing government travel costs, call Airtrak Travel at 926-3101.



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## AWARD

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"This award recognizes the dedication and professionalism of all of the members of the wing," he said. "As the command chief, I can tell you first hand the members have worked hard to garner this award and it is well deserved."

Chief Camp has been with the wing for 34 years and has been a part of all 14 Outstanding Unit awards.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore, 116th ACW commander, said he's proud to lead such an outstanding group of professionals.

"The men and women of the 116th have made extraordinary contributions to the global war on terrorism," he said. "I'm extremely proud of the combined accomplishments of the active-duty Air Force, Army, Air National Guard, and civilian employees as well as their families that make up this unique wing."



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR MASTER SGT. TOM MACKENZIE

Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond (left), Georgia Air National Guard commander, presents the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to Brig. Gen. Tom Moore, 116th Air Control Wing commander.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes

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.

### Bundles for Babies

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies

Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 794. Course is for all active-duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Call Family Advocacy at 327-8398, to sign up.

### Starting a business (pros & cons)

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting A Business (Pros & Cons)" workshop Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 240.

### Interview basics & preparation class

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**BASE CHAPEL**

**VOLUNTEERS**

The Base Chapel is in need of volunteers for the AWANA program beginning Aug. 20.

The program is in need of small group leaders who can help bring children to their activities.

The chapel is encouraging the chapel's teachers to attend AWANA training at Southside Baptist Church July 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kiley Glass, Protestant Religious Education coordinator, will provide lunch and pay the entry fee for Chapel volunteers who attend. For anyone who wants the training but can't attend that date, the chapel can provide alternative times.

Volunteers are also expected to attend a rehearsal club meeting Aug. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

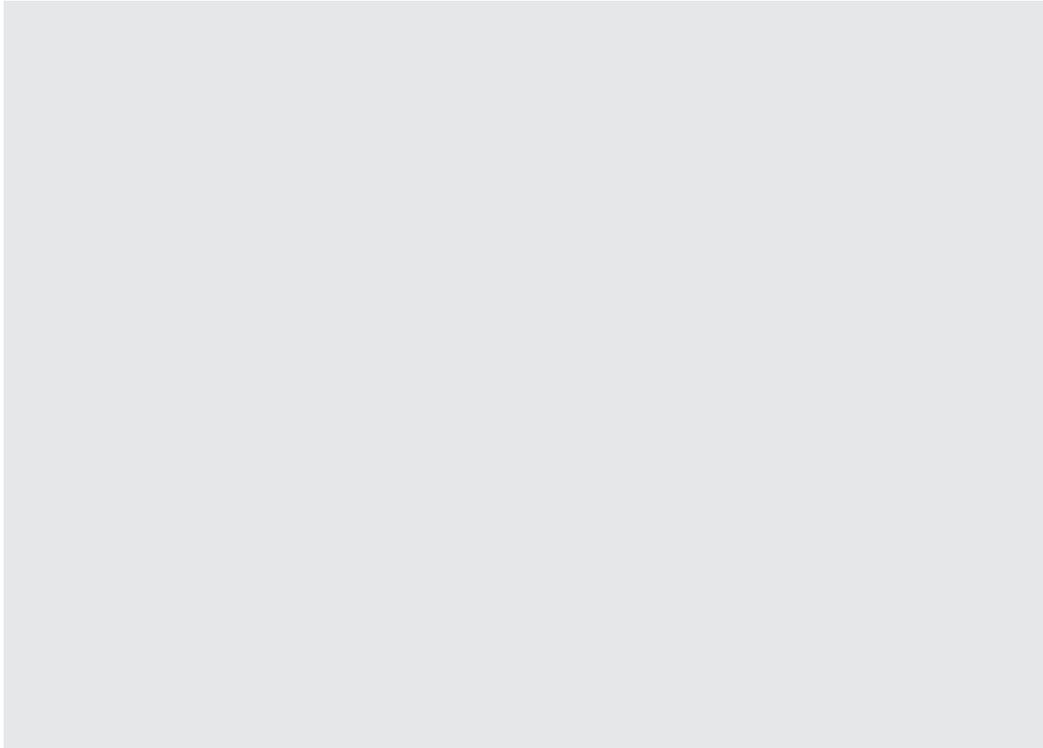
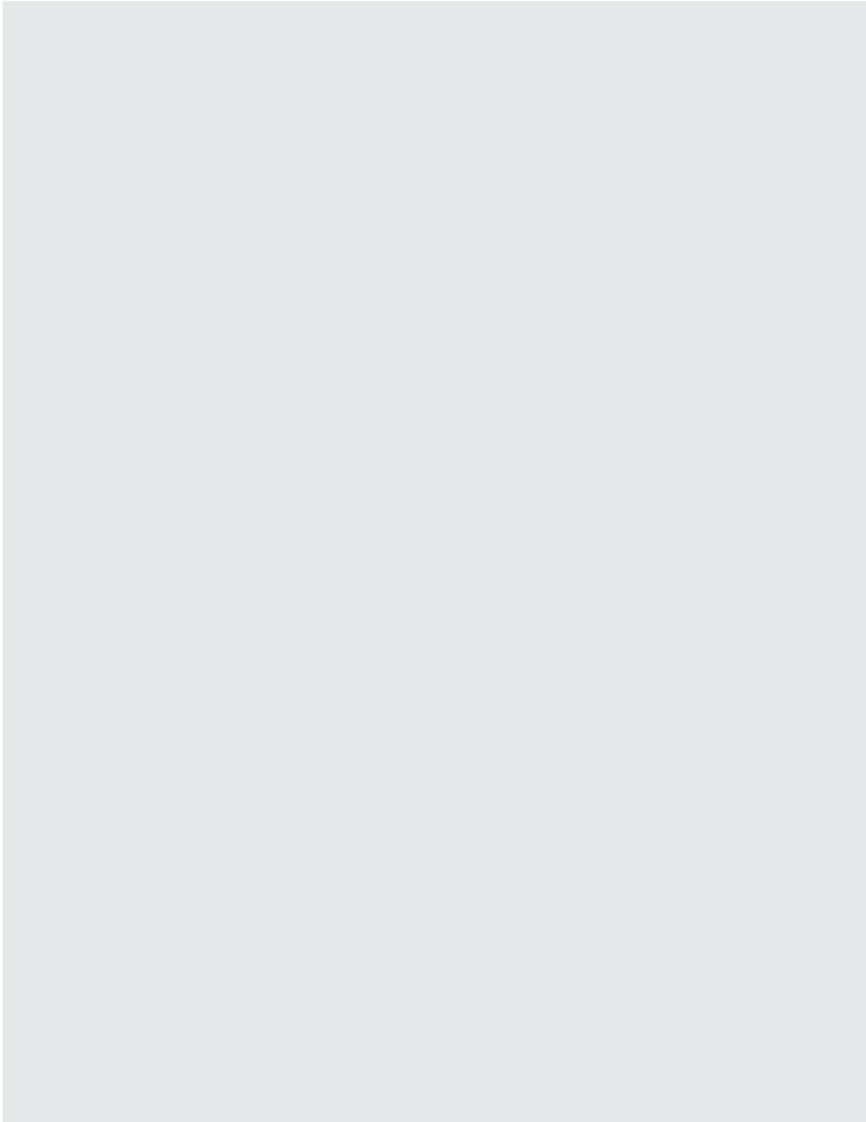
Contact Ms. Glass at 327-3780 for more information about volunteering.

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

**DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

All sponsors are required to go by Robins Elementary School in order to complete the re-registration form 600 so their child will be enrolled for the current school year and placed into a class. In addition to the form 600 you will need to supply the school with either a copy of your current set of orders or a front and back copy of your military ID card (sponsor). This cancels the forms you might have filled out in May - we must have these new forms completed as soon as possible. It takes just a few moments of your time and is of the utmost importance. If your sponsor is remote or TDY and you have the power of attorney, you may complete the paperwork in their absence but you must bring your power of attorney with you. This will be required each school year.

Our teacher staffing is based on our enrollment and currently we have only 40 students who have the required forms completed and on file. A letter was mailed to the parents June 12 but we have had very little response generated from this mailing. For more information call 926-5003.



# Commentary

"Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Col. Warren Berry  
78th Air Base Wing,  
commander

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*Questions may be e-mailed to the WR-ALCXP workflow with subject line marked AFSSO21 question. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, will respond to AFSSO21 questions.*

### Q: What's the role of Six Sigma in Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century?

A: Many people have heard the term Six Sigma, not to be confused with GS. Simply stated, Six Sigma is the philosophy that business performance can be improved by making processes more consistent and ensuring the processes are meeting requirements. I personally like to think of Six

Sigma as simply "variation reduction."

As an example, consider a game of darts. If we throw darts at a dart board, and they randomly hit all over the board, that would be like having an inconsistent process. If we could throw a tight grouping, that would be better, but if the grouping is not on target, we haven't really improved things.

Variation reduction's focus is on reducing or eliminating sources of inconsistency. A simple example might be getting a hamburger at a local fast food restaurant. You may order the same sandwich at the same restaurant at the same time of day each day. But for some unknown reason, or variable, you get four pickles one day, six pickles the next day, or sometimes no pickles at all. Somewhere in the hamburger production cycle, there is a process issue driving inconsistency. It could



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen  
WR-ALC commander

be at the beginning of the supply chain where orders are taken or extend to the end of the line where the burger is produced. It may be a supply issue, a training issue or some other unknown variable.

Variation reduction would support defining, measuring, analyzing, improving and controlling the hamburger production process so a consistent, quality product is produced right the first time, every time. Executing

DMAIC for making good hamburgers is a simple example of how reduction variation can be applied to any process.

Variation reduction's goal is to ensure manpower, machinery, methods, material and management more consistently meet customer requirements. I believe variation reduction can improve our AFSSO21 results, and help us sustain improvement over the long haul.

## Legal Office explains dos and don'ts of politics on base

BY PAUL DAVISON  
WR-ALC Legal Office

In less than four months, Robins military and civilian members will have an opportunity with many people in the world still wish they had: the right to choose their president, members of Congress and many state and local officials at the ballot box.

Every member of Team Robins is encouraged to vote; however, the need to ensure the Department of Defense is neutral in both appearance and fact does place some restrictions on political activities of military members and civilian employees.

Activities by Air Force military members are governed by a DOD directive and an Air Force Instruction. Military members who violate the AFI may be prosecuted by a court-martial. Other actions, including nonjudicial punishment and administrative discharge, may be used in appropriate cases.

Civilian employees have similar restrictions under the Hatch Act. These rules are enforced by the Office of Special Counsel and violators can face removal from their positions, although lesser penalties can be imposed by agreements between the employee and the agency.

Because the rules come from different sources, they vary a bit, but they have the same goal—ensuring DOD's neutrality.

All Air Force members, military and civilian, may register to vote, vote and express a personal opinion on political

candidates and issues, but they must not do so claiming to represent the Air Force. They may display a political sticker on their private vehicle but not a large political sign, banner or poster. They may wear a political button when not on duty or, for military members, when not in uniform.

Military members may make contributions to a political organization. They may attend political meetings or rallies, including fundraising events, or join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform, but they can't make it appear they are official representatives of the military.

They may serve as election officials, if their service is not as a representative of a political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while out of uniform, and has the prior approval of the Secretary of the Air Force.

They may sign a petition for or against passage of a bill into law or a petition to place a candidate's name on an election ballot, as long as signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

They may write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing their personal views on public issues or candidates, if it's not part of an organized campaign and if they don't attempt to solicit votes for or against a party or a partisan political cause or candidate. If it's evident from the letter that the author is a

member of the military, then the letter needs to clearly state that the views expressed are those of the author only and not those of the DOD.

All military and civilians should know and abide by all restrictions. If you have questions, contact the Legal Office at 926-9276 before you act. You may be saving your career.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the DOD Public Affairs Policy Guidance concerning political campaigns and elections.

### Use of installation facilities by candidates:

Installation commanders will not permit the use of installation facilities by any candidate for political campaign or election events, including: public assemblies or town hall meetings, speeches, fund-raisers, press conferences, post-election celebrations and concession addresses.

This policy does not prohibit members of congress and other elected officials from visiting military installations to receive briefings, tours or other official DOD information.

Installation commanders will ensure candidates who visit military installations to conduct official business do not engage in any political campaign or election activity during the visit.

Installation commanders should consult the office of the assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs for guidance or instructions regarding specific visitation requests.

## GUIDELINES FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

### Civilian employees may:

- ▶ be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- ▶ register and vote as they choose
- ▶ assist in voter registration drives
- ▶ express opinions about candidates and issues
- ▶ contribute money to political organizations
- ▶ attend political fundraising functions
- ▶ attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- ▶ join and be an active member of a political party or club
- ▶ sign nominating petitions
- ▶ campaign for or against referendum questions, municipal ordinances or constitutional amendments
- ▶ campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- ▶ make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- ▶ distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- ▶ display small bumper stickers on a personally owned vehicle

- ▶ hold office in political clubs or parties
- ▶ run as independent candidates for election to partisan political office and accept or receive political contributions in local city elections. (Candidates for and service in a partisan political office shall not result in neglect or interference with the performance of the duties of the Federal employee or create a conflict of interest)

### Civilian employees may not:

- ▶ use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- ▶ collect political contributions unless both individuals are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee
- ▶ knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency
- ▶ engage in political activity while on duty this includes sending of political e-mail, in any government office, wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle
- ▶ solicit political contributions from the general public
- ▶ be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- ▶ wear political buttons on duty
- ▶ display large political signs, banners or posters on personally owned vehicles while on base

## GUIDELINES FOR AIR FORCE MEMBERS

### Air Force members may:

- ▶ register to vote, and express a personal opinion on candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.
- ▶ attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator or join a political club and attend its meetings while not in uniform
- ▶ write a personal letter which is not intended for publication, which expresses preference for a specific candidate or cause, as long as the letter is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign on behalf of a cause or candidate.
- ▶ display a bumper sticker on a private vehicle

### Air Force members may not:

- ▶ participate in partisan political management, campaigns or conventions
- ▶ speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind
- ▶ march or ride in a partisan political parade
- ▶ participate in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls, if the effort is associated with a partisan party or candidate
- ▶ display a large political sign, banner or poster on a private vehicle on or off base
- ▶ attend political meetings or rallies or join a political club and attend its meetings while in uniform

## Georgia general primary election

The Georgia general primary election will take place Tuesday. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During this election, voters will select candidates to receive either the Democratic or Republican Party's nomination and compete in the General Election Nov. 4.

Air Force civilian employees requesting time off to vote may be excused, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work

three hours after the polls are open or to leave work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the least amount of time off.

Normally, where the polls are open either three hours before or three hours after the employee's regular duty hours, no time off is granted. Flex time employees are not normally granted excused leave to vote unless they are required to report to work before 9 a.m. and remain on duty until after 5 p.m. Under special circum-

stances, additional time off for voting may be granted if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote. An employee, who is given time off for voting, is required to obtain a certificate of voting from the poll site and submit it to their supervisor.

For time and attendance purposes supervisors should use the code "LV" for excused absence. The point of contact concerning time off to vote is your servicing employee relations specialist at 926-5802.

## TANK

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"With something like this, nothing happens quickly," he said. "You have to go really slow and plan it out to a tee. You want to make sure everything is safe. I consider this a prime example of the Voluntary Protection Program process and how it works."

Mr. Carroll said contractors pumped as much propane from the tank as possible and burned the remaining percentage of gas. Nitrogen was placed in the tank to ensure all danger had been removed before its removal.

Mr. Bartoe said a new 1,000-gallon above-ground propane gas tank was placed just northwest of the original location to support heat treatment operations in Bldg. 140.

Workers are continuing efforts to fill in and resurface the area where the tank was removed.

## VDATS

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He said though the end to their journey may still be about three years away, he and the Pave Penny pod team can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Mr. Dunn said the biggest blessing for the team would be the availability of other VDATS testers if there was a mechanical malfunction. When COMETS breaks down, it can mean their line has to shutdown.

He said another plus to the new tester would be the reliability factor.

"We will have faith in this one. With COMETS, we had to double check everything," Mr. Dunn said.

The event allowed members of the Robins' community to witness the beginning of a new era in testing here at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Mr. Ventress said.

"I think the most important thing to remember is the tester is not only going to be important to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, but it is going to be used Air Force-wide and it will affect everyone in the Air Force world-wide," said Bob Pennington, VDATS 402nd Software Maintenance Group lead engineer.

The ultimate goal is to get all the legacy testers out of service and have one uniform tester for the depot, Mr. Ventress said.

"What a wonderful world the depot would be if the same tester could be used throughout the depot," Mr. Ventress added.

Though the project originated in the 402nd Software and Electronics Maintenance groups, many other members of the community are now also a part of the VDATS mission.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Group is now responsible for VDATS program management, but members of the 402nd EMXG and 402nd SMXG will still be helping to develop TPSs, help resolve software and test system issues and work on any other technical issues that arise.

The 402nd EMXG manufacturing squadron will be building all of the future VDATS.

Mr. Pennington said he would describe this as the most important project VDATS team members would see during their career.

Along with beginning to use the tester on production assets throughout the Robins' depot community in the coming months, the tester is also beginning to make its global debut at military installations around the world such as its first field appearance at Kadena Air Base in Japan.

# Happy Birthday America!



25th annual Independence Day concert offers dual celebration for America, Air Force Reserve Command



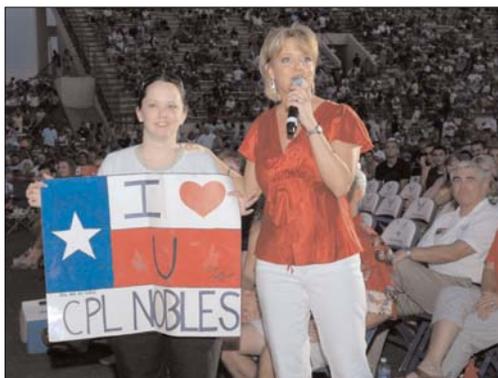
Lonestar members perform during the 25th Annual Independence Day Concert July 3 at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium. U.S. Air Force photos by RAY CRAYTON

The stars shined bright July 3 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium in Warner Robins as the award winning country music group Lonestar rocked the house for a crowd of more than 20,000 fans, helping

usher in our nation's Independence Day while celebrating the Air Force Reserve's 60th anniversary. The Band of The Air Force Reserve started the night off for the 25th annual Independence

Day celebration. Lonestar took the stage singing hit tunes like "Amazed," "I'm Already There," and "My Front Porch Looking In," as well as mixing in some of their new work. The finale was a stunning

display of fireworks that fittingly ended the evening. The concert was taped and later aired on the Armed Forces Network to troops serving overseas. — By Master Sgt. Chance Babin, AFRC.

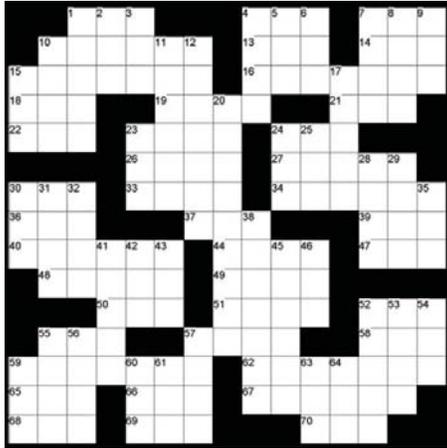


Top left, Fireworks lit up the sky as the grand finale to the Independence Day concert July 3. Center, A member of the Band of the Air Force Reserve plays the bass ; right, Vocalists entertained the crowd which numbered more than 20,000.

Bottom left, Mary Therese Tebbe, 21st Century Partnership executive director, allows one audience member to share a message with her deployed loved one; right, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander and Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, enjoy the show with two special guests.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### The Pelican State's Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
USAF Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

- Male offspring
- Even
- Pub order
- Be sparing or frugal
- Commotion
- By way of
- Col. Robert \_\_\_\_; Pelican State base host unit commander
- City home to the Pelican State base
- Long time
- Cribbage point
- Weird
- Female sheep
- Information
- Spanish title for a man
- Computer manufacturer
- Deletes
- Zodiac animal
- Office furniture
- Bomb wing at the Pelican State base
- Actress Thurman
- Kitchen meas.
- \_\_\_\_ Grande
- Numbered Air Force based at the Pelican State base
- Liability
- Choose
- San \_\_\_\_
- Away from the wind
- Prod
- Legal claim against property
- USAF MAJCOM the Pelican State base is assigned
- Cabin timber
- Cult
- Expert
- Exotic
- Warned
- Circle part
- True Lies actress Carrere
- Space \_\_\_\_; Seattle landmark
- Afternoon beverage in London
- Droop
- Set or place

#### DOWN

- Setting or locale of a story
- Mining goal
- Zero
- Short strips attached to an object to facilitate opening
- Altar words
- Goddess of the dawn
- Enthusiastic; ardent; dedicated; keen
- Fibbed
- Corn holder
- Exhibit; display
- Dennis was one
- Declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent
- Tiny
- Boom made by jet aircraft
- Lt. Eugene Hoy \_\_\_\_; namesake of the Pelican State base
- Father
- \_\_\_\_ Moines
- Lyrical poem
- Spanish bull
- Trim
- Lament
- Between
- One of the wise men from the East, according to the Bible
- Part of a web address
- Brown \_\_\_\_; Louisiana state bird
- Row of bushes
- Friday lead in?
- Pig
- Sacred Ancient Egyptian insect
- X to Cicero
- Fittingly
- North American Indian people of Ontario and Manitoba
- Food fish
- Body of knowledge
- Killer whale
- Sharp or jagged protuberance
- Obese
- \_\_\_\_ A Wonderful Life
- 1998 Jolie movie
- Snakelike fish
- Amount of an essential nutrient on a food label, 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.

The following have been approved as a leave recipients:  
David Whitehurst, 581st SMXS, POC is Floyd Harrison, 327-13935.  
Jessica Martin, 580th SMXS, POC is Barry Mercer, 926-0457

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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.

### MONDAY

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.

Horizons Monday lunch buffet will feature an excellent assortment of Mexican dishes. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### TUESDAY

The Reward 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.

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 soccer (ages 3 - 4 years old), cost \$45. Hours to register will be Monday to Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration accepted until teams are full.

## Spish Splash



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Christian Wallis, 5, son of Master Sgt. Ben and Christina Wallis, loves to swim and worked hard on his technique at the Heritage Club pool recently.

Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

### UPCOMING

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars July 18 for a presentation of "The Waterhorse." The movie will start at 8 p.m. 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.

Bring your dancing partner to a dinner and dance on July 27 with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$13.50 members and \$18.50 guests and includes choice of prime rib of beef, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon w/lemon caper sauce, tossed salad and red velvet cake. Entertainment will be provided by Ray and Wynelle and the Phoenix Band. For more

### ONGOING

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 by Coca Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the Force Support Squadron, Marketing Office at 926-5492.

"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 each Monday.

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.

## SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services ..... 926-5491
- Community Center ..... 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec ..... 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts ..... 926-5262
- Horizons ..... 926-2670
- Heritage Club ..... 926-7625
- Library ..... 327-8761
- HAWC ..... 327-8480
- Fitness Center ..... 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex ..... 926-2128
- Youth Center ..... 926-2110
- ITT ..... 926-2945
- Bowling Center ..... 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. .... 926-4103
- Pizza Depot ..... 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in The Edge and at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com)

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic**  
Catholic masses are 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 (Jum'ah) 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.  
INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

In 1957, Indiana Jones is thrust back in action, venturing into the jungles of South America in a race against Soviet agents to find the mystical Crystal Skull. Chief among them is icy cold, devastatingly beautiful Irina Spalko, whose elite military unit is scouring the globe for the eerie Crystal Skull, which they believe can help the Soviets dominate the world—if they can unlock its secrets.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
IRON MAN  
PG-13

Tony Stark is a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating weapon. Instead, using his intelligence and ingenuity, Tony 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.



UPCOMING: THE HAPPENING  
RATED R  
A family on the run from an inexplicable and unstoppable event that threatens not only humankind...but the most basic human instinct of them all: survival.

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

## 10 teams compete in intramural softball tourney

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON  
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The intramural softball regular season ended late June and after a two-week layoff, teams are back on the field fighting to claim the base championship.

After months of grueling regular season play, the top 10 teams from a field of 26 earned the chance to compete in the final tournament, which kicked off July 8. Each team enters the double-elimination tournament with high hopes after a successful season of play.

Several teams enter the tournament having gone unbeaten in the regular season. The defending base champion and tournament's top seed, the 116th Maintenance Squadron, won all 12 of its games and is a favorite to repeat as champion. The team got off to a strong start, defeating the 78th Operational Support Squadron 22-7 in the first round of play.

Senior Master Sgt. Leonard Quinton, coach of the 116th MXS team, said the "long ball" has helped propel his team to another successful season, but teamwork has been the key.

"Teamwork goes a long way. When a person is struggling, the others need to pick him up and provide encouragement. This is our team's motto," Quinton said.

Looking to upset the 116th MXS team is the tournament's No. 2 seed, the 78th Civil Engineer Flight. The 78th CEF finished the season unbeaten at 8-0 and knocked off its opening round opponent, the 562/402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, 19-6.

The third seed in the tournament is the 402nd Aircraft

Maintenance Group. The team, coached by Tim Cerka, also finished 8-0 and also won in the opening round in a high scoring battle against the Air Force Reserve Command team.

Several other "dark horse" teams have a chance to contend for the championship and play the role of spoiler to the top seeds. One team which entered the tournament with tons of momentum was the 116th Air Control Wing, a team that went 8-4 during the regular season and has the firepower to win it all.

"When we play our game, any team on base would have a hard time staying with us let alone beating us. Our team is loaded with very talented players, a high octane offense and lots of power in the top half of the lineup," said 116th ACW coach John Cahill. "We have a good balance of youth and speed and age and experience."

The team won its final four games of the regular season, scoring an average of 21 runs per game and notching an average margin of victory of 14 runs per game. But the two week layoff hurt the team and many of the team's regulars missed the season opener. Playing with five substitutes, the team managed just four runs in a loss to the 562nd/402nd AMXG team.

Another team that has a strong chance of winning but will need to battle through the losers bracket is the AFRC team. The team held a lead heading into the bottom of the last inning, but couldn't hold the lead and fell by a single run.

"It was a tough loss, but we still have a team that's capable

of winning it all," said Master Sgt. Gary Drapeau, team coach. "We can fight our way through the losers bracket, we just have to have everyone showing up and we need to do a better job of fielding."

Drapeau said despite deployments and lack of continuity, his team works well together.

Other teams that lost game one and will need to fight through the losers bracket are the 78th Operational Support Squadron and the 78th Security Forces.

"If we play to the best of our abilities, we can win," said Tech Sgt. Patrick Johnson, 78th SFS coach. "The majority of the team has been the

same for the past three seasons, and we have defeated the best teams in past seasons, so it can be done."

The 78th SFS was the first victim of the 5th CCG team. The fourth seed finished the season with an 11-1 record and has the potential to upset the top seeds of the tournament.

Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Davies, a member of the team, said the majority of the players have been playing together for several years. They have a lot of playoff experience that will carry them through the tournament.

A lot of strong teams and potential for upsets should keep this year's intramural softball tournament exciting.



U.S. Air Force photo

U.S. Air Force Academy record-holder 2nd Lt. Dana Pounds placed second in the javelin throw in the finals of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials June 30 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

## Javelin toss lands Airman silver at Olympic Trials

U.S. Air Force Academy record-holder Dana Pounds placed second in the javelin throw in the finals of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials June 30 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

Posting a distance of 189 feet 9 inches, Pounds finished just two feet behind the meet's winner, but despite the second-place finish, Pounds missed a spot on the Olympic team as a throw of 198'6" was needed during the qualifying period.

Pounds, a current member of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program, had secured a personal-best throw of 195'6" prior to the trials.

Pounds opened the finals with a throw of 171'2", before posting the 189'9" throw that secured her the silver medal. She fouled off three of her final

attempts. "I truly believe the throw is there," Pounds said after the throw in the finals of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials June 30 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. "I'm not sure why it didn't come out tonight. I've believed for the last six meets that I've thrown in this year, that I've had an 'A' standard throw. I've had more than an 'A' standard throw in me. I think I tried too hard. I don't think I relaxed enough."

Purdue's Kara Patterson won the meet with a throw of 191'9". Patterson, one of just two throwers who had met the Olympic "A" standard prior to the Trials, will be the lone javelin representative for Team USA at the upcoming Olympic Games in Beijing. Oregon's Rachel Yurkovich placed third with a throw of 185'1".

—Air Force News

### INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

#### Final regular season standings

M-W League:			T-Th League:		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
78 CEF	8	0	116 MXS	12	0
402ND AMXG	8	0	5 CCG #1	11	1
78 SFS	7	1	AFRC	9	3
78 OSS	7	2	116 ACW	8	4
562/402 AMXG	5	3	581 SMXS	7	4
402 CMXG	5	3	OLD CROWS	6	6
5 CCG #2	3	5	78 MDG	6	6
78 CS	3	5	116MXS	3	8
138 MICO	3	5	CGOA	3	9
116 MXS(FUEL)	1	7	116 OSS	3	9
542 CSW #1	1	7	330 CTS	3	9
52 CBCS	1	7	542 CSW #2	1	11

#### Tournament results

July 8:		July 10:	
78th OSS def. 562/402 AMXG, 16-9		116 MXS vs. 5th CCG#1	
562/402 AMXG def. 116th ACW, 19-4		402 AMXG vs. 78 CEF	
		AFRC vs. 116 ACW	
		581 SMXS vs. 78 SFS	
July 9:			
402 AMXG def. AFRC, 24-23			
78 CEF def. 562/402 AMXG, 19-6			
116 MXS def. 78 OSS, 22-7			
5 CCG#1 def. 78 SFS, 16-8			



## Joy Ashley



**TITLE:** Spouses In Action program manager

**ADVICE FOR OTHER AIR FORCE SPOUSES:** "Be responsible for your own happiness."

**BACKGROUND:** Has been an Air Force wife for 24 years and has spent the last 14 years at Robins. She became the Spouses In Action, formerly known as the Key Spouse, program manager in 2003.

**HOMETOWN:** Albuquerque, N.M.

**WHAT MAKES THE SPOUSES IN ACTION PROGRAM WORK:** "I am on call 24-7, 365 days a year. Every single spouse I talk to, I am there for. I have a lot of people who rely on me I can't just be gone or be unavailable. They may not call me every week, but they know they can. They don't have to work around office hours; I'm there 24-7. They can say 'hey Joy, let's go to Starbucks' and I'm there."

### ► IN BRIEF

**MSS CLOSURE**

The 78th Mission Support Squadron, Career Development section will be closed Monday from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a farewell event.

**ASMC LUNCHEON**

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor its July luncheon at Horizons Thursday at 11:30 a.m. The speaker for the luncheon will be Marian Fraley, vice director of the 402nd Maintenance Wing. The subject of her speech will be "AOR Deployment." For more information and tickets to this event, call Darlene Delozier, at 222-3452.

