

## New Center commander takes reins



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Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer took command of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Aug. 7 during a ceremony at the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation. She said she was excited to be taking command of the Center and looked forward to what the future has in store. "This is the job I always aspired to have," she said. "This for me is the epitome of what I set out to do."

Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presided over the ceremony. General Carlson assured those in attendance the Center is in "solid and great hands." He added, "I assure you Polly Peyer comes to you with the highest credentials as both a maintenance officer and a logistician."

General Peyer came to Robins from Headquarters U.S. Air Force where she was director of resource integration in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics Installations and Mission Support.



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Col. Jose Rivera, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, poses with the group's mascot. The colonel took command of the group July 18.

## New 5th CCG commander uses past to navigate future

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Some commanders have their sights set steadfast on the future, but that's not the case for Col. Jose Rivera, who took command of the 5th Combat Communications Group July 18.

Colonel Rivera, formerly the deputy director of Political Military Affairs at Headquarters, Southern Command in Miami, Fla., wants to take the group back to its roots.

"This group has a proud lineage and a proud heritage dating back to the mid-1960s," he said. "As you look at the history of this particular unit, it has answered our nation's call every single time."

Colonel Rivera plans to continue that lineage of service to country and improve how this group provides communications and information

services to the deployed warfighter. The 45-year-old Ponce, Puerto Rico native also wants his group to maintain its high standard of excellence.

Colonel Rivera said he wants Airmen to be proud of their 5th MOB connection.

"We are very proud of our unit," he said. "We instill a lot of pride in heritage and what we do. There is an incredible support system in our NCOs and officers as people come into our unit. When people join the MOB, it's not just a unit. It's a family."

Since his arrival, Colonel Rivera said he has been impressed with Robins.

"First impressions are lasting impressions," he said. "From the moment I came through the gate, I was met with sharp professionals

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## 'Priceless' hangar door construction project positions Robins for future C-17 workloads

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When it comes to finding a way to ensure Warner Robins Air Logistics Center continues its commitment to warfighter support, members of Team Robins are always thinking outside of the box. One of the ways Robins continues to stay in an optimal position to support present and future Air Force missions is by modifying existing structures.

One such project is now entering its final stage and will allow Robins to increase the capacity of the C-17 Globemaster III program, by adding 10 C-17 maintenance bays.

"One cannot place a value on the project in reference to enhancing the C-17 workload here at Robins. I say this because we could not attract additional workloads without these improvements. In that context, it is priceless," said Donna Ehridge, C-17 deputy director.

It all began when the C-141B Starlifter workload started transitioning out as the Air Force prepared for its retirement leaving, Robins in search of other workloads.

Though the C-17 was larger than the C-141, it replaced the C-141. This left a problem for the depot because the hangars were not built to support the 55-foot tail of the C-17.

"We started asking ourselves 'do we have the facilities on base that we can take and convert for the workload?' We did a survey of all hangars on base and these three were the ones we could do the best," said Bill Deaver, engineer design and construction flight chief with the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The project, which has been done in three phases, involved Bldgs. 81,



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Above, Bldg. 83 is undergoing construction on the floors and doors to allow for a larger C-17 Globemaster III workload.

Below, a construction worker lifts a beam at Bldg. 83, part of a three-phase construction project that will ultimately give Robins 10 C-17 maintenance bays. 82 and 83.

The project includes replacing the doors and floors of each hangar to allow the larger C-17 to occupy them.

The hangar doors were only 46 feet high originally, so members of Team Robins 78th Civil Engineer Group and the 402nd Maintenance Wing put their heads together to see what could be done to help maximize the space in the hangars.

"What we did is we looked inside the structure and discerned we could go 58 feet," Mr. Deaver said.

The first hangar to undergo the transformation was Bldg. 81 in 2004. Once the doors were converted from 46 to 58 feet high and the floors were redone, the hangar was equipped with four C-17 bays.

"Had the alterations not been made, we would have been severely limited in attracting new workload.



The C-17 workload is the future of Robins Air Force Base. We are thankful that there was a commitment by the wing, WR-ALC and AFMC (Air Force Materiel Command) to make these improvements. Had this not been accomplished, we would not be writing this story today about the impact, not only to Robins but to

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## ENERGY GOES LEAN

### Center wings use AFSO21 principles to conserve energy, reduce waste

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Members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's wings joined together July 28 through Aug. 1 for the base's first lean energy event.

The 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, the 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, spent five days trying to lean energy use in Bldgs. 300 and 301.

"These organizations have the largest concentration of adminis-



trative processes in these locations and therefore the best opportunity for improvement and conservation," said Cody Smith, a safety specialist with the F-15 program depot maintenance line in the 402nd MXW and who represented the American Federation of Government Employees at the event.

Mark Stokes, Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century facilitator for the event said it was important for the three wings to collaborate on the event because of the similarity of the two buildings in terms of age and function.

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## Motorcycle awareness campaign to kick off

Team Robins is experiencing a dramatic increase in motorcycle mishaps, to include a recent fatality. To focus awareness on motorcycle safety, the "See Me, Save Me," campaign kicks off next week.

The campaign reminds motorcycle riders of longstanding safety compliance requirements and places additional emphasis on the responsibilities of four-wheeled motorists. An upcoming motorcycle safety check will ensure motorcyclists who ride on Robins have current registration, license, proof of insurance a Motorcycle Safety Federation completion card and proper personal protective gear. Four-wheeled motorists will also receive information about how they can look out for two-wheeled wingmen during the check. See page 3A for tips for drivers who share the road with motorcyclists.

### THINK SAFETY

**Always Use Your Seat Belt**  
222-0013  
Days without a DUI: 7  
Last DUI: 78th SFS  
—courtesy 78th Security Forces  
To request a ride, call  
222-0013, 335-5218,  
335-5238 or 335-5236.



### THE TWO-MINUTE REV

**Road closure this weekend**  
The northbound lanes of Robins Pkwy. will be closed at the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. from 5:30 a.m. Saturday, through 5 a.m. Monday. The closure is required so civil engineers can repair a water main under the road.  
If there are any questions concerning this closure please contact Russell Thornbury at 327-8937 or Marshall Wall at 327-8935.  
See page A5 for another upcoming road closure.

### DEPLOYMENT



**Joint STARS travels to Kadena**  
Robins unit shares tactics and training with 961st ACCS, 5A

### HEALTH



**Immunizations**  
Vaccines pack immunity that can keep people healthy, save lives, 4A

### SPORTS



**Duo selected for softball camp**  
Players to compete for a spot on Air Force softball roster, 1B

### WEATHER

FRIDAY  
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SATURDAY  
91/70  
SUNDAY  
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courtesy photo

Robins Elementary students who attended the school's four-week Summer Enhancement Program were able to use language arts and math to become storytellers and artists. Above the students create their versions of the Mona Lisa.

## Robins Elementary summer enhancement program keeps students connected to learning

Robins Elementary School invited their students to a four-week expanded learning program which connected education, school, and community. The Voyager Expanded Learning Curriculum offered opportunities that were exciting, innovative and themed based.

Unlike last year's theme which focused on investigation, the students explored their creativity with fine arts. As voyagers, students became storytellers, poets, artist, dramatists and musicians as they demonstrated their creativity. Instruction emphasized two academic areas; language arts and mathematics.

As the program ended, the

students prepared a celebration for their friends and families, putting on a fine arts festival and a classical play, "Peter and the Wolf," performed by the Voyagers Little Theater.

Families also enjoyed a video production which featured students as they worked throughout the program. Voyager teachers, Sherry Crocker and Sandy Jones, facilitated the four-week program.

Robins Elementary welcomes their students back today for another school year. Call the school office at 926-5003 for additional information. — *Courtesy Robins Elementary School*

### IN BRIEF

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE TIME DELAYS

Chief Master Sgt. William Gurney, Air Force Materiel Command command chief, will conduct a mandatory Enlisted Call for all AFMC enlisted members Tuesday. As a result, customers requiring services from the 78th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section may experience longer wait times from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### PALACE CHASE

Palace Chase allows Airman to apply to separate early from their active-duty commitment and serve out their time in the Air Force

Reserve. All AFSC's are eligible to apply.

For more information on the early separation program contact Master Sgt. Herman Woodard at 327-7367, herman.woodard@us.af.mil or visit 660 Macon Street Bldg. 767 the Smith Community Center.

#### AWANA MEETINGS

AWANA meetings will resume at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 for children ages 3 through 6th grade.

Adult and youth Bible studies also available at that time.

AWANA is a Bible study program that reaches the whole child. For more information call Catherine Kiley Glass, 327-5780 or 926-2821.

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Middle Georgia. These facility improvements and those that will follow will ensure our ability to be competitive in our ever changing business world," Ms. Ethridge said.

The last hangar presently undergoing construction, Bldg. 83, will also be equipped with four bays, while Bldg. 82, a smaller hangar, was equipped with two bays in 2006.

"The renovations of Bldgs. 81, 82 and 83 were the cornerstone for Robins securing the workload as a subcontractor, to Boeing, for the C-17

aircraft. Once the renovations are completed in Bldg. 83 it will increase our capacity by 40 percent," Ms. Ethridge said.

Some of the other improvements the project includes are three weight and balance pads for the nose and landing gear in each bay and a 12-inch thick concrete floor slab replacing the existing hangar floor.

Ms. Ethridge added another advantage to the project is not only does it morph existing hangars to the desired specifications; it also locates the hangars together.

"The co-location of the three buildings is crucial to

the work flow. The modifications to Bldg. 83 are essential in attracting the additional workloads for Robins Air Force Base. Our mission here at Robins is to provide a quality product, on time, at cost, to support the warfighters. These hangars allow for us to accomplish that mission," Ms. Ethridge said.

Dolat Mehta, the project manager, said the project represents a great amount of savings in time and money because constructing a new hangar would have been much costlier and would have required a much longer construction period.

"Facilities is what wins

workloads. Now we can bid on any workload out there," Steve Smith, chief of facility engineering group with the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

The C-17 workload is expected to increase here at the Center over the next two years, said Ms. Ethridge. Building 83 is expected to be completed in November.

"The simple fact that we will be able to work 10 C-17s simultaneously in a hangar, as well as additional speed line aircraft on the flightline, will make us the location of choice for the United States Air Force," Ms. Ethridge said.

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"Collaboration with other wings in Bldgs. 300 and 301 to develop an integrated energy conservation policy makes sense because these buildings have similar structures and we can better utilize government resources," said Darlene Dixon, co-chair for this event and 542nd CSW administrative section chief.

Mr. Stokes said the biggest benefit of the event will be the increased awareness of the building's occupants about the base's energy conservation efforts.

The goal is to reduce energy costs by 10 percent by the end of fiscal 2009 and by 30

percent by end of fiscal 2015, said Jeanne Paris, energy awareness program manager.

Some of the things the group hopes to accomplish include checklists and reminders located throughout the buildings to enhance awareness.

"Most of the ideas that came from the energy event are measures that can be focused on by every employee taking corrective actions to eliminate energy waste, such as shutting off and/or unplugging non-essential lighting, personal electronic devices, appliances, computer monitors at the end of the day, copiers and fax machines, to name a few," Ms. Paris said.

The group also wants to create an environment that

encourages self policing and encourages employees to offer their own energy saving ideas, Mr. Stokes said.

The team hopes to begin seeing some immediate results of the lean event, followed by more evidence during the next month and an action plan completed by October, he added.

"We are really confident in winning the hearts and minds of personnel encouraging them to implement simple energy saving techniques by October 1," said Mr. Smith.

Though the focus of the lean event is limited to Bldgs. 300 and 301, members of the team are aware their footprint will be seen in many other facilities on base as Robins continues to fight energy

waste.

"We have the opportunity to lead the way to ensure Robins meets its goal of a 30 percent reduction in energy consumption by 2015," Ms. Dixon said. "I hope the outcome of the event, whether it be policy or awareness ideas, will be used by every organization on base and they will not have to reinvent the wheel."

The members of the lean event team agreed they all looked forward to building on the progress made during the event.

"This week we spent is not the end, it is only the beginning and we must continue our teamwork to see the actions through," Mr. Smith added.

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willing to provide great assistance. People were very friendly and very knowledgeable about what they were doing."

Colonel Rivera was equally impressed with the Airmen he now leads.

The colonel said he's looking forward to a bright future with the group.

During the first week of October, the Air Force's state-side combat communications units will become part of the new Cyber Command.

"I don't see any major changes in the way our unit operates," Colonel Rivera said. "As a matter of fact, we will take our standards of

excellence with us into this new command."

First Lt. Mark Duncan, 5th CCG executive officer who tracks tasks for the group and the commander, said he looks forward to working with the group's new leader.

"One of the unique things about the group changes of command and changes of command in general is that you get a new leader and a new perspective," he said. "It really gives the group a chance to focus on new areas. Where one commander may excel in one area, the next commander will excel in a different area. It makes the group better overall."

Lieutenant Duncan said he looks forward to seeing how the next couple of years will unfold under Colonel

Rivera's command.

"I think he's going to bring the esprit de corps and unit cohesion to a whole new level," he said. "We had that with Colonel Block. Colonel Block got us to a new level with our mission capabilities. As far as missions are concerned, we're at 100 percent now. Colonel Rivera is going to bring the unit together to really make the 5th CCG shine."

Lt. Col. Norman Eckert, 5th CCG deputy commander, said Colonel Rivera will build upon the foundation left by his predecessor.

"His main focus is on mentorship, officership and restoring some of those 5th MOB traditions that had kind of fallen by the wayside over the years," he said. "(He aims

to) bring back the pride in being able to stand up and say, 'I work in the best communications group in the United States Air Force.'"

Colonel Eckert said Colonel Rivera wants to restore officer pride, leadership, and traditions.

"I think he's going to bring a lot of fun back to the group," he said. "He's already challenging the officers in some of the things they're doing. He wants to make it fun."

Colonel Eckert said the commander has recently started the group doing officer formation runs where members carry the group's guiding and sing jodies. It's amazing the kind of people that look at you and smile and it's like 'hoorah! We're back.'"



**Did you take advantage of the tax-free holiday?**



Staff Sgt. Amanda Murry  
78th MSG Information manager

Yes. Clothes and things for the house.



Beverly Kile  
Robins Elementary reading and gifted support

I bought a new outfit for school because even teachers need new school clothes. I also took my niece and got her a new outfit for school.



Chris Holifield  
AAFES general manager

We did. We bought clothes and school supplies for the kids.



Rico Richardson  
402nd AMXG management analyst

Yes, a computer. I'm getting the largest purchase for the biggest discount.



Rachel Parish  
Military dependent

I planned to but I had to work. I've taken advantage of them in the past, especially last year before I went to school.

**YOU ARE IN AFSO21 COUNTRY**

## Robins Elementary to share principals with Maxwell Air Force Base Elementary

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Melissa Hayes and Brian Perry have elementary education covered for the Air Force.

Ms. Hayes, principal at Robins Elementary School and Maxwell Air Force Base Elementary School near Montgomery, Ala., and Mr. Perry, vice principal at the schools, are pulling double duty for the bases that serve the Air Force's elementary educational needs.

It's a first for the duo this school year.

Ms. Hayes said when Bill Rose, the previous Robins Elementary School principal, retired, the school's superintendent began considering what would be the next move for the school's administration.

"Enrollment historically has gone down over the last few years," she said. "He asked if Brian and I would be the administrative team for this school as well as for Maxwell, which means we would cover both of the Air Force schools for the Department of Defense."

Last school year, there were 141 students enrolled at Robins Elementary School. There are currently 125 students enrolled at the school for the 2008-09 school year.

While the principal and vice principal are early in the year at the schools, Ms. Hayes said she feels good about the year ahead.

"We opened (Robins) on Aug. 4 and we opened our first day of school with teachers at Maxwell on Aug. 1," she said. "Brian and I are working pretty much as a tag team. He will spend the majority of his time at Robins and then I will spend



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Brian Perry, vice principal, and Melissa Hayes, principal, will pull double duty this year by working at both Robins Elementary and Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala.

the majority of the time at Maxwell."

Ms. Hayes said the arrangement will allow someone to be at one of the schools at all times.

Mr. Perry said he and Ms. Hayes diligently prepared over the summer for the new experience and are working hard to make the transition as seamless as possible.

"Melissa and I work really well together," he said. "We communicate very well through e-mail and over the phone constantly. We feel like we're prepared."

Ms. Hayes said she thinks her team is on track for a good year.

"So far, everything has gone smoothly," she said. "We have worked out schedules and talked through things. We've always been a good tag team anyway so we just thought it will carry over."

The principal said the combination of good planning and a great staff will make for a great year.

"For me, it's about getting to know the teachers and how they work together, and getting to know the students," she

said. "Brian and I are really big into building a cohesive team that works well to best serve the military children."

Mr. Perry said he and his partner in education have worked together with base leadership at both bases to increase the schools' enrollment.

The vice principal said he hopes the school year will bring new experiences and a greater excitement about education for the kids.

Angel Hansen, Robins PTO president and mother of three Robins Elementary School students, said after having a lengthy conversation with Mr. Perry, she feels much better about the new administrative arrangement.

"I think he's going to do a great job," she said. "He has great ideas. I believe he will be great for the school."

Mrs. Hansen said she thinks Mr. Perry will do a good job of working with parents to meet students' needs.

"He has an open door policy for us to come in if we have questions or ideas," she said. "He's very open, so I think it's going to work out well."

## "See Me, Save Me"



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP  
Staff Sgt. Adria "Dee" Edwards, with her Kawasaki Ninja 636, and William Haffner, with his Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electra Glide, show the proper equipment for motorcycle riding. That equipment includes helmet, gloves, boots, long sleeves and pants, and a reflective vest. If the rider is carrying a backpack it should be reflective as well.

### Ten things all drivers should know about motorcycles

► There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.

► Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

► Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

► Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.

► Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.

► Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.

► Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.

► Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.

► Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."

► When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.

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Staff Sgt. Robert Wilson helps Senior Airman Shlandra O'Neal stay current on her immunizations.

## Immunizations play vital role in keeping adults, children healthy

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Shots usually don't rank high on people's favorites list. Despite the sting of the needle, vaccines pack immunity that can keep people healthy and save their lives.

This month, the 78th Medical Group's Immunization Clinic and the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Public Health Flight will educate the Robins community about the importance of getting immunizations throughout life.

Various informational brochures and posters will be displayed in clinics throughout the 78th MDG. Information will be on display at the Base Exchange Aug. 28 to drive home the need for staying vaccinated against numerous diseases and conditions.

Maj. Janette Goodman, Public Health Flight commander, said getting vaccinated is important from the early months of life.

"There are so many vaccine-preventable conditions out there," she said. "Throughout childhood and adulthood, these things carry over, mainly because vaccines provide protection for the individuals, but also for their family members, co-workers and anyone else near them that are susceptible to a condition."

Varicella, the vaccine for chicken pox, and vaccinations for measles, rubella and polio are examples of immunizations received early in life.

"These vaccines typically start when the children are two months old," Major Goodman

said. "They're broken down in various intervals and there is a schedule specified by the Centers for Disease Control agencies and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Every medical facility follows those same criteria, whether it's for the state or locally for the military medical facilities for well-baby checks."

Major Goodman said for shots that are required to be given in a series, the second dose must be given to infants by 4 months of age based on the prescribed schedule.

Staff Sgt. Robert Wilson, a pediatric technician in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, said vaccinating children at the appropriate times is an essential part of protecting them from diseases and other medical conditions.

People aren't free from vaccine requirements once out of infancy though.

Major Goodman said hepatitis A, meningococcal, and pneumococcal are all vaccines recently required for adolescents and teenagers.

The meningococcal vaccine is given more to teens as the condition can be acquired in close quarters such as college dorms.

The influenza vaccine is a relatively common immunization people receive on a yearly basis.

"Each year during the September timeframe, we get our policy letter for the flu vaccine campaign," Major Goodman said. "As a new initiative, we'll be working with the local health department to start a new flu vaccine cam-

paign in the schools."

Major Goodman said any shots one hasn't received by adulthood should be given as soon as possible.

A visit to one's primary healthcare provider can help determine what vaccines are still needed.

"A good way to find out if they've had their immunizations is through their healthcare provider," said Maj. Sherry Moore, 78th MDG infection control officer.

In the military, there is a Web-based system called Air Force Complete Immunization Tracking Application that holds all immunization records for active-duty military members.

"We can not only see what you've had here, but what you've had at other bases also. It's a good way that we can see if they're current or not," she said.

Major Moore said kids usually discover needed shots during school physicals.

Military members' shot status is tracked through the Preventative Health Assessments and Individual Medical Readiness Application. The Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System and AFCITA work together to track immunization requirements for military members.

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on immunizations, contact Robins' Immunization Clinic at 327-7921 or 327-7922. You may visit the clinic in Bldg. 700, at Desk 3.



## Carolyn Gesualdo

TITLE: Museum of Aviation receptionist



**BACKGROUND:** She has worked as the receptionist at the Museum of Aviation since September 2001. She answers the phone and provides administrative support to the museum as well as the Museum of Aviation Foundation. She has three children who range in age from 21 to 26. She has been married to Richard Gesualdo for 28 years.

**HOMETOWN:** Oakland, N.J.

### WHY SHE ENJOYS WORKING AT THE MUSEUM:

"The museum is a very interesting area to work in. There's so much going on here and all the functions that go on here, like the car show, the auction, the golf tournament. There's a lot of fun activities and it's fun to help plan those."

**HOBBIES:** She enjoys gardening, cooking, spending time with friends and family and traveling.

## How can you help in the War on Terrorism?

Your assistance is needed in preventing terrorist attacks against our nation. Certain activities can indicate terrorist planning, especially when these activities occur within our community. Suspicious activities of interest that should be reported include:

- **Surveillance** - are you aware of anyone monitoring or recording activities on base?
- **Suspicious questioning** - are you aware of anyone attempting to gain info about the base?
- **Tests of security** - are you aware of anyone attempting to test our physical security?
- **Acquiring supplies** - are you aware of anyone trying to improperly acquire weapons, ammunition, uniforms, IDs or access cards?
- **Suspicious persons** - are you aware of anyone who does not appear to belong in your workplace?
- **Dry runs** - have you observed any activities that appear to be preparation for terrorist attacks?
- **Deployment of assets** - have you observed suspicious abandoned vehicles or stockpiles of suspicious materials in odd places?

*If you observe any of these activities, please report it by calling 926-EYES or 911.*

### MASONS GIVE TOOLS TO HELP FIND MISSING KIDS

Masonic lodges across Georgia are committed to giving parents the tools to help law enforcement officials find missing children through the Georgia Child Identification Program. The program speeds and increases the productivity of the search process. Masons provide equipment, volunteers and materials necessary to generate identifying packets that aid in the recovery and identification of the missing child.

Tyriam Lodge No. 111 in Warner Robins will host a GACHIP event at the Museum of Aviation Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. While the event is free, monetary donations are welcomed. For more information, call the Tyriam Lodge at 714-9193 or 929-8960.

## CONSERVE ENERGY

## Joint STARS crosses ocean to participate in exercise

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The 16th Expeditionary Airborne Command and Control Squadron from Robins deployed to Kadena Air Base for 30 days to train with the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron and participate in an operational readiness exercise on the Korean Peninsula.

The unit is flying its E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft alongside the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System, operated by the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron.

"We have a great opportunity to share tactics and training opportunities with the 961st AACCS as we fly together over the Republic of Korea during the ORE," said Lt. Col. Douglas Kugler, 16th EACCS detachment commander.

The E-8C is a Command and Control, Intelligence, and Reconnaissance asset that provides ground surveillance data to ground and air commanders in a theater of operations.

"The Joint STARS aircraft contributes in a lot of ways;

from developing targets of opportunity for attack operations, to supporting personnel recovery operations," said Colonel Kugler. "We use a crew normally consisting of 21 Air Force and Army personnel to detect, track, report and target enemy ground movement while employing various radar modes, computer subsystems and an extensive communications suite."

While training in this exercise, JSTARS will train its eyes on the ground situation as fighter aircraft launch sorties. The E-8C crew will pass critical ground data to the E-3 Sentry crew and other units like common ground stations from the Army's 2nd Infantry Division and the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force. In turn, the AWACS will share the air picture, enhancing situational awareness for JSTARS crews.

AWACS and JSTARS crews coordinate with friendly aircraft to expedite identification of targets of opportunity. Training opportunities available during this visit offer both units a chance to improve critical coordination skills and reduce the amount of time it



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. REY RAMON

Members of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System team targeted information to the fighter and bomber aircraft during their exercises in the Korean Peninsula area July 29.

takes to coordinate air-to-ground targets.

"When you start putting these two pictures together, you get a lot of situational awareness of enemy activity for faster operational and tactical level decisions," said Colonel Kugler.

Senior Master Sgt. James Reid, 16th EACCS senior director technician said the information taken from both platforms enables commanders on the ground to make real-time decisions based on real-time data.

The crew aboard JSTARS consists of members from the active-duty Air Force, the Air National Guard as well as the U.S. Army. The 116th Air Control Wing at Robins is the sole unit operating JSTARS with a total of 17 operational aircraft providing worldwide support to combatant commanders.

"Though we [both units] have unique missions, it's the synergistic effect of combining the assets that makes the impact in the battle space," said Sergeant Reid.

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#### ROAD CLOSURE

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Walter Carter at 327-8954 or Marshall Wall at 327-8935.

#### ASMC AUGUST 2008 LUNCHEON

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# Commentary

"We must hold our Airmen accountable. Leadership is not a popularity contest. It is difficult. Leaders get commitment from others by being totally committed themselves, by building an environment that encourages creativity, and by operating with honesty and fairness."  
— Rodney McKinley, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Col. Warren Berry  
78th Air Base Wing,  
commander

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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## CROSSWALKS

I work in Bldg. 376 and have to use the crosswalk every day to get to and from work. There are times when people are very courteous and stop as you approach, but there are more times when it seems as if I am a target they are trying to hit. I have been close to the middle of the road and have had cars drive right past me exceeding the speed limit. I have also had them speed up as they approach and then stop abruptly. I am not sure what possesses people to respond this way to pedestrians in marked crosswalks. It is like people have forgotten what courtesy is about and just cannot seem to do the right thing.

I am not sure what it will take to get

more base drivers to adhere to the crosswalk rules. It is my understanding that if a pedestrian is in one of the driver should stop. A co-worker of mine was almost hit one day by a POV. She reported this to security forces and even gave them the license plate number. To my knowledge and hers, nothing was ever done. I don't think educating people is the answer because everyone knows what a crosswalk is for. What is a solution before someone really gets hurt?

## COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

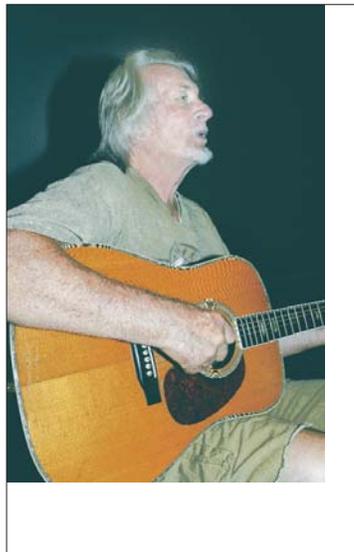
Thank you for your concern. You are right on target that pedestrians have the right of way when in a designated crosswalk. A designated cross-

walk should be the safest place to cross the street. This is why we stress the importance and encourage the use of crosswalks. Under no circumstances should any individual feel like they are a target when crossing a street.

We are making efforts to correct the problem, including publicizing the need for safety near crosswalks in the Robins Rev-Up. Under the Voluntary Protection Program, one of the four tenets is Management Commitment and Employee Involvement. This is where we all must be involved by taking responsibility for our own safety as well as promoting the safety of others. I cannot emphasize enough that last point: promoting the safety of

others means yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. The 78th Security Forces Squadron will conduct random enforcement checks, but just as important, we need your help. I know that you understand that security forces personnel cannot be everywhere.

My aim for Robins is to establish the environment where individuals act responsibly, look out for each other and do not fear retribution for pointing out safety problems. With that environment in place, a cultural change that started four years ago can be realized today. Although I understand your thoughts on education, education is still a great method for bringing about awareness and reducing this poor safety behavior.



Above, Okefenokee Joe performs his song "Swampy the Dog, Skeeter the Cat & Me" during a show at the Museum of Aviation July 25. The theme of his show is Earth Day Every Day and he taught his golden rule of nature to the audience, "If you don't need it, leave it."

At right, Okefenokee Joe pulls a Rattlesnake out of a box during a show at the Museum of Aviation July 25. He talked about the characteristics of several snakes and said that all life is necessary to the earth.

## EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY Okefenokee Joe shares swamp tales, songs and law with Robins crowd



## The little things make a difference in daily interactions

Despite what I'd like to imagine, I am getting older. With that sobering reality comes the fact that I see more and more of what makes a positive difference when dealing with other people.

Throughout my experiences, particularly when I am on the receiving end, I've noticed it all comes down to the little things. The details in your interaction with the people around you and the way you treat the folks around you have an impact far beyond the moment.

For example, I've been doing a lot of work on my house for the past few years. When I try to get a contractor to handle part of the renovation for me, I notice distinct traits that cause me to lean toward one or another. Little things like returning phone calls quick-

ly or showing up for the estimate on time (or at all) are indicators of the professionalism and care they will take when performing the job.

Listening is a huge part of treating people right. When people are talking to you, the little things like looking them in the eye, stopping what you are doing and not interrupting will mark you as a caring, reliable and trustworthy individual.

The people who do not look up from their work or tend to answer the phone in the middle of a conversation are saying they feel too busy or self-important to deal with you. This is a very unkind, non-verbal cut that says more than you know.

If you honestly are too busy to work with someone, take the time to listen briefly, look at them straight on and set

up a concrete time in the near future for them to talk to you.

Other little things that make big differences include asking "How are you?" (and meaning it) and saying "Thank you." "You're welcome," "Nice to see you" and "Glad you could make it." These phrases are small touches that personalize your interactions.

Non-verbal little things could include holding the door, helping pick up stuff that someone dropped, shaking hands or a smile. And what might the measure of your action be? If you were on the receiving end of the action you are about to take, how would it make you feel?

Just about all of this is obvious. The old axiom "you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar" comes to

mind. However, many of us tend to let deadlines and rushing around usurp what we learned in kindergarten. This is an area that most people can stand to improve upon.

Take a look at yourself and examine where you may be able to make the little changes. These things cost you nothing, yet have great currency in how they make other people feel. In return, you will see your stature in others' eyes grow.

With all the negative news in the media, all the rush-and-hurry of life, we could all stand to slow down and do a small, decent "little thing" to change our lives and positively impact others. — This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Andy Brunetto 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander.

## Take your time: Changes to military leave policies give Airmen more leeway

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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The Department of Defense has recently implemented new policies that may allow military members to carry more leave from fiscal year to fiscal year.

The policies, which took effect on June 24 and are retroactive to Jan. 28, will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2010.

While initial guidance on changes to military leave policies has recently been sent out by the Department of Defense, more definitive guidance is expected to come down to military personnel elements Air Force-wide from Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, by Sept. 30.

According to a memorandum from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, the new policy allows military members to accrue 75 days of leave carry over as opposed to the previous 60 days, beginning with the fiscal year changeover from fiscal 2008 to fiscal 2009.

Military members may also carry special leave accrued in the combat zone for four fiscal years under the new guidance, and SLA earned in support of operations may now be kept

for two fiscal years.

The higher combat zone retention applies to only SLA accumulated from Oct. 1, 2008, to Dec. 31, 2010.

The policy allows an additional one-time SLA sell back of 30 days for enlisted military members. The sellback counts toward the servicemember's limit of 60 days over a career.

The guidance also affects military members' rest and recuperation allowance following deployment. R&R time has been increased from 15 to 20 days for servicemembers completing an overseas duty tour extension of more than one year.

First Lt. Jennifer Fillmore, Force Management Operations chief in the 78th Force Support Squadron's Military Personnel Section, said guidance regarding military members' leave is subject to change.

"Every year in September, we receive guidance from our higher ups," she said. "The guidance basically gives us guidance on how we're supposed to process this information."

Vickie Portera, Leave Web System administrator in the 78th Comptroller Squadron, said the Department of Finance and Accounting is currently working on updating the military leave system that manages

military members' leave with the new policy changes.

News of the temporary policy changes has some Airmen smiling.

Capt. Timothy Moore, chief of Common Depot Test Equipment in the 642nd Combat Support Group, said the policy is a great benefit for Airmen.

"It's a good thing," he said. "It gives us more time to use the leave that's accrued. Taking leave is very important, especially with the deployment schedule that a lot of our folks are enduring."

Master Sgt. Richard Macias, acting first sergeant for the 78th FSS, said the policy will help Airmen keep their leave they might have otherwise lost.

"Folks have been struggling with keeping their leave balances under the 60-day limit because of the increased (operational) tempo. This will give them a little bit more flexibility and an opportunity to manage it better," he said.

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, e-mail the Force Management Operations Office at [78mss.a1wpf.fmo@robins.af.mil](mailto:78mss.a1wpf.fmo@robins.af.mil).

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#### MIDDLE GEORGIA AFCEA LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its monthly general membership luncheon Aug. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Horizons. This month's speaker will be Ed Willson, from Air Education and Training Command. The event is open to all communications and electronics professionals military, civilian and contractor throughout the Middle GA community. For more information contact 1st Lt. Darrell Gull at 926-8573.

#### QUARTERLY AWARDS

The Team Robins Second Quarter Awards Ceremony will be Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar. All base personnel are invited to attend to support their organization's nominees.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for the families of seriously ill or critically injured children being treated at area hospitals. Currently, the RMDH in Macon has a dire need for House volunteers to

help in a variety of ways. Duties range from daily household cleaning tasks to office work and helping with fundraising projects and special events. Anyone over 16 and in good mental and physical health may apply for volunteer service. For additional information contact Robert Colvin at 926-8754 or visit, [www.ronaldhousecga.org](http://www.ronaldhousecga.org) to download an application.

#### OPERATION CRIME STOP

The 78th Security Forces Squadron would like to remind all personnel that Operation Crime Stop allows for individuals to report a crime anonymously. To report a crime dial 911.

#### DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching and the Education and Training Section must cut off military tuition assistance in order to balance its budget. All military members wishing to use tuition assistance for classes beginning on or before Sept. 30 must submit their tuition assistance form not later than Sept. 15. Military personnel who have classes that begin on or after

Oct. 1 can continue to request tuition assistance since these classes will be funded from fiscal 2009 monies. If you have questions or concerns, call 327-7304.

## 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](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Sandra Driver**, 578th SMXS, POC is David McClure, 926-4725 and **Joyce Temple** 742 CBSG, 566 CBSS, POC is Stephanie Rainey, 222-2102

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

College football kicks off in just three weeks and the excitement is palpable. Hopes are high for Georgia, which ranks first in the preseason coaches poll. The *Rev-Up* takes a look at the teams expected to earn national recognition this season. — By Kendahl Johnson

- GEORGIA** — Misteps against South Carolina and Tennessee cost the Bulldogs a chance at a national title in 2007. This team won seven straight to close out the 2007 campaign. 
- SOUTHERN CAL** — The Trojans have finished in the Associated Press top 4 for six consecutive years. This year should be no different. Team is 29-1 at home over the past five years. 
- OHIO STATE** — Fans of most schools would be happy to have made it to the national championship game two years in a row. Not Buckeye fans. They want a victory! Don't expect it this year... 
- OKLAHOMA** — The Sooners have 90 wins this decade, more than any other team during that span. Last year's team was the highest scoring in Oklahoma history and this year could surpass that mark. 
- FLORIDA** — The Gators have a returning Heisman Trophy winner in QB Tim Tebow and a brilliant coach in Urban Meyer. Could be a deadly combination. 
- LSU** — After losing twice as the top-ranked team in the nation, the Tigers owe a little to Lady Luck for winning the national championship. Mark Oct. 25 on your calendar, as that's when LSU takes on Georgia between the hedges. 
- MISSOURI** — A school record 12 wins earned the Tigers a spot in the top 5 last year. Two losses to Oklahoma kept Mizzou out of the No. 1 spot. Sooners aren't on the schedule this year. 
- WEST VIRGINIA** — A devastating loss to Pittsburgh (as 28 point favorites) kept WV from winning a national title last year. The team lost a lot of great players. Those returning will learn under a new coach. 
- CLEMSON** — Perennial underachievers, the Tigers crack the preseason top 10. They'll stay in the top 10 for a few weeks and look like real contenders before falling to lesser teams. 
- TEXAS** — The Longhorns mined the SEC to find a new defensive coordinator, importing Auburn's Will Muschamp. A revamped defense and a seasoned QB should make Texas a threat. 
- AUBURN** — The Tigers own a 28-6 record in SEC games under Tommy Tuberville, an impressive stat. Can the team recapture the magic of the 2004 undefeated season? 
- WISCONSIN** — This team always seems to be in the Big 10 hunt, but never seems to win the big games. Losses to Penn State, Illinois and Ohio State kept UW out of the Rose Bowl in 2007. 
- KANSAS** — The Jayhawks finished 12-1 last season. While the word "fluke" hasn't been spoken, a repeat of 2007 is highly unlikely. Returning 15 starters might make naysayers believe. 
- TEXAS TECH** — Record setting QB Graham Harrell is back for his senior season and the offense looks to be electrifying again this year. Harrell's 89 TD passes and 10,682 yards passing is top among active QBs. 
- VIRGINIA TECH** — The Hokies have the top defense in the nation over the past four years, but the team will need a little more offense to challenge the big hitters. 
- ARIZONA STATE** — The Sun Devils play host to Georgia in week four of the season, a game that could set the tone for this team. A win over a No. 1 team could give ASU some momentum heading into Pac-10 play. 
- BRIGHAM YOUNG** — The Rodney Dangerfield of college football, the Cougars get little respect. The team holds the longest winning streak in the nation (10 games) and an 18-1 record in its last 19 conference games. It's the weak Mountain West Conference that's hurting these overachievers. 
- TENNESSEE** — In order to compete in a tough SEC East division, the Vols will have to replace QB Erik Ainge, lost in the NFL draft. Jonathan Crompton takes the reins behind center. 
- ILLINOIS** — Any team that has a QB named Juice leading the team deserves a spot in the top 20. Juice Williams led the Illini to a 9-4 record last season. The team avoids Michigan and Ohio State. 
- OREGON** — Ducks started last season 8-1 before an injury to QB Dennis Dixon ruined any hopes of a Rose Bowl bid. It would take a Disney miracle for the mighty Ducks to knock off any of the true Pac 10 contenders. 

## Robins duo to compete at AF softball training camp

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A pair of Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group are breaking in their softball cleats as they prepare to tryout for a position on the men's and women's Air Force slow-pitch softball teams.

Senior Airman Toni Epps with the 5th Combat Communication Support Squadron and Staff Sgt. Virgil Putzke with the 52nd Combat Communication Squadron were both invited to try out for the Air Force team Aug. 27-Sept. 13 during the team's training camps.

Putzke will be trying out at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for the men's team and Epps will be at Tyndall AFB, Fla., trying out for the women's team.

Both camps will have no more than 26 people vying for the 15 available positions.

"I just want to go out there and play my hardest and hope for the best," Putzke said.

The pair agreed if they were selected for the team it didn't matter what position they played as long as they got to hit the field and represent the Air Force.

"I'll play anywhere they'll put me," Putzke said.

The pair said they will start practicing together everyday to



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Virgil Putzke and Senior Airman Toni Epps will represent Robins at this year's Air Force softball training camps.

ensure they are both ready to put their best "cleat" forward at their respective camps.

"We are going to hit the field everyday because camp is a lot of softball," Epps said.

Epps, who will be returning as a veteran after being chosen for the women's All-Air Force and All-Armed Forces teams last year said she thinks it is more stressful to try out the second time around.

"It's a lot more nerve-

wrecking to go out there as a veteran, because there is more of an expectation. As a rookie they don't know what to expect from you—so you can knock their socks off—but as a veteran they know what you are capable of—so if you choke they know," Epps said.

However, Putzke, a rookie, said he is looking forward to learning from his veteran pal.

"She gives me the inside scoop on how it's played out

there," Putzke said.

The pair spends every moment they can trading tips such as whether or not to take their own bat, replace their cleats or anything else that might give them an edge at their training camps.

If the pair makes their respective Air Force team, they will take off for Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., for the Armed Forces Championship Sept. 14-19.

## Coach leads local team to national title

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Terry Sams knows it takes more than a good game plan to have a winning team.

Sams, a C-5 foreign object damage program monitor in the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, became the assistant coach of the Perry Knights Basketball Team in 2006 and took over as head coach in March 2008.

Not long after taking the lead, Sams led his team of 11- and 12-year-olds to clinch the Youth Basketball of America Division 2 state championship as well as the YBOA Division 2 national championship.

The 10-member team finished its season ranked No. 1 in Georgia and in the nation.

Sams, who is also the Georgia Basketball Association president, attributes his team's success to a combination of solid nutrition and a genuine bond built among teammates through time spent together on and off the court.

"I think the fact that they've played together for three years helped," he said. "We had only a couple of kids that were new to the team. My starters have basically been together since the beginning. They're just used to playing each other and playing different positions."

The retired technical sergeant said he tries to help his players get inside the game.

"I like to talk a lot," he said. "I like to educate the kids on learning the game instead of just focusing on their athletic ability. They have to understand the positions and what their roles are on the floor."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Terry Sams, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, coached a local youth basketball team to a national championship in the Youth Basketball of America. He said the success came as a result of a genuine bond built among teammates.

To be a good coach, Sams said you have to be able to relate to players.

"You have kids out there who have attitude," he said. "You have kids who are not confident in themselves. I think once you understand your players, they will understand you. Once you get on the same page with them, they'll listen to you and they can comprehend what you want from them on the floor."

T.J. Sams, Sams' son who plays shooting guard and point guard for the Perry Knights, said his dad's approach has helped the team have a winning season, but once the team reached the championship, securing the win wasn't easy, T.J. said.

"It wasn't hard getting to the nationals, but the championship game was hard," he said. "We were losing at halftime and then we came back in the end."

Antoinette Simmons, an administrative assistant in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Plans and Programs Directorate whose son, Eric Lockett, plays for the Perry Knights, said Sams teaches the players not only how to win on the court, but how to win in life.

"He's very positive," she said. "He encourages the boys and stays on them."

Simmons said Sams has been a good mentor for the kids, getting them involved in activities that build character and making sure they make school a top priority.

Sams said he's glad to see that the team is doing so well and he's already laying the groundwork for building a winning team for the next season.

"I enjoy doing what I do," he said. "The kids make it enjoyable. To see them win on such a level makes you look forward to next year."



## Air Force golf training camp

Despite playing on a familiar course, a trio of Robins golfers failed to qualify for the Air Force golf team.

Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Master Sgt. Mark Schwab, 116th Mission Support Group, and Airman 1st Class Kent Parsons, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron, competed in the Air Force training camp tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course Aug. 3-6. None finished in the top six.

Parsons had the best finish among the trio, carding a 297 for seventh place. He missed the cut by five strokes.

### Air Force golf team qualifiers

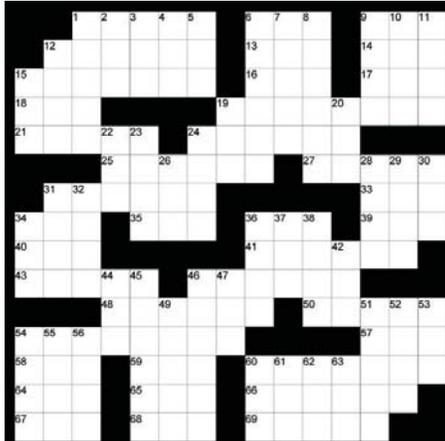
1 John Little (MacDill)	67-71-69-68=275
2 Jonathan Hanner (Offutt)	76-69-67-72=284
3 Mark Gardiner (Scott)	68-75-73-69=285
4 Michael Batten (Randolph)	78-67-71-73=289
5 Michael Membrilla (Eglin)	68-67-75-81=291
6 Ryan King (Barksdale)	72-73-74-73=292

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala tees off in the final round of the Air Force golf training camp tournament. Bajala finished tied for 8th place, missing the cut for the Air Force team by just six strokes.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### The Show Me State Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
USAF Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ Gay, 15 ACROSS' plane that dropped atomic bomb
6. Father
9. Tic-for-\_\_\_
12. Glowered
13. American writer, newspaper columnist, and playwright George
14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
15. First commander of 509th Composite Group/Bombardment Group
16. Army equivalent to AFSC
17. Mil. pay statement
18. Child card game
19. Brig. Gen. Garrett \_\_\_; current 509th BW commander
21. Cries
24. Drills
25. AH-64; assigned to National Guard tenant unit at the Show Me State base
27. F-38; plane assigned to 509th BW
31. Waste
33. Single
34. USAF MAJCOM the Show-Me State base is assigned
35. Red Sox Hall of Famer Williams
36. Female reproductive cells
39. Cereal grass
40. Scrooge utterance
41. Defensor \_\_\_; 509th BW motto
42. Rose to one's feet
46. Factory girl actress Miller
48. US president from the Show Me State
50. Greek letter
54. 2nd Lt. George A. \_\_\_; Show Me State base namesake
57. Young boy
58. Charged particle
59. Part of USAF
60. Original name for the Show Me State base
64. Drunkard
65. Carpet
66. B-2; plane assigned to 509th BW
67. Tokyo, formerly
68. Vanilla \_\_\_; 2001 Cruise movie
69. Monikers

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20. U.S. cryptologic org.
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23. Quarrel
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26. Ripen
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31. Jazz type
32. Rebounded sound
34. Stomach muscles, in brief
36. Kitchen appliance
37. XXX actor Diesel
38. \_\_\_ Domini
42. Water wall
44. NY Giant Hall of Famer Mel
45. Nightmares
46. \_\_\_ Jones; 2004 Kentucky Derby winner
47. Writer Fleming
49. Eskimo boat
51. N.Y. island used as immigration port
52. Pace
53. Oklahoma town
54. Sage
55. Head covering
56. \_\_\_ the Blue; 2005 Alba movie
60. Mil. ID
61. Federal org. concerned with pollution control, enforcement
62. Faint
63. \_\_\_ We There Yet?; 2005 Ice Cube movie

#### SOLUTION



### Got news to share?

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## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Sports Day



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Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, stretches before participating in Sports Day July 31. The activity included events such as wheelbarrow racing, water balloon toss, hula hoop toss and tug-of-war. In addition to sporting events, participants also picked up trash around Robins to help beautify the base.

#### FRIDAY

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Aug. 8 for a presentation of "101 Dalmations." The movie will start at dark (8:45 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

#### SUNDAY

An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be held Aug. 10 - Sept. 28 at the Heritage Club. During August, sign-ups begin at 1:30 p.m. with games starting at 2 p.m. on Sundays and in Sept., sign-ups begin at 3:30 p.m. with games starting at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Championship round will be held on Sept. 27. Prizes will be awarded for first place \$65 gift card plus \$100 club card credit, second place \$55 gift card plus \$50 club card credit, third place \$35 gift card plus \$25 club card credit and fourth place \$25 gift card. Cost is \$10 members and \$15 for guests. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

#### TUESDAY

The Monthly Second Tuesday Texas Hold 'Em will be held Aug. 12. Sign-ups begin at 5:30 p.m. with games beginning at 6 p.m. Prizes include: First place \$75 gift card, second place \$50 gift card and third place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-2670.

A "Treasure Adventure's Big Bingo" will be held Aug. 12 with door prizes, snacks and more money games. Membership bar bingo will be held on Aug. 20. Both events will begin at 7:15 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DoD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or 926-1303.

#### WEDNESDAY

A Mongolian BBQ is scheduled for Aug. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come out and try Chef Douglas' superb

Mongolian BBQ in the dining room. Create your own stir-fry with a wide range of fresh meat and vegetables for only .75 cents an ounce. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

#### UPCOMING

Watch WWE "Summer Slam" on Aug. 17 and "Unforgotten" on Sept. 7 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 enlisted lounge at 926-2670.

The Robins Officers Spouses' Club will host a Special Activities Coffee at the Museum of Aviation, Hangar 1, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. This event provides ROCSG members and potential members a chance to meet representatives from various organizations around the Middle Georgia area as well as find out what organizations on Robins have to offer. No reservations required. For more information e-mail RobinsOSG@gmail.com.

The Colossal Cookie challenge will be held Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center located in Bldg. 956. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at the community center. Please register by Aug. 18. This competition is open to all Robins active-duty,

reserve and retired military and DoD civilians and family members. For more information call 926-2105.

Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkspport Sept. 6 in Rome, Ga. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and entry fee. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Please sign up by Aug. 27. A minimum of 10 people are required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

An End of Summer Bash Arts & Crafts Fair will be Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Reserve your space by Sept. 19. Registration forms available online at www.robinservices.com and at the Arts & Crafts Center Bldg. 984. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

#### ONGOING

Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets to the Georgia Aquarium. Cost is adults \$23; children, 3 - 12 years old \$18 and seniors (55 years and older) \$20. Tickets are also available to the Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show in Kissimmee, Fla. for adults \$42 and children (3 - 11 years old) \$20. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

### 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](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 (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.  
KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL  
G



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
WANTED  
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UPCOMING:  
KUNG FU PANDA  
RATED PG  
Po is the biggest fan of Kung fu around...which doesn't exactly come in handy while working every day in his family's noodle shop. Unexpectedly chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, Po's dreams become reality.

Aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge can't resist bringing home strays, whether it's Grace, an abandoned basset hound, or Will and Countee, a pair of young hobos willing to trade work for meals. Bright, inquisitive and generous, Kit's happy childhood is abruptly interrupted when her father loses his car dealership.

25-year-old Wes was the most disaffected, cube-dwelling drone the planet had ever known. After his estranged father is murdered, the deadly sexy Fox recruits Wes into the Fraternity, a secret society that trains Wes to avenge his dad's death by unlocking his dormant powers.

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