

Motorcycle campaign targets awareness, mutual respect

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At Robins, one motorcycle accident, on- or off-base, is one too many.

For that reason, the base is implementing the "See Me, Save Me" motorcycle awareness campaign.

It's an initiative aimed at educating automobile and motorcycle drivers alike about mutual respect and awareness on roadways.

Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, said Robins and the Middle Georgia community are partnering to make the campaign a way to protect people.

"We do a great job keeping Team Robins safe, on and off the job, but increased motorcycle ridership has accidents increasing at an alarming rate. We've kicked off the 'See Me, Save Me' campaign to make both automobile drivers and motorcyclists aware of each other, and to encourage them to share the road safely. Many drivers simply aren't aware how many new motorcyclists are on the road and may be distracted and not paying close enough attention. Likewise, some motorcyclists may not be accounting for driver unfamiliarity and using good defensive riding skills. The mix of those two things is really dangerous. In addition to the training and awareness activities on base, we're very excited to be partnering with local law enforcement, rider groups and com-

munity leaders to make this campaign a success."

Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, said Robins is doing what it can to bring motorcycle safety to the forefront.

"The 'See Me, Save Me' campaign is indeed all about visibility as we're trying to get our motorcyclists seen more than they have been in the past," he said.

Colonel Higby said a string of recent accidents has emphasized the need for the safety campaign.

"We've had six accidents in the last month involving Team Robins members," he said. "Unfortunately, one of those sadly ended in a fatality, three others involved serious injury or hospitalization and two were minor accidents."

"Research shows that 75 percent of all motorcycle accidents involve a four-wheeled vehicle. In two-thirds of those cases, the vehicle caused the accident, most likely because he didn't see the motorcyclist," he said.

Lt Col. Andrew Kreis, acting chief of the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said throughout the campaign, Robins will use posters in work areas and commander's call briefings to emphasize the importance of mutual respect between automobile and motorcycle drivers on the road.

As gas prices have risen, so

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Motorcycle Safety Instructor, Donn Johnson, instructs Senior Airman Ken Zupkow, an airborne radar technician in the 116th Air Control Wing's 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, on motorcycle safety and bike maneuvering during a motorcycle training exercise at the base bike safety riding course. See page A-6 for questions posed by Team Robins personnel and answers from leadership about motorcycle ridership on Robins.

Staying between the lines: Robins Basic Rider Course gives motorcyclists tools for safe, defensive driving

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Senior Airman Ken Zupkow has been a motorcyclist for six years, but he still has a lot to learn.

The 21-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa., native who is an airborne radar technician in the 116th Air Control Wing's 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, said Robins' Basic Rider Course gave him the tools he needs to stay safe on his motorcycle.

"From my experience riding, vehicles don't see us," he said. "They don't respect a motorcycle on the road. This course teaches us about how to make ourselves more visible and more noticeable and how to be defensive."

The two-day course, taught on the

motorcycle training range just outside of the Perimeter Acquisition Vehicle Entry Phased Array Warning System, or PAVE PAWS, area is mandatory for all active-duty military, Defense Department civilians and contractors who operate motorcycles on base.

The course, which accommodates about 12 riders per class each month, is also mandatory for all Reservists, Air National Guard members, as well as others who ride on Robins. It is mandated by Air Force Instruction 91-207, the Air Force Materiel Command Supplement to that AFI and a Robins policy letter.

Tammy Lawrence, a sheet metal mechanic in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, recently gained some valuable riding skills through the course.

"We're learning how to take our curves more smoothly, how to do a tight curve, and how to stop quickly," she said. "We're just learning how to value our life."

Jerry Morningstar, Motorcycle Safety Program administrator in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said the course is designed for the novice motorcyclist and teaches riders the necessary skills needed to ride safely and avoid potential accidents.

Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, said the basic rider course packs a lot of good information for riders.

"I think it's a fantastic program we have here. It's an award-winning motorcycle safety course conducted

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AWARENESS RIDE PLANNED FOR THURSDAY

Participants with base access who would like to take part in the motorcycle awareness ride need to arrive at the Motorcycle Safety Range in the PAVE PAWS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

A safety brief will be given at 9:45 a.m. with the ride beginning at 10 a.m. The ride will end at the Museum of Aviation where participants can enjoy a free lunchtime cook-out and fellowship. For more information on how participants who do not have base access can join in, call the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office at 926-6271.



Historical flight could lead to a future less dependent on foreign oil

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Team Robins made history Aug. 19 during an afternoon test flight of an F-15E Strike Eagle. The test flight was like none other before as the fighter jet embarked on its first flight using synthetic fuel.

The flight ended Tuesday as Retreat signaled the end of another work day, but for those lucky enough to experience the landmark test flight the day ended with a promise of a future less dependent on foreign oil.

"You could have had JP-8 in there and I wouldn't have known the difference," said Maj. Dan Badia, who was one of the pilots for the test flight.

Ryan Mead, an F-15 fuels engineer said he was pleased with the

flight test because for all practical purposes the aircraft functioned in the same range it would have with the JP-8 jet fuel and he expected the jet to be certified on the fuel as a result of the test flights.

The test was done as part of a direction from the Secretary of the Air Force to certify the entire Air Force fleet on the synthetic fuel by 2011.

"By accomplishing what we have accomplished with the synthetic fuel, we can now see the fuel is safe for operational use and does not decrease performance of a high-performance aircraft," said Jeff Braun, director of the Air Force Alternative Fuels Certification Office.

Engineers from the 830th Aircraft Sustainment Group, maintainers with the 561st Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron and pilots from the 339th Flight Test Squadron joined with the Air Force Alternative Fuels Certification Office for the first airborne test of the F-15 using a 50-50 mix of JP-8 jet fuel and a natural gas-based synthetic fuel.

The fuel made its debut in the twenties, but had never been tested in a fighter jet until Maj. Badia and Lt. Col. Jim Luzzi, both pilots with the 339th flew the Strike Eagle Aug. 19.

During the flight the F-15 flew at Mach 2 or two times the speed of sound, did a max climb of 1,500 feet and did throttle slams, which are going from idle to maximum atmospheric pressure.

Maj. Badia said we took the aircraft to about 43,000 feet to see how

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An F-15E Strike Eagle flies on the first synthetic fueled flight ever flown by a fighter jet. The fuel is a 50-50 mix of traditional JP-8 jet fuel and a synthetic using natural gas as a source.

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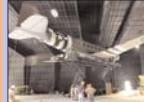
find energy saving tips.
The energy team will be unveiling its new energy campaign, "When we aren't here," on the site. It will focus on measures that can be taken each and every time a Robins employee leaves their workspace.
For more information on Robins' latest energy campaign see next week's Robins Rev-Up.

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566th EMXS flight uses AFSO21, VPP to earn Pinnacle Award

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The 566th Electronics Maintenance Squadron's Avionics and Instruments Flight, formerly known as the N-1 Gyro Shop, had been doing business as usual for years.

After taking a look at their process through the lenses of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century and the Voluntary Protection Program, two programs meant to make practices more efficient and safer, the team of 18 workers stepped outside of its comfort zone to better meet customer demand.

As a result, Brenda Romine, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing director and soon-to-be Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director, presented the Inaugural AFSO-21/VPP Pinnacle Award, an honor sponsored by former WR-ALC commander, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen. The award recognizes the use of AFSO-21 tools and VPP principles to transform work processes to meet future customer demands, to the shop on behalf of the WR-ALC senior leadership. The ceremony took place in Bldg. 158 on Aug. 6.

John Dunn, deputy Avionics and Instrument Flight director in the 566th Electronics Maintenance Squadron, said changing the shop's business approach was not easy.

"The N-1 Gyro Shop is one of the older systems that we've had," he said. "We've had it in the building since the 1950s. Until recently, we've had some of the same folks working on it that had 30 and 40 years of experience. Now, we have a lot of the brand new vocational technical students and trainees from Middle Georgia Technical Institute incorporated into the N-1 Gyro line."

Mr. Dunn said one change the shop has done is to ensure trainees learn the AFSO-21 thinking from the start. "About August 2006, we were in dire straits," he said. "The raft was burning, if not sinking. We were behind on our workload. The customer was presenting us with letters to sign (saying) that we couldn't meet customer demand. They wanted a second source of repair, so things were really critical."

The situation became worse before becoming better.

Mr. Dunn said the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group leadership called for its

Gyro Shop workers to change their business approach, which kicked off a total overhaul of the shop.

After multiple Lean events and the organization's adoption of a new Lean approach, things began looking up for the shop, Mr. Dunn said.

The shop changed from having 137 backorders to zero and has decreased mission impaired capability awaiting parts hours from almost 9,000 hours down to zero.

Mr. Dunn said the shop also stepped up its integration of VPP principles into its processes, as well as ensuring workers used those safe practices at home.

The shop's workforce had been rebuilt, with only about two of the original 20 people working online within a year.

After all that, things began looking up for the group, Mr. Dunn said.

"The letter requesting a second source was replaced with a coin and a letter of appreciation from the group commander at Tinker who was our customer," he said.

Mr. Dunn said the shop's employees made a miraculous turnaround as a result.

Farris Hudson, an electronics technician in the 566th

EMXSS, who transferred from another shop to help with its changes, said he knew it had to be an all or nothing change.

"I was there from the beginning when it was horrible to when it was one of the best places to work in the Gyro Shop," he said. "We just really embraced the AFSO-21 and the Lean principles as part of what we do. It's not something extra. It's something we just do because it's part of our job now."

Mr. Hudson said changing the work culture was one of the hardest parts of the transition.

"The hardest part of the transition was getting everybody on board with it," he said. "We had to overcome a lot of bad habits because the way we did things prior was completely different with Lean."

The new way of working wasn't that hard for LaNicholas Butler, an electronics mechanic in the 566th EMXSS who is relatively new to the shop.

"I talked to a lot of my friends from school and when quality walks in, they stop working and start running around cleaning and doing stuff," he said. "When they walk in our building, we're just hot. We know everything is up to par. We do everything by the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Brenda Romine talks with Travis Ross, a co-op electronic trainee during a tour of the shop as Jackie Cleghorn, 566th EMXS Squadron director, and Ronnie Massengale, 566th Electronics Maintenance Squadron avionics and instruments flight director look on.

book."

Mr. Butler said while it's nice to win awards, he knows his team still has some work to do to improve their processes.

Ms. Romine, who toured the shop shortly after the award presentation, said she was impressed with the strides the team has made.

"The work accomplished by this shop has just been phenomenal," she said. "It made them absolutely the right choice for the recipient of this award the first time. They've

just done a phenomenal job in turning around their shop and setting up the model cell, driving down backorders. I believe at one time they were the highest MICAP driver at almost 8,800 hours. Now, there aren't any and they have really turned production around and become the supplier of choice for their customer."

Ms. Romine said the shop is setting the example for present and future workers to follow and she couldn't be prouder of the team for that.

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the engine performs at Mach 2.

He added that during the supersonic run the pilots traveled from Columbus to Dublin in four minutes, while traveling at 1,300 miles per hour.

The fuel was developed by two German researchers, Franz Fischer and Hans Tropsch, who devised a way to convert coal into liquid fuel and was used by the Nazi Regime during World War II to meet fuel shortage needs of Germany and Japan.

The fuel has come back into the spotlight as the Air Force continues to explore options that could reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Mr. Mead pointed out that the 50-50 mix could allow the

Air Force to be less dependent on foreign fuel sources, without affecting our ability to achieve our mission.

"The whole initiative here is to develop alternative sources for jet fuel with the intent of securing national security," Mr. Braun said.

One of the most important strides to making the flight test a reality was engine tests using the synthetic fuel at the Arnold Engineering and Development Center in Tennessee, Mr. Braun said.

The tests done prior to the airborne test eased the minds both of the F-15 maintainers and the F-15 fuel engineers involved in the project test flight.

Mr. Mead, said he couldn't stress the importance of the extensive testing that occurred on the engines using the synthetic fuel enough.

"We wanted to make sure our pilots were safe. We didn't just run out and do it," Mr. Mead said.

George Reid, flight chief for the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said in the beginning he was concerned about the prospect of using a different fuel, but the more he learned about the preparation done the less anxious he was.

In the end the apprehension proved unwarranted as the flight went off without any hitches.

"We are all excited about being the first fighter jet in the world to fly on this synthetic fuel," Mr. Reid said.

Mr. Mead said now that the initial flight test was successful he hopes the future will offer the opportunity to do a more long-term fuel test such as a field service evaluation, where one or more aircraft uses the

fuel for a period of a few months. This would give the sustainers of the aircraft the opportunity to see the effects of usage of the fuel on aircraft components such as pumps, engines and turbine blades.

Mr. Reid said although the implementation of the fuel in everyday operations might be years into the future, he was glad to know he and his maintainers played a role. He added he knows it will have a positive impact on the future of the F-15 mission sustained here and the Air Force.

He added along with less dependence on foreign fuels the fuel also offers other advantages because it is cleaner burning and gets better gas mileage.

Though the F-15 was the first fighter jet to operate on the fuel, it wasn't the first Air Force aircraft to do so. The B-

52 Stratofortress had already been formally certified to use the fuel and the B-1B Lancer and the C-17 Globemaster III are still undergoing the final certification process.

Next week the second fighter jet the F-22 Raptor will be operating using the fuel and the KC-135 Stratotanker will

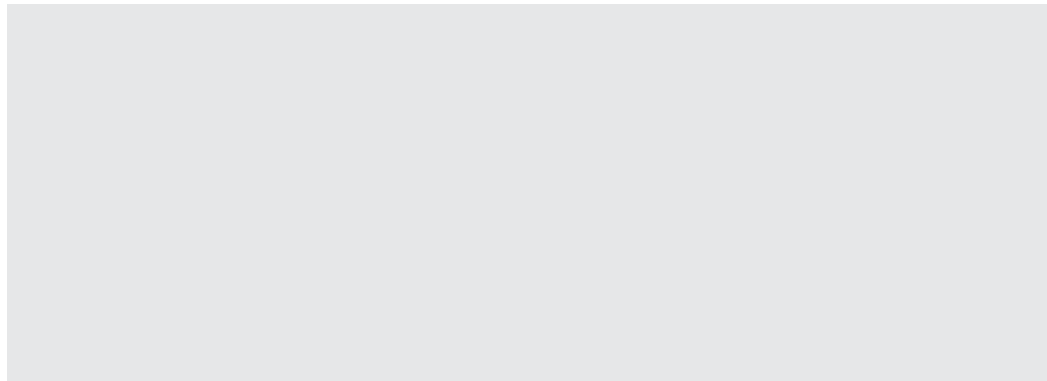
undergo flight tests operating on the synthetic fuel. Once the initial flight tests have occurred, the two aircraft will participate in an all synthetic flight where both aircraft will be operating using the fuel and the KC-135 will refuel the F-22 using the synthetic fuel.



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Maj. Dan Badia, who was the one of the pilots for the Aug. 19 test flight gives the thumbs up after the history-making flight.

How has the commander Kill A Watt campaign changed your energy habits?

Senior Airman Christopher Bowers 54th CBCS	2nd Lt. Crystalyn Brown 78th MDG	Douglas Johnson 78th CEG	Victor Ruberti 78th MDG
We keep unnecessary lights turned off and turn off our computer monitors when we leave. All non-essential things are turned off.	I make sure to turn off my computer monitor and all my electronic equipment especially for the weekends.	I'm sitting in the dark eating lunch right now. I don't turn any lights on unless I have to.	Actually it has. I turn off my coffee pot when I'm done with it. I keep my office lights on half-wattage and try to use God's light bulb through my window.
			We (in this shop) are making a lot of changes, like putting switches on lights that were on photo cells before and locks on ball field lights so they won't be left on all night. In the office, lights are off in certain areas.



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has the number of motorcycle safety courses, which has doubled since summer 2007.

The trend, which is happening on and off base, is increasing the value of the campaign for Robins and surrounding communities, said Jerry Morningstar, 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office Motorcycle Safety Program administrator.

"As part of this campaign, we're working with the chambers of commerce in Warner Robins, Perry and possibly Macon to see about getting them involved in the awareness campaign," he said.

Robins recently conducted a motorcycle safety check to pro-

vide automobile and motorcycle drivers information on the campaign.

Donn Johnson, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach and senior rider coach at Robins, has been working hard to get the campaign's message of motorcycle safety to the community through local radio stations' morning commute broadcasts.

A group of motorcyclists from Robins will come together at the Motorcycle Safety Range at Robins' PAVE PAWS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Thursday to take part in a ride that will run through Robins and some of the community's thoroughfares to bring visibility to the campaign's importance. Though the ride begins on base some motorcyclists such as members of various Middle

Georgia motorcycle clubs are meeting the riders off base to show their support of the campaign.

"The whole idea of the campaign itself and the ride that starts on base and goes downtown is to bring to the attention of folks in the community and on base just how many motorcycle riders are on the road in our community," Mr. Morningstar said.

Riders who don't have base access should meet at the Museum of Aviation no later than 9:30 a.m. and join the group for the downtown portion of the community ride. The ride will end with a cookout at the Museum of Aviation.

Mr. Johnson said he hopes the campaign will drive home the lesson that safety is everyone's responsibility.

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MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE

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.

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.

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.

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here under the sponsorship of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. It teaches the motorcyclist to be safe and successful," Colonel Higby said.

Colonel Higby said while most riders who take the course are more experienced, there are occasionally new riders or ones who haven't ridden their motorcycles in a while in the class.

"It's an excellent introduction to motorcycle safety for new riders. For the experienced rider, it is a great refresher," he said. "The stuff that's covered in this course is really pertinent to the motorcyclists being aware of the hazards that are out there and what kind of maneuvers and what kind of behaviors they should take to protect themselves is certainly part of the equation."

Mr. Morningstar said he



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Earlene Small, a gate guard with the 78th Security Forces Squadron, and Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, pass out "See Me, Save Me" cards to motorists as they enter the base and have their ID's checked Aug. 21.

hopes people who take the basic course will consider joining Robins' Motorcycle Club to continue learning through the base's mentorship program.

WHAT TO KNOW

To register for the basic riders course, visit the Robins home page at www.robins.af.mil and click on the safety link. Under the link, select the "Motorcycle/ATV course registration tab to sign up for the class. For more information, contact the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office at 926-6271 or visit the office in Bldg. 707.

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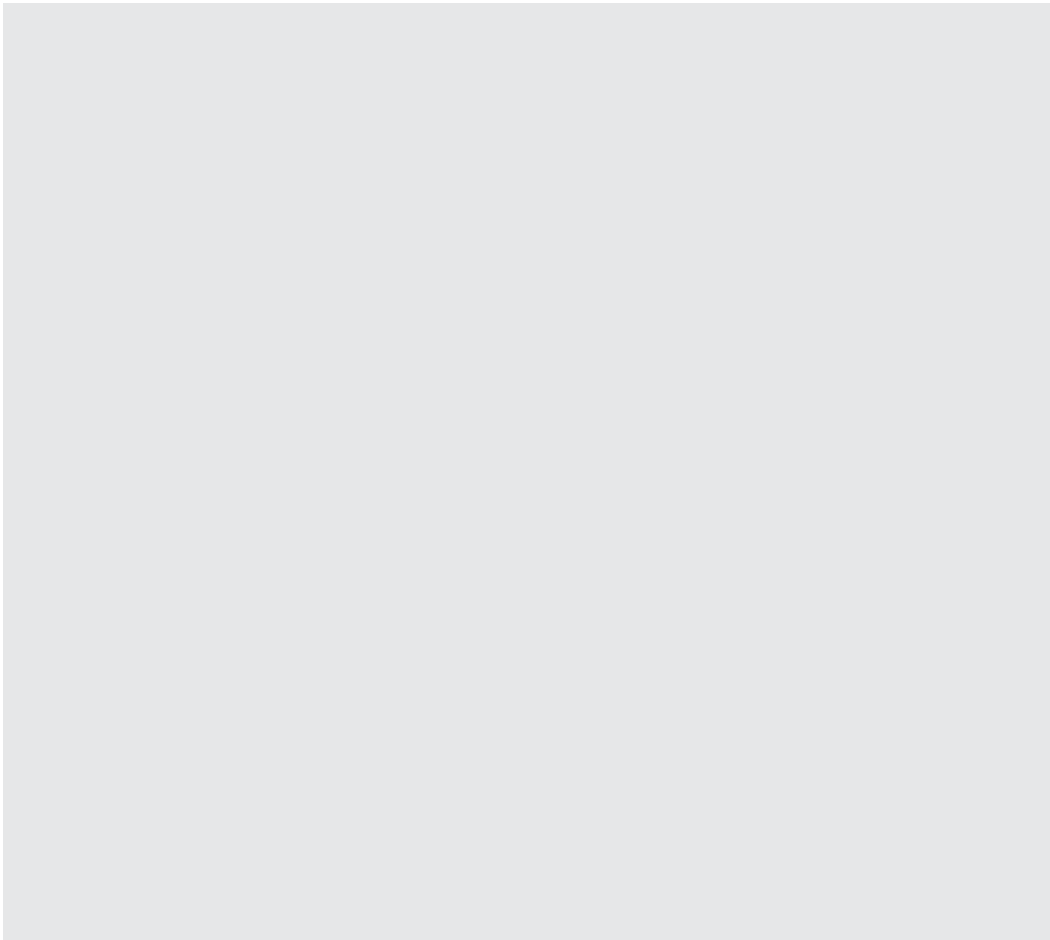
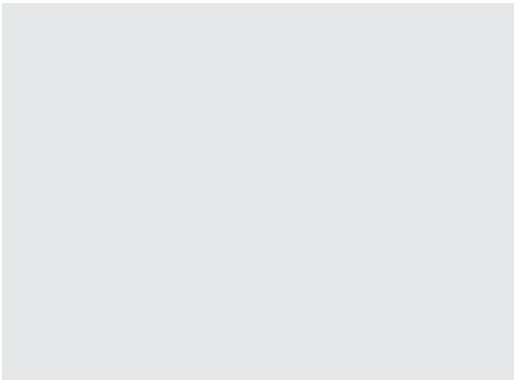
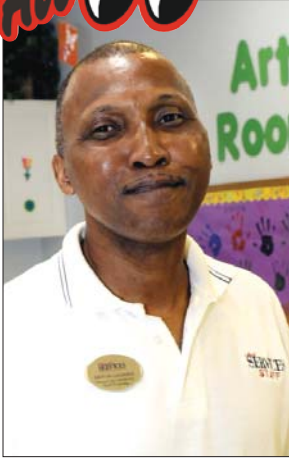
BACKGROUND: He retired as a master sergeant from the Air Force in 1992. He began working as a civil service employee at Robins in 1994. He has been in his current position since May 2007.

HOMETOWN: Indianapolis, Ind.

WHAT THE PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT: "Our program has been accredited by the National After School Association since 1999. We're here to provide safe, well-supervised, appropriate out of school care for children who are in kindergarten through sixth grade. We have science-based activities, arts and crafts, and we're big on helping the children with homework. We try to build the character of the children."

Hawkins said the program is in place to help develop children's cognitive, personal, social and physical development.

HOBBIES: He likes to jog and spend time at home.



Robins aggressive groundwater treatment mediation process moves ahead of schedule

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Robins is making great strides in cleaning up contaminated water at a number of sites on base and the base's groundwater treatment plant is central to the process.

Fred Hursey, Environmental Programming Branch chief in the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the treatment plant's pump and treat method is effective, but can also be time-consuming for some contaminants.

"We have 79 solid waste management units or clean-up sites on our hazardous waste permit through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division," he said. "We have a handful of sites where we are doing long term monitoring, and operations and maintenance. Most of the other sites we have already closed, so we have a very mature program."

He said the remaining unclosed sites are the most complex and they take longer to clean up because they are cleaning up solvents and other contaminants.

Mr. Hursey said his people are aggressively seeking ways to improve their clean up process.

"We generate reports annually that go to the state," he said. "We're always evaluating the data we get and looking at new opportunities to use different technologies along with what we're already using to pump and treat to the plant to reduce the overall clean up time."

Philip Manning, an environmental engineer in the 78th CEG, and the Robins Groundwater Treatment Plant project manager, said



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Tyrone Daniel, lab technician, prepares a water sample for testing.

the base has corrected past practices that led to the groundwater contamination.

Groundwater problems here date back to Robins' beginning, said Nelson Rosa, Earth Tech/Architecture Engineering Consulting Operations manager, a contractor for the 78th CEG.

"The accepted way to dispose of all the chemicals that we used when the planes were overhauled was to put them in drums and in landfills. Over the years, those chemicals leached out into the ground," he said.

Mr. Manning said the base has made changes in its processes to prevent such problems. He said the remedial processing facility is designed to clean up the remaining sites so they can be closed for "no further action" in compliance with the regulations of the Georgia EPD and also of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Rosa said Robins has gone above and beyond requirements to get groundwater back to productive use in record time.

"When all of this was first

started, it was projected that it would take 30 years, and we are really quite ahead of schedule," he said. "We have closed most of our sites and it's through all the work and aggressive focus on cleaning up all the sites that got us this far. I see groundwater mediation finishing up well ahead of schedule."

Mr. Rosa said the plant's small team has made some large gains with its mission.

"The groundwater remediation plant is basically five guys that go out along with engineers from within Robins and Earth Tech and aggressively make strides to optimize the remediation process so the sites will get where they need to be - free of contamination," he said.

Mr. Rosa said the award-winning, state-of-the-art plant has never received a safety violation.

Mr. Manning said as a result of Robins' hard work in shutting down active remedial systems at the landfill, the U.S. EPA has begun the process of delisting our only National Priorities List site, otherwise known as the Super Fund.

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

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- Housing Office 926-3776
- Chaplain 926-2821

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.

To contact the Action Line:
Call 926-2888 or for the quickest response, e-mail actionline@robins.af.mil.

There have been a lot of questions concerning motorcycles in the Action Line program lately. I'd like to summarize these questions and address the concerns of the many riders who are part of Team Robins. Before I answer specific questions, you need to know how the situation looks to me. We've had six motorcycle accidents in 6 weeks, one of them a fatality. If we do nothing, the accidents are likely to continue and potentially get worse, as motorcycle ownership is on the rise. We're implementing the "See Me, Save Me" campaign this month to draw attention to the dangers inherent to motorcycle riding and to the responsibilities of both motorcyclists and 4-wheeled motorists for keeping our roads safe. While some of the actions may seem inconvenient, or aimed at motorcyclists only, nothing could be further from the truth. A few minutes of our time to listen to information or receive a courtesy safety check are small prices to pay for the safety of our wingmen.

QUESTION:

I received a letter stating that due to the rise in motorcycle fatalities that all motorcycle riders will have to have counseling with their squadron commanders. As a motorcycle rider, I've been through all the training classes on base and with the state just to be able to ride and now we have to jump through another hoop because people driving cars are pulling out in front of these motorcycles and causing these accidents. Don't you think it would be better to have Motorcycle Awareness training for all drivers on base instead of making the victims of the accidents have more training? Let's put the training where it will do some good. Thanks.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

As commanders, it is our responsibility to ensure a safe working environment for employees and visitors. To accomplish this, there are many DOD, Air Force, AFMC, and base policies that provide direction and establish training requirements.

Commanders at every level are responsible for safety of those serving in their units and should take action to highlight risks and remind our Airmen of the importance of safety. Our commanders are required by AFI 97-207 to maintain a roster of motorcyclists assigned to their unit and to counsel with them on safety regulations. Commanders can do this in a variety of ways. I applaud those commanders who care enough to do this in one-on-one counseling sessions. So, the counseling from a squadron commander/director is not new.

I understand some accidents are caused by inattentive drivers. We are working hard, on a number of fronts, to ensure drivers are more diligent in watching for motorcyclists. This week we are unveiling "See Me, Save Me," a major motorcycle awareness campaign specifically aimed at educating drivers of four-wheeled vehicles. This campaign will put much-needed emphasis on the need for drivers to be alert and watch for motorcyclists. It's up to ALL of us to keep our roads safe.

All of the military services have put an enormous amount of funds and manpower into certifying ranges and instructors to provide a variety of skills training. Your riding experience and input is valued, and you may wish to become actively involved in the mentor program or become an instructor. If so, please contact my Safety Office at 926-6271.

QUESTION:

Why are motorcycle operators being singled out with checks at the gates? I believe there are far more people driving illegally four-wheeled vehicles talking on a cell phone, speeding, etc. What is being done about them?

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

We're not singling out motorcyclists, unless you think a "free" safety check is a bad thing. Security Forces conduct "selective enforcement" activities for all motor vehicles, not just motorcycles. These activities include speed monitoring, seatbelt checks, routine checks for current registration, license and insurance. In fact, we've conducted at least three of these on Robins Parkway since January. Non-compliance will earn the member a ticket, and multiple tickets can result in a suspension of driving privileges. As for motorcyclists, they must have a

motorcycle license and Motorcycle Safety Foundation Card on base (and military must have them off-base as well), and since vehicles are no longer required to be registered on base, random motor vehicle/motorcycle checks are one way we verify compliance. Additionally, recent safety checks demonstrate that many motorcyclists aren't following AF and base guidance. In the last check, 19 riders didn't have SNELL-certified or Department of Transportation approved helmets, 10 did not have training documented, and four didn't have proper foot wear or gloves. All of these folks received a courtesy reminder from the senior leaders who volunteered to conduct the safety check, instead of a ticket. At the end of the day, I don't think we're "singling" out any group at all...but we are making our people safer.

QUESTION:

I recently purchased a motorcycle to save gas. I have found out that I can't get into a safety course on base for several months. As a military member I can't ride my motorcycle on- or off-base. Why is it taking so long and can military members of Team Robins be scheduled sooner or is there an alternative?

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

With the popularity of cycling rising along with fuel prices, our course load quadrupled in six months, resulting in an extreme backlog. The good news is that our incredibly dedicated instructors have stepped up to the additional training demand and added courses. The initial wait of several months has been reduced to just weeks. Participants are scheduled on a first-come, first served basis, with active duty members getting priority for slots over civilians, dependents, retirees or contractors. When a

student cancels their participation, the course administrator calls the next person on the list and moves them into the vacated slot with their permission, so that no slot is wasted. We are continuing to program additional courses into the schedule as time, mission, and instructor availability dictates, to include evenings (before sunset) and weekends.

As an aside, Robins is the first base to provide – at no charge – the Basic and Experienced Riders MSF courses, a newly mandated Off-Road/Sport Bike Course, and an ATV Course. Our priority remains with providing riders of all levels of experience with the most current, up-to-date training to ensure they have every opportunity to hone their skills. None of this would be possible without the immense effort of our instructor riders—I want to publicly thank them for their service and hope you will also express your appreciation when you receive their outstanding instruction.

QUESTION:

With the addition of so many new motorcycles on base, is anything being done for a parking area or will they be taking up four-wheeled vehicle parking?

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Great idea! Base Civil Engineers are currently working to update the base parking layout and will look at areas where specialized motorcycle parking would be appropriate. Until then, remember that motorcycles are legal vehicles and are entitled to park in a regular parking space. The base parking regulation also permits motorcyclists to park in the triangular or circular clear areas at the ends of rows of parking unless specifically marked otherwise. Although we're adding motorcycles to the base, we're not necessarily adding vehicles – most folks are trading their car for a bike to save gas. So, there shouldn't be a huge effect on parking slot availability, but I like your idea and we'll explore it further.

QUESTION:

Why the "Motorcycles are Strictly Prohibited" sign on Hannah Road? This road saves time and gas to get to base housing, the gym and stable areas.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Hannah Road is closed to motorcycle traffic due to the wildlife guards installed on the north end of the road at the intersection with Richard Ray. The rough design of the wildlife guards make motorcycle traffic difficult for even the most seasoned rider but extremely dangerous for inexperienced riders, which are a large part of Robins motorcycle traffic.

KUDOS TO INSTRUCTORS

"Praise this day is seldom deserved; however, my instructors (Don, Jeff and Scott) were the best I have had in a long time. These guys have a vast amount of knowledge and experience that made the last two days a very worth while experience that can save my ole military retired life. Each of the gentlemen were professional, challenging



Jeff Pickett Don Johnson Scott Main

and extremely patient. I can not believe that these gentlemen are volunteers and not fulltime employees assigned to your payroll.

Bottom line is these three dawgs can hunt. I am looking forward to taking more of their classes."



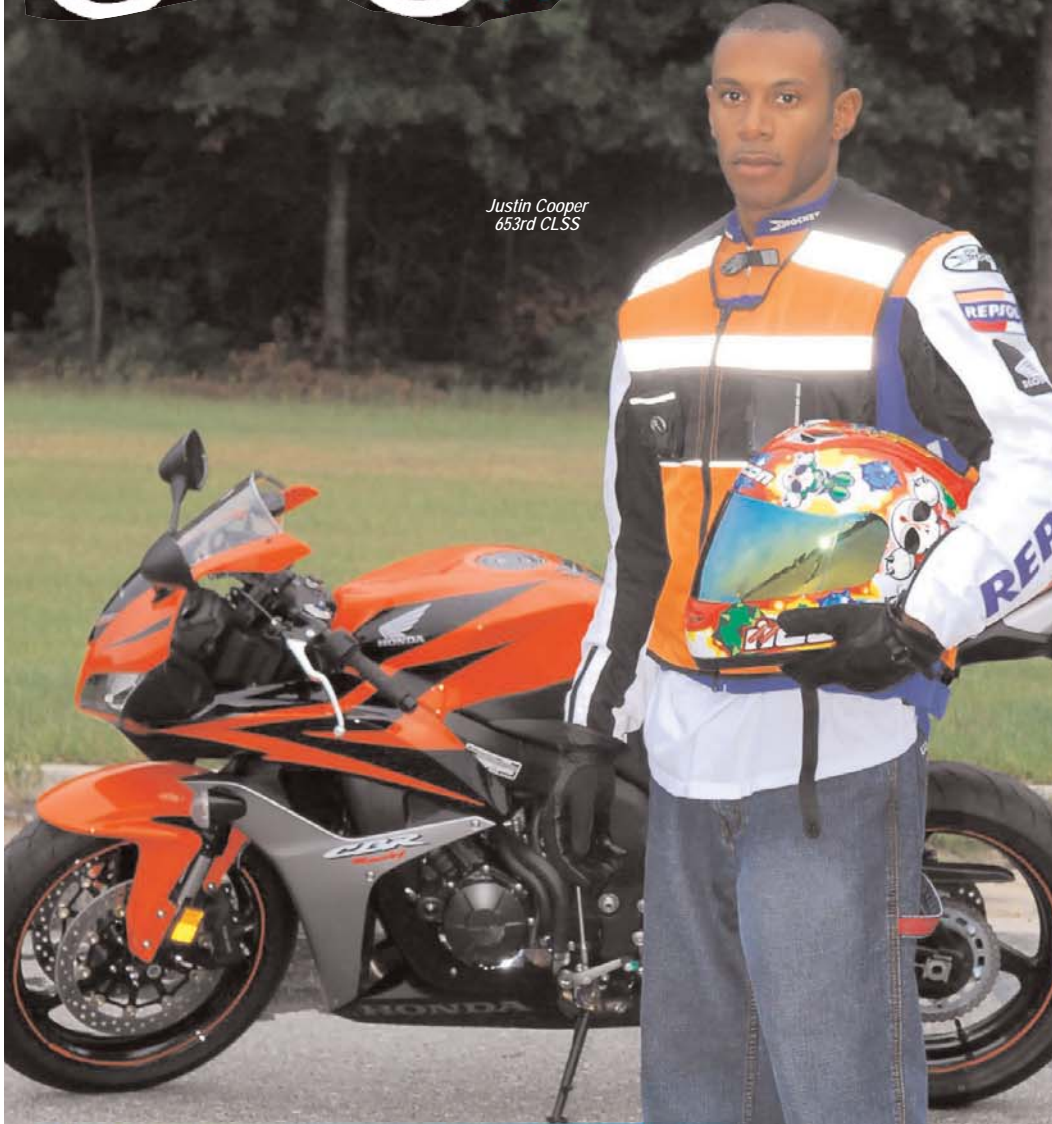
Museum new addition

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
A C-47 was raised with a 60K-loader in order to be placed on supporting beams in the new World War II Hangar at the Museum of Aviation Aug. 14. Representatives from Museum of Aviation restoration, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office and 782nd Combat Sustainment Group took part in the effort.



- ▶ Share the road
- ▶ Your car can kill
- ▶ Pay attention
- ▶ Look twice

*Justin Cooper
653rd CLSS*



Share the Road

Research shows that 75% of motorcycle crashes involve a four-wheeled vehicle. The key to a safer traffic mix is learning to share the road.

Passing

Give the motorcycle the lane area that you would give another vehicle.

Look for Motorcycles

Include motorcycles in your search pattern. Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see.

Some motorists are not accustomed to seeing motorcycles in traffic.

Intersections

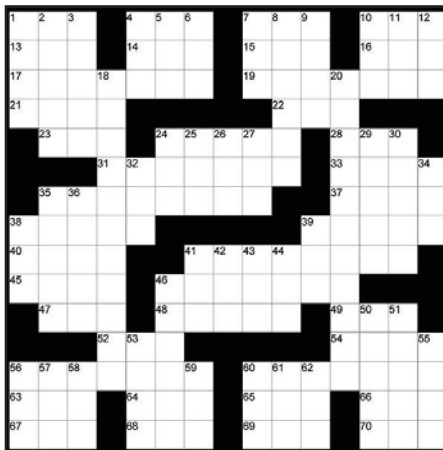
Intersections are most likely and most frequently the place for a motorcycle crash to occur.

Traffic Lane Area

Do not share the lane. To properly operate a motorcycle the entire lane is used.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Old Line State's Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. 2001 computer
4. Sheep's sound
7. Oklahoma town
10. Feline
13. Org. supporting US Armed Forces overseas
14. Sick
15. Score for Tiger
16. Bullring cheer
17. Mansions
19. Roof support
21. Abominable snowman
22. Fink
23. Rocky pinnacle
24. Destitute
28. Music genre
31. Stern overhang of a ship
33. Middle East gulf
35. Brig. Gen. Margaret ___; 89th AW commander at Old Line State base
37. Small children
38. Piece of glass
39. Heart part
40. 2002 Liotta film
41. Col. Paul R. ___; 316th WG commander at Old Line State base
45. Away from the wind
46. German siren
47. Tokyo formerly
48. Nonchalant
49. Head movement
52. Bother
54. Fencing sword
56. Aircraft control surface for roll or bank
60. Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell ___; Old Line State base namesake
63. Mil. field food
64. Cardinals great Brock
65. Mil. duty status unknown
66. Sen.'s congressional counterpart
67. Dog or cat
68. Canadian prov.
69. Taxi
70. Writer Rand

DOWN

1. UH-1; aircraft assigned to Old Line State base
2. Benefit
3. Gambling game
4. Horse riding equipment
5. Pub order
6. USAF PME for E-4s
7. Inclined
8. "Chocolate Thunder" Dawkins
9. Region
10. Mil. bunk in the field
11. Everything
12. Golf prop
18. VC-25; aircraft assigned to Old Line State base
20. VC-137; former POTUS aircraft at Old Line State base
24. 22°30' west of due north
25. Greek letter
26. Listening organ
27. Accomplished
29. Idolize
30. Type of naval officer
32. Compute
34. US cryptologic org.
35. Moby Dick was one
36. Used a paddle
38. John Wayne's airport, in brief?
39. We ___ the Champions
41. Internet provider
42. ___Magnon; early man
43. Arkansas town SE of Little Rock
44. Mythical being
46. Body of water
50. Musical entertainment
51. Admiral of the Navy George ___
53. A Guthrie
55. Sports entertainment station
56. Guitar need
57. Fury
58. Permit
59. Acorn or pecan
60. MAJCOM Old Line State base is assigned
61. Access Peoples

SOLUTION



Got news to share?

Contact a member of the Rev-Up staff

- Sue Sapp 222-0805 Holly Birchfield 222-0810
Amanda Creel 222-0807 Lanorris Askwed 222-0806
Kendahl Johnson 222-0804

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

Beginning Aug. 23, the on-base **Church's Restaurant** will no longer have Saturday operating hours due to low sales.

MONDAY

Family Night Bingo will be held **Aug. 25** at the community center in the Heritage Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 per game pack, limit three packages per person. All children receive a door prize. To learn more call the community center at 926-4515.

THURSDAY

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 ROSC 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 RobinsOSC@gmail.com.

A Taste of Membership will be held **Aug. 28** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Horizons. Sample a variety of appetizers and beverages from Sysco Food. Six months free dues to new members with a chance to win \$5 to \$100 in a scratch off. Free for members and guests. Enter for a chance to win one of two motorbikes to be given away at the Sound of Membership on Oct. 15 to a new and existing club member. Open to all ranks and grades, military or civilian. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

The Robins Gun Club, Bldg. 1301, is holding an **open house Aug. 30 and 31** from noon to 6 p.m. A National Skeet Shooter Association pro and a gun safety specialist will give tips to advance novice shooters. Shoot all day for \$3 per round (includes 25 shots). Equipment will be available for first-timers to the sport. Open to all active duty, reserves, ANG and retirees and their immediate family members and DOD and contractor civilians. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Outdoor Adventure invites you to a **walking/running event at Volkspost 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

And the winner is...



The winners of the 2008 Build-A-Boat competition and the Team Spirit Awards were the "Yanks Air Pirates." The competition, which was held at the Heritage Club pool Aug. 11, invited teams of four to eight people to build a floating device made entirely of cardboard.

U.S. Air Force photo by SHERRY TRAUH

Aug. 27. A minimum of 10 people are required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Watch WWE "Unforgiven"

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.

A Gourmet Night will be held

Sept. 13 in the Georgia Room at Horizons. An exquisite five-course menu will be paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Wine tasting will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The menu, created by Chef Douglas Goodridge, will include oven roasted quail with wilted spinach salad with toasted pecans and raspberry vinaigrette dressing and chocolate lava cake. Cost is \$65 for club members and \$70 for nonmembers and tickets will go on sale Sept. 2 at Horizons cashier's office. Tickets will be available to the first 60 guests. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

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.

Let's Celebrate the End of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 27

from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. Ambands cost \$5 and gives all-day access to all attractions. Attractions and rides include: roaring dual lane water slide, cars two lane slide, rock and just, carousel, Wacky World Playland, Jungle Combo, three lane bungee run and much more. Food and beverages will be on sale by base private organizations. Sponsored by Coca Cola, Robins Federal Credit Union and Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

The Heritage Club pool will be closed through Sept. 1 due to life guards going back to school. Please continue to use the Horizons pool Sunday to Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Lap swim will be available Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Club pool.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are 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.
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH
RATED PG

Science professor, Trevor Anderson's, unconventional hypotheses have put him on the fringe of the academic community. But during an expedition in Iceland, Trevor and his teenage nephew, accompanied by their beautiful local guide, make a breakthrough discovery that launches them on a thrilling adventure.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
HELLBOY II
PG-13

After an ancient truce existing between humankind and the invisible realm of the fantastic is broken, hell on Earth is ready to erupt. A ruthless leader who treads the world above and the one below defies his bloodline and awakens an unstoppable army of creatures. Now, it's up to the planet's toughest, roughest superhero to do battle.



UPCOMING
MAMMA MIA!
RATED PG-13

20-year-old Sophie is preparing to marry her boyfriend Sky at her mother's hotel on an island in Greece. She seemingly has it all — a carefree life, a loving fiancé, and happy friends — but one thing has been missing all her life: a father. Her only wish now is to be given away by her dad at her wedding.

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

sports

Have an idea for a sports article? Send it to Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil

2008 SEASON PREVIEW

Academy football team looks to build on last season's successes

U.S. Air Force Academy Sports Information

The 2007 Air Force football team distinguished itself as one of the best in school history, posting a nine-win season and going to a post-season bowl game. The team also finished second in the conference with a school-record six Mountain West Conference wins, posted the biggest win by a service academy at Notre Dame in over 40 years and put together the second-largest turnaround in school history and best since 1958 with a five-win improvement from the previous year.

The 2008 squad may also have a special distinction as it enters the fall. This edition of the Falcons may be one of the youngest teams in school history. The Falcons return only eight starters from last season plus its kicker/punter.

"We have eight returning starters which may be the fewest anywhere in the country. When you also look at who we lost, it's significant," Air Force second-year head coach Troy Calhoun said. "We lost just about all our skill guys on both sides of the ball. This is probably one of the youngest teams the Academy has ever had. There is definitely going to be some rebuilding to do. However, I really like the spirit of this group."

Calhoun hopes that this year's group can learn from that tremendous 2007 squad. "There is a baseline there in terms of guys knowing it's possible, but also it will be very difficult. There is a lot of hard work involved and they saw that as well."

Unlike last year, the Falcons will not be looking at an entirely new system, which should

help the young team in its development.

Perhaps no position will get more scrutiny than at quarterback. Gone is four-year starter Shaun Carney who is one of the most prolific players in school history. Gone with Carney are career numbers of 2,561 rushing yards, 31 rushing touchdowns, 5,391 passing yards, 39 touchdown passes and 7,952 yards of total offense. Carney is the Air Force career leader in total offense, rushing attempts and touchdown passes. In addition, no quarterback in Air Force history has started more games than Carney's 44.

Several players will vie for the opportunity to replace Carney as the signal caller. Senior Shea Smith and junior Eric Herbert are battling for the starting position. Herbert spent last season third on the depth chart and does not have any rushing or passing attempts. Smith came on in relief of the injured Carney in the bowl game and has a little more game experience.

"There are some baby steps we will not have to take this year since it's not a new system and that will help," Calhoun said. "We'd like to have someone step up and separate themselves. We will not be afraid to play two players if necessary until someone does get some separation."

The running back positions

are similar as Calhoun will look for someone to emerge from a talented group. Sophomores Kyle Lumpkin and Savier Stephens are the team's top two tailbacks. Lumpkin is coming off of a great spring while Stephens missed most of spring drills due to injury. Senior Todd Newell enters the spring as the starter at fullback.

Stephens rushed for 148 yards and averaged 4.1 yards per carry as a rookie. Lumpkin spent his freshman season on the junior varsity and did not have any varsity stats. Paffett rushed for 123 yards and caught three passes a year ago. He was outstanding in the season finale against San Diego State with his first-career 100-yard rushing game. He rushed for 105 yards on seven carries and scored a career-best three touchdowns. Newell rushed for 63 yards on 14 carries last year.

Air Force's defense was much improved last year from previous years. The Falcons' 3-4 system helped them improve in nearly every area. Calhoun said that the improvement was good, but that the team will use some four down lineman looks in 2008 to continue to pressure the opponent's offense.

Part of that philosophy is born from what will be the strength of the 2008 squad. The defensive line returns six of its top seven from a year



Second-team all-conference guard Nick Charles, who is a junior, will help bolster the offensive line.

ago. Senior Ryan Kemp and junior Jake Paulson will anchor the defensive end positions. Kemp, an honorable mention all-MWC selection last season, had 54 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and four quarterback sacks last year. Paulson had 18 tackles last season with three for loss and 1.5 sacks. Nose guard Ben Garland added 31 tackles and three quarterback sacks last season. Junior Ryan Gonzales and sophomore Rick Ricketts will add depth and talent at defensive end.

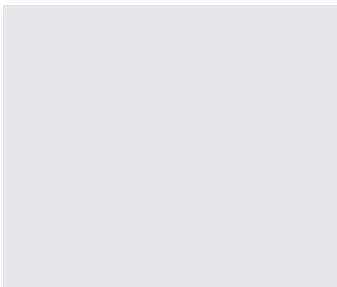
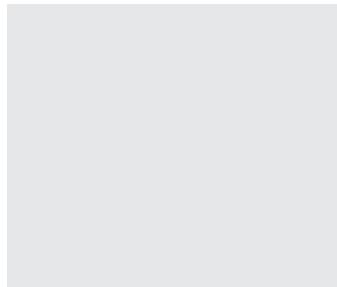
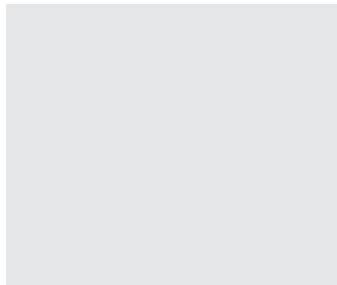
Calhoun stressed leadership as a key component for the team as it enters the fall. Leadership was a big factor in last year's success and is a natural at the Academy.

"Leadership starts with the coaches. We need to provide leadership," he said. "Then it comes from the players. We need to be at our best in this area. We need to be tough and possess all the intangibles that help you win. We also need to find guys that will be consistent every day in practice. We need guys we can count on."



U.S. Air Force courtesy photos

Senior Ryan Kemp, an honorable mention all-Mountain West Conference selection last season, had 54 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and four quarterback sacks.



AFRC to hold dining-out Sept. 5

By AIR FORCE
RESERVE COMMAND

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command is holding a dining-out at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Heritage Club.

This is the first dining-out put on by the headquarters in 20 years and highlights the Air Force Reserve's 60th anniversary. The theme is "Heritage and History Foundation of our Future" and it reflects accomplishments achieved in the past 60 years of the Air Force Reserve.

"I encourage our people to join their friends, coworkers and comrades in arms in this time-honored tradition. This is one of those special occasions for us to come together as an Air Force Reserve family,"

said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander.

The dining-out permits current and former military members, Department of Defense civilian employees, contractors and family members to participate in a long-standing tradition that honors unit achievements, strengthens esprit de corps, builds friendships and working relationships and creates an atmosphere of good fellowship.

Dress for the event is mess dress for officers; enlisted members can wear either the mess dress or the semi-formal uniform. Civilian guests may wear formal or semi-formal attire.

Capt. Sharon Spudic, Dining-Out Committee chairperson, said the event promises

to be a fun night for all who attend and that a grog bowl will be available for those who break the rules of the mess.

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, AFRC commander, will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Tickets are \$25. Meal choices are London broil or roasted stuffed chicken breast. Childcare is available at the Child Development Center for a nominal fee.

The dining out is hosted by the AFRC Company Grade Officer Council and the Total Force Top 3 Association.

For more information, contact Captains Spudic at 327-2402 or Darryl Mclean at 327-1696.

IN BRIEF

Holly Petraeus will be at the Museum of Aviation's Robert L. Scott Theater, Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to educate Robins members about the BBB Military Line. The BBB

Military Line is a program of the Council of Better Business Bureaus providing consumer education and advocacy for service members and their families.

Mrs. Petraeus oversees a national program that works with the DOD as a partner in the DOD Financial

Readiness Campaign. BBB Military Line offers a variety of free consumer services and materials to military personnel, retirees, DOD civilians and their families.

The BBB Military Line web page may be viewed by visiting www.centralgeorgiaabb.org.

Judge Advocate General's corps announces law school programs

WR-ALC STAFF
JUDGE ADVOCATE OFFICE

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted Jan. 1 through March 1, 2009. Interested officers are encouraged to compete.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Col. Robin Moro, chief of the professional development division, Office of the Judge Advocate General. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience compliments their legal training, providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support."

According to Colonel Moro, Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and

ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

"Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law," Colonel Moro said.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. The FLEP is an assignment action, and participants receive full pay, allowances and tuition. FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active-duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below when they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology tuition limit for fiscal 2009 is expected to be \$10,000 per year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligi-

bility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and 10 years active-duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Both the FLEP and ELP require attendance at an American Bar Association approved law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms, applied to at least one ABA approved law school, received their Law School Admissions Test results, and completed a staff judge advocate interview by March 1, 2009. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

For more information and application materials, visit www.airforce.com/jag or contact Col. Jeffrey Wilcox, Staff Judge Advocate, at jeffrey.wilcox@robins.af.mil or 222-0545.

IN BRIEF

WEIGHT WATCHERS OPEN
HOUSE

Robins Weight Watchers At Work will hold an Open House Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. in Bldg 300, Conference Room C-17. Interested persons can learn about the Weight Watchers healthy living program and register for

the At Work series to begin Sept. 2. If there are 20 participants the cost for a 17 week program which includes e-Tools is \$186. If there are 15 to 19 people the cost will be \$180 for a 15 week program not including e-Tools.

Weight Watchers has been meeting on base for several years. In the last session members lost over 300 pounds

and seven qualified for lifetime membership and can attend free as long as they weigh in at least once a month and stay within two pounds of their goal weight.

Diane Posey, At Work coordinator, can be reached at 542-1723. Anne Huthnance, Weight Watchers leader who will conduct the sessions can be reached at 477-2613.