

Energy conservation efforts help base save more than \$900,000

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Efforts by members of the Robins community to conserve energy are paying off.

Base officials recently announced a reduction of more than \$900,000 during the months of March through August, thanks to Teams Robins' efforts to reduce the base's energy impact on Middle Georgia.

The recorded period of savings is based on a reduced usage of 13,400,000 fewer kilowatt hours during those months compared to 2007.

This energy reduction event is part of a "When We're Not Here" campaign designed to be an initiative to make Team Robins become more energy conscious and a better steward of the environment, according to Jeane Paris, a member of the energy team here.

"We started our awareness campaign with holiday weekends," Arthur Howard, 78th Air Base Wing energy office program manager. "People focused their attention on reducing energy usage by doing things such as turning things off when they went home to adjusting air conditioning set points. This proved that energy use can be reduced with people practicing good energy habits. Now, we are striving to reduce energy every day, just as we did during the holiday weekends."

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Art Howard, Robins energy office program manager, stands before a layout of the main electrical distributions throughout the base.



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Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins leads the walkers carrying the Flag of Honor in Robins' first Freedom Walk Sept. 10. The flag bears the names of those killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. (Also see additional Sept 11 story on page A3.)

'Freedom Walk' commemorates losses, triumphs of Sept. 11

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More than 300 members of the Robins' community crowded the gym adjacent to the Health and Wellness Center Sept. 10 to remember the lives lost in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The gym served as the kickoff for the Robins' America Supports You Freedom Walk, where the 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, Col. Debra Bean, energized the crowd with a speech. She told attendees that

today was a day they could turn the tragedy of Sept. 11 into something more than just the day that so many Americans lost their lives.

"This day could be a constructive, important and powerful memory about what our nation is capable of," she said.

It is a simple way to honor the lives lost as America began to realize the threat of terror, the colonel added.

She said it was up to each of us to decide what that day means and whether or not the memory of that day would be good or evil,

whether or not it would represent the day America began the fight against terror or the day America was attacked by terrorists.

She said it is up to each of us to attach a powerful memory to that day, one that represents America's vigilance to stand up against evil.

"We are going to go out and walk. Even though it's really simple, don't think for one minute that it's not powerful," she said.

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Joel Wlodarczyk, aircraft mechanic, lowers the cowling from the engine of a C-23 Sherpa to do maintenance and get it ready for the possibility of a mission to provide hurricane support.

Waiting in the wings

GA ANG Company H stands ready to serve whenever help is needed

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The Georgia Army National Guard's Company H 171st Aviation Regiment offers help just in time.

The company, which moved from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Ga., and stood up at Robins on Aug. 5, is charged with moving time-sensitive, mission-critical cargo immediately.

Most recently, the company has focused its attention on the ever-changing hurricane situation.

Capt. Barry Simmons, command-

er, Company H 171st AVN REGT, likened the company's mission to a well-known delivery company.

"One way to describe this company is that we're like the FedEx of the Army," he said. "The Air Force will bring in cargo long distance to a centralized location and we take that time-sensitive, mission-essential cargo and deliver it that last tactical mile directly to units that need that support. We overnight that material to the different forward operating bases."

Captain Simmons said his unit's presence is equally important to the

everyday transport of supplies as it is when emergencies arise.

"Our continental U.S. mission is the transport of staff and cargo," he said. "We support parts movement and personnel movement. One of the great contingency operations for us is disaster relief in support of homeland defense. One obvious mission for that is support of hurricane relief. In premission support, we move people out of affected areas and then after the landfall of the storm, we bring equipment and personnel in to begin recovery."

Company H's quick response skills proved their value as hurricanes recently began churning in the Atlantic Ocean, bringing threatening weather conditions to a number of areas.

Captain Simmons said during Hurricane Gustav, Company H's 19 crew members "moved patients from hospitals and nursing homes in coastal areas farther inland. We'd take people out of the affected area and we'd bring supplies in, and we have been on standby as well for these storms."

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THINK SAFETY

Blood Drive Sept. 19
Robins will hold its next blood drive Sept. 19. The Armed Services Blood Program and The American Red Cross will be coming to Robins to collect blood.

The Armed Services Blood Program will be collecting at Cotton Auditorium in Bldg. 301 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Chapel Annex from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The American Red Cross will be collecting in the Bldgs. 640 and 645 conference rooms from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters Bldg. 210 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Capt. Barry Simmons talks about the varied missions of Company H in front of a C-23 Sherpa.

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The captain said the unit currently remains on a standby status waiting to see what other storms like Ike and Josephine will bring.

Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Gahring, an operations officer in Company H, said the unit acts more like an active-duty unit than a traditional Guard unit, and when help is needed, the unit is right on time.

Officer Gahring said state cooperative agreements govern that Georgia assets such as Guard units can be available for assistance for other states during natural

disasters and other such situations upon request.

Responding to natural disasters is only part of Company H's mission. Staff Sgt. Thomas Trigg, Company H's NCO in charge, said the unit also supports ongoing operations both stateside and abroad.

"We have enough personnel for three to four crews for one airplane, so we don't all do the same mission at the same time," he said. "In addition to the hurricane mission, we also support a giant platform for special operations and do air deliveries of personnel and supplies also. If we don't have an airfield for delivery, we can do airdrops to resupply an area by air delivery."

Captain Simmons said every day is different for the unit.

"We receive a mission every day," he said. "They'll cut a flight advisory for us and then we wait to hear what mission we have and load up and go fly it."

Company H, which is headquartered by the Georgia ANG, has detachments spread among four states, including Georgia, Florida, Texas and Kentucky.

The unit has eight airframes to accomplish its mission.

Company H will be fielding the very first joint cargo airplane in any military service branch, the C-27J, which will come to Robins around March 2009.

Captain Simmons said his company came to Robins for its size and level of support.

"Company H is a very small organization, but it's supported by the team work concept," he said. "We have our headquarters in Atlanta that supports us with staff functions. Higher headquarters is the 78th Aviation Troop Command whose commander is Col. Brent Bracewell."

Captain Simmons said the Army and Air Force work well together.

"We talk about working in a joint environment a lot," he said. "When the Air Force and the Army team up to do things, we're not green, we're not blue, we're purple."

In working purple, Captain Simmons said everyone supports everyone else.

Now, Robins has become one more source of support for Company H and the unit's new home.

"Robins Air Force Base approaches the joint environment concept the right way," he said. "It should be an example for others to follow."

WALK

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As the kickoff ended a flood of PT uniforms and fitness apparel rushed the trail just beyond the center as members of the Robins community began to walk, run or stroll their way down the 5K trail for the base's first Freedom Walk.

Active-duty and civilian Airmen, their families and students from Robins Elementary all joined together to commemorate the lives lost that fateful day at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the flight in the Pennsylvania field were attacked.

Tech. Sgt. Mike Bullard, said the event was a success and he was thrilled to see the Robins community unified in the name of freedom.

"This is a time when we should all come together as a nation and community and remember," said Sergeant Bullard, readiness NCO. "Team Robins came together to show the support and dedication to the families that lost their loved ones, as well as to support veterans past and present."

Members of the community participated in the event for many reasons but all agreed it was an important way to honor the sacrifices made that day.

Amber Megginson, said she brought her two sons; Alex, 17 months, and Ryan, 7, to the event because she wanted them to understand the significance of the day. Mrs. Megginson, who home

schools her oldest son said it was a great way to teach him a history lesson.

"I can explain to him what happened and what it means," she said.

Her husband, Tech Sgt. Ronald Megginson, chief vehicle dispatcher with the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said it gives his boys a positive way to remember the day.

Tech Sgt. Renee Sudderth said she was joining the Freedom Walk to show her support for all those who lost their loved ones that day.

"I am doing this walk to say I will never forget," said Sergeant Sudderth, who is an individual mobilization augmentee with 78th Military Personnel Finance.

The event is sponsored in part by Operation Homefront and is designed to establish a tradition reflecting on the lives lost Sept. 11. It is an opportunity to renew America's commitment to freedom and the values the country was founded upon. It also serves as an opportunity to honor our veterans, past and present.

Members of the Georgia Chapter of Operation Homefront were there during the event to provide water breaks and to celebrate as each participant finished the walk.

"We thought it was fabulous," said Leenie Ruben, developmental director for the chapter. "It was a really good turn out."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Chatham, Robins Honor Guard, posts the American flag during the opening ceremony for the Freedom Walk.

Base plans activities for Hispanic Heritage month

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Any one up for a game of bingos? How about a game of Spanish bingo?

"It's just bingo, but in Spanish!" said Gloria Munoz, an Hispanic Heritage committee member and a customer service specialist with the 78th Civil Engineer Group.

She said the game is based on photos rather than numbers and that everything is done in Spanish. The bingo cards are composed of pictures of different things. During the game the Spanish term is called out instead of the English one.

"It's a great way for people to learn to speak Spanish," Ms. Munoz said.

Spanish Bingo is just one of the many activities being offered to the Robins community as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The theme of this year's Hispanic heritage celebration is "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation." The event is designed to foster the desire to share the diverse Hispanic cultural experience with the Robins community.

Organizers on the committee encourage all members of the Robins community to join the observance.

"We are trying to share our diversity with the community and a little bit of our culture," said Ed Armijo, the Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee project officer.

He said some of the highlights of the month-long observance will include members of the Middle Georgia community such as the dancers who will perform flamenco and Spanish dances and the keynote speaker for the luncheon, Col. Madeline Lopez, the Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins commander.

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One of the most beneficial effects noted during this period of reduced energy use was the fact that there was no impact on mission accomplishment.

"The reduction was achieved without any impact to the mission or safety," Mr. Howard said.

He said conserving energy will have positive effects in more than one area.

"Wasting energy is wast-

"I encourage everyone to come out so they can have the exposure to a culture that is thriving here in Middle Georgia," Mr. Armijo said.

It is important for everyone to take the time to understand one another's background no matter how similar or dissimilar they are, said Tech. Sgt. Josie Ojeda, assistant individual mobilization assistant administrator and a committee member.

"We just want to help educate members of the community," she said. "Each culture within the Hispanic culture has its own uniqueness and it will be exciting to see them all come together."

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 13 — There will be a picnic at 11 a.m. at Gator Park featuring music, Mexican Folkloric dances, piñatas and family games including a children's version of Spanish Bingo. A main course will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring side dishes.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct. 2 — A luncheon will be held in the Heritage Club Ballroom from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event will be Colonel Lopez. Taco salad plates will cost \$11 per person.

Oct. 7 — Spanish Bingo will be held at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club Bingo Room.

Oct. 18 — A banquet will begin with a social at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Club Ballroom.

The keynote speaker is George Velazquez, an inspirational speaker and professional dancer who was the victim of a hit and run which left his left leg amputated below the knee.

Dinner will be followed by a dance at 9 p.m. where the Daiquiri Band will perform Caribbean-style music. Tickets for the event cost \$20 per person.

ing money, damaging the environment and making the base less competitive," Mr. Howard said. "Reducing energy use is a win/win situation for our nation, our community, and each individual."

Base officials want to remind members here that not only is reducing energy the law, it is the right thing to do.

"Just like at home, if Robins' energy bills are more than expected, the money has to come from somewhere else," Mr. Howard said.

IN BRIEF

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Logistics Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon with Doug Keene as the guest speaker, discussing "The Evolution to High Velocity Maintenance" Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Horizons Georgia Room.

Tickets must be reserved in advance by Tuesday. Contact Jane Schildknecht at jane.schildknecht@robins.af.mil or 222-1354.



40,000 flight hour milestone reached in aircraft named for Sept. 11

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Airmen in the 116th Air Control Wing recently reached 40,000 flight hours in support of the war on terrorism fittingly in an aircraft named for the attacks which began the war.

The 7th Expeditionary Air Command and Control Squadron Airmen reached the milestone Sept. 2 in E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft 02-9111.

"It's a pretty big event," said Lt. Col. William Gould, 7 EACCS commander. "It has taken us quite a while to get to this. We've been here since the beginning of the (war on terrorism) flying these missions and supporting the folks on the ground."

The unit, deployed from Robins, provides air-to-ground surveillance to theater ground and air component commanders. The milestone capped more than 3,650 missions for the unit whose service here started just two months after Sept. 11.

"The Army depends on us for ground coverage so it's very important to me to know we've been supporting them for 40,000 hours," said Capt. Karen Everman, a surveillance officer from Syracuse, N.Y., who was part of the crew on the milestone mission. "I was at Robins the day this aircraft was delivered and I actually flew on its first mission there. It's kind

of like a homecoming to fly such a significant mission on this jet."

The milestone marks years of unique support to the area of operations.

"We actually bring a huge menu of capabilities," said Colonel Gould. "We are the only platform in the world that provides wide-area surveillance for ground moving target indication. Also, we have a huge suite of battle management specialists who can control other aircraft if we need to, move around the battlespace, support [troops in contact] or support a downed aircraft if necessary."

Colonel Gould said the JSTARS aircraft can provide data to help identify areas on which unmanned aerial vehicles should focus. Because what they provide is so important to units on the ground, the crew normally includes three Army crewmembers.

"I'm very proud to be a part of this because I know how important this platform is to the theater," said Army Lt. Col. Darryl Verrett, deputy mission crew commander for the flight. "To be here for this milestone is a very proud moment for everyone who is a flyer."

The Army colonel said he has logged more than 600 hours with the Air Force supporting the mission in the air.

"Working hand-in-hand with the Air Force is very spe-

cial," he said. "You develop a great appreciation for your sister service members once you see them hard at work. You understand exactly what they bring to the fight."

Members of the Georgia Air National Guard also are part of that flight.

"I've been in the Georgia Air National Guard for 23 years," said Tech. Sgt. Eli Lines, a crew chief assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "To deploy with this unit and meet this milestone is for me personally a big event because I'm helping another country gain their freedom by coming over here and crewing a jet allowing the unit to fight the fight."

Sergeant Lines said he was passionate about helping the unit accomplish each and every mission. That attitude among maintainers has helped the unit maintain a 99.6 percent launch rate throughout the 40,000 hours.

"I attribute this success to the hard work of the maintainers on the ground and the aircrew flying it," said Colonel Gould. "It was definitely a group effort and it includes Northrop Grumman, the contractors that helped us keep the planes going. It takes a large component of maintenance folks on the ground to keep these planes fixed."

The colonel said the air-



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. AARON ALLMON ■

Crew members from the 7th Expeditionary Air Combat and Control Squadron pre-flight a E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft Sept. 1 for a mission over Iraq. The flight will mark 40,000 combat hours supporting the war on terrorism for the deployed Airmen of the 116th Air Control Wing.

planes are 40 years old and require regular maintenance, especially on the engines. The aircraft flown for the milestone mission had been used as a civilian passenger plane for 15 years when the Air Force purchased it in 1982. It was used as an advanced-range instrumentation aircraft until being reconfigured as a JSTARS aircraft after Sept. 11 and renamed for the event.

"This jet would never get off the ground without the hard work of all our people," said Staff Sgt. Frank Grimm. "I

think we do a good job. I think the numbers speak for themselves."

Senior Airman Mike Albreti, another crew chief with the unit called the aircraft maintenance friendly.

"I think the aircraft works great, flies great and is really easy to work on," he said. "I really like the mission of these aircraft. It gives me a quick thrill knowing I'm doing something important. This is not practice. This is real life. Knowing that and having the aircraft go up and do its mission

makes you feel good."

From maintainers to flight and mission crews, the unit has come together to make its 40,000 hour contribution to the war on terrorism, said Colonel Verrett.

"It makes you realize that we, as a unit, have put in a lot of work for a long time," he said. "It's taken years to reach this milestone. It makes you proud that you can put in your part. When you look at the big picture, you can see that everybody has pulled together to get to this milestone."

IN BRIEF

INTERSECTION CHANGE

Beginning Monday, the intersection of Richard Ray Boulevard and Cochran Street, and Richard Ray Boulevard and Milledgeville Street will become four-way

stops. The four-way stops, approved by the Traffic Safety Committee Working Group, are necessary as on-street parking on Richard Ray Boulevard limits drivers' visibility.

For more information, contact Mark Craddock at

327-2934.

SENIOR NCO INDUCTION SEMINAR AND CEREMONY

The Robins Top-3 will conduct a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Induction Seminar Sept. 22-25 starting at 7:30 a.m. each

day in the Robins Conference Center Bldg. 560. An SNCO Induction Ceremony and Banquet is scheduled for Sept. 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the Century of Flight Hangar, Museum of Aviation. This event will recognize all Team Robins technical sergeants selected for promotion to the rank of master sergeant during the last promotion cycle. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Attire for the ceremony is mess dress or semi-formal

dress uniform for military members and formal dress attire for civilians. For more information contact Master Sgt. Shondi Morrison at 222-0168, Master Sgt. Melissa Williams at 201-1980 or Senior Master Sgt. Robert Bourns at 201-5131.

What were you doing when the attacks of Sept. 11 occurred?

 Master Sgt. Bill Geiger 78th LRS	 Tech. Sgt. Jason Pierre 78th LRS	 Lynn Minter 78th CS	 Chief Master Sgt. Mark Connelly 78th CG	 Staff Sgt. Thomas Trigg Army H Company
<p>I was working nights on exercises at Shaw AFB. My supervisor called and woke me up telling me to get my bag and come in because I was being activated. While I was on the phone with him I turned on the TV and saw the second plane hit the Twin Towers.</p>	<p>I was at work at Ramstein AB, Germany. It was toward the end of the day and the civilians were watching their version of CNN on TV. We could see what had happened but they translated from German to English what was being said for us.</p>	<p>I had just gotten home from the hospital from having my daughter. My mom, who worked in law enforcement called to tell me to turn on the TV. I was pretty concerned about how what was happening would affect my child's life and how she would have to grow up.</p>	<p>I was at an in-processing briefing at Andrews AFB. I went to my room at TLF and my son called to tell me to turn on the TV and I saw the second hit. I had to pick up my daughter from her school off base and it took me 2.5 hours to get back on base.</p>	<p>I was in the middle between the attack areas. I was in class at a military NCO development course at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. It was a pretty solemn day.</p>

CORRECTION:
The photographer of the motorcycle ride photo on page A-1 of the Sept. 5 edition of the Robins Rev-Up was misidentified. The photo was taken by Ed Aspera. We regret the error.

Robins Airman's Attic helps Airmen turn houses into homes

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For many Air Force families turning a house or an apartment into a home is a necessary skill set.

However, adding the comforts of home can be a daunting task on any budget especially for those who are just beginning their Air Force journey. That is why the Airman's Attic for many young Air Force members and their families can be an answer to their house warming woes.

The Airman's Attic offers items of all kinds free for the taking to help young Airmen and their families stretch their budget.

A group of young Airmen recently joined together to help make the Robins' Airman's Attic fill the voids left in many bedrooms and kitchens throughout the Robins' community. The results of their efforts is a more user friendly attic where more Air Force families can get the assistance they need.

One of the Airmen credited with spearheading many of the improvements at the base's Airman's Attic Staff Sgt. Tara Gripton, said she just wants it to be a valuable resource to Robins' Airmen.

Sergeant Gripton, a passenger and travel clerk with the bases' Travel Management Office, said when she first volunteered to help the Airman's attic she had no idea what she was getting into. When she arrived as a volunteer she described the Airman's Attic, which is located in a house on Chief's Circle, as chaos.

"Coming from both sides of the house, you couldn't reach each other because of all the boxes," she said.

A fellow volunteer 1st Lt. James Fink, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance officer in charge agreed the attic was in dire need of a facelift.

"I can't even describe how bad it was," he said.

Today, the Airman's attic is the opposite organized similar to many Airman's homes. The attic makes it easy to locate needed items by placing them where they are most commonly used.

"We set it up the way you would set up your actual house. That way you could go to where you would find things in your house and they would be there," Sergeant Gripton said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Staff Sgt. Tara Gripton, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger travel clerk, volunteers at the Robins Airman's Attic.

The downstairs of the home offers kitchen, dining and living room items and the upstairs holds two children's rooms and an adult room.

Sergeant Gripton said the Airman's Attic has seen vast enhancements recently allowing Airmen within the community to find what they need and giving the Robins' community a great place to recycle unwanted items that could be a blessing to another active-duty family.

"This is just another one of the multitudes of ways the Air Force gives back to one another and raises its young Airman," Lieutenant Fink said.

The Airman's Attic is open to enlisted Airman from airman basic to staff sergeant and 1st and 2nd lieutenants. The attic offers various items including clothing, toys, baby items such as strollers and car seats, dishes and small kitchen appliances.

Master Sgt. Lisa Wills, who is in charge of the Airman's Attic, said she is grateful for the help she has received to get the attic ready to meet the needs of the Robins' community.

She said she is still looking for additional volunteers to help man the attic on Mondays 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays noon to 4 p.m. so that families will have adequate time to come and collect the items they need.

She said she hopes to be able to expand the hours of the attic, but that she needs more volunteers before she can make that happen.

Along with volunteers the attic is also looking for more donations of gently used items. The attic request that all donations be cleaned and ready for new owners before being dropped off. Because of a lack of space the attic

can't accept large furniture items. Although the attic can't store the larger items it will help donors find a new home for larger items by placing them on a wish list that is distributed throughout the Robins community.

The Airman's Attic is also home to the uniform closet previously located at the base's thrift store. The uniform closet is open during the attic's business hours and is open to any Airman

WHAT TO KNOW

The Robins Airman's Attic is open Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information about donating items or volunteering at the Airman's Attic call Master Sgt. Lisa Wills at 327-3983.

Robins to celebrate end of summer at bash set for Sept. 27

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As summer winds down, Robins is revving up some end of season fun.

The base will hold its 19th Annual Summer Bash at Robins Park Sept. 27, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Robins' Force Support Squadron's Services Division is using the carnival-like event to say thank you to its customers from throughout the year.

Linda Hinkle, Marketing director in the 78th FSS, said the day will bring something for all ages for little to no money.

"It's family entertainment and you don't have to drive far to get the kids on base," she said. "It's just good fun."

Summer Bash is a free admission event open to all base ID cardholders.

Brian Murphy, a recreation assistant at Robins' Community Center, said for \$5, individuals who are 3 and older can get a wrist band that allows them to enjoy about 25 rides and attractions, including a bungee jump, a dual lane water slide, a carousel, a rock wall climb, a Wacky World Playland and much more.

Children two and younger can enjoy rides for free.

Summer Bash 2008 is sponsored by Coca Cola, Robins Federal Credit



U.S. Air Force file photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA
Two young attendees test each other's balance at the Let's Celebrate Summer Bash 2007 at Robins Park last September while they are cheered on by onlookers. Summer Bash 2008 will kickoff Sept. 27.

Union, the home depot, the Party Store, USAA, AT&T, and Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsors is implied.

Ms. Hinkle said multiple sponsors will be on site offering a sampling of their products.

"Home Depot is going to come out and do wood projects with the children," she said. "Also, our Arts and Crafts Center is going to have an arts and crafts fair."

Performances by the Air Force Generation Band, Lindsey and Jordan Woodson, Sister Ray Ray, Ambrose Gardner and T'Nquala Hayes will begin at 4 p.m.

Multiple door prizes will be given away during day, Ms. Hinkle said.

When the buzz of activity stirs Summer Bashers' hunger, several of Robins' private organizations will have a variety of food and drinks for sell to hit the spot.

Mr. Murphy said he hopes to see a big turnout for the day.

"It's a great social event to meet and see other people who work on base," he said.

"It's amazing how many people show up that recognize people from other buildings and from off base that we deal with. It's a good way to wrap up the summer."

Award-winning support 116th ACW earns top family readiness award

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Commitment to the management philosophy that the most valuable resource of any successful organization is its employees and that by taking care of the people; they in turn will take care of the mission is evident by the 116th Air Control Wing earning the state of Georgia's top award for family readiness.

The wing received the 2007 Georgia National Guard Outstanding Family Readiness and Support award, for the second year in a row, during the Georgia National Guard annual Family Readiness Workshop and Leadership Conference Aug. 12-14 in Atlanta.

"We have an extremely robust program that reaches out to over 2,600 Air National Guard, Air Force, and Army service members and their families," said Eileen Byrd, 116th Family Readiness coordinator. "In 2007, the wing deployed roughly 1,593 people in 12 separate deployments, and for each deployment pre-briefing, the 116th Family Readiness Office was there to establish contact with the service members and their families."

Immediately after each deployment, Mrs. Byrd makes contact with the member's spouse through use of a database comprised of email addresses and phone numbers. She also serves as a conduit between the spouse, the service member, and the unit. Day or night, she receives phone calls from spouses on a myriad of crises ranging from a family illness to broken house-hold appliances.

On one occasion, Mrs. Byrd assisted a family member after



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER HOLMES
A member of the 116th Air Control Wing receives a hug from his family upon returning home from a recent deployment to Southwest Asia. The family readiness program provides support to families during deployments.

an Airman suffered a major heart attack while deployed. She coordinated with the American Red Cross, assisted the family member with travel arrangements, and was there to provide assurance and help alleviate stress.

With help from volunteers, the Family Readiness Office created the '116th Wing Yellow Pages.' This is a directory of wing members and their families who have a business or can offer a service at a reasonable rate to other wing members such as providing child care, lawn care service, and auto repairs to only name a few. The premise is to provide assistance to a spouse in need while their loved one is deployed.

Additionally, the Family Readiness Office provides assistance through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. This program offers free preparation and electronic filing of federal and state income tax.

"2007 was a banner year for the program," said Mrs. Byrd. "We had 12 volunteers who

prepared and filed more than 400 tax returns—and the best news is we had zero errors!"

As the holiday season quickly approaches, the annual 'Family to Family Foundation,' supported by the Family Readiness Office and many kind-hearted wing and community volunteers, will kick off another year of bringing holiday cheer. The foundation provides gifts of clothing, toys and food to those in need. During last year's holiday season, the foundation assisted 192 families from the 116th ACW and the local community.

"Having a strong family support program is important to me," said Brig. Gen. Tom Moore, 116th ACW commander. "Our top priority is to take care of the members of this wing and their families, and this award is a measure of our successful program."

If you would like to volunteer or become a member of the 116th spouses information distribution list, call or email Mrs. Byrd at 201-1286 or eileen.byrd@garobi.af.mil.

Every Monday now blues day for Airmen

Beginning Sept. 8, Airmen now will be required to wear a combination of the blues uniform on Mondays.

At a recent four-star conference, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz discussed the issue with other

senior leaders.

"We all agreed that part of our image, culture and professionalism is instilled in our blues," General Schwartz said.

The policy is mandatory for most career fields, with installation commanders

retaining the authority to adjust for mission requirements.

Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, blues were the primary duty uniform for most Airmen.

— courtesy Air Force Link News.

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HOMETOWN: DeGraff, Ohio

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UNDERGRADUATE FLYING TRAINING SELECTION BOARD

The next Undergraduate Flying Training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 13, 2009. The board will review active-duty applications for selection to pilot, combat systems officer and air battle manager training.

Officers born after April 1, 1979 with a total federal commissioned service date after April 1, 2004, who meet all other eligibility criteria, may apply.

All applicants need to complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. In addition, pilot applicants must complete the Test of Basic Aviation Skills. Applicants are also responsible for notifying their commanders and supervisors of

the application deadline if they are providing comments on AF Form 215.

Applicants should send completed applications, postmarked by Nov. 14, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. Applications with incomplete

or missing data may not be processed.

For more information, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site; search for "UFP." You can get more information through the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775 or the base formal training element.

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AFRC to test force support structure throughout U.S.

Starting in October, the Air Force Reserve Command will test a new force support structure by merging mission support squadrons and services squadrons at seven locations throughout the United States.

In the test, which will run for one year, the affected units will merge manpower and personnel functions with services. Combining these services in one organization is designed to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations.

"The Air Force has become a leaner force," said Col. Joseph Vivori, director of manpower and personnel at Headquarters AFRC.

"As a result, our people have to make the best use of the resources they have," he said. "By combining manpower, personnel and services under one manager, we will reduce overall costs and give our people more flexibility to respond to their customers."

The test will involve two kinds of units — stand-alone locations and locations that receive support from host active-duty units. Stand-alone test locations are March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; and Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. Test locations that will receive some support from their hosts are MacDill AFB, Fla.; Hill AFB, Utah; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; and McGuire AFB,

N.J. Labor relations bargaining obligations will be satisfied with local unions in advance of the test.

Stand-alone locations will have four flights — force development, community support, civilian personnel, and readiness and plans. Supported locations will have two flights — force development and operations, which contains many of the elements of a readiness and plans flight.

"Force support squadrons are designed to bring people and services together," said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, who approved the test for the command. "Like the active force, we will have one agency to care for our people and manage the services that support them. It makes good business sense for us to organize the same way we deploy overseas."

Airmen and their families can expect to continue to have the same world-class support, care and facilities they've always had, say command officials. They emphasize that the merger is not about downsizing but consolidating processes and programs to better serve people.

After the one-year test ends, AFRC officials will determine how to implement force support squadrons for the entire command.

— courtesy Air Force Reserve Command News Service.

► IN BRIEF

LONG TERM, FULL TIME ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM SELECTIONS

The local Long Term, Full Time Academic Degree Program selection board met and considered 24 candidates for full time college attendance. LTFT is an annual program open to civil service employees with at least five consecutive years of service. It allows selected individuals to be away from their job for up to one academic year in order to complete their masters or last year of their bachelors degree. They continue to receive all pay and allowances while attending school. It is a competitive program where selections are based on several different criteria, such as GPA and recommendations from the supervisor and wing commander.

WR-ALC/DPT, Base Education and Training Office, is pleased to announce the 14 candidates below who were selected and started school Fall 2008. Congratulations to each of them.

- Bruce Capehart, 542nd CSW
- Jamie Cook, WR-ALC/EN
- Michael Barks, 330th ASW
- Christopher McKay, 402nd MXW
- Gregory Sutton, WR-ALC/EN
- Sherry Dawson, 402nd MXW
- Erin Mathews, 542nd CSW
- Mary Nauss, 78th CPTS/FM
- Robert Williams, WR-ALC/DP
- Bobbie Ensor, 402nd MXW
- Hector Hernandez, WR-ALC/EN
- Virginia Does, 402nd MXW
- James Sawinski, 330th ASW
- James Strickland, 542nd CSW

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Commentary

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
— Nelson Mandela

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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.

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To contact the Action Line:
Call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil

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RUNNING TRAIL WATER FOUNTAINS

Sir, I have been a citizen of Robins for 36 years and I love it. My father retired here in 1972. I joined the military after high school and returned here in 1995 with my children. Throughout this time I have used all the services facilities the base has to offer and enjoyed them all. My kids and I use the gym on a regular basis...we are "gym rats." Sir, I am a jogger and jog the

paths throughout the base, especially the three mile route going through the stables. My suggestion is to put some water fountains, right there at the corner where the bench is. This spot makes a great half way point and rest area for when I am having a "tough run" or when I am with my kids and I need stop, so they can catch up with me because I am having a "good run."

Please consider the suggestion and thank you for such a great place

to live, work and play.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for your interest in fitness and for your interest in the well being of members of the Robins community, not to mention your family. We are glad you have been enjoying the fitness center and the running trail.

Although there is no water fountain at the specific spot you mention, there are two operational water foun-

tains along the jogging trail. One is at the corner of Fort Valley and Crescent, just before the stables. The other fountain is near the pull up bar station before Luna Lake, past the stables. And if you are running along the sidewalks next to the golf course, feel free to have a drink at the tee box.

Joggers should also know their limitations and we encourage all trail users to carry water bottles to provide additional refreshment.

IT'S ELECTRIFYING



U.S. Air Force photo by VAL GEMPIES

Staff Sgt. Abraham Lagunas installs a shortening clip on a C-17 Globemaster III nickel-cadmium battery before reconditioning it Sept. 3 at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The clips short out the battery cells to prevent electrical shock. Sgt. Lagunas is an aircraft mechanic with the 452nd Maintenance Squadron.

Energy Wise with Commander Kill A Watt

The 78th Air Base Wing energy office now provides Team Robins an avenue to make a difference in the battle to reduce our energy impact here in Middle Georgia.

By sending your questions, comments and suggestions to our watchful staff, we can do our part in helping make Robins Air Force Base an environmentally friendly place to live work and play.

Email your energy-related questions or concerns to: commanderkillawatt@robins.af.mil.

QUESTION:

I just watched Colonel Berry's interview on saving energy, and I noticed the mandate that appears to be given to you focuses on just saving energy with or without saving on energy cost.

For those not familiar with the difference between the cost of home electrical energy and the cost of commercial electrical power, they would think that saving electrical energy is also saving on the cost of it. However for non-home use of electricity, the cost is primarily a function of peak energy used over a short period of time during the day.

In Georgia Power's case for Service to Government Institutions, the peak energy use is the highest half hour during the day. For the heavy industrial user, an additional cost can

be incurred if the power factor is less than 0.95, generally meaning reactive loading. Electric motors, older fluorescent lights and older computers are significant contributors to reducing the power factor to less than 0.95, especially when turning them on and off. For details on Georgia Power's rate schedule, I downloaded the actual rate schedule of Georgia Power from its website.

My concern is if one of your main metrics is reducing the amount of money the base spends on electricity so it can be better spent supporting the warfighter in other ways, then the focus needs to be on both reducing the energy usage during the half hour peak of the day and reducing the reactive loading of power to raise the power factor to 0.95 or greater.

I believe I have some suggestions that could help you in reducing the amount of money the base spends on electricity so it can be better spent supporting the warfighter in other ways.

RESPONSE:

Your observation that energy reduction does not directly correlate to cost reduction is correct. Robins is on a combined rate with most of the DOD installations in the state of Georgia. This rate provides the lowest average cost for all DOD installations; however, it also is one of Georgia Powers most complex rates. Our rate

is composed of two main components. The first is load which existed prior to 1994 and the second is load added after 1994.

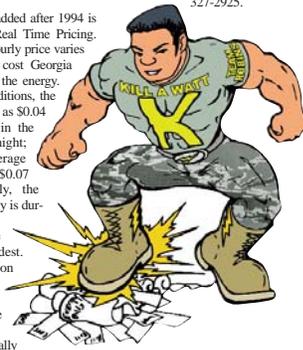
Electrical load prior to 1994 is fixed regardless of how our actual demand changes. For this load, we do not pay a higher price for higher demand; however, we can reduce the cost of this load by spending capital dollars to improve energy efficiency. We have completed multiple projects since 1994 and we continue to look for projects to invest in which will lower these costs.

Electrical load added after 1994 is on a rate called Real Time Pricing. Under RTP, The hourly price varies based on what it cost Georgia Power to generate the energy. Under normal conditions, the price can be as low as \$0.04 per kilowatt-hour in the middle of the night; however, the average price is around \$0.07 annually. Typically, the higher priced energy is during the time when air conditioners are working the hardest. Mid to late afternoon in the summer is the most likely time for prices to be high. During this time the price usually

exceeds \$0.10. The peak price this year was \$0.2716 per Kilowatt hour.

Robins does pay a small penalty each year for our power factor and we are working to identify large reactive loads and install corrective equipment or replace equipment near the end of its economic life.

I encourage you and all Robins employees to identify energy waste to your management and to our new energy office. If you have additional questions, contact Judah Bradley at 327-2919 or Dave Bruly at 327-2925.



Practice makes perfect

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U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARRA

The Robins Honor Guard practices for an upcoming Atlanta Braves game at the training pad next to Bldg 364.

Return rights from overseas employment

Civil Service employees on a career or career-conditional appointment selected for a position overseas have the right to return, by law, to their former position. These rights are established under 10 United States Code, Section 1586 and found in AFMAN 36-204.

An employee must sign an Overseas Employment Agreement which specifies the conditions and entitlements related to the assignment. Typically, an employee has up to five years to exercise his or her return rights. If an employee stays overseas for more than five years without getting an extension, return rights are lost. There are many other stipulations which apply to return rights. Prior to accepting an overseas assignment, it is important that employees have a complete understanding of their return rights and obligations.

Employees selected for an overseas assignment should first notify their supervisor. It is also important they contact the Personnel Office. There are several things that must be accomplished before a permanent change of station, i.e. medical exam, applying for and obtaining a passport and/or visa, obtaining Overseas Employment Agreement signatures, etc.

The position to which the employee has the right to return remains obligated until the employee's return. Should the position be filled in the employee's absence, the incumbent must sign an agreement acknowledging the employee's right to return to that same position.

If you have questions concerning return rights, contact your servicing staffing specialist. — *Plans and Programs Office*

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

Two weeks into the college football season, there have been few surprises. The *Rev-Up* takes a look at the top 20 teams in the USA Today Coaches Poll — *By Kendahl Johnson*

- SOUTHERN CAL** — USC has only played one game this year, a 52-7 whipping of Virginia, but it was apparently enough for coaches to propel the team to the top spot. They will be tested this weekend as they host No. 5 Ohio State. 
- GEORGIA** — The Bulldogs are off to a 2-0 start but have yet to be tested. The team is looking for a little revenge this weekend when it takes on South Carolina, who beat them between the hedges last season. 
- OKLAHOMA** — The Sooners have scored 107 points in the team's first two games, including 52 last week against Cincinnati. The high-powered offense next faces a suspect defense at Washington in what should be another high scoring affair. 
- FLORIDA** — The Gators last year's Heisman Trophy winner QB Tim Tebow knocked off in-state rival Miami last week 26-3. This week, the team travels to Tennessee for a conference game. 
- OHIO STATE** — Dropped two spots in the polls after an unimpressive win over Ohio. Game against No. 1 USC this weekend will go a long way in determining how good the Buckeyes really are. 
- MISSOURI** — Expect the Tigers, who scored 52 points in each of the team's first two games, to score 50+ again this week against Nevada. 
- LSU** — Last year's national champion has yet to be tested, playing just once against Div-IAA Appalachian State. They won't be tested this week either as they face North Texas, arguably the worst team in Div-IA. 
- TEXAS** — The Longhorns face Arkansas in a match up that looked good on paper before the season started but now looks like a potential blowout. 
- AUBURN** — The Tigers will face off against Mississippi State this week. Auburn may have payback on the mind as the team lost as a double digit favorite to MSU last year. 
- WISCONSIN** — Badgers looked good in wins over Akron and Marshall. They get their first test this weekend against up-and-comers Fresno State. The last start (10:30 ET) could be a factor. 
- KANSAS** — The Jayhawks face No. 18 South Florida. While the Jayhawks offense has always been able to score points, its defense is also solid, allowing just 10 points in two games this year. 
- TEXAS TECH** — Record setting QB Graham Harrell's leads all active QBs in TD passes and yards. The Red Raiders face SMU, a game in which Harrell should be able to pad his stats. 
- ARIZONA STATE** — The Sun Devils QB Rudy Carpenter is one of the best in the league. He will try to lead his team to a victory this week against UNLV. 
- OREGON** — Ducks have one of the best offenses in the league, scoring 110 points in two games (both against Div I-A opponents). The team faces Purdue this week in a game that could reach triple digits in points. 
- BYU** — BYU blocked an extra point attempt in the final seconds against Washington for a one-point win last week to maintain the longest winning streak in the nation. The revenge-minded Cougars host UCLA, which defeated BYU last year. 
- ALABAMA** — A big win over Clemson followed by a nondescript win over Tulane has the Crimson Tide sitting at the No. 16 spot in the poll. They will only go up this week, as Bama faces Western Kentucky. 
- PENN STATE** — Despite off the field troubles, the Nittany Lions have been solid on the field. They rolled over Oregon State 45-14 last week and will square off against Syracuse this week. 
- SOUTH FLORIDA** — The Bulls blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead against Central Florida last week but still escaped with an overtime victory. They will have to play better this week as they face Kansas in a battle of top 20 teams. 
- WAKE FOREST** — Wake Forest needed a last-second field goal to defeat Mississippi last week at home. This week could be a little tougher, as they travel to Florida State to face the hungry Seminoles. 
- EAST CAROLINA** — The Pirates crack the top 20 after upsets over Virginia Tech and West Virginia to open the season. The team has a little bit of a breather this week, taking on Tulane. 

Revenge-minded Bulldogs prepare for South Carolina

The No. 2-ranked Georgia Bulldogs (2-0) continue to prepare for this weekend's SEC opener against South Carolina (1-1) in Columbia. Georgia looks to avenge one of the team's two losses last year.

The Gamecocks defeated the Bulldogs, 16-12, in Athens last season. Georgia was held without a touchdown, managing just four field goals in the narrow loss that potentially kept the team from playing for the national championship.

"It was just a real tough game. It was a physical game, and we didn't come out with the win," said Coach Mark Richt during the Bulldogs' game week press conference. "They played a better game than us, and they played down to the last minute of the game. This is a new year, so we'll see if we can come out with the win this year."

The Gamecocks played last Thursday, supplying them with two days advance working on this weekend's contest.

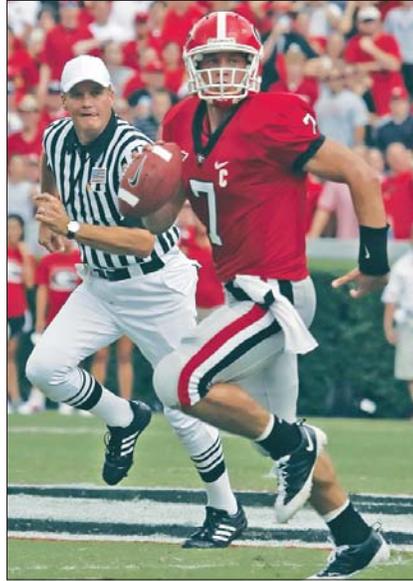
"Overall they are an outstanding football team, a team that I'm sure is going to be playing a little bit wounded, knowing that they already lost one conference game," Richt said. "They know two losses in the league doesn't guarantee that you are out of it by any means, but it makes it a long shot. I know they will be playing with that in mind. We are very excited about our first Southeastern Conference game and we know it will take all we have."

The coach said the game is important as it sets a tone for SEC action.

"Our first conference game of the year is very meaningful to us," Richt said. "It's a source of excitement for our players and our staff."

Kickoff for Saturday's nationally televised game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on CBS. The radio audio also can be heard worldwide on both www.georgiadogs.com, the official website of UGA Athletics, and on XM satellite radio.

— *Compiled from staff reports*



Quarterback Matthew Stafford scrambles for a first down in last week's 56-17 victory over Central Michigan. *Courtesy photo*

Football Quick Hits

BY KENDAH JOHNSON

MUST SEE TV

Although by 8 p.m. Saturday, you will have watched more than your fair share of football, you can't quit there. No. 1 USC hosts No. 5 Ohio State in what has been billed as the game of the season. While it's still early and this game may not have national title implications, it's still a game you cannot miss. ABC is broadcasting the game.

UPSET SPECIAL

With the exception of the USC/Ohio State matchup that pits two top 10 teams against each other, there should be few surprises this week. If you are looking for an upset, look at the Fresno State/Wisconsin game.

Fresno looked solid in its season opener against Rutgers. Wisconsin travels to the west coast to face a high-powered passing attack. Both defenses will be tested.

Prediction: Fresno State 45, Wisconsin 34

STAT OF THE WEEK

0, as in the number of touchdowns New England Patriots

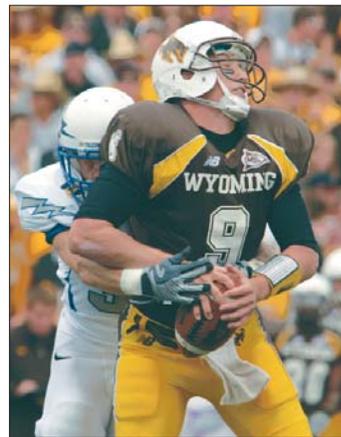
quarterback threw in his four-year college career. Matt Cassell was the backup to Carson Palmer and Matt Leinhardt while at USC. He was thrust in the spotlight with an injury to superstar Tom Brady. A successful debut this week against Brett Favre and the New York Jets would be a real neat story for the underdog QB.

NARROW FANTASY ESCAPE

I had the seventh pick in my online fantasy football draft. My intent was to draft Tom Brady if he was still around. He was. My computer crashed just as the draft started. I ended up with RB Marion Barber via an auto pick. The guy after me picked up Brady, who is out for the season. Everyone needs a little good luck now and then.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMMM...

With 48 seconds left to go and Florida leading 23-3, coach Urban Meyer chose to kick a meaningless field goal. Turns out it wasn't exactly meaningless, as the point spread for the game was 22.5 points.



Safety Chris Thomas sacks Wyoming quarterback Dax Crum. The Falcons defense recorded four sacks in the team's 23-3 win over the Cowboys. The defense allowed just 216 total yards, including just 76 passing. Air Force Academy's three points allowed is the team's best in a Mountain West Conference game in school history. *Courtesy photo*

Next up for the Falcons is Houston, with a kickoff time of 3:30 p.m. ET. This will be the first meeting ever between the two schools and the first time Air Force has played a team from Conference USA since the league was formed in 1995.

Air Force marathon offers much more than one race

BY KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

People can become a part of history by registering for the 12th Annual United States Air Force Marathon.

The event will take place Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Races include the full marathon, including wheelchair division; a half-marathon; and individual and four-member team 10-kilometer races.

For the second consecutive year, a 5-kilometer race will be held Sept. 19 on the campus grounds of neighboring Wright State University.

Other associated activities include the sports and fitness exposition Sept. 18 and 19 at WSU's Ervin J. Nutter Center, and the gourmet pasta dinner Sept. 19, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The expo and dinner are open to the public. The expo will host a variety of vendors with running apparel and other sporting goods.

Bart Yasso, "Runner's World" magazine's chief running officer, will sign autographs and conduct free running clinics both days of the expo. Mr. Yasso also will speak at the dinner and participate in races Sept. 20.

Another marathon feature is a free pace team. Runners can sign up for the various pace times at the Sports and Fitness Expo.



A change to the event this year is the elimination of the four-person relay, which is being replaced by the 10K individual and team category.

"No more waiting for buses, looking for teammates, collecting money from other team members or having to swap out team members," said Molly Loudon, USAF Marathon director. "All 10K runners will start the race at the same time. The winning team will be determined by collective fastest times of team members."

Another aspect of the marathon is the service-wide competition for active-duty Air Force Airmen which determines the command with the best long-distance runners in the Air Force. — where the founding brothers of modern-day flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright, first learned to fly in 1903 — and the Wright Brothers Memorial.

Corona is the commander of the winning major command.

Additionally, more than 2,000 military personnel, who are fighting the war on terrorism from their deployed overseas locations, will participate in the USAF Marathon simultaneously on race day, at their deployed bases.

The USAF Marathon is the world's only "air and space power marathon." Runners are treated to a variety of fly-bys at regularly scheduled intervals by America's most advanced military aircraft.

The F-22 Raptor is the 2008 U.S. Air Force Marathon featured aircraft. While marathon participants and observers hear the pounding of feet on the ground, they also will hear the powerful roar of Air Force aircraft in the air, including the Raptor, as well as other selected Air Force aircraft.

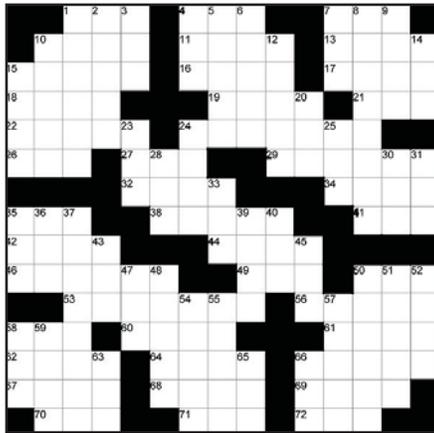
The marathon, a Boston Marathon qualifying race, is certified by the USA Track and Field Association. The 26.2 mile run traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson AFB, including the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, the base's flight line, Huffman Prairie Flying Field — where the founding brothers of modern-day flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright, first learned to fly in 1903 — and the Wright Brothers Memorial.

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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. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Renee Tealer**, HQ AFRC, POC is Lt. Col. Rebecca Reynolds, 327-0805

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday USAF

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Lump
- Music holders
- Standard time in the fifth time zone west of Greenwich
- Drink alcoholic liquor habitually and to excess
- First woman major general in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Land measurement
- Movie style
- Thought
- At that time
- A Guthrie
- Buy
- Married
- Star Trek actor Spiner
- Current HAF/A2
- Orate
- Mock
- Appear
- Mexican currency
- Rouse from slumber
- HAF/SG Lt. Gen. (Dr.) James Roudabush's org.
- First CMSAF
- Turn or change direction suddenly
- Cola
- Clump
- Desert Storm JFACC; architect of air campaign against Iraq
- Have dinner
- Sunscreen number
- Contemptible
- Activate
- Black or green beverage
- Convinced
- Soother
- Hall of Fame QB Graham
- Handed over
- Florida or Texas
- Okla. town home to Air Force Base named for MoH recipient
- Paradise
- Dogs and cats
- Col. Francis Gabreski and Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie were one
- Still

DOWN

- Current Acting SECAF
- Kitchen attire
- Buzzing insect
- Greek letter
- Ford competitor
- Take a nap
- Dine
- Current CSAF
- Oak or elm
- _____ firma
- Having a dull or lusterless surface
- Terminate
- Talks excessively
- Add up
- Strike lightly but audibly, as to attract attention
- Lucy's husband
- Mil. Pay statement
- Pod veggie
- Jolie movie
- Unit of energy
- Sphere
- Burn residue
- Cow's call
- See near Italy
- Otherwise
- Who Uncle Sam wants
- Part of the USAF's Total Force
- Meas. of how densely info is packed on storage media
- USN O-1
- Red cosmetics for coloring the cheeks or lips
- First CSAF
- Bothers
- Run away
- Current USAF/CC
- Dike
- Distribute or apportion by measure; allot
- Foot part
- Sicilian erupter
- Lyrical poem
- Tolkien character
- Health resort

SOLUTION



SERVICES BRIEFS

Mob race



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group ride go karts at Johnny G's Fun Center Sept. 8. They were celebrating the 20th birthday of the 51st, 52nd and 53rd Combat Communications Squadrons with an afternoon of fun. The birthday celebration was an opportunity for members of the squadrons to spend time together and with their families.

FRIDAY

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Sept. 12 for a presentation of "Bee Movie." The movie will start at dark (8:30 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SATURDAY

A Gourmet Night will be 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 leaves and balsamic vinaigrette dressing, saffron mussel bisque with lime crème fraiche, raspberry sorbet with mint leaf, chateaubriand with bearnaise potatoes and patipan vegetables topped with a burgundy wine sauce, fresh garden salad with toasted pecans and raspberry vinaigrette dressing and chocolate lava cake.

Cost is \$65 for club members and \$70 for nonmembers and tickets are on sale until 3:30 p.m. today at Horizons cashier's office. Tickets will be available to the first 60 guests. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

The Horizon pool will be open

Sept. 13 and 14 from noon to 7 p.m. Cost is free. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

UPCOMING

Let's Celebrate the End of Summer Bash will be at Robins Park Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and give all-day access to all attractions.

Attractions and rides include: roaring dual-lane water slide, cars two-lane slide, rock and joust, carousel, Wacky World Playland, Jungle Combo, three-lane bungee run and much more. Food and beverages will be on sale. 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.

An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament is underway at the Heritage Club. The championship round will begin Sept. 27. Please come and give support to all participants. Games begin at 4 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

Registration for Pee Wee bowling

will be held Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for three through five year olds. Cost is \$21.50 for two games of bowling with league starting Oct. 6 for 10 weeks. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Take a trip to the Drummer Boy

Civil War Museum in Andersonville, Ga. on Oct. 3. Cost is \$30 per person. Children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. Return to outdoor recreation at 5 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and walking shoes. A minimum of 10 people are required to take trip. Please register by Sept. 19 at outdoor recreation. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Take part in paintball fun with

Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Oct. 13 starting at 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 500 paintballs per person, speedball and hyperball fields, observation area, a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Persons 10 - 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. A minimum of 15 people are required for outdoor

recreation to host this trip. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Oct. 1. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

ONGOING

Information, Tickets and Travel is selling tickets to the Mountain Dew 250 Craftsman Truck Series and Amp Energy 500 at the Talladega Superspeedway Oct. 4 and 5. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and a pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only.

ITT is also selling the following tickets:

► Atlanta Motor Speedway- Oct. 24, 25 and 26 for the Hot Shot NASCAR Sprint Cup Qualifying Night. ATLANTA 200 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race and Pep Boys Auto 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race. Cost is \$90 for the three-day package.

► Georgia National Fair- Perry tickets and ride sheets are available through Oct. 1 while supplies last. The fair will be held Oct. 2 - 12. Admission tickets cost \$7 for ages 11 years and older and ride sheets cost \$10 each (no access to concerts). Admission is free for children 10 years old and younger with a paying adult.

► Georgia Aquarium- Cost is adults \$23; children, 3 to 12 years old \$18; and seniors (55 years and older) \$20.

► Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show in Kissimmee, Fla. adults \$42 and children (3 - 11 years old) \$20.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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

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. the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

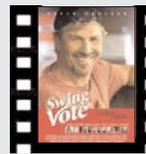


NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.
STEP BROTHERS
RATED R

Bramman Huff is a sporadically employed thirty-nine-year-old who lives with his mother. Dale Doback is a terminally unemployed forty-year-old who lives with his father. They are forced to live with each other as step brothers, when their parents marry and move in together.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
SWING VOTE
RATED PG-13

Bud Johnson, is an apathetic, beer-slinging, lovable loser, who is coasting through a life that has passed him by. The one bright spot is his precocious, over-achieving twelve year-old daughter, Molly. She takes care of both of them, until one mischievous moment on election day, when she accidentally sets off a chain of events which culminates in the election coming down to one vote... Her dad's.



UPCOMING:
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS
RATED R

When Dale Denton becomes the only witness to a murder by a crooked cop and the city's most dangerous drug lord, he panics and dumps some illegal evidence at the scene. Dale discovers the "evidence" can be traced back to him and he and his companion run for their lives.

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

Powered lift makes moving servers virtually weightless for communicators

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Workers in the 878th Communications Squadron were literally in over their heads with moving computer servers in the Robins Data Center.

Squadron workers were tasked with manually lifting the heavy equipment to racks often well over their heads.

Terry Stewart, Hosting Services Flight chief for the Robins Data Center, said it was a problem weighing heavily on people.

"In our data center, our racks are typically 6 feet high and we buy computer servers that we mount in these racks," he said. "Those servers will range from 20 to 30 pounds to as much as 50 to 60 pounds. Of course, putting them in a 6-foot high rack requires lifting over your head, which is typically a three-man affair."

After some discussion and a few phone calls, Mr. Stewart recently connected with the Robins Ergonomics Program and was able to find a safer way for the job to get done.

Beth Sloane, Robins Ergonomics Program manager in the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, said she was able to find a powered lift that would alleviate a lot of their load.

"I've been in the field for many years and I know about these lifts," she said. "I investigated alternative lifts that could be used in a tight space. Also, I needed to find a lift that would lift up to 6 feet, and a lot of lifts won't go that high."

After some research, Ms. Sloane was able to find what the squadron needed.

"I think it's a real addition



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Luke Sarazine uses a powered lift to move a computer server into a shelving unit. One person can move a server with the lift where it took three people before to do it manually.

to preventing overhead lifting," she said. "You don't want to lift more than 15 pounds overhead and you don't want to do it on a frequent basis."

Ms. Sloane said the powered lift technology that has been used in areas on Robins flightline is just as effective in areas, like the Robins Data Center, where lifting is a daily chore.

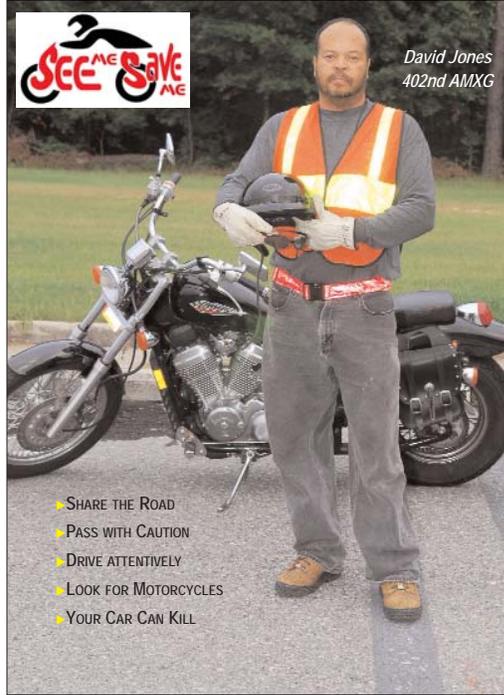
Luke Sarazine, a server administrator in the 878th CS, said the new powered lift's light-weight aluminum frame with a weight capacity of up to 140 pounds does all the lifting for workers.

"It makes it so much easier to relocate servers from another building or for moving a server from one rack to another," he said.

Mr. Stewart said the lift has increased his work center's abilities to get more done.

"It's actually a significant improvement in that we're able to do more with less now," he said. "With the machine, you can get things done quicker because you don't have to get three people to do something that you can do with one."

For more information on ergonomics issues, call Ms. Sloane at 327-7546.



David Jones
402nd AMXG

- SHARE THE ROAD
- PASS WITH CAUTION
- DRIVE ATTENTIVELY
- LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLES
- YOUR CAR CAN KILL

IN BRIEF

FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present a free concert series at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Performed annually in September, this year's series

will continue Sept. 16 with Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's Jazz Ensemble. The band will perform popular tunes of the 80s and 90s as well as jazz music of yesteryear and today.

Sept. 23, Reserve Generation returns with a special guest.

The concert series will end Sept. 30 with the

Concert Band. The concert band has a varied repertoire ranging from classical marches and Broadway show tunes, popular tunes and patriotic favorites.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or pets allowed.

Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

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

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

A&FRC is located in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Heritage Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies Passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 794.

Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. The bundle will include a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active-duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

Call Family Advocacy at

Group pre-separation counseling for retirees

The A&FRC will provide pre-separation counseling on completion of DD Form 2648 for retirees, Tuesday 1 to 3 p.m., Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members who are more than 90 days from separation date is conducted in a group setting.

The goal of Transition Assistance is to equip transitioning military personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for re-entry into the private sector workforce. The emphasis is on transition preparation rather than job placement.

The transition counselor will walk you through the sections listed on DD Form 2648, "Pre-separation Counseling Checklist." The checklist items ensure you receive the necessary assistance and information to benefit fully from the wide range of services and entitlements available.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Wednesday 2 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

VA benefits briefing

The Veterans' Administration and Airman & Family Readiness Center Transition Assistance

Program is offering a briefing on Veterans Benefits on Sep. 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

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

Group pre-separation counseling for separatees

The Airman & Family Readiness Center provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Sept. 25, 9 to 11 a.m., (separatees) Bldg. 794.

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Predeployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the A&FRC Readiness Team. Briefings are at 9:30 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794.

IN BRIEF

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia, Troops to Teachers and Georgia Spouses to Teachers programs, will be at the Robins Education Center, Sept. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers.

The briefing will be held in Bldg 905, Room 137, no reservations are necessary. For more information, call Andrea Harris at 327-7312.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its monthly general mem-

bership luncheon Sept. 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Horizons. The speaker will be Lt. Col. Lisa Richter, 5th Combat Communications Group deputy commander. The event is open to all communications and electronics professionals in Middle Georgia. For more information call 1st Lt. Darrell Gull at 926-8573.

