

HISPANIC HERITAGE



A group of young Mexican folkloric dancers perform at the Robins Hispanic Heritage Month picnic Sept. 13. The picnic, which was held at Gator Park, featured music, dancers, piñatas and family games. The next Hispanic Heritage Month event will be a luncheon Oct. 2 in the Heritage Club Ballroom at 11 a.m. Col. Madeline Lopez, Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins commander, will be the guest speaker.

U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Local DLA commander wins National Latina Award

BY AMY CLEMENT
DSCR Public Affairs

Col. Madeline Lopez, Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins commander, received a 2008 Latina Distinguished Service Award Sept. 5 during the fifth annual National Latina Awards luncheon in Washington.



Col. Madeline Lopez

The event was co-hosted by Department of Defense, Office of Diversity Management and Latina Style magazine. Latina Style is a prominent Hispanic magazine that focuses on the needs of professional Latinas in America.

Lopez is one of 14 award recipients representing all military services.

"Honorees distinguished themselves in support of the global war on terrorism, displayed the ideals

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Quality of life projects funded by year-end excess

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Sometimes people get what they need just in time.

That was certainly the case for the 78th Air Base Wing, which recently received an extra

\$310,000 from Air Staff to improve the quality of life for

Airmen at Robins.

Maj. Al Seto, comptroller in the 78th

Comptroller Squadron, said the wing received a budgeted

\$300,000 for quality of life needs earlier in fiscal 2008, but fallout money which came about near the fiscal year's end provided an added bonus to boost quality of life at the base.

"We got a tasking from Air Force Materiel Command," he said. "A couple of weeks ago

they came out with a call for quality of life issues. We were able to go out to our wing and request requirements that will help with the morale of the troops."

Major Seto said the bulk of the money funded new equipment for the Robins Fitness Center.

David Quinn, 78th Force Support Squadron director, said the QOL money will enable Robins to further take care of its Airmen, particularly in the areas of fitness, education, family support and the Honor Guard.

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AFSO21 helps 575th CBSS provide better support

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Field units that use weapons, ammunition and missiles rely on the experts in the 575th Combat Support Squadron to supply them what they need to accomplish their mission. And members of the 575th CBSS take their role of supporting the war fighter seriously. The importance of providing support to the war fighter is the main focus for the squadron, said Danny Fowler, weapons flight chief.

The squadron has implemented Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century into their operations in order to improve their processes and provide better support to their customers.

"The equipment specialists are the subject matter experts and they are

the first resource for the people who have technical questions," said Mike Stallworth, 575th CBSS director. "These guys are the ones who get the first phone call when there are issues — such as technical data questions. It's very important that they and their employees be very knowledgeable about the weapons system because the last thing we want to happen is to have the field units call up with a question and they not have the answer or to give the wrong information."

Stover agreed, saying, "Yes, some of these guys (field units) are dealing with high explosives and if you get a screwed up answer out there you can kill someone."

"A very important AFSO21 discipline is basically to eliminate waste,"

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Tim Yancy, 575th CBSS fighter bomb rack equipment specialist, and Ron Ryan, 575th CBSS configuration management specialist, inspect a M61A1 20 MM gun used on the F-15, F-16 and F-22 in the Air Force Gun Lab at Robins.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

AF develops plan for filling unmanned aircraft system positions



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. SABRINA JOHNSON

An MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft from the 361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron takes off from Ali Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Through the use of advanced capabilities, focused doctrine and detailed training, the Predator provides integrated and synchronized close air combat operations, to include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

BY MASTER SGT. RUSSELL PETCOFF

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force is taking a two-pronged approach to address the increasing need for pilots of unmanned aircraft systems in Afghanistan and Iraq, an Air Force official said recently.

The first approach will use a small percentage of Undergraduate Pilot Training graduates for the short term. The second will examine the potential for a distinct career path for Airmen to fly unmanned aircraft.

"The UPT approach will happen quickly," said Col. Pete Lee, chief of operational training division in the Air

Staff Operations.

In the next couple of weeks, Air Force officials will select approximately 10 percent of UPT graduates to begin UAS training when they graduate in October. Their UAS training will be at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada.

After completing a standard UAS tour, UPT Airmen will receive a follow-on assignment to a manned aircraft, Colonel Lee added.

In January 2009, the Air Force will begin the second approach, a small-group testing of a program to train approximately 10 active-duty officers to specifically fly unmanned aircraft.

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HAPPY 61ST BIRTHDAY, AIR FORCE

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Analyze this

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Healthy Start

Members of Robins community help give screenings to young students, 4A

SPORTS



Flag football

Intramural football is in full swing at Robins, 4B

WEATHER

FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY



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“Our main fitness center is our most highly utilized operation in the Force Support Squadron,” he said. “Equipment, especially cardio and selectorized weight machines are showing wear due to constant use and many have come to a point where it is difficult, slow or expensive to bring them up to an operational level.”

Mr. Quinn said the extra funds will help Robins replace some of the most worn items, including elliptical machines, treadmills, spin bikes, other highly used cardio and weight training items and game-oriented physical training items for sports like basketball.

A portion of the funds will replace aging furniture and shelving that will enhance the library’s education and leisure areas.

Mr. Quinn said the library will receive the Rosetta Stone

Language Learning System with the capacity to have 50 simultaneous users online and a variety of audio books.

Two other sources of education, the Professional Development Center and the First Term Airmen Center, will use some of the QOL funds to purchase a quality TV for briefings and general enjoyment during class breaks.

Additionally, the centers will receive a bar stool table and chair set and plants to create a more relaxing area for Airmen, Mr. Quinn said.

Airmen’s families are also going to reap benefits from the additional funds.

The 78th Communications Group helped Robins replace aging computers and support research and leisure time education, as well as provide means for library material searches, Mr. Quinn said.

The 78th FSS director said the additional funding also enabled the

78th Civil Engineer Group to resurface the Child Development Center playgrounds and focus on quality of life support with huge impacts.

A portion of the money also supported the Honor Guard mission, replacing weapons and rifle cases, Mr. Quinn said.

“Our Honor Guard must maintain the absolute highest levels of standards of professionalism to serve with dignity those who have served our great country,” Mr. Quinn said.

Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, executive assistant to the 78th ABW Command Chief, said ensuring the quality of life of Airmen and their families helps ensure the quality of Robins’ mission.

“It’s what keeps the motivation up,” he said. “We’re always looking for ways to improve morale and this is a huge way to be able to get funding for things that improve the quality of life for the whole installation.”

UNMANNED

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Colonel Lee said the lessons learned from the first group will be used to train a second group of 10. Initial training will begin in Pueblo, Colo., where the Air Force conducts introductory flight screening. UAS-specific training will follow with full major weapons system qualification completed at Creech.

“The plan is to develop and validate training programs that prepare non-UPT pilots for wartime UAS duty,” Colonel Lee said. “We

will continue to uphold the highest levels of Air Force flight safety standards.”

The colonel said this is a historic time for the Air Force.

“Pilots flying unmanned aircraft today and Airmen selected for the new UAS training program are charting groundbreaking paths for the Air Force,” Colonel Lee said. “They are truly trailblazers.”

The Air Force general in charge of oversight of air, nuclear, space, cyber and weather operations for the Air Staff said the demand for UAS in the-

ater is critical.

“The combat contributions of unmanned aircraft systems in today’s fight have surpassed all expectations and have taken a crucial role in our ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Lt. Gen. Daniel Darnell, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements.

“The surveillance-only role of UAS has rapidly expanded to include strike, force protection, and additional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions,” the general added.

Colonel Lee said unmanned aircraft are the tip of the spear for Air Force combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq because of “their ability to identify, track and engage our enemies.”

From January to August of this year, Predators and Reapers flew more than 4,400 sorties, logging over 81,800 combat flight hours. They also engaged more than 9,900 ISR targets and were an integral asset during more than 300 incidents of troops in contact with the enemy and more than 1,000 raids.

AWARD

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of duty, honor, country, and best epitomized their respective service’s core values and citizen-warrior attributes,” stated a letter from Clarence Johnson, principal director of the Office of Diversity Management and Equal

Opportunity.

The Military Distinguished Service Award is presented to military personnel who embody the qualities that are at the core of the service’s mission, that are well respected by their superiors and peers as leaders and upstanding service members, display exceptional character and represent the Hispanic community with dig-

nity and pride.

Colonel Lopez distinguished herself by her exceptional performance as commander of DLA Warner Robins. She was recognized for breaking new ground, when she was selected as the first commander of DLA-Warner Robins.

As the first site to transition to DLA as a result of the 2005

Base Realignment and Closure supply, storage and distribution decision, her planning and execution paved the way and provided a template that was used for DLA activation of other Air Force sites.

As commander, Colonel Lopez manages a pipeline that keeps the industrial site on task, handling more than 240,000 national stock num-

bers with an on-hand inventory valued at over \$400 million. She also supports more than 300,000 issues valued at \$170 million.

Colonel Lopez was noted for being at the forefront of DLA’s strategic goal of extending the enterprise, and excelling as an accomplished Latina professional in her achievements in the promotion

of diversity, equal opportunity and positive human relations.

“I am extremely honored to have even been considered for such a prestigious recognition,” Colonel Lopez said. “Having met some of the other honorees, I am especially proud to serve our great nation alongside these great Latin American heroes and women warriors.”

ed, what was important, and we went straight to silver.”

Stover credits AFSSO21 with the area achieving their goal of reaching silver status. Fowler said that the squadron is exporting the lessons they’ve learned through AFSSO21 and participation in VPP to their customers.

A group from Warner Robins Air Logistics Center traveled to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to assist the Air Force’s only gunsmith shop to improve their processes.

“We have established a VPP program in the Lackland gunsmith shop,” he said. “We’ve taken care of all of the short-term, easy-fix action items. Now we’re focusing on some of the longer-term, more expensive, more manpower intensive type action items to bring the gunsmith shop up to a silver status.”

The group explained that the squadron is constantly looking for ways to eliminate waste and improve processes. A recent AFSSO21 event focused on management tools.

“We’ve made some real inroads there for some future processes for the squadron to be able to predict occurrences before they happen rather than to have to deal with them after they’ve happened,” Fowler said.

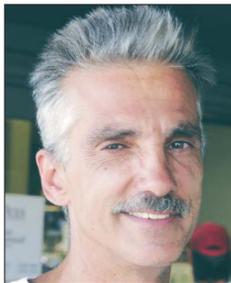
Displayed throughout the squadron are charts which give a current status on projects the squadron is working – whether it is parts supplies or technical data. This helps to identify roadblocks for completing work on time.

Training is another area the squadron takes seriously. Displayed on visual control boards throughout the squadron are lists of employees who have completed the seven-week long immersion training course.

“It’s a hard hit to take when you have someone who is one-deep going off for seven weeks of training,” Fowler said. “It makes a hole in your organization; but we feel like it’s worth it. It’s worked out really well.”



What is your favorite motto or slogan?



Rodney Wehr
Garrison Steel
Erectors

What’s up?!



Master Sgt.
Andre Killkelly
78th LRS

Can’t move a nation without transportation.



Tech. Sgt.
Michele Williams
339th FLTS

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



Pete Wynkoop
78th CONS

A lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.



Alfred Eddy
78th LRS

God is able.

Spreading the word

Air Force initiative changes how organizations share information

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Robins is breaking down communication walls.

As part of an Air Force initiative implemented by Air Force Materiel Command, Robins will soon adopt a method for sharing information known as Enterprise Information Management.

Melony Davis, Standards Element chief in the 878th Communications Squadron, said the government has changed its approach to information management, going from "traditional information hoarding to information sharing."

"We need the capability to share information," she said. "EIM allows that to happen. EIM is an initiative to provide efficient and effective management in the enterprise-wide collaborative environment. In our case, our environment is AFMC."

Ms. Davis said Robins has been the leader in using SharePoint technology in AFMC and now the base is going a step further.

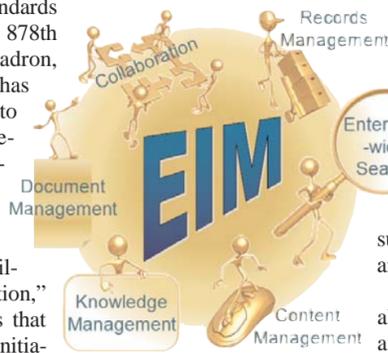
"SharePoint 2003 is the tool that we're currently using," she said. "We've been using SharePoint 2003 since June 2006. Now, we're moving to Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, better known as MOSS 2007."

Debbie Boyd, an information technology specialist in the 878th CS, said because Robins was an early adopter of SharePoint, there are more

than 500 sites on SharePoint. Those sites will all be migrating to MOSS 2007.

"AFMC stood up the server farm in June for the initial operation and testing capabilities," she said. "We started migrating the 78th Communications Group's information first. We're going to learn what we can by doing our own first."

Mrs. Boyd said sites on



MOSS 2007 have been established for the 78th Air Base Wing and the 78th Communications Group.

The remainder of Robins' organizations is expected to be fully migrated to MOSS 2007 by the end of 2009, Mrs. Boyd said.

Dusty Martin, an IT specialist in the 878th CS, said MOSS 2007 offers many features that the previous SharePoint lacked.

"We have recycle bins now for deleted items, whereas in the 2003 version, we didn't have that," she said. "We have synchronization with active directories."

Ms. Martin said MOSS 2007's recycle bins allow

people to retrieve items they have deleted from their sites for up to 30 days after deletion and site administrators can retrieve items from recycle bins for up to 90 days.

Ms. Martin said the tool aims to make sharing information much easier.

"With MOSS 2007, you can share documents within your organization," she said. "You can synchronize MOSS 2007 calendars with Outlook. You can also use e-mail participate in discussions and meetings, and view documents."

MOSS 2007 is also compatible with other Microsoft products such as Excel, PowerPoint and Word.

Ms. Martin said EIM allows workflow, document and records management, content management, knowledge management, an enterprise-wide search and many more useful features.

Ms. Davis said EIM will standardize how information is distributed.

"With the shrinking workforce, this will save time, man-hours and money," Ms. Davis said. "The Air Force is standardizing a lot of things and EIM is one of those initiatives."

People in the 78th CG are already receiving EIM training. Other organizations at Robins will receive the training in the coming months.

► IN BRIEF

ROAD CLOSURE

A section of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Byron Street and Perry Street will be closed through Nov. 5.

Gate 5 will still be accessible. Incoming base traffic can turn left or right on Page Road; however, traffic will not be able to access Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

from the driveway between Bldgs. 280 and 282. Motorists will still be able to access MLK Jr. Boulevard from Page Road and Byron Street. For more information, e-mail Eddie Arrington, an engineer in the 78th Civil Engineering Squadron, at edward.arrington@robins.af.mil.

RETREAT CEREMONY

A formal retreat ceremony

honoring the 60th anniversary of the integration of the US Armed Forces will be held Sept. 29 in front of Bldg. 905. The ceremony will include remarks from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander; and Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

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Above, Jacob Horsley raises his hand in response to an audiology test during a Healthy Start school screening Sept. 11 at Robins Elementary.

Zachary Klug, below left, Robins Elementary 3rd grade student, covers one eye to read an eye chart for a vision test at the school.

Robins Elementary third-grade student Illiana Esquivel gets a dental screening from Manny Cruz, 78th DS dental assistant.



Getting a 'Healthy Start'

Members of the 78th Medical Group and parent volunteers help administer vision, dental and hearing screenings to Robins Elementary students as part of an annual Healthy Start event.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

INTERSECTION CHANGE

The intersection of Richard Ray Boulevard and Cochran Street, and Richard Ray Boulevard and Milledgeville Street are now 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.



Garah Hammack

TITLE: 78th Medical Group laboratory technician

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR JOB: "I like that I get to rotate around the sections of the lab and I don't get stuck in one area. That way, I get to learn a lot of things from the front desk all the way to microbiology."

WHY SHOULD PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES: "It helps support our local community and supports our troops fighting the global war on terror. We have the blood drives usually on Fridays and the blood sent to Iraq and Afghanistan by the following Thursday."

HOBBIES: Chasing after her children and continuing to earn her Bachelor of Applied Science in Laboratory Technology.

HOMETOWN: San Juan, Puerto Rico



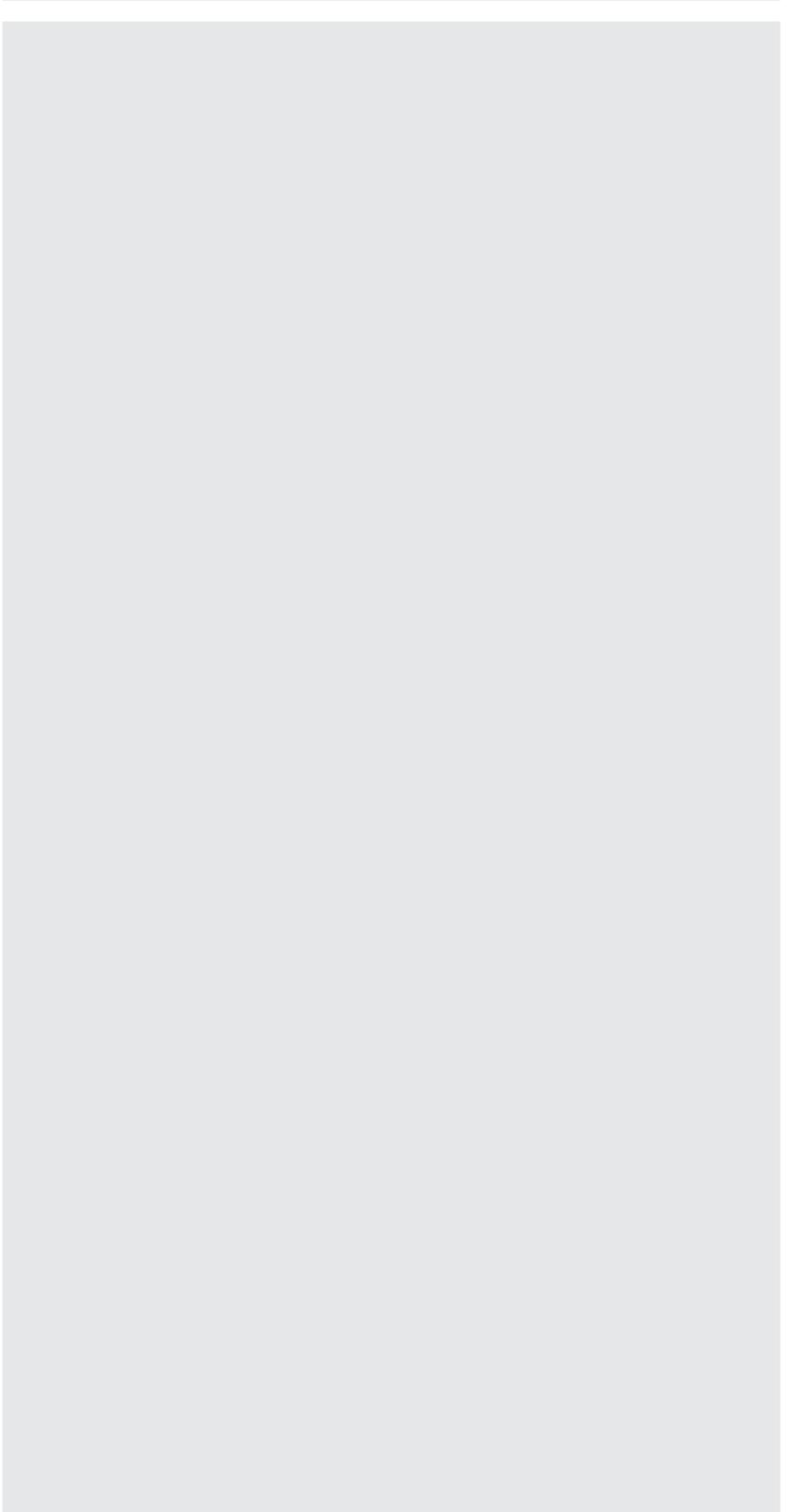
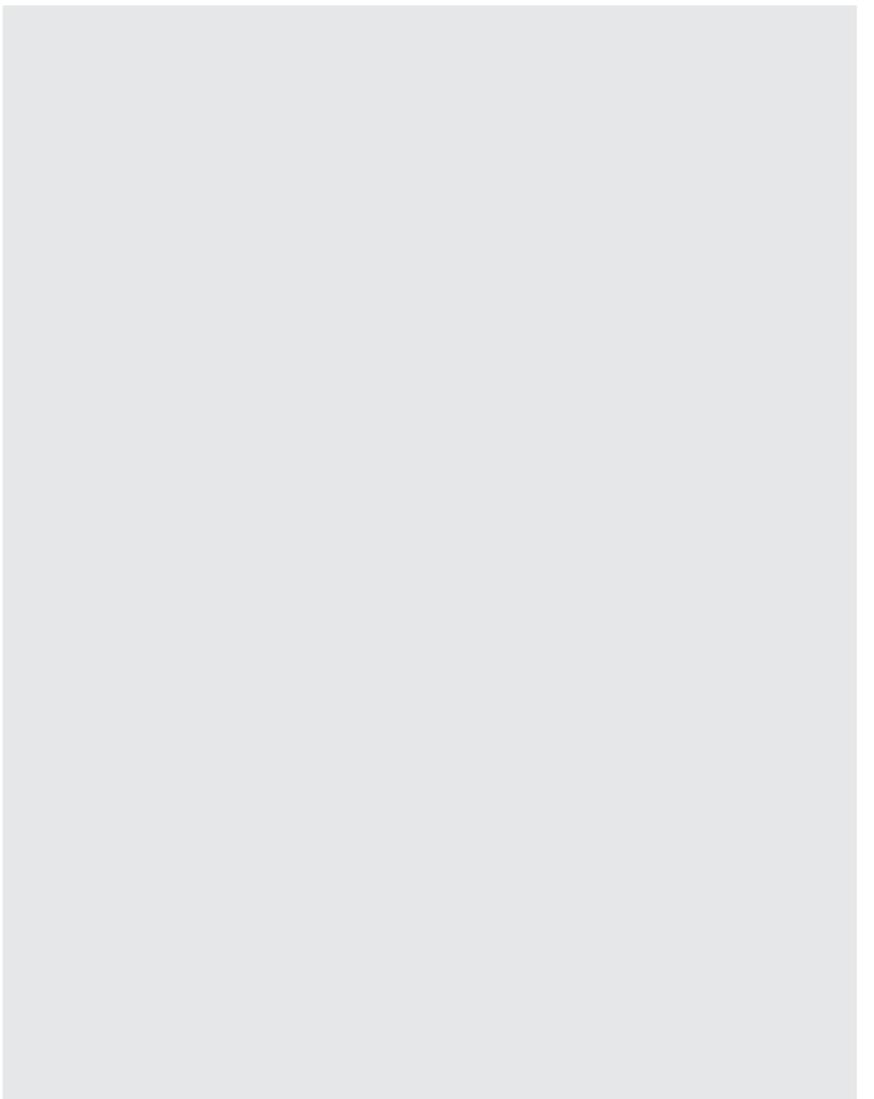
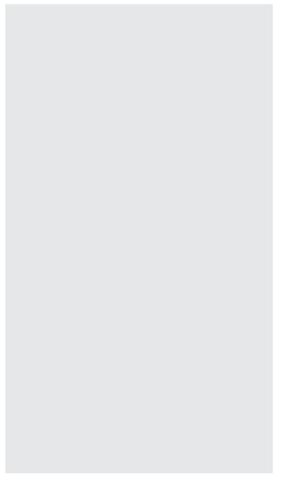
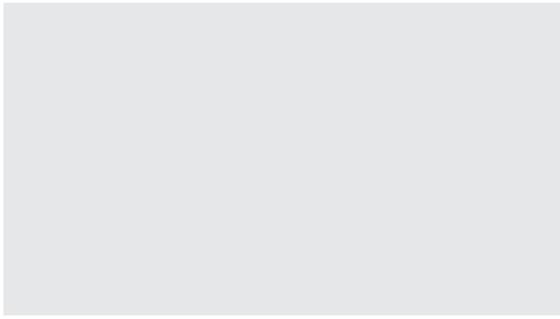
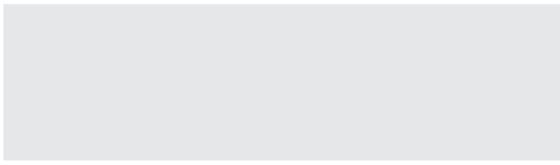
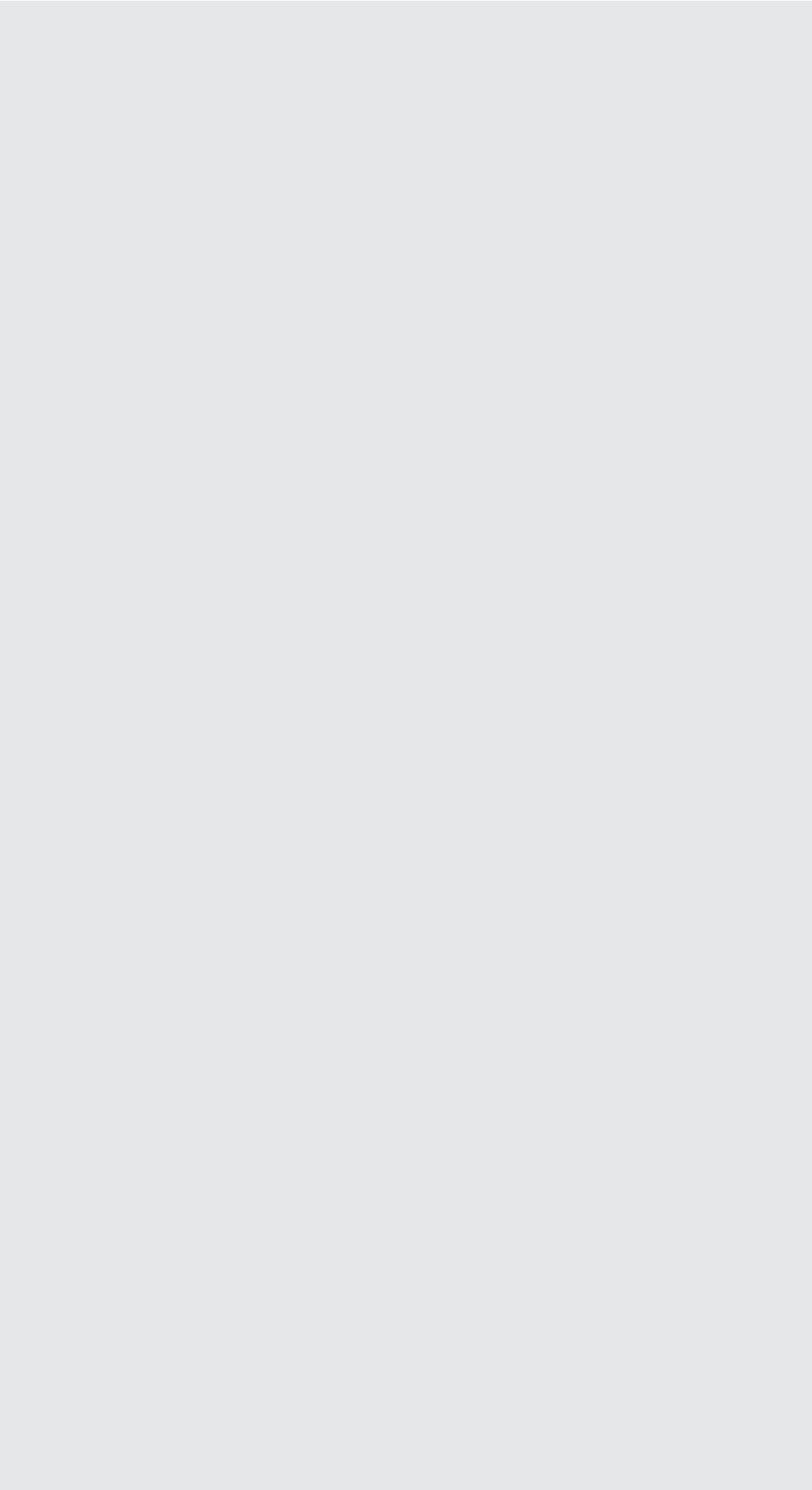
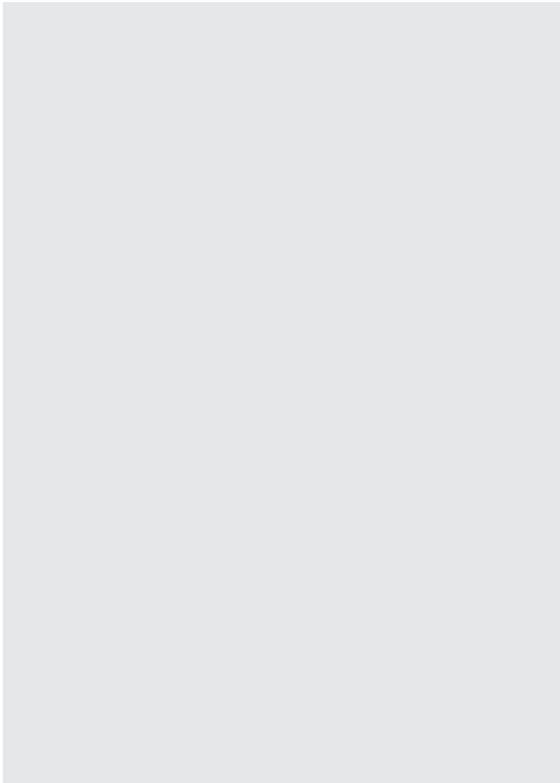
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PERIMETER ROAD EXTENSION

The Perimeter Road Extension will be open to vehicle traffic Monday. The Traffic Safety Committee Working Group approved creation of the Perimeter Road Extension to improve traffic flow and provide easy access to a recently completed 300-space parking lot.

Also on Monday, the section of old Perimeter Road between the south junction of old Perimeter Road and Perimeter Road Extension and the north junction of old Perimeter Road and Perimeter Road Extension will become one-way. Traffic flow will be from south to north. An additional 75 parking spaces will be created along the one-way section of old Perimeter Road.

For more information call Russell Thornbury at 327-8937 or Marshall Wall at 327-8935.



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ROBINS RIDERS MOTORCYCLE GROUP

The Robins Riders Motorcycle Group will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club's ballroom. Topics to be discussed include officer selection, community involvement, and the Andersonville, Ga. Ride on Oct. 31 just to name a few. For more information, contact Donn Johnson, Robins' senior Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider coach and acting director for the Robins Riders Motorcycle Group, at 926-2711 or via home number at 328-8336.

AF TOTAL OWNERSHIP COURSES

The Education and Training Flight will offer hands on Air Force Total Ownership courses. This is the primary tool chosen by leadership to assist in the management and control of lifecycle costs.

AFTOC 101, WSCRS, AFTOC Data Access Techniques, and Supply Distribution Table/Account tool sessions will be offered throughout the week of Nov. 17-21. There's no cost to take the courses and people don't need to be AFTOC users. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. To register, e-mail Mark Danburg at mark.danburg@pentagon.af.mil or call 703-602-9069 or DSN 332-9069.

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335-5238

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"Teamwork and discipline form the bedrock of military organizations, enabling key accomplishments.... Each of us depends on the actions of others, and we expect that all Airmen hold themselves, their teammates, and their organizations to the highest standards of performance, ethics and accountability."

— **Michael Donley, acting Air Force Secretary**

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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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HANDICAPPED PARKING

We only have five spaces and they are in different locations in the parking lot. I feel they should be located across from Bldg. 50 at the crosswalk area where they can be together and provide better access both for wheelchairs and vans. I would like to see this done with at least six slots. We have to walk further than the people without handicaps. Please look into this problem.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The CE Traffic Office has looked at this situation and determined that the handicap parking lay out can be improved and they are turning this over to the paint shop to

get this problem corrected.

Correcting these types of problems is easier than many people realize. Handicap parking needs should be reported to your organization's parking monitor. If the need is for improved locations, an increase in number or type (standard or Wheel Chair Accessible) based on numbers of registered handicapped employees or some other routine item, then your parking monitor merely submits the request to CE Customer Service (via Form 332) and the Traffic Engineering Office will review it. If it meets the standards of the Base Parking Instructions (RAFBI 32-101) then it will be approved and the appropriate shop will schedule the work.

If the request is not covered by the Parking Instructions or the situation is unique, then a Staff Summary Sheet from your commander stating the need and the justification should be routed to my office via the CE Traffic Engineering Office. The

final item may be approved or disapproved depending on the specifics of the request.

Although parking is not always as convenient as everyone would like, we appreciate any suggestions that improve the situation.

Handicapped Parking Issues

78th Security Forces Squadron would like to remind everyone that according to Robins Supplement 1 to AFI 31-204 Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, Table 5.1, item 5: Illegally parking in a designated (general not personal) "handicapped" parking space: the driver will incur a 30-day driving suspension for the first offense. A 60-day driving suspension for the second offense within any consecutive 12-month period. A 6-month driving suspension for any subsequent offenses within any consecutive 12-month period. In addition, questions regarding base wide speed limits and point values for infractions can be found in this instruction. For questions, contact Staff Sgt. Christian Craig, Security Forces Reports and Analysis section, at 222-1980.

AND AWAY WE GO!



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JAMES HARPER JR.

Aerial combat photographer, Staff Sgt. James L. Harper Jr., takes a self portrait Aug. 27 during a sortie over New Orleans with F-15 Eagles from the Louisiana Air National Guard and F-22 Raptors from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Happy 61st birthday, Air Force!

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force and their families:

Happy Birthday! On September 18, 1947, our Nation established the United States Air Force, signifying the commitment of the American people to leverage the most precise and reliable technology available for our defense in the air.

Our core functions have evolved since that historic day, but our responsibility to project America's strength and compassion remains steady. Today, America's Airmen deliver Global Vigilance, Reach and Power for the joint team through unrivaled air, space and cyber capabilities.

The actions of Airmen and their families build upon a tremendous heritage of integrity, service and excellence. Your dedication to mission and devotion to duty are obvious to all. We are proud of your efforts to win today's joint fight, and we know that your commitment to mission during joint, coalition and interagency operations - now and in the future - is steadfast.

In the past year, America's Airmen have delivered humanitarian aid to those in need and passed the milestone of one million sorties generated in support of the Global War on Terror. You have operated the

Nation's space enterprise and stood watch over America's nuclear arsenal. You stood alongside ground and special operations forces as Battlefield Airmen, defended against rogue actors in cyberspace and cared for the sick and wounded. You have made a global impact that spans the spectrum of conflict, all the while defending the homeland.

Our Air Force has faced unprecedented challenges during the past year, and several events have highlighted the fact that attention to detail must form the foundation of our every action. We are addressing several strategic issues, such as strengthening the Air Force nuclear and acquisition enterprises.

We know that every Airman is fully committed to the high standards of excellence that are our hallmark, and that through this commitment, we will fully restore our external credibility and our own inner confidence.

As we celebrate the United States Air Force's 61st birthday,

we call upon America's Airmen to reflect upon and commit to honoring the inspiring legacy with which we have been entrusted.

Happy Birthday, United States Air Force — fly, fight, win!



Michael Donley
Secretary of the
Air Force
(acting)



Gen. Norton Schwartz
Chief of Staff

Election leave rules, regulations

The General - Nonpartisan Election/Special Election will take place, Nov. 4. Voters participating in the election will vote on their choice of candidates for president, United States senate, congress, public service commissioner and state and local races. Advance voting week will be Oct. 27-31. Please contact your county registrar for advance voting times and locations in your county.

On November 4, polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. However, any voter who is waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote. Voters are encouraged to avoid peak voting hours, which historically see high turnout and long lines. Peak voting hours are from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. and during the midday lunch hour.

Air Force civilian employees requesting time off to vote may be excused, workload permitting, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work three hours after the polls are open or to leave work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the least amount of time off. Normally, where the polls are open either three hours before or three hours after the employee's regular duty hours, no time off is granted.

Flexitime employees are not normally granted excused leave to vote unless they are required to report to work before 9 a.m. and remain on duty until after 5 p.m.. Under special circumstances, additional time off for voting may be granted if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote.

An employee, who is given time off for voting, is required to obtain a certificate of voting from the poll site and submit it to their supervisor. For time and attendance purposes supervisors should use the code "LV" for excused absence.

The point of contact concerning time off to vote is your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802.

‘Analyze this’

802nd MXSS Chemical Analysis Flight safeguards various Robins missions

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 802nd Maintenance Support Squadron's Chemical Analysis Flight puts Robins' mission to the test nearly every day.

The flight conducts a broad range of chemical and physical tests and analyses for a myriad of customers, including Warner Robins Air Logistics Center organizations, associate units and off-base customers.

Tom Yentzer, Chemical Analysis Flight director, said his staff of nine chemists, five physical science and engineering technicians, one mechanical engineer and a metallurgist, do what they can to identify any chemical that could prove harmful to aircraft parts, fuel or any other items that could impact the warfighting mission.

"We test many different materials for different chemical properties for a lot of different customers," he said.

Mr. Yentzer said one example is how lab professionals test the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's Plating Shop processes and chemicals used in electrolytic, plating, and etching processes.

"We test metal bond production test samples that they send to us," he said. "We conduct certification testing of their products, as well as their technicians that create their products."

Mr. Yentzer said such testing can prevent the need for aircraft part repairs in the future.

"We literally conduct thousands of chemical and physical tests and analyses annually for a broad range of Center, on-base and off-base customers," he said.

Not every test is the same however.

Mike Butts, a chemist in the flight, said his approach for testing varies from chemical to chemical.

"One of the test workloads I have is to perform shelf life testing on paints, adhesives and sealants," he said. "We evaluate the containers the material is in to ensure the material is stored properly in the right type of containers. We check the material itself to make sure it's still in good condition. We make sure it hasn't separated or congealed or cured."

Mr. Butts said he then performs a cure test on the material to evaluate its form, fit and function.

Phyllis Slivka, a chemist in the lab, said chemists test a broad spectrum of chemicals in the Shelf Life Program.

"We get adhesive fields and paints from 12 base customers and four off-base customers," she said. "We test their products to make sure of what the expiration date is. If the product is still good, then we can extend the expiration date and the product can be sent back into the inventory and it doesn't have to be disposed."

Mrs. Slivka said the lab saved an estimated \$1.1 million through this testing in fiscal 2008.

Della Smith, a chemist in the lab, said environmental



Laura Abbott and Della Smith perform a liquid nitrogen pressure transfer to a dewar for use in cooling various laboratory instrumentation.



Laura Abbott, chemist, gets a result on the computer screen of an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer that determines concentrations of lead and other heavy metals in paints and other materials.

analysis and testing for the First Article Program are also parts of the lab's battery of tests.

"We have different instrumentation that we use," she said. "We'll test liquid hazardous waste, solid materials like rags from drums. There is also polychlorinated biphenyls and those items are usually in refrigerants and oils."

Ms. Smith said environmental testing also includes evaluating asbestos samples provided by Robins civil engineering workers.

Chemists also perform Trace Metal Analysis on hazardous waste as well as other testing, Ms. Smith said.

Laura Abbott, a chemist in the 802nd MXSS, said the lab even tests fuel to eliminate threats to aircraft.

"The most common thing we do is test for par-

ticulate matter that may be in the fuel incoming to the base or from what they have removed from a plane and are putting back into a plane after they've performed program depot maintenance and prior to a functional check flight."

Ms. Abbott said part of her job is to conduct process checks on solutions the 402nd CMXG uses in its plating shop.

"We check to make sure the different tanks they're using are at levels they're supposed to be," she said. "We make sure there's enough of whatever chemical that needs to be in there."

Ms. Abbott said the lab even tests the unknown.

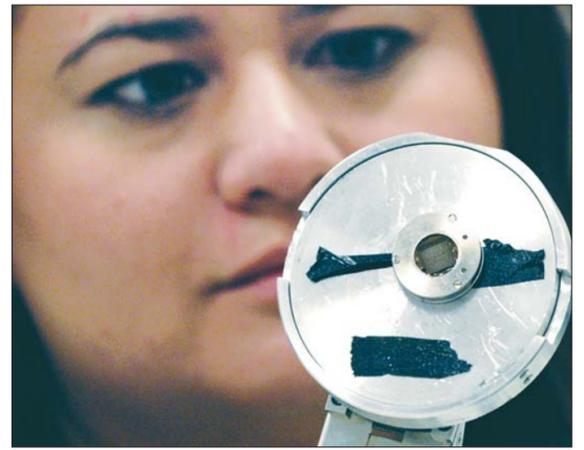
"If they have an unknown or they want something identified, we have the resources where we can analyze that on certain instrumentation or we

can do it in a laboratory with wet chemistry," she said.

Of course, these are just a few of the analyses the lab conducts all in the name of protecting resources, both environmental and mission essential.

Ms. Smith said the lab's job is one that's important to sustaining Robins' missions.

"One of the primary things we provide is quality control," she said. "They want to know if certain products, certain items produced or materials they receive in are within Air Force specifications, and if they're not, it could be the wrong part for a plane. It could hurt not only our mission of supporting the maintenance depot, but supporting the warfighter, supporting the Air Force, and protecting our homeland."



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Della Smith, chemist, shows off a small aircraft part in the center of a holder to be placed in a scanning electron microscope to determine its elements and chemicals.



Leonard Aaron, chemist, initiates a climbing drum peel test to test the bond strength of a honeycomb aircraft assembly.



Steve Rollyson, chemist, performs analysis of metal finishing solutions in support of the Center plating shop.

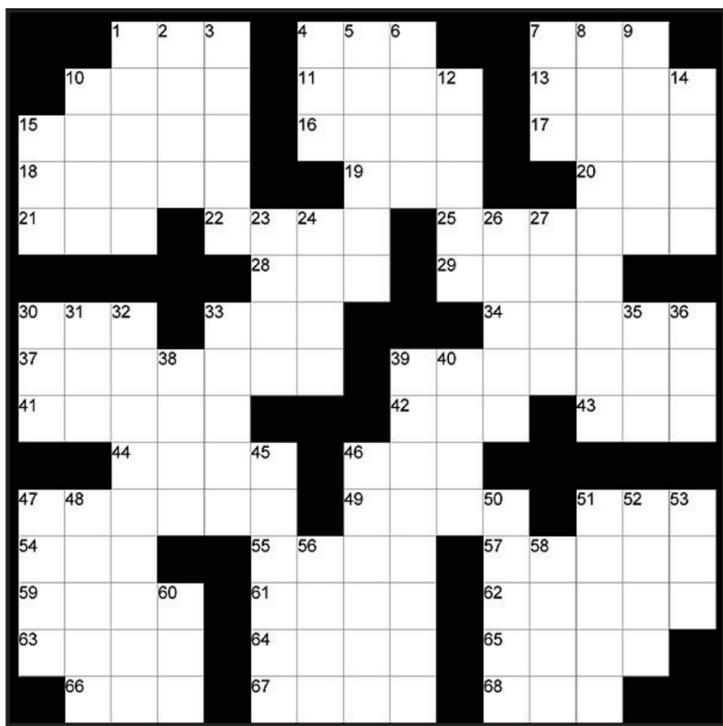


Mike Butts, chemist, performs cure testing to determine if a product is still usable. The cure time can vary from 30 minutes to 22 days. The shelf life testing saved \$1.1 million in fiscal 2008

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Renee Tealer**, HQ AFRC, POC is Lt. Col. Rebecca Reynolds, 327-0605

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Mount Rushmore State Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. X to Julius Caesar
4. Ancient
7. Unit or energy or work
10. Goodbye in Rome
11. ___ and feathers
13. Angel's headgear
15. Adage
16. Tantrum
17. Meat in a can
18. Looking tool
19. Accountant, in brief
20. Fury
21. 2007 Oscar film No Country for Old
22. Otherwise
25. ___ Rule
28. USAF appraisal for AB-CMSgt
29. Saga
30. USAF pilot with 5+ aerial victories
33. Red or Dead
34. Command
37. Basements
39. Assassin's tool
41. Actor Farrell
42. Democracy founded in 1776, in brief
43. Oscar Winner Brynner
44. Printer's mark
46. Large tub used for storing or holding liquids
47. Watch out
49. Middle East country
51. Perform
54. Overseas mil. address
55. Bedridden
57. Invest with some gift, quality, or faculty
59. South American country
61. Dress type
62. Col. ___ Vander Hamm; current Mount Rushmore State base commander
63. Hardens
64. Sicilian erupter
65. Exhaust
66. Murder, ___ Wrote
67. 1950s movie icon James
68. Mil. ID

DOWN

1. ICBM installed at the Mount Rushmore State base in 1962
2. Dines
3. Knotted rope
4. USAF commissioning source
5. Plane assigned to the Mount Rushmore State base
6. Trickle
7. Interrogative utterances expressing surprise or doubt
8. One time name of the Mount Rushmore State base
9. Glower
10. Current command chief of the Mount Rushmore State base
12. Phase
14. Sign
15. Hollywood studio and Las Vegas hotel
23. Lascivious or sly look
24. Health resorts
26. Musical theater
27. Island reef of northeast Italy
30. MAJCOM the Mount Rushmore State base is assigned
31. Co. boss
32. Namesake of the Mount Rushmore State base
33. More rational
35. Jack Bauer's org. on 24
36. ___ Aviv
38. 1980s rock singer Ford
39. ___ of the North; Mount Rushmore State base moniker
40. Hollywood dog
45. Joined a sporting group
46. Austrian capital
47. 1997 Halle Berry film
48. Fencing tools
50. Bird places
51. Bedeck
52. Adorable
53. Vietnamese holiday
56. Chomp down
58. CBS show based on USN org.
60. Exploit

SOLUTION



SERVICES BRIEFS

FRIDAY

A Heart Link class will be held for military spouses married within the last five years Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 794. Experience a full day of fun and activities while learning how the Air Force works and your role in fulfilling the Air Force mission. For more information call 926-2156.

Take a trip to the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum in

Andersonville, Ga. 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.

SATURDAY

Family Frisbee will be held

Sept. 20 starting at 10 a.m. on the football field next to the fitness center. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

TUESDAY

Horizons Tuesday lunch buffet will feature pork chops and sirloin on Wednesday in September. Both days also include a variety of rotating entrees. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

THURSDAY

A 78th Air Base Wing run will be Sept. 25 at 7 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

UPCOMING

Registration for Pee Wee bowling will be Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for 3-5 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.

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 gives 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 more. The Glaceau Tasting Vehicle will be educating and giving out free samples. The fitness center

Let's celebrate



U.S. Air Force file photo by CLAUDE LAZARRA

Face painting is just one of the many activities that will be offered at this year's Summer Bash. See brief below for complete details on Robins' annual end of summer celebration.

will hold a dodge ball tournament at 6 p.m. Sign up at the fitness center. Entertainment will include: Air Force Reserve Generation Band, Lindsey and Jordan Woodson, Sister Ray Ray, T'Nquala Hayes and Ambrose Gardner. Festive food and beverages will be on sale and the Arts & Crafts Center will have a craft fair with more than 10 vendors. Sponsored by Coca Cola, Robins Federal Credit Union, The Home Depot, The Party Store, USAA, AT&T 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.

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

Now through Sept. 30 register to win a \$20 gas card at the base restaurant. For more information call 926-6972.

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.

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 (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.
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.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2
RATED PG-13

Four young women continue the journey toward adulthood that began with "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." Now three years later, these lifelong friends embark on separate paths for their first year of college and the summer beyond, but remain in touch by sharing their experiences with each other as they always have—with honesty and humor.



UPCOMING:
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS
RATED PG

On the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, fans young and old will join such favorite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padma Amidala, along with brand-new heroes like Anakin's padawan learner, Ahsoka.

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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

A look at the top 10 teams in the USA Today Coaches Poll — *By Kendahl Johnson*

- 1 **SOUTHERN CAL** — USC whipped up on Ohio State, 35-3, proving it deserves the top spot. Idle this week, then faces Oregon State next week in its conference opener. 
- 2 **OKLAHOMA** — The Sooners are averaging more than 54 points a game in the team's first three games and have outscored opponents 162-42. They are idle, giving them an extra week to prepare for TCU. 
- 3 **GEORGIA** — The Bulldogs dropped another spot in the polls after an unimpressive win over South Carolina. Could be tested at Arizona State this weekend. 
- 4 **FLORIDA** — The Gators were idle last week. They face Tennessee this week. UCLA beat Tennessee in week one, then lost to BYU 59-0. Wonder what the outcome will be in this one... 
- 5 **MISSOURI** — Few offenses are rolling like the Tigers', who scored 69 against Nevada. Feel sorry for Buffalo, this week's victim. 
- 6 **LSU** — Tigers rolled to a 41-3 win over North Texas last week. The first real test for last year's champs comes this week as the team faces No. 9 Auburn. Don't expect offensive fireworks. 
- 7 **TEXAS** — The Longhorns got an unexpected week off because of Hurricane Ike. They will face Rice this week. Looking ahead, can't wait for Oct. 11 when Texas takes on Oklahoma. 
- 8 **WISCONSIN** — Badgers leapfrogged Auburn in the polls after going on the road and (narrowly) defeating No. 21 Fresno State, 13-10. Team has the week off. 
- 9 **AUBURN** — Fans of defensive battles loved Auburn's last game, as the Tigers defeated Mississippi State 3-2. This week's game against LSU should be a little more exciting. 
- 10 **TEXAS TECH** — Red Raiders knocked off SMU 43-7 to crack top 10. Tech's stay in the top 10 should last at least two weeks as they face Div IAA opponent Massachusetts this week. 

MUST SEE TV

The only matchup featuring top 10 teams this week is LSU at Auburn. While this probably won't be the most high-scoring game of the week, it should be a real in-the-trenches battle between two of the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. Loser of this game will likely say goodbye to any national championship aspirations. Game will be on ESPN at 7:45 p.m.

UPSET SPECIAL

Last week I predicted Fresno State to upset Wisconsin in a high-scoring offensive shootout. I was wrong on both accounts, as Wisconsin won 13-10.

For this week's upset special, you have to look further in the rankings. Utah is ranked 20th in the Coaches Poll and travels to Colorado Springs to take on the Falcons. Air Force is off to a 3-0 start and playing at home as a seven-point underdog, should pull off the upset. Air Force is second in the nation in rushing yards with 358 yards per game. If the offense can keep Utah's offense off the field, expect a win. **Prediction:** Air Force 21, Utah 17

DISAPPOINTING LOSS

Temple has won just 8 games in the last five years, but have been steadily improving, going 4-8 last season. The improved team opened the season with a win, but suffered an overtime loss to Connecticut in the second game of the season. Last week, they seemed to be in command, but lost on a last-second touchdown on a desperation Hail Mary bomb. This week, the snakebit team faces Penn State.

BONEHEAD PLAY OF THE WEEK

All NFL rookies have growing pains, making mistakes in games and learning from those mistakes. No mistake was more visible than Philadelphia's Desean Jackson. After catching a bomb from quarterback Donovan McNabb in the second quarter of MNF's game against Dallas, Jackson started the festivities a little early, tossing the

Football Quick Hits

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

football aside before actually crossing the goal line. The move deprived Jackson of his first-ever NFL touchdown. Although the team scored on its next possession, highlights will show this play every time Jackson catches a touchdown pass for the rest of the season.

BCS BUSTER WATCH

It's always fun to cheer for the underdogs, especially teams that could potentially wreak havoc on the Bowl Championship

Series. Undeclared teams in non-BCS conferences include BYU, Utah, Air Force and East Carolina.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

The Northside football team is gaining national recognition. The team is ranked 21st in the USA Today high school football poll. They were in the top 20, but slipped a spot after a narrow 7-6 victory over Carver (Columbus, Ga.) last week. The team takes on Valdosta HS today.



Photo by JAREN WILKEY/BYU

No. 11 BYU's Andrew George leaps over a UCLA defender in the Cougars' 59-0 drubbing of UCLA. The loss was UCLA's worst loss in 87 years. The Cougars are 3-0 and have the longest current winning streak in the NCAA at 13 games. The team faces Wyoming at home this week.

Robins intramural flag football

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



With intramural football season in full force, teams are jockeying for position in the standings in anticipation of the season-ending tournament. Three teams are undefeated, with nearly every other team still in contention to make the playoffs.

JSTARS recently took on the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group in a quest to snap a winless streak. Despite a strong effort, the team lost 20-14 to remain winless on the season.

Left: Capt. Noel Ramirez, wide receiver for the JSTARS team, goes up for a pass against a stiff defense.

Bottom left: Terrell Griggs carries the ball for the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's team in a game against JSTARS.

Bottom right: Toyce Billings, quarterback for the 402nd AMXG team, scrambles away from a defense in hot pursuit.



INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

Regular season standings (through Sept. 12)

TEAM	W	L	UPCOMING SCHEDULE:
78 SFS	5	0	Sept. 22
581 SMXS	5	0	78 LRS vs. 138 MICO
78 MDG	4	0	402 AMXG vs. 5 CCG
5 CCG	2	2	
78 LRS	2	3	Sept. 23
402 AMXG	2	2	330 ASW vs. 78 CEF
330 ASW	1	3	581 SMXS vs. 116 ACW
116 ACW	1	3	78 MDG vs. JSTARS
78 CEF	1	3	
138 MICO	1	3	Sept. 24
JSTARS	0	5	78 LRS vs. 402 AMXG
			138 MICO vs. 116 ACW
			330 ASW vs. 5 CCG

