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Senior Master Sgt. Jason Stokes received the Bronze Star in a ceremony Oct. 1.

Robins Airman earns Bronze Star

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In his first tour of duty in Iraq, Senior Master Sgt. Jason Stokes didn't have a lot to do.

An assistant collection manager for a Joint Special Operations Task Force, he found combat missions to be sporadic. But when he deployed again in November, things had changed. The troop surge had taken place and the Air Force was aggressively pursuing high-value individual enemies. Sergeant Stokes was now supervising the allocation of over 20 manned and unmanned Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance sorties daily.

"It was much more rewarding," he said of his second deployment. "It was very busy."

On Oct. 1, He was rewarded for his service in Iraq with a Bronze Star, the fourth highest combat medal.

By the time his second tour ended in May, he had been involved in the execution of 829 direct-action, time-sensitive missions, said Lt. Col. Mark Mocio, commander of the 578th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, of which Sergeant Stokes is a member. It was the first bronze medal for the 578th ACSS since the unit stood up in 2005, Colonel Mocio said.

Speaking to about 75 people attending the medal ceremony, Colonel Mocio joked that the key stats he was reading were inappropriately highlighted in pink. Those included that the missions in which Sergeant Stokes provided critical leadership resulted in the capture of 342 high-value individuals, 419 enemies killed in

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Robins retreat celebrates, commemorates

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The U.S. began numbering executive orders in 1789, Col. Warren Berry said in a brief history lesson at a retreat ceremony Tuesday, and since that time 13,466 have been issued.

The ceremony was held to celebrate the 60th anniversary of one of the most momentous executive orders, No. 9981 issued by President Harry Truman on July 26, 1948. Against the advice of his political advisors, Colonel Berry said, President Truman called for the full integration of the American military.

"Today we celebrate how

far we have come, yet recognize how far we have to go," said Colonel Berry, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing.

The famed Tuskegee Airmen, a group of decorated black pilots in World War II, were hailed in the ceremony as pioneers in bringing respect to the military service of minorities. Two black representatives of the local Tuskegee Airmen chapter, Walter Randall and Willie Jones, attended the ceremony and said the Tuskegee Airmen inspired them to a career in the Air Force. They are both now retired.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Staff Sgt. Tiffany Jackson, center, Robins honor guard, holds the folded flag during a formal retreat Sept. 29 honoring the 60th Anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

Pre-flight inspection



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Chuck Studstill with the F-15 Functional Test Squadron does pre-flight inspection of the intake and exhaust prior to flight.



courtesy photo

The Vietnam-era UH-1H helicopters are being converted into brand new TH-1H helicopters. The UH-1Hs are stripped down, cleaned and then built back up with brand new structural and dynamic parts, an upgraded engine and a glass cockpit that includes state of the art avionics.

TH-1H reaches first student training flight milestone

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Robins is celebrating the TH-1H's rising success.

Class 09-02 in the Undergraduate Pilot Training program at Fort Rucker, Ala., took its first flight on the TH-1H helicopter trainer on Sept. 15.

The aircraft transforms a Vietnam Era UH-1H, commonly called a Huey, into a modernized training platform that brings helicopter pilots' training into the 21st Century.

Paulette Lemons, director, 573rd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron whose office serves as the system program office for the TH-1H, said the flight is

a great success for Air Force and Army's joint effort with supporting the aircraft.

"In March of '04, the Army deputy chief of staff approved the transfer of 40 UH-1H/V aircraft to the Air Force, and the Air Education and Training Command made the decision to use 24 of them to support student undergraduate pilot training. We used 16 of them as harvest birds to support the modification of those 24."

Ms. Lemons said Robins is responsible for ensuring that Lockheed Martin, the primary contractor, and Ozark, Ala.-based Bell Aero Helicopter/US Helo, the subcontractor for this effort, completed the mod-

ification on time.

Ms. Lemons said engines for the TH-1H were provided by McTurbine Inc. in Corpus Christie, Texas.

As of Sept. 30, 15 of the 24 TH-1H aircraft have been delivered to AETC, Ms. Lemons said.

Ms. Lemons said the TH-1H's initial flight is good news for those who support it.

Maj. Sammie Thompson, Huey Flight chief in the 573rd ACSG/GFLA, said reaching the milestone affirms an outstanding team effort.

"It's one we've been waiting on

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PITCHING IN 580th ACSG earns military affairs committee community service award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Volunteerism has been a pastime for many people at Robins for quite some time.

The selfless act of investing time in the community recently earned the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group's Special Operations Forces/Combat Search and Rescue team the Warner Robins Military Affairs Committee's Community Service Award.

Representatives from the group were presented with the award in a ceremony inside the Museum of Aviation's Robert L. Scott Theater on Monday.

Ed Rodriguez, president and chief executive officer of the Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce, said volunteers have shared their time in local schools and many charitable organizations.

"It's pretty amazing to think of how much they get involved," he said. "Some of them are here for a relatively short amount of time and they know it. Yet, they still get involved, putting hours into the community as if it were their home town."

Ron Carbon, vice chairman of the Warner Robins Military Affairs Committee within the Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce, said his committee has sponsored the award for many



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The 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group was the winner of this year's Community Service Award. Pictured are Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing Commander; Kathy Smith, 580th ACSG workflow contractor support; John Adams, 580th ACSG director; Denise Smith, 580th ACSG workflow chief; Lt. Col. William Hanig, 580th ACSG deputy director; and Ed Rodriguez, Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce president. The 330th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron was this year's runner up.

years.

"This is our way of recognizing the great service the employees of Robins Air Force Base provide to our community and being an integral part of the success of Warner Robins itself."

Mr. Carbon said many of the community-based organizations couldn't survive without the involvement of volunteers. He said the 580th ACSG's "sheer mass of volunteer work and the breadth of the lives they touched" contributed to their earning this

year's award.

John Adams, 580th ACSG director, said he couldn't be more proud of the generosity of his people.

"I'm just amazed at the dedication of the people I have the privilege of working with every day, dedication not only to the warfighter, but to the community at large and the hours they make available to support the community out there," he said.

Lanier Meeks, a program manager in the 580th ACSG, has volunteered with the

Salkehatchie, a youth ministry organization dedicated to refurbishing the homes of the less fortunate and other projects to help the community, on and off since he was 14.

Mr. Meeks said while he's merely doing his part to give back to the community, the award is much appreciated.

"I think this is one of the more important awards that we can receive as an entity on this base because it shows that we love our community as well as the community loving us," he said.

TH-1H

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with great anticipation because any Air Force helicopter pilot will go through this school and the TH-1H is the only training platform that they'll use," he said.

Maj. Richard Antoine, 573rd ACSG director of operations, said it's great to see hard work pay off.

"I've been with the squadron only a short time, but what strikes me is the hard work that Major Thompson and his flight have put into this," he said. "While the TH-1H was really just supposed to be a modification program, the level of effort has been like a complete acquisition of a new platform. It has been that much work."

Ms. Lemons said the TH-1H's first flight has proven it's capable of training students quicker with better technology.

"It's going to mean that AETC will now be able to perform better and probably

at a faster pace with its undergraduate pilot training for a bigger cadre of students," she said.

Ms. Lemons said although the TH-1H is on the path of success, there's more to be done with the aircraft.

"While we are still rocking and rolling trying to get all four lots delivered, we still have some technical issues we're working with," she said. "We're continuing to do all of the provisioning to get all of the tech data out to the field, getting it corrected. We're trying to make sure the aircraft is fully fielded, funded, and supported by the users."

In addition, Ms. Lemons said the Air Force will deliver a TH-1H simulator to the Fort Rucker school in January 2009, which will enable continued and increased training of students.

"We're looking at an operational date of January 2009 and a full operational capability date of October 2010," Ms. Lemons said.



Courtesy photo

The TH-1H transforms a Vietnam Era UH-1H, commonly called a Huey, into a modernized training platform.

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action, 51 enemies wounded in action and 1,960 suspected anti-coalition forces detained.

Colonel Mocio said when

Sergeant Stokes recognized that weather was a common cause of mission failure, he began coordinating with Combat Air Operations Center air asset managers and weather forecasters to identify low-risk launch and recovery windows for missions involving unmanned aircraft, despite

initial recommendations to ground them.

"It shows what can happen when you get good people thinking outside the box," Colonel Mocio said.

Sergeant Stokes, who has been stationed at Robins for two years, credited his success in Iraq to the

support of his colleagues back at Robins.

"I feel very undeserving of this level of merit," he said. "The impact we had when we were over there was pretty incredible. None of that could have happened without you guys doing what you do back home."

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What is one of your favorite movies and why?



Crystal Webb
WRALC/DP

"Freedom Writers, because the teacher gave the students a different understanding of life instead of a lifestyle of drugs and gangs."



Airman 1st Class
Dante Sweat
78th MDOS

"American Gangster. I like Denzel Washington and TI and Common were in the movie. It was good they were given a chance to star in a movie."



Jacqulyn Mann
584th CBSS

"The Notebook, because it shows that it's possible to find your one true love."



Kayla Lapioli
Military dependent

"Hairspray. It's a musical and I love to dance and it makes me want to move. And Zac Efron is really cute."



Richard Fair
584th CBSS

"The Bucket List. I think it can pertain to everybody. It tells you to use your time wisely."

Robins, Georgia Power install electrical substation to power greater workload

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Robins is partnering with Georgia Power to create an additional electrical substation that would provide a more reliable power source for industrial areas on the north end of the base. The project is expected to be completed by early 2009.

Robins currently has three electrical substations to meet the electricity requirements of its multi-faceted mission.

John Powell, an electrical engineer in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, said Robins and Georgia Power are jointly supporting the project.

"Georgia Power is providing the transmission line to tie in and serve the new substation," he said. "They will provide the structure, the transformer and the new substation and circuit breakers that will be part of the substation."

Mr. Powell said Georgia Power is doing the site work and installation of the substation and Robins will install new circuits on base that will tie into the substation.

Robins will own four new circuit breakers, while Georgia Power will retain ownership of the high voltage transformer.

Mr. Powell said the power source works much like those in the private sector.

"A substation takes high voltage coming in from the utility provider and steps it down into another voltage that is usable by the customer," he said. "It's just a power source for the customers on base. It's identical to the substations out in the private world where a residential or industrial customer receives power."

Mr. Powell said once power is released from the substation, it's sent through a distribution grid, whether overhead or underground, and the power is



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Georgia Power crews install transmission lines along Ga. Hwy. 247 in preparation for an electrical substation that will power industrial air-field facilities and associate units.

transferred to the smaller transformers in the field where customers receive their power.

The new substation will support associate units located in what is commonly called "the outback" of the base, a workload the first substation had been supporting for a while.

"Due to BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) missions coming on base, we'll have increased power requirements," Mr. Powell said. "Also, due to the increased power requirements for the existing industrial complex, the first substation is peaking out or is at near maximum. It's not good to have any piece of equipment or substation like this to run at its peak load for an extended period of time. It wears down the system."

Memory Rozier, a utility engineer in the 78th CES, said the new electrical substation will help Robins meet growing energy demands new missions bring.

"About two years ago, we finally realized that energy consumption on base was increasing beyond what our other substations could provide," she said. "Because of the redundancy we have set up in our substa-

tion, if something goes out on one end, we can shut that down and rotate the power to another source. We were reaching capacity and not being able to do that any longer."

The new substation proved to be a better solution to the burden on the existing setup, as it would cost more to upgrade the current substation, Ms. Rozier said. The north end of the base was chosen since it holds the largest energy consumer on base, the industrial complex.

Mr. Powell said adding the electrical substation was a good setup for Robins.

"It will allow us to better maintain our existing distribution grid by isolating the circuits better and will perform better load sharing between the new and existing substations," he said. "It will basically allow us to provide a better product."

David Brantley, 78th CES chief of Facility Operations, said the new substation will make room for Robins to grow.

While Robins expects to see some energy cost savings from the new substation, David Hopper, 78th CES Resource Efficiency manager, said the exact level of savings is not yet known.

Crunch time at Robins



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Michael Borders and Michael Austin, 78th Comptroller Squadron financial management specialists, certify that funds are available for purchase requests during the final push to make sure allotment money provided to the base is spent and to close out the fiscal year by midnight Sept. 30. Throughout the fiscal year, the 78th CPTS accounting branch processed over 108,000 transactions totaling over \$11.2 billion.

► IN BRIEF

ROBINS BOY SCOUTING OPPORTUNITY

Scouting allows young men to build character and confidence while developing interests in conservation, technology, citizenship and service to others.

Robins Boy Scout Pack and Troop 220 are units of the Boy Scouts of America, and are chartered by the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association and have been a part of Robins for over 50 years.

Participation in these organizations is open to dependants of military and civilians associated with the Base. For more information on Scouting opportunities at Robins contact Griff Cox at 328-2178 (Pack) or Jerry Brown at 213-6428 (Troop.)

ROAD CLOSURE

Byron Street will be closed through Oct 17. The closure will be between Third

Street and Richard Ray Blvd. The closure is to install new curbs, sidewalks, re-pave the road and landscape the area.

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"The fact that President Truman had the courage and the intestinal fortitude to do this was huge," said Mr. Randall in an interview following the ceremony.

Mr. Jones said he admired the Tuskegee Airmen for fighting for their country despite the way they were treated by it.

"They overlooked the fight back home for equality to defend democracy," he said.

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, called the anniversary "a momentous occasion."

"I think it's easy for us who have served in the military in this generation to take for granted the opportunities that we have," she said.

The general noted although

Truman issued the order in 1948, it took another six years before the last all-black unit was disbanded.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, vice commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, said the work of fully integrating the military for females and minorities continues today.

"We are still finding new and innovative ways to integrate our armed forces," he said.



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Above, Senior Airman Trevor Corriders, guidon bearer for the 5th Combat Communications Group, stands before their formation at the formal retreat Sept. 29 honoring the 60th Anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

Right center, Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander arrive at a formal retreat Sept. 29.

Right bottom, Members of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve play at a formal retreat. Executive orders, No. 9981 issued by President Harry Truman on July 26, 1948 called for the full integration of the American military



Help fight domestic violence

By Robins Family Advocacy

October is National Domestic Violence Prevention Month. For over two decades, our nation has recognized that violence against spouses and intimate partners should not be tolerated. A purple ribbon is worn to demonstrate support for victims and to convey a message that there's no place for domestic violence in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces or schools.

Domestic violence includes physical, emotional and verbal abuse as well as neglect. The underlying factor in this type of behavior is one person's need to feel powerful and in control of another person's behavior and actions. The abuse is done to prevent a "victim" from seeking help. Per the National Crime Prevention Council, "Silence is the batterer's best friend."

Signs of abuse can include:

- ▶ Limiting outside contact with others to include not allowing unsupervised visits or phone calls with friends and family.
- ▶ Forbidden to participate in household finances and decision making.
- ▶ Restriction from getting a job, driving a car or going to school.
- ▶ Injuries with unreasonable explanation of cause.
- ▶ Continual verbal berating that humiliates and degrades.

Domestic violence is everyone's concern.

According to Liz Claiborne's Women's Work Program, children who grow up witnessing domestic violence are 74 percent more likely to commit assault. More women are injured by domestic violence each year than by automobile accidents and cancer deaths combined. Each year, businesses forfeit \$100 million in lost wages, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity.

Robins Family Advocacy had 103 reported incidents of domestic violence in 2007. This year our community has been hit hard by very serious domestic violence incidents in which lives have been lost.

This month you can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence and celebrate those who have survived. Family Advocacy will be at the Robins Base Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 with ribbons and information to help stop domestic violence. You can also donate old cell phones to the Salvation Army Safe House to support sheltering, clothing and feeding women and children affected by domestic violence.

For more information on what you can do to become involved in the fight to end domestic violence, contact Family Advocacy at 327-8398.

Airman and Family Readiness Center workshops

CENTER CLOSED

The Airman & Family Readiness Center, and Loan Closet will be closed Oct. 13, in observance of Columbus Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

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The A&FRC provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m., (Separatees) Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members separating 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

Robins gets flu mist shipment, still awaiting flu shot arrival

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As the flu season begins, Robins' Allergy and Immunization Clinic is getting armed with vaccinations to help people fight off the flu virus.

Robins recently received 3,000 flu mist doses and is expecting 5,000 doses of the flu shot to arrive in the near future.

Master Sgt. Jack Jenkins, NCO in charge of the Allergy and Immunization Clinic in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, said the clinic's number one focus is to vaccinate all active-duty military members at Robins.

"Right now, the flu mist is available for all active-duty military members and our beneficiaries," he said.

Sergeant Jenkins said the flu mist is a live vaccine administered through the nasal passage and is recommended only for people ages 2 to 49 years who are healthy with no chronic health conditions, like asthma and diabetes.

Staff Sgt. Charles Finklea, a medical technician in the 78th MDOS, said if a person has received a live vaccination, such as for small pox, measles, mumps or rubella, they must wait another 30 days before receiving the flu mist unless they receive the flu mist the same day as the previous live vaccination.

The injectible flu shot is not a live virus, Sergeant Jenkins said.

Pregnant women and anyone with chronic health problems should talk with their primary healthcare provider before receiving the flu vaccine, Sergeant Jenkins said.

Pat Tooley, lead health specialist in the Public Health Flight in the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, said while both flu vaccine forms are effective, military members are given the mist each year to ward off the virus.

"DOD is usually given a flu mist for the Flu Vaccine Program," she said. "The injectible, which is the shot, is mainly for the high-risk beneficiary and personnel who are 50 and older."

Ms. Tooley said the clinic serves high-risk beneficiaries first before vaccinating those who are healthy.

The clinic doesn't provide DOD civilians with the flu vaccine unless there is a surplus at the clinic, Ms. Tooley said. She recommends people get vaccinated through their healthcare provider or other community health resources.

Ms. Tooley said the Houston County Health Department began its flu vaccine clinics, offering flu shots and mist, on Oct. 1. Flu season typically runs from October to March.

The health department charges \$25 for the flu shot and \$35 for the flu mist, Ms. Tooley said.

In addition to getting the vaccine, Staff Sgt. Kenena Johnson, a medical techni-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Natasha Walker administers the FluMist vaccine to Senior Airman Natasha Lomax at the Robins Allergy and Immunizations Clinic.

cian and NCOIC of women's health in the 78th MDOS, said practicing frequent, good hand washing is also a good measure to take to ward off the flu.

Sergeant Jenkins said people can take simple steps to protect themselves as well as others from the flu.

"If you suspect someone has the flu, avoid contact with that person," he said. "If you cough or sneeze, do it into your elbow instead of the hands so that you don't come into direct contact with folks that aren't infected."

WHAT TO KNOW

Active-duty military members should report to the Allergy and Immunization Clinic in Bldg. 700A to receive the flu mist. For more information on the availability of the flu vaccine at Robins' Immunization Clinic, call the Flu Line at 327-7922.

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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Mass casualty response



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN RANDI FLAUGH

Staff Sgt. Brandon Goins, 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron mental health technician, secures a patient onto a litter during a mass casualty exercise at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq Sept 25. The exercise was conducted to ensure the 506th EMEDS are prepared for anything that could happen on a moments notice. Sergeant Goins is deployed from Robins where he serves as a mental health technician in the 78th Medical Group's Medical Operations Squadron. Sergeant Goins is a native of Boston, Mass.

Air Force climate survey now under way

Air Force leaders want to know what's on the minds of Airmen.

The Air Force launched its 2008 climate survey Oct. 1 via an e-mail invitation to every Airman across the total force, including civilians.

The survey covers home life, work environment, leadership and morale issues. It will run through Nov. 26.

"This is an opportunity for Airmen to have a voice," said Col. Daniel Badger, the Air Force Manpower Agency commander. "The survey has a huge impact on Airmen and their leadership."

The results will help Air Force leaders understand the organizational health of people, unit mission readiness and organization productivity, the colonel said. "The AFMA survey team created a system that will assist the analysts in making reports available to senior leadership months earlier than past surveys," Colonel Badger said. "Leadership throughout the Air Force will be able respond and make necessary adjustment actions much sooner."

More than 350,000 people have participated in the

survey every year since 2001. The 2008 survey is the sixth Air Force-wide survey conducted since 1997; however, this year's version has been streamlined and will include 50 percent fewer questions.

"This survey should only take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete instead of the 45 to 55 minutes it took to finish the previous surveys," said Dorothy Feilberg, of the Manpower Agency's survey office. "We've had great support in the past and again we're looking for maximum participation."

Once the data is gathered, the results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, and then released to the Air Force's unit leaders sometime in early 2009.

"Through the survey, people can voice their concerns on issues that directly affect them and their units' mission, with a view on improving the Air Force mission worldwide," Colonel Badger said. "Look for your personal invitation coming to your inbox Oct. 1 through 8."

— *courtesy Air Force Print News*

Air Force colonel: By the book or buy the farm

Urban legend says when a farmer crashed on a farm, the farmer usually sued the government for damages and the amount demanded was always more than enough to pay off the mortgage. Since this type of crash was usually fatal to the pilot, the pilot pays for the farm with his life. Hence, he bought the farm.

This phrase dates back to World War II, although its variants go back much further.

Today we hear, "There are no new causes of aircraft accidents, just new people making the same mistakes." This is because system errors or mechanical malfunctions make up only five percent of all aircraft accidents — human errors make up the rest.

This phenomenon is not limited to single-seat aircraft; human or aircrew error exacts the same toll on multi-place airframes. In a single instant, a breakdown in crew discipline can overcome years of skill development, in-depth systems knowledge and thousands of hours of experience. To examine crew discipline more closely, I'm breaking it down into two components: crewmember empowerment and checklist discipline.

Crewmember empowerment refers to the basic principle of ensuring the sum of the members of an aircraft crew is greater than the individuals themselves. Successful empowerment demands that a supervisor create an environment where members feel they can share ideas and, more importantly, their concerns.

Through the constant struggle to improve crew empowerment on the B-52 Stratotanker, I learned two basic tenets. Commanders must be sincere in soliciting other crewmembers' inputs. The idea is not only to ask for opinions during an emergency, but also to seek it throughout the flight to reinforce this concept. More importantly, everyone must feel they are in a climate where they have the courage to do the right thing and speak up when concerned or unsure.

As in flight, these maxims pertain directly to our No. 1 mission at Bolling Air Force Base — superior customer service. In order to provide superior customer service, we must have an empowered workforce. Take for example billeting: A guest finds a room unacceptable due to a leaking toilet, mice or just doesn't like the decor.

Without any hesitation, the clerk immediately gives them another room and provides an upgrade at no charge. He or she doesn't have to check with a supervisor or panic about whether to do it or not. He or she just does it. That's empowerment.

Take care of the customer complaint before it escalates into something major. The best way to do this is to see that your Airmen understand your vision as it relates to customer service and the mission objective.

Empowering your Airmen demonstrates that you trust them to do the right thing. This, in turn, improves their morale and provides them with a purpose. I guarantee a motivated Airman with high morale will provide better customer service to your customers. It has to do with that "circle-of-life" thing.

The second component is checklist discipline. Along with empowerment, a recurring admonition you will hear regarding good discipline is checklist, checklist, checklist. Checklists provide a logical and standardized method of efficiently and safely meeting mission objectives. Not only does it aid a crew in preparing and configuring an aircraft for a

bomb run, but also good, structured adherence to the checklists helps with workload management and decision-making processes, and ensures practical guidelines are followed.

Every day on Bolling AFB, organizations run checklists based on a specific sequence of written guidance. Why? Because good procedures ensure the desired outcome is predictable and repeatable. Whether it's a protocol officer running a distinguished visitors quarters checklist checking communication equipment, or the command post running a quick-reaction checklist to save lives and protect resources; without proper checklist discipline, the forgotten may not get done. Good checklist discipline provides a way to ensure the (potentially) forgotten is remembered.

Good discipline is a never-ending battle. High operation tempo often leads to complacency, and we are tempted to cut corners, use poor checklist discipline and perhaps run an organization on the edge of established procedures because we "know what we're doing." A recent, unauthorized and much publicized B-52 weapons movement provides

a great example. An aircraft commander fails to follow the checklist, and the rest of the crew does not feel empowered — and is not forceful enough — to direct the proper action.

As an aircraft commander in a B-52, I found the more empowered my Airmen were and the better our checklist discipline, the more successful the mission. We tried to weave these two concepts into the very fiber of our flying activity. We briefed it, we practiced it in the simulator, and we tried to make good on it when we flew. Good discipline overrides panic and reinforces the ability to maintain control of the aircraft when faced with a serious flight emergency. The same is true for our mission areas here.

A successful supervisor cannot co-exist with poor discipline, and autocratic leaders who are micromanagers are not empowering Airmen. Likewise, any aircraft commander who creates an environment that does not allow for good crewmember empowerment or checklist discipline is preparing to buy the farm.

— *This commentary was written by Col. Carl S. Gramlick, 11th Wing vice commander.*

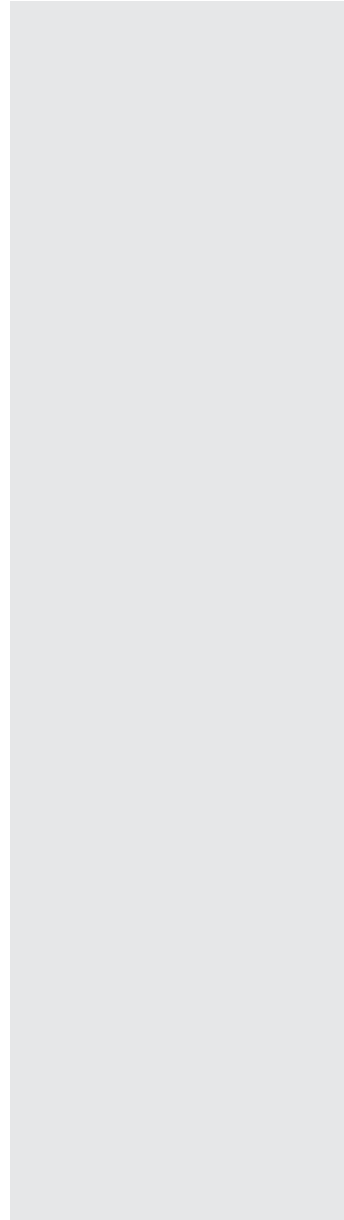
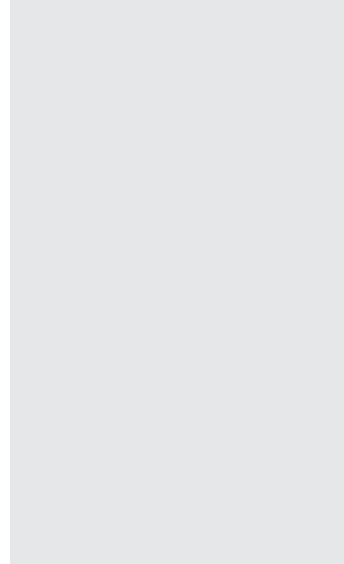
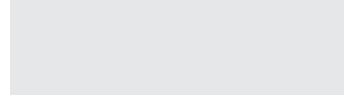
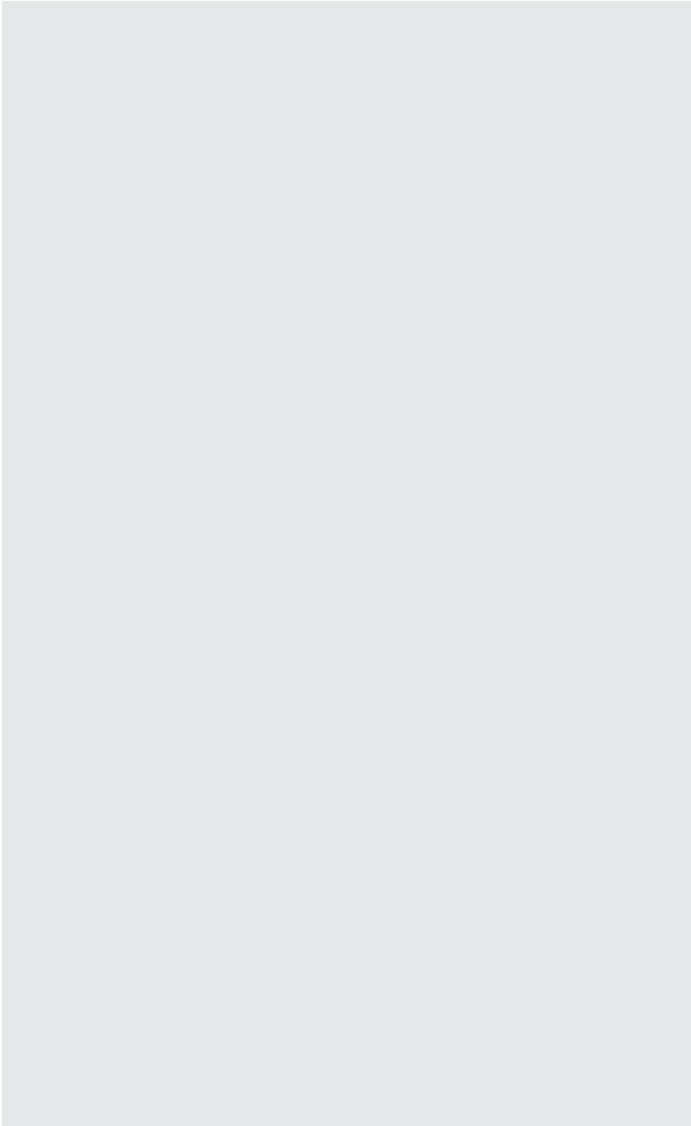
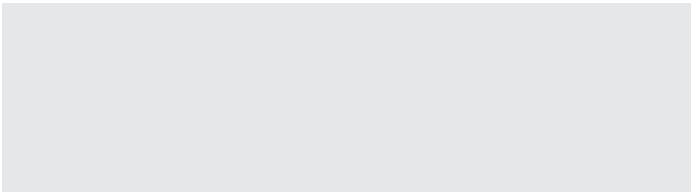
PROBLEM SOLVERS

C-130 team wins 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

The C-130 Fuels Problem Solving Team from 402nd Maintenance Wing was recently awarded the 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award for determining improvements to the C-130 fuel system processes associated with programmed depot maintenance. Jack Steed, 21st Century Partnership awards chairman, and Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presented certificates to all team members. Acting team lead Bernie Long accepted the Team Plaque on behalf of the team members. Team members are Col. Clifton Blanks, team lead (deployed), Lawrence Dickson, Steve Haynam, Steve Hohnadel, Ronald (Mark) Johnson, Donnie Keene, Bernie Long, Paul Queensen, Raymond Sullivan, Kelly Williams, Scott Wilson and Randall Wisener.





Summer Bash attendees enjoyed many activities and rides like the carousel shown here during the end of summer celebration held Sept. 27 at Robins Park.

U.S. Air Force photos by GARY CUTRELL

Summer Bash 2008



Above, Bash attendees ride a train, one of the many attractions at the Summer Bash. Other attractions and rides included a roaring dual lane water slide, cars two lane slide, rock and joust, carousel, Wacky World Playland, Jungle Combo and three lane bungee run.

Below, Darci Griffith, wife of Army Sgt. 1st Class Sidney Griffith with the 138th Military Intelligence, has a snack break with sons Brayden (lap) and Chase (stroller) during Summer Bash.



Above, Summer Bash attendees try out the rock wall, one of several attractions at the end-of-summer event.

Below, Staff Sgt. Frances Kness, Air Force Reserve Band operations coordinator, serenades the crowd during Summer Bash Sept. 27.

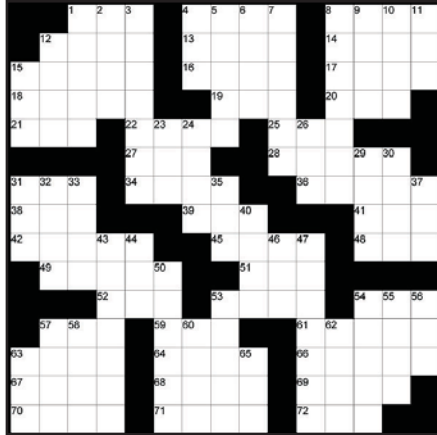


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DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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 Lanoris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Old Dominion State Base

By Capt. Tony Wickham
USAF Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Craze
4. Declare
8. Huge
12. First female U.S. Attorney General
13. Tomb Raider Croft
14. Egyptian goddess of fertility, and wife of Osiris
15. Existence
16. Fall
17. African river
18. Start again
19. Animal doc
20. Feline
21. Model/actress Carol
22. Woodwind
25. Lyrical poem
27. Horse food
28. Rustic
31. MAJCOM Old Dominion State base is assigned
34. Podium
36. Rot
38. USAF annual health exam
39. Made a lap
41. Hurricane center
42. F-15; plane assigned to the Old Dominion State base
45. Colorless
48. MI, ID
49. Business accords
51. Epoch
52. Zero
53. Gawky at
54. Speck
57. 192 FW at Old Dominion Base is this component of USAF Total Force
59. Dined on
61. Red or pink cosmetic for coloring the cheeks or lips
63. Strip off a rind
64. Converts hides into leather
65. Moderator
67. Ripped
68. Among others, briefly
69. Latch on to
70. Raggedy Ann's pal
71. Depend on
72. Attempt

DOWN

1. Evasive action
2. Actress Heche
3. Old Dominion State tree
4. USAF PME for SrA
5. Bibcock
6. Great Lake
7. F-22; plane assigned to the Old Dominion State base
8. Aut ____ Aut Mori; Old Dominion State Base unit shield motto
9. Continent home to 374 AW
10. Fine sand
11. Mao ____-tung; Communist China leader
12. Fishing equipment
15. Swimsuit part
23. Sheep's noise
24. ANG base in Mass.
26. Bomb failure
29. Pilots with 5+ aerial victories
30. Potato chip maker
31. Mock
32. African country
33. Actor Nicolas of National Treasure
35. Blue
37. Desire
40. Oak or elm
43. Namesake of the Old Dominion State base
44. NY Giant
46. ____ We There Yet?
47. Current 1 FW commander at the Old Dominion State base
50. Current 1 FW Command Chief at the Old Dominion State base
53. Of, pertaining to, or involving punishment, for crimes
54. Wonderful
55. Double curve molding
56. Golf prop
57. Long time
58. Geek
60. Capt. Steve ____ of 71 FS at Old Dominion State base; shot down Iraqi F-1 Mirage during Operation Desert Storm
62. Actor Sharif
63. School org.
65. Cunning

SOLUTION



SERVICES BRIEFS

Mission accomplished



The 19th Annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament reached its goal Sept. 18-19 with a total income of \$352,200. The annual scramble at Pine Oaks Golf Club has now raised a total of \$4,815,100 for the Museum of Aviation since it began in 1990.

FRIDAY

First Friday "Oktoberfest" will be held in the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. Sponsored in part by Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE Wrestling "No Mercy" Oct. 5 and "Cyber Sunday" Oct. 26 in the Heritage Club lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

Take a trip to see the Atlanta Falcons versus Chicago Bears

Oct. 12. Tickets go on sale Oct. 5 at noon in the Heritage Club lounge. Cost is \$60 (20 tickets available) and includes tickets, transportation, snack and beverage on the bus. Limit two tickets per person. First come, first served with limited seating. Open to all ranks and grades (club members only). For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

MONDAY

Exciting classes starting Oct. 6 in the community center. Piano classes starting Oct. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m., cost \$65 per person; salsa dancing starting Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and belly dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$40 per person when you register for one class, get the other for free. All classes need to be paid in advance. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

The Youth Center and Child Development Centers will provide child care Oct. 9, 10 and 14 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., while Houston County Schools are on fall break. For more information about Youth and CDC services, please call Vera Keasley at 926-6741. An online registration site is available at the Services Web site at www.robins-services.com.

School's out for fall break so bring the kids and have fun bowling. Bowl three games Oct. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. and pay only \$5 (includes shoes). On Oct. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m., children six years and younger bowl can have fun with bumper bowling for \$7.5 a game with a paid adult

and Oct. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. enjoy thunder alley for only \$6 per person. For more information call the bowling center 926-2112.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Oct. 24 for a presentation of "Monsters, Inc." 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.

A fall festival will be Oct. 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children and parents from CDC East and West and Family Child Care are invited. For more information call Horizons at 926-5805 or 926-3088.

Bring your dancing partner and arrive in costume to a Halloween dinner and dance Oct. 31 from 6 to 11 p.m. with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$15 members and \$20 guests and includes choice of prime rib, sautéed salmon or grilled chicken. Entertainment will be provided by the Bob Cummings band. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING

The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages six weeks through 5 years old. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the

Education of Young Children and offer full time care. Hourly care is available at CDC West. For more information call Child Development Center East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3088.

A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 22 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$45 per person, \$65 for one parent and child and \$75 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Van will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926-4001.

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

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m., vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

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

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

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

NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.
THE LONGSHOTS
RATED PG



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
MIRRORS
RATED R



UPCOMING:
DISASTER MOVIE
RATED PG-13

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

Curtis Palmer — a down-on-his-luck former high school football star — turns his niece, Jasmine, into the quarterback of the local team. The Minden Browns, and gets his stride back when he becomes the team coach.

Ben Carson was suspended from the NYPD for fatally shooting another undercover officer; he tries to pull his life together. Carson takes a job as a night watchman at the burned-out ruins of the Mayflower department store that devoured numerous innocent lives. As he patrols the store, he begins to notice horrific images in the ornate mirrors that adorn the Mayflower walls.

Comic misadventures of a group of ridiculously attractive twenty-something's during one fateful night as they try to make their way to safety while every known natural disaster and catastrophic event hits the city and their path as they try to end the rampant destruction.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

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

1 **OKLAHOMA** (4-0) — The Sooners rolled into the top spot followed by a 35-10 win over Texas Christian and a loss by USC. They will face Baylor this weekend.



2 **LSU** (4-0) — Upsets by three of the top five teams propelled SEC darling LSU into the number two spot, even with a lackluster win against Mississippi State. Tigers have a bye, then play No. 13 Florida Oct. 11.



3 **MISSOURI** (4-0) — Missouri was idle last week, but still climbed two spots in the polls. Tigers face Nebraska this week before a national audience (ESPN, 9 p.m.)



4 **ALABAMA** (5-0) — The Crimson Tide continued its climb in the national rankings after a resounding 41-30 defeat of then No. 3 Georgia. Team faces Kentucky Saturday.



5 **TEXAS** (3-0) — The Longhorns continued to roll, pounding conference foe Arkansas 52-10. The team looks to hand down the same whipping this week when it travels to Colorado to take on Boulder.



6 **PENN STATE** (5-0) — Penn State makes its first appearance in the top 10 after handing Illinois a 38-24 loss. The Nittany Lions take on Purdue this week.



7 **BRIGHAM YOUNG** (4-0) — After sitting at No. 11, upsets among ranked teams catapulted the Cougars to the No. 7 spot. The Cougars, riding the nation's longest winning streak, take on Utah State today.



8 **TEXAS TECH** (4-0) — Texas Tech was idle last week and faces conference opponent Kansas State. The Red Raiders' high-powered offense will face a similar scoring threat in K-State.



9 **SOUTHERN CAL** (2-0) — USC was shocked by Oregon State, 27-21, becoming the first No. 1 team this season to be defeated. The team looks to exact its revenge this week against Oregon.



10 **GEORGIA** (4-0) — The Bulldogs came out flat against Alabama and fell behind 31-0, eventually losing 41-30. Georgia will have a week off to lick its wounds and then host Tennessee Oct. 11.



Football Quick Hits

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

MUST SEE TV

If I want to see a defensive battle, I'll tune in to an SEC game (i.e. Auburn at Vanderbilt). However, since I enjoy a good shootout with offensive fireworks, the game that most intrigues me as potential for pure entertainment is the Tulsa/Rice matchup (8 p.m., CBSC). Last year, the two teams combined for 91 points, 1,292 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Tulsa has scored more than 45 points in each of its four games this season, while Rice netted 77 against North Texas last week.

Both teams are unbeaten in the Conference USA, while Tulsa remains unbeaten on the season and has an outside chance of earning a NBCS bowl invite. With both teams running the spread offense and both teams needing a win, expect another shootout.

Prediction: More than 80 points scored!

UPSETS ABOUND

Nine teams in the top 25 were defeated last week, including three in the top five spots (USC, Georgia and Florida). When an unranked team like Oregon State can defeat the best team in the country, that's the beauty of college football. This sport is screaming for the need of a playoff system.

UPSET SPECIAL

This week's upset special comes from the Big 12. Texas Tech has climbed to the No. 8 spots behind record breaking QB Graham Harell. There's no

question the offense is good. The defense, however, is allowing 346 yards per game. Kansas State has its own star quarterback in Josh Freeman, who ranks No. 8 in passing efficiency. If Kansas State's defense can slow Harell and the Red Raiders' explosive offense, they will win by a touchdown in a high-scoring affair.

BCS BUSTER WATCH

Undeclared teams in non-BCS conferences with a shot at a BCS bowl include Tulsa, BYU, Utah and Boise State. Utah and BYU play each other late in the season.

SUPER SEC

The Southeastern Conference's reputation took a few hits with losses by Florida and Georgia. But two of the top four teams in the country are from the SEC with Georgia, Florida, Auburn and Vanderbilt still in the top 20.

WHO WILL FINISH FIRST?

If I had a vote in the coaches poll, I would give my vote to Missouri as the top team in the country. Alabama is off to a strong start with impressive wins over Clemson and Georgia, and is a definite title contender. Oklahoma has a tremendous offense and LSU is the defending national champion. But I really like what QB Chase Daniels and the Tigers are doing, both offensively and defensively.

The team will have a tough road game this week in Nebraska, where it hasn't won since 1978. It takes on No. 5 Texas on the road Oct. 18.

Wins in these road games will set up a Big 12 title game against No. 1 Oklahoma.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TROPHY

Air Force, Army and Navy compete each year for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, which is emblematic of service academy football supremacy. The trophy goes annually to the winning academy with the best record in round-robin competition. The

President of the United States presents the trophy to the seniors from the winning team each year at a ceremony at the White House.

The 2008 season marks the 37th year of trophy competition. Air Force has a 46-25-0 all-time CIC record and has won 16 trophy titles. Air Force's overall record and number of trophy titles are best among the three academies. Air Force finished second in the 2007 CIC Trophy chase.



Courtesy photo

Navy has defeated Army and Air Force for five straight seasons to win the Commander-in-Chief's trophy. Air Force hosts Navy Saturday. The game will be broadcast on Versus at 4 p.m.

Disabilities don't stop marathon participants

BY DEREK KAUFMAN
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A paralyzing injury from a motorcycle crash at age 20 took away Andy Houghton's ability to use his legs, but he still finished his first marathon Sept. 20.

Mr. Houghton from Hollywood, Fla., completed the 26.2 mile 12th annual Air Force Marathon piloting a sleek handcycle equipped with a derailleur and other components.

Always someone who loved sports, encouragement from people Mr. Houghton works with and for was his inspiration to enter the race. He currently serves in a position appointed by President George W. Bush as chairperson for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, an independent federal agency.

More familiarly known as AbilityOne, the program provides employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities. Mr. Houghton said disabled people provide more than \$2 billion in products and services to the federal government. With 43,000 employees, AbilityOne is the largest employer for the severely disabled in the U.S.

AbilityOne tries to match

skills for people across the entire spectrum of disabilities. Veterans with traumatic brain injury, one of the signature injuries of the current war, are among those who find employment via the program, Mr. Houghton said.

Now 42 years old, Mr. Houghton said he gets great personal satisfaction through sports and exercise and hopes his competing in the marathon will encourage others with disabilities to surprise themselves.

"If I can show some of the folks in our program that I can do a marathon, I hope it will inspire them to try something new and out of their comfort zone," he said. "Sports is one of the greatest motivators for people with disabilities."

As with many first-time marathoners, Mr. Houghton said he felt he ran into a brick wall in the latter part of the race, especially as the temperature rose under the sunny sky.

"At around mile 23, I was pretty tapped out. My right hand was completely numb," he said.

But encouragement from volunteers at hydration stations and fans along the course really motivated him to keep up the pace, he said.

"It was great to take part in this event. It was also great to come on base, meet with Gen. Bruce Carlson (the Air Force

Material Command commander) and see how our program is making a difference ... by giving disabled people an opportunity to both learn new skills and give back to the military," Mr. Houghton said.

Another person who wouldn't let a disability slow him down was Army Capt. Ivan Castro. He lost his eyesight as a result of combat injuries sustained in Iraq.

Captain Castro, assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C., finished the Air Force Marathon an unofficial time of 4:16:52. Running alongside him every step of the way was Fred Dummar, an Army lieutenant colonel who commands the Special Operations Recruiting Unit at Fort Bragg.

Captain Castro said this was his first Air Force Marathon, but it definitely will not be his last. The Solider has made running long-distance races a key part of his therapy after a mortar round exploded next to him in Iraq on Sept. 2, 2006, leaving him, among other serious injuries, totally blind.

He decided to travel to Wright-Patterson AFB with his wife, Evelyn Galvis, and run in the Air Force Marathon in part because he does most of his training at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., adjacent to Fort Bragg. He thought it would

also provide a good baseline pace time for his next big race, the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 26 in Arlington, Va.

"I know the Pope Gym like the back of my hand," Captain Castro said. "The Airmen there are fantastic."

He acknowledged another reason he was honored to run in the Air Force Marathon was Airmen were always there with "top cover" close-air support for coalition ground forces "whenever we needed them."

"This is a team fight. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for everyone who helped put me back together. I'm very grateful," he said.

Captain Castro's wife said she hopes his running will inspire other servicemembers with debilitating combat injuries to find the inner strength to adapt and overcome them.

"I want them to know if Ivan can do it, so can they," she said.

His training partner, Colonel Dummar, said Captain Castro's optimism and strength in the face of adversity are infectious.

"It's an honor to run with him," Colonel Dummar said. "I think I get a lot more out of this than he does."



U.S. Air Force photo by AL BRIGHT
Runners and wheel marathoners honor the playing of the national anthem and arrival of the American flag via a parachutist during the Air Force Marathon opening ceremonies Sept. 20.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

Regular season standings (through Oct. 3)

TEAM	W	L	UPCOMING SCHEDULE:
78 MDG	8	0	Oct. 6
581 SMXS	8	2	78 MDG vs. 402 AMXG
78 SFS	6	2	116 ACW vs. 5 CCG
78 LRS	6	3	78 SFS vs. 138 MICO
402 AMXG	4	3	Oct. 7
116 ACW	4	4	581 SMXS vs. 78 SFS
78 CEF	3	5	JSTARS vs. 138 MICO
330 ASW	2	6	78 LRS vs. 330 ASW
5 CCG	2	6	Oct. 8
138 MICO	1	6	116 ACW vs. 402 AMXG
JSTARS	0	7	78 CEF vs. 581 SMXS
			5 CCG vs. 78 MDG



Mary Bowman



TITLE: Financial analyst in the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group's Financial Flight

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Bowman moved to Warner Robins in 1965 when Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Ala., closed and her parents were transferred to Robins.

HOMETOWN: Mobile, Ala.

WHAT IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSEOUT: "Financial management is not something you just do in September. It is something you must maintain every single day. Closeout is hectic, especially for O&M funds because those types of funds will expire at midnight on Sept. 30. Also, Fiscal 2006 procurement money will expire at the same time. So, there's a lot to closeout."

HOBBIES: She enjoys reading, collecting movies, and flower gardening.

► IN BRIEF

ROBINS KIWANIS CLUB

Help kids by joining Kiwanis. We're in the process of forming a new Kiwanis Club for Robins personnel - and participants are needed. The club will meet for lunch, 30 minutes each week, and be part of a "global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time."

The club's mission is to help kids, and the Kiwanis Club just partnered with the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America to strengthen that mission. If you're excited about helping kids in your community then call Lisa Ann Wright at 225-2576 or 850-814-4857 or Mike Brennan at 397-3366.

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, Oct. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are

seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

For more information on the program, visit the following website: www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Mr. Kirkland will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. Information on this companion program can be found at www.spousetoteachers.com.

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

SACRED HEART TO SALUTE TROOPS

Sacred Heart Catholic School will hold its annual fall festival Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school on S. Davis Drive, Warner Robins. This year's theme is "Tribute to the Troops". There will be military demonstrations and care package collections for the Hearts to Heroes Organization.

Bring a donated item and receive a free premium raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes such as, a Nintendo Wii, trips to Disney/Orlando or Hilton Head, a gas card and more. There will also be a silent auction. Among the kid-friendly activities offered at the event are kiddie courtyard, rummage sale, arts and crafts vendors, food, BINGO, cake walk, lottery raffle, paint ball,

pony rides and games. Some of the rides include twisting teacups, spiderwalk, bungee trampolines, rock walls, and more. In addition, there will be a health fair to include flu shots. Child ID kits will be available. There will be a showcase of local talent.

For more information contact Bridgette Cooper at 953-4190.

DAU COURSES

The DAU Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the DOD requirement to complete the 80 points of continuous learning every 2 years.

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For more information contact Debbie Johnson at 926-9409 or debbie.johnson@dau.mil or Donna Casey at 988-6800 ext. 3005 or donna.casey@dau.mil