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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Team Robins wings, associate unit to get new leadership

Two wings at Robins are getting new commanders and other senior leadership positions are changing, the Air Force has announced.

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, is taking an assignment at Air Force Headquarters in Ramstein, Germany.

Col. Lee Levy II, deputy director of logistics at Air Force Materiel Command Headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will assume command of the wing. The date of the change has not been determined.

Colonel Levy develops and directs policy and procedures for major overhaul, repair, and modification of weapon systems and spare parts.

With 7,800 employees, the 402nd MXW is the largest wing at Robins. It provides maintenance for the F-15, C-5, C-130 and other weapons system.

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, is leaving to take an assignment with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

The wing is responsible for logistics readiness, medical, civil engineer, security, comptroller activities, contracting, morale and welfare, mission support, public affairs, legal civilian personnel and environmental management for the installation.

Col. Carl Buhler will take command of the 78th ABW during a change of command ceremony in July.

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**Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson**  
 402nd MXW commander



**Col. Lee Levy**  
 AFMC deputy director of logistics



**Col. Warren Berry**  
 78th ABW commander



**Col. Carl Buhler**  
 379th EMXG commander



Air Force file photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Members of the 5th Combat Communications Squadron transport a "victim" to the first aid tent during the 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection. The 5th CCG recently won three Air Force-level awards, including best large and small communications unit in the Air Force.

## 5th CCG captures AF awards

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Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins traveled to Washington last week to collect three big awards.

The group, affectionately known as the 5th Mob, learned two weeks ago that it won 2008 awards for best large communications unit in the Air Force, best small communications unit in the Air Force for its deployed unit, and best small postal facility.

The large unit award, called the Air Force Communications and Information Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Award, went to the 5th CCG itself.

The small unit award went to 447th Expeditionary Communications

Squadron, a group of about 20 members who are deployed in Iraq on a rotational basis. The award is officially called the Air Force Communications and Information Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant Award.

The 5th CCG also won the postal award for the postal facility that the 447th ECS operates at Sather Air Base in Baghdad. That award is called the Air Force Communications and Information Outstanding Small Postal Facility.

Col. Jose Rivera, commander of the 5th CCG, and other leaders in the group went to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland last week to collect the awards at a ceremony. He noted that the 5th



**Col. Jose Rivera**  
 5th CCG commander

CCG has been at Robins since its creation in 1964, and credited the award to both the support from the community and the personnel in the unit.

"It's a reflection of the great Airmen that are in the Mob," he said. "They are focused on the mission. Everywhere they go they are doing some great things for America."

Col. Lisa Richter, deputy group commander of the 5th Mob, said the unit's enthusiasm had a lot to do with winning the award.

"I've got to say after 20 some-odd years of being in the Air Force, the one

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### Blue collar to Air Force blue

## Maintenance worker graduates from OTS

BY STAFF SGT. VANN MILLER  
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Setting down his tool box for the last time was an anxious moment for one young maintainer as he stepped into a new chapter in his life.

Second Lt. Charles Glover of the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron recently graduated from Officer Training School, making the transition from a regular civilian employee to a newly commissioned maintenance officer.

It was here where the officer gained the support he needed to get a new career started. If it were not for the endorsement of Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, Lieutenant Glover's dream of becoming an officer in the Air Force may never have become a

reality.

"I am very selective when I sign an endorsement for officer training," the general said. "I interview members, and I've found the thing that fails many of them is their grades are not what they should be, or they have not put together the total character (of what the Air Force looks for)."

After interviewing Lieutenant Glover, the general said he knew within minutes the young maintainer would make for a good candidate.

"He has the work ethic and character the Air Force is looking for," General Atkinson said.

The general said he was impressed with how the lieutenant worked overtime to earn the money to go to school and helped to support his mother and two younger sisters, while still maintaining a 3.1 grade point average.

Lieutenant Glover began his Air Force career during high school. With a natural attraction to airplanes, he enrolled in to the Youth Apprenticeship Program. The program introduces young adults to the dynamics of working on the flight line all the while teaching them skills they may find useful in a career in avionics.

"Back then, I didn't have much understanding of what the Air Force was like," said the now second lieutenant. "I didn't know much about the military, other than a cousin who went to the (Air Force) academy."

The young maintenance apprentice later went on to finish high school. He then landed a contract job on the flightline where he worked hard to

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U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. VANN MILLER

Following his graduation from Officer Training School, newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Charles Glover stopped by Robins to thank Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, for his endorsement.

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### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### 78th ABW monthly promotion ceremony

Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, will host the monthly ABW promotion ceremony Wednesday at 3 p.m., at the Horizons Club Ball Room.

Those being recognized will be notified by their respective First Sergeants.

Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join in congratulating the new promotees. For more information, call Master Sgt. Timothy Leanhart at 926-8142 or Senior Airman Levi Johnson at 222-0813.

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#### Deploying smiles

78th Dental Squadron prepares dental kits for deploying Airmen, 3A

## Commodities councils help AF save time, money

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Three of the eight commodities councils in the Air Force are based at Robins, and leaders of the units here say the concept is succeeding.

The councils were born out an initiative in 2003 to try to save money by making purchases Air Force-wide, rather than for specific installations, and by combining into a single contract like-items that were previously purchased in separate contracts.

The Aircraft Structures Commodity Council at Robins realized that vision in October when it inked its first spares competitive contract, a 10-year deal worth \$40 million and covering 109 items. Denise Pollard, a contracting officer for the council, said the deal puts into three contracts what would previously have required 41 contracts.

"It costs a lot less money to manage three contracts than it does 41," said George Kalebaugh, director of the ASCC.

Mr. Kalebaugh is also director of the Communications and Electronics Commodity Council. The

third council at Robins is the Support Equipment Commodity Council.

Three other councils are at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and two are at Hill AFB, Utah.

Each council is assigned federal stock classes of items, and the councils arrange contracts for the purchase of those items for the entire Air Force, Mr. Kalebaugh explained.

"We take their collective requirements and try to put them in on a long-term strategic contracting vehicle to try to capture as much cost saving as we can," he said.

Prior to the formation of the commodities councils, whenever an item was needed that was not already covered under a contract the item



George Kalebaugh  
ASCC director



Steve Manning  
SECC director

### Air Force Commodity Councils:

**Robins:**  
Aircraft Structures  
Communications and Electronics  
Support Equipment

**Tinker:**  
Aircraft Accessories  
Instruments  
Propulsion

**Hill:**  
Secondary Power System  
Landing Gear

manager would make a purchase request. That would then go through a process that could take up to six months administrative work, Mr. Kalebaugh said. With commodities councils, that time is cut 70 percent, he said.

"Now the time it takes to drop an order is very much shortened," he said. "It's a matter of weeks versus several months."

The Support Equipment Commodity Council, formed in 2003, was one of the first three councils created. Director Steve Manning said he believes the concept has worked.

"It creates a lot of economies of scale for us," he said. "You have a lot of managers buying items individually, and this groups those requirements. It

eliminates a lot of the work, and frees up people to do other things. It's a good environment to try to exploit efficiencies."

He said some of the types of items his council covers are automatic test equipment, life-support equipment, flightline test equipment, hydraulic test equipment and trailers. These items are typically low demand items with sporadic buys.

Each council is comprised of about a dozen people, including contracting personnel, program managers, sourcing analysts and engineers.

The councils have a goal of reducing the total processing time for orders by half, reducing the costs 20 percent, and through those efficiencies improving product availability by 20 percent.

Mr. Kalebaugh said the councils may even go a step farther, looking to make purchases not just for the Air Force but for other branches of the military as well.

"We are looking at the department of defense rather than just the Air Force to give us better leverage with the contractor," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dorothy Hall, widow of Milton Dow Hall, plants a Mt. Vernon Red Maple in memory of her husband while their daughter, Angie Galabiz, looks on at the Historic Forest and Tree City ceremony April 21.

## Historic Forest welcomes 4 new saplings

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Robins' Historic Forest grew by four trees Tuesday.

The Historic Forest planting is an annual tradition that started here in 1994. Trees are planted each year in recognition of Arbor Day, which is today, and Earth Day, which was Wednesday.

The trees are paid for by donors who also pay for a plaque that is put in the ground in the front of each tree, dedicating the tree to lost loved ones, coworkers and other groups and individuals.

The trees all come with some historical significance. Of the trees planted Tuesday, one was an offspring of a maple on the Mount Vernon plantation of George Washington. An ash sapling came from a tree that grows in the yard of the boyhood home of Dwight Eisenhower, and a hackberry came from an old parent tree on Virginia's Berkeley Plantation, the site of the first Thanksgiving.

The fourth tree came from Marcie the Marvelous Tree, a California sycamore planted in 1987 by California third-graders. The tree inspired the students to form "Tree Musketeers," the nation's first environmental group run entirely by children.

Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, said planting a tree is an "act of faith."

"When you plant a tree you are expressing faith in future, because most of us, when we plant a tree, won't be here to see that hope

realized because trees grow very slowly," she told the group of about 70 people gathered for the ceremony. "When you plant a tree you are believing that your hope will be realized even if you aren't around to see it."

Colonel Bean also accepted a plaque from the Georgia Forestry Commission in recognition of Robins' participation in the Tree City USA program.

The trees do not have to be memorials, said Becky McCoy, chief of the environmental division. One of the trees planted Tuesday was in recognition of Ken Hansen of the Georgia Forestry Commission, who is not only alive and well but was sitting in the audience.

Another was dedicated to Alpha Company of the 1-32 Infantry in the Army's 10th Mountain Division in recognition of the unit's heroism in Afghanistan. One tree was planted in honor of the Tree Musketeers, and another was a memorial, planted in honor of Milton Dow Hall, a Korean War veteran and a sheet metal worker at Robins. He died in 2007.

Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins, said 104 trees have been planted in the Historic Forest to date. The original forest is in front of Bldg. 215, and for the past 10 years the trees have been planted by the Robins Parade Field.

A tree with the plaque cost about \$150. Anyone interested in sponsoring a tree for next year's ceremony can call the environmental division at 327-8104 in March 2010.

## Volunteers recognized for hard work, dedication

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Robins has more than 25,000 employees who work hard here every day, but there are many who go even further than the call of duty on a regular basis.

On Wednesday, the Airman & Family Readiness Center honored 13 people for their volunteer efforts, both on base and in the community.

Nine people were given the Angel Award, which is a lifetime achievement award for years of volunteer service.

Four others won the Volunteer Excellence Award, which is authorized by the Air Force Chief of Staff to recognize federal civilian workers, their family members, military retirees and civilian retirees for their volunteer contributions.

"The folks we honored today certainly didn't expect an honor, but it is important that we gather here today because what they did was amazing," said Col. Debra Bean, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing. "They rocked our world."

Winners of the Volunteer Excellence Award were Robert Currey, a 402nd Maintenance Wing



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, speaks with retired Chief Master Sgt. Ernest Munson and his wife, Marie. Mr. Munson was one of four winners of the Volunteer Excellence Award. The award is authorized by the Air Force Chief of Staff to recognize federal civilian workers for their volunteer contributions.

employee; Clyde Turner, a safety manager in the 78th Air Base Wing; Stephen Hoyt, a technician in the Air Force Reserve Command; and Ernie Munson, a retired chief master sergeant.

Mr. Currey has volunteered for three decades in local emergency management efforts, lending his expertise in radio communications to assist with emergency management and with search operations for missing persons. He has also volunteered by offering first aid at the Georgia State Fair and has served as

a Boy Scout leader.

Mr. Turner is a senior pastor at a church that saw 20-percent growth last year, and he frequently counsels people on a range of personal issues. He also volunteers with the Department of Correction Outreach Program and has assisted in feeding the homeless.

Mr. Hoyt has been a volunteer firefighter in Jones County since 1994 and serves as fire chief in his district. Last year he responded to 16 fires and eight rescue calls. He also assisted with the 2008

Mother Day tornado response.

Mr. Munson is the current director of the Retiree Activities Office, where he volunteers three days per week. He also volunteers in the base pharmacy, where he provides assistance with verifying patient eligibility and handing out refilled medications.

Winners of the Angel Awards were Tracy Twedell, Dennis Shema, Dana Rozelle, Ray Martin, April Baker, Edmund Baker, Kenneth Toler, Richard W. "Bill" Elliott Jr., and Ceslie Beil.

## LEADERS

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Colonel Buhler is currently commander of the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group in Southwest Asia.

Colonel Buhler was commissioned in 1989 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship program at Valdosta State College in South

Georgia. He served as a maintenance officer for the Air Force's Thunderbirds demonstration team.

He currently commands a team of 1,033 personnel who perform sortie generation and aircraft/munitions maintenance for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also Col. John Cote will be the new inspector general at Robins. He will take the place of

Col. Kenneth Sharpless, who is retiring after 29 years of service, including four at Robins.

Another newcomer to Robins is Maj. Gen Martin Mazick, who will be vice commander of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command here.

AFRC provides the Air Force about 20 percent of its capability with only about four percent of the total Air Force budget.



Col. Kenneth Sharpless  
Robins  
Inspector General

## Robins Airmen receive 'dental stimulus' for better oral health

The 78th Dental Squadron recently distributed "dental stimulus packets" to a group of deploying Robins Airmen.

In addition to providing basic oral healthcare products to help prevent dental problems during deployment, the initiative was a way for the 78th DS to demonstrate its pride and support for Robins deployed Warriors.

"With the long shifts and stressful work environment associated with deployments, Airmen have many distractions that often time keep them from making optimal oral health choices," said Col. Ricky Cook, 78th DS commander.

These "stimulus packets" will contain toothbrush kits, associated oral health aids, and patient educational materials providing guidance and instructions on oral hygiene care and nutrition.

"By providing a dentally healthy, fit, and ready force, we improve the overall health status of our service members," Colonel Cook said.

Two areas of concern for deployed military members are caries, or tooth decay, and periodontal disease, or gum disease. The problems are caused by bacterial infiltration into the teeth or surrounding soft and hard tissues that support the teeth.

"This disease process can lead to cavities and other gum related problems if left untreated," Colonel Cook said.

The type and rate of damage associated with these bacteria, called dental plaque, is influenced by environmental, genetic and behavioral factors with poor diet and lack of proper oral hygiene generally playing the most significant roles.

"Eating balanced meals from the five food groups is the first key to good oral health," said Diane Betz, dental health coordinator for the squadron. "Food and drinks that contain starches or sugars significantly aid in the production of high levels of bacteria which in

turn secrete acid which attacks and breaks down tooth enamel."

By choosing a balanced diet, brushing with a fluoride toothpaste, and using dental floss at least once a day the incidence of dental related problems can be significantly reduced, she said.

For those who eat or drink high starch or sugar items, Ms. Betz recommends limiting consumption to regular meals that are followed by proper toothbrushing rather than snacking throughout the day.

In the event that brushing after eating isn't possible, chewing gum with a non-nutritive sugar increases saliva, which helps in diluting acid concentration and re-mineralization of enamel.

The daily use of an antimicrobial mouth rinse can also aid in the reduction of dental plaque formation.

The packets will continue to be distributed at the line to Airmen who are deploying. — *By the 78th Dental Squadron*



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Anthony Riley, Senior Airman Mandy Williams and Pam Benbrooks make up the dental packets that will be distributed to deploying Airmen. The 78th Dental Squadron hopes the "dental stimulus" packages, which will be given prior to deployment, will make it easier for busy Airmen to make better oral health choices while deployed.

## 5TH CCG

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thing that sets the Mob apart is our attitude," she said. "It really gets to the motto of 'Let's go.' It is so true in terms of that it doesn't matter where the mission is, it doesn't matter where we are going, we are always saying 'Let's go. Let's go do it.' I think that attitude is really part of our culture."

Lt. Alan Fraser served with the 447th ECS in Baghdad for four months last year. He said the unit helped start a new passenger terminal at Baghdad International Airport, which is jointly used by civilians and military.

"It was my first deployment," he said. "It was exciting and it was eye opening."

He said 5th Mob members had a positive attitude in Iraq and enjoyed getting a chance to actually apply their training. Unlike most other units at Robins, the 5th Mob usually doesn't apply its skills in support of the war effort except when deployed. The rest of the time the unit is drilling and training.

First Lt. Mark Duncan served as postmaster of the Baghdad post office for four months last year. They operated both a regular post office and a hub at the airport, he said.

"It was great for us here at the 5th," he said. "When we deploy we actually get to do things that influence the fight."

The group is made up of four combat communica-



U.S. Air Force photo by CAPT. SCOTT WEED

Maj. Gen. John Maluda (third from right), director of Cyberspace Transformation and Strategy, congratulates members of the 5th Combat Communications Group. From left to right: 2nd Lt. Steve Gallagher, Maj. John Boudreaux, Col. Jose Rivera, Maj. Gen John Maluda, Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms and Maj. Isreal Askew.

tions squadrons and one support squadron. It employs approximately 700 people, with most of those being active-duty military. Its nickname "The Mob" is a holdover from the group's original name, which was 5th Mobile Communications Group.

The group provides communications, air traffic control and weather systems support worldwide for U.S. military operations. The 5th Mob has also deployed to the Gulf Coast in support of Hurricane Katrina relief operations and it deployed to Pakistan in support of earthquake relief operations.

The group previously won the best large-unit Air Force award in 2006 and in 2003.

Col. Richter said she believes this is the first time the 5th Mob has won three Air Force-wide best unit awards in the same year.

## OTS

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attain an airframe and power plant license.

He then became a member in the 562nd AMXS and continued to display great work ethics. With the support of his supervisors, he worked long hours and took night college courses. He is now assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., to serve as a maintenance officer in the 56th Maintenance Group.

After graduating from OTS, Lieutenant Glover returned to Robins to give a heartfelt farewell to the members of his old work

center.

He told them the road was challenging, but he knew once he got started he would let nothing stop him from reaching his goal. He also expressed gratitude to General Atkinson for his support.

"You could not paint a better picture of a more perfect partnership," said General Atkinson. "This is the epitome of the American dream. What a great example."

The general went on to say he hopes others will look to Lieutenant Glover as an example or as inspiration to motivate them to pursue their dreams.

# Commentary

"Never give in—never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

— Winston Churchill

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Col. Warren Berry  
78th Air Base Wing  
Commander

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## Legacy of Friendship

### Traveling exhibit at Museum of Aviation pays tribute to the Berlin Airlift anniversary

Vernon Whitman, a veteran who participated in the Berlin Airlift, looks over a display case of the Berlin Airlift exhibit at the Museum of Aviation March 31. It is a traveling exhibit created by the German Embassy. "The Berlin Airlift – Legacy of Friendship" pays tribute to U.S.-German friendship and commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift in which American and British cargo planes delivered over 2.3 million tons of supplies to Berlin citizens during a Soviet blockade of the city from June 1948 to May 1949. The exhibit is on the second floor of the Eagle Building and is free to the public. It will stay open until May 6.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## VPP conference leaves lasting impression

On March 31, I attended the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association Conference. During this conference, I had the opportunity to visit a textile manufacturing company and attend several workshops.

I first had the opportunity to visit Glen Raven Technical Fabrics located in North Carolina. This textile manufacturing company produces high-end fabrics. They also manufacture materials in support of the warfighter.

They have excellent visual management for their evacuation plans. Glen Raven is a Carolina Star Site. They have several written programs pertaining to safety. Carolina Star requires 19 safety programs, but Glen Raven has gone over and above that requirement. They have formed several task groups within the company for checks and balances. Safety and safety awareness is a top priority at Glen Raven Technical Fabrics.

While at the conference, I was also able to attend numerous workshops. Some of the most memorable were:

*Quit Feeding the Monsters: New Techniques to Create a Positive Safety Culture.*

In this workshop a question was asked of the attendees. Can you identify the monsters that are

terrorizing your organization? That question was very thought provoking. One would immediately think the speaker was referring to people. Monsters are not people in the organization, but behaviors. In order to create a positive safety culture we must be able to identify the monsters and stop feeding them.

The monsters are everywhere, at work as well as at home. The monsters are better known as risk behaviors. There are three risk behaviors: deliberate, unintentional and habitual. In order to stop feeding the monsters: we must change our mindset.

*Empowerment: Providing Leadership to Achieve Safety.*

Why is it important to empower people? It is important because empowerment encourages input and participation. The main nugget learned here is when developing people, focus on their strengths, not their weaknesses. Allow room for a reasonable amount of failures. Never build your safety program around one person because if that person should leave, your program will crumble.

*How to be an Effective Safety Manager*

I took away many nuggets from this workshop. It is very important that a safety manager is honest, in

touch, provides leadership, and is decisive. The safety manager must evaluate his or her safety system to check its effectiveness. Look for unsafe behavior, unsafe conditions, and evidence of unsafe activities.

You must also obtain senior commitment, but remember commitment must be demonstrated. A lack of enforcement demonstrates a lack of commitment. You will also need to draft more players, involve people at every level.

*Brian's Story*

This workshop really pierced my heart. The workshop was facilitated by Jeff Bell, father of Brian Bell. Mr. Bell received the phone call that every parent fears. His son Brian, a young man full of potential and promise, had been killed on the job at a construction site.

In his powerful presentation, Mr. Bell introduced his son Brian and took the audience step by step through the events leading to his death.

Mr. Bell, who is an experienced safety facilitator for a large Paper Mill, explained what is required to prevent such tragedies. He told how every year in America, over four million people are injured on the job; every day 16 people die from injuries sustained on the job.

Every day, there are going to be

16 families that are going to get a phone call telling them their loved one isn't coming home.

We're often guilty of tracking statistics because that's the only way we have to measure how we're doing in safety. According to Mr. Bell, the problem with statistics is they are so impersonal; they don't mean a whole lot to you unless it was somebody you knew who got hurt or killed.

We should remember that every single one of those statistics is somebody's son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister. Mr. Bell's workshop put a face on those statistics and it happened to be the face of his son Brian.

In addition to powerfully describing the loss of his son, Mr. Bell called each of us to action by stressing the following critical safety points.

Never forget that safety statistics represent real people. Think about every job before you do it. Look out for your coworkers; have the courage to speak up. Ask, "What if?" to try and foresee unexpected hazards. Inspect equipment before each use.

Remember, everyone can make a difference; get involved in safety.

— This commentary was written by Angela Pitts, WR-ALC EN Management/ Program Analyst.

## OFF THE CUFF!

### What's the best advice you have for the next generation?



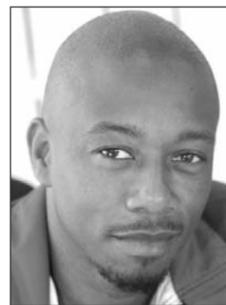
Chief Master Sgt. Buddy Hutchison  
78th ABW command chief

"Learn from those who came before you and apply those lessons against the environment you're in today."



Tech. Sgt. Marilyn Rodgers  
94th CES

"Stop cutting and start planting more trees to help the environment. Arbor Day is this week so it's a good time to think about it."



Fred Washington  
78th FSS

"Trust in God. Get around good people, think smart and make right decisions."



Betty Cather  
Military dependent

"Be true to yourself."

# Competition high, decision making difficult as field narrows in All-Air Force team tryouts

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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The main gym at the Robins Fitness Center will see some high-level basketball action on Monday.

The All-Air Force men's basketball team, which is having its tryout camp at Robins, will play an exhibition game with the All-Army team. The game starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

The two teams are competing in preparation for the upcoming Armed Forces tournament in Millington, Tenn. The Air Force will try for an unprecedented fourth consecutive championship against teams from the Army, Navy and Marines.

Head coach John Bailey, a Robins employee, said basketball fans should make a stop at the Fitness Center for Monday's game.

"They will get a chance to see college-level competition," he said. "It's almost like watching part of the Armed Forces tournament."

The camp started April 17 with Airmen from around the world coming to Robins to try to make the team. A record 30 Airmen came to the camp this year, and on Tuesday the first cut was made, taking the roster to 18. A team of 12 will go to the tournament.

Five Robins Airmen started the camp, and after Tuesday's cuts that was down to four. Tech Sgt. Juan Vasquez of the 116th Air Control Wing was cut, but he said his disappointment was tempered by the high level of competition.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**All-Air Force Basketball team hopefuls take to the court at the Robins Fitness Center during tryouts. A record 30 Airmen came to the camp this year in an effort to be one of 12 players chosen to represent the Air Force at the Armed Forces tournament in May.**

He even returned the same night to assist with the practice.

"The skill level is very high," he said. "It shows how good everybody is getting."

Another Robins player trying out for the team is Capt. Tysen Pina of the 116th ACW. He is a former Air Force Academy player and last played on the All-Air Force team in 2006. He hasn't been able to try out for the past two because he has been deployed.

He said the level of play in the tournament is "quite comparable" to college basketball. He also said that although the Armed Forces tournament isn't televised, to the players it is just as important as the games between the military colleges.

"To us, when you look over and see the Army or

the Navy, nobody wants to lose," he said. "We are constantly deploying together and everyone wants bragging rights."

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Bachelor, one of the team captains, is stationed at Hurlburt Field in Florida. He will deploy to Iraq right after the tournament.

"It's a good chance to represent the Air Force," he said. "The talent level is always good and this year we've got a lot of veterans."

The Army team is holding its camp at Fort Benning in Columbus. The two teams will also meet at Fort Benning on April 30.

Bailey, who is in his fifth consecutive year as head coach, said he is pleased with what he has seen in camp thus far, and making the final cuts will require some tough decisions.

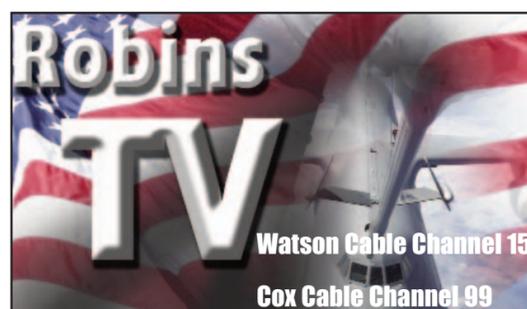
## ALL-AIR FORCE VS. ALL-ARMY

►April 27 at 7 p.m.  
Robins Fitness Center  
►April 30 at 7 p.m.  
Fort Benning

"This has been the most competitive camp I've ever had," he said.

According to Bailey, this is the first All-Air Force team in which all of the staff has come from the same base. Assistant coach Jeff McClain and project officer Eddie Goad are both Robins employees. All of the coaches are civilians, but only active-duty Airmen can play on the team.

The squad will be cut to 12 by the end of next week. Then after a final week of practice here they will head to Millington for the tournament, which will be May 11-18.



## Saturday's E-Cycling Day gives new home to unwanted, non-government electronics

Used, non-government electronics equipment can now find another home besides your attic.

On April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., people can recycle their unwanted electronic equipment at the Happy Hour Recycling Center's parking lot at 802 North Avenue in Warner Robins, as Keep Warner Robins Beautiful, the Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens, and Robins Air Force Base offer its E-Cycling Day.

Ben Torrey, an environmental engineer in the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the recycling event is a great way to do something useful with old items.

"The purpose of E-Cycling Day is to promote the proper disposal of unwanted electronic equipment, whether it's abandoned or unusable,"

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Computer monitors, computer processing units, laptops, printers, disk drives, floppy drives, keyboards, record players, speakers, UPS/Battery Backup, projectors, computer mouse, test equipment, cameras, fax machines, electrical panels, scanners, modems, camcorders, VCRs, video machines, copiers, stereos, microwave ovens, networking equipment, telephones, CB radios, CD players, portable radios, cell phones, cables, circuit boards, typewriters, and CD ROMs.

### UNACCEPTED ITEMS:

Television sets, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, gas powered equipment, or all other non-electronic equipment.

he said. "This E-Cycling Day really applies to non-government equipment. We don't want people bringing in their

government computers to be E-cycled. That goes through (the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office)."

Mr. Torrey said E-Cycling Day will help reduce unwanted waste.

"Electronic waste accounts for almost 5 percent of landfill volume and it contributes up to 70 percent of toxins found in landfills, (whether it's from) heavy metals, circuit boards, or lead in the glass of computer monitors," he said.

While people don't have to package their recyclable electronics, Mr. Torrey said people should clean their hard drives and remove any personal information to protect identity and privacy.

In 2008, the recycling event netted more than 67,000 pounds of equipment that were wrapped, palletized, and shipped for recycling. — *Staff reports*

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**CONSERVE ENERGY**



## Nominations being accepted for Camellia Gardens Memorial

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will take place May 21 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the officers' club.

The service, a patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 33-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society, and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. Throughout the year, the garden teems with blossoms, birds, squirrels, and other wildlife.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,471 deceased military and civilian members of

Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing Base Chapel. Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Newton is accepting submissions for people to be memorialized this year. Honorees can be civilian or military members. All other required information is due no later than May 6.

There is no fee to honor an individual. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted and appreciated.

To ensure inclusion in this service, e-mail Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Newton at [michael.newton@robins.af.mil](mailto:michael.newton@robins.af.mil), Staff Sgt. Devin Jacobs at [devin.jacobs@robins.af.mil](mailto:devin.jacobs@robins.af.mil), or Staff Sgt. Sherene Fenton at [sherene.fenton@robins.af.mil](mailto:sherene.fenton@robins.af.mil), or call the chapel at 926-2821.

### Submissions for honoree nominations should include:

- ▶ Complete name and, if military, rank of the person to be honored. If military, designate active-duty or retired and branch of service
- ▶ Birth and death dates.
- ▶ Reproducible photo, preferably black and white, and at least 2x3.
- ▶ Family-related information, such as name, address, and phone number of next of kin.
- ▶ Name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization nominating the honoree.
- ▶ Military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins.

## Programs help Airmen with home ownership

As many military members know, buying a home every time you PCS can be very risky.

Congress recognizes the unique problems military members face in owning homes and created some military-specific benefits within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The act dramatically expands the eligibility for the Department of Defense's Housing Assistance Program, which was formerly available only to certain military members living near installations closing under the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990.

"Many military members and their families have been affected by the collapse of the housing bubble," said Michael Shutter, chief of the legal assistance division in the base Legal Office. "If a military member is in trouble on the mortgage on his or her principal home, that member needs to look into the provisions of this act."

Although the ARRA does not yet offer relief for qualifying military members, the DOD continues to work on implementing regulations which will spell out the specific requirements and procedures for applying for relief. Military members who believe they qualify can start the application process. The HAP application can be found at [www.sas.usace.army.mil/hapinv/index.html](http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/hapinv/index.html).

Another program worth a look by all homeowners — not just active-duty military members — is the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, which is being administered by the Treasury Department, the Federal Housing Administration, the FDIC and other agencies.

The plan includes what

are essentially two separate programs: one aimed at making homes affordable through refinancing, and another aimed at making homes affordable through loan modification.

"The Treasury Department has provided some excellent resources to help the public understand these programs and determine their eligibility to apply,"

Mr. Shutter said.

A new Web site, [www.financialstability.gov](http://www.financialstability.gov), provides information about the plan. A fact sheet and summary of the plan guidelines are available at [www.treas.gov](http://www.treas.gov).

For more information visit the WR-ALC Legal Office in Bldg. 708 or call 926-0867.

— *WR-ALC Legal Office*

**Recycle This Paper**

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

**Come on out for an evening of fun** during family night bingo on April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Horizons ballroom. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 per pack, limit three per person. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### TUESDAY

**A communication skills for couples/building a healthy marriage class will be held April 28** from 3 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 794. Learn ways to improve your marriage, conflicts in the marriage and much more. For more information call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

### THURSDAY

**The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month in Bldg. 794** for active duty, retired, reserve, spouses and family members.

►Group pre-separation counseling briefings (mandatory) will be held April 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. and an Air Force spouse employment training to be held May 12 – July 28 (in-person registration April 22 – 24, Bldg. 794).

►An active duty Air Force Spouse Employment Training “Learning the concepts of Microsoft Office 2007” will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. from May 12 – July 28. The last day to register is today April 24 for all active duty spouses wishing to attend. Registration will be held in Bldg. 794 and will be on a first come first serve basis with only 13 slots available. For more information call Julie Thompson at 926-1256.

### UPCOMING

**A First Friday “Travel to the East” and special learn to play** will be held at the Heritage Club and Horizons May 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with food being served from 5 to 6 p.m. Menu will include fried rice, egg roll, sweet and sour chicken. First Friday means great food, chances to win prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members

free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call 926-2670.

**A Mother’s Day brunch will be held May 10 at Horizons** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$15.95 for guests and \$8.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Come out and enjoy a fruits/vegetables carving class with Chef Douglas on May 4** from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Center. A pre-registration is required for \$20 (includes supplies). For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**A yard sale will be held May 9** from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**The Gaudet All Star Baseball Camp is scheduled for June 5** for children of Robins. This camp covers six areas - hitting, pitching, catching, infield, outfield and rules with umpires. Learn from those who know best: retired pros, local area coaches and college and high school players. Children will learn through a systematic approach to the fundamentals and strategies of baseball and softball with hands-on experience. Participants will also receive a free T-shirt and free passes to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. Best of all the camp is free. Session I is for ages 6,7,8 and 9 year olds and will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Session II for ages 10,11 and 12 year olds is from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration will be taken at the community center on a first-come first-served basis. Permission slips will be completed at that time. For more information on this camp, call Ruby Wasway at the community

## Reading and riding



US Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Donna Hunt listens to a book on tape while working toward her miles April 13 during National Library Week. Ms. Hunt was the winner of the Library Fitness Throwdown for logging 395 miles. As the person who rode the most miles while reading on an exercise bike at the base library, she won a \$100 ITT gift certificate.**

center at 926-2105.

### ONGOING

**Registration for swim lessons is underway** on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place Tuesday – Friday. Cost is \$30 for mommy and me and \$40 for youth and adults. Fees are due at time of registration. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**Universal Orlando’s Military Salutes a Universe of Thanks for serving our nation** to active duty, retired, reserve, National Guard and eligible ID carrying (100 percent Permanently Disabled Veterans) by giving a special offer. Receive a complimentary two-park unlimited admission tickets (retail \$124.99)

plus save up to \$35 for each two-park unlimited admission tickets for family and friends. Offer available through June 28, 2009. Tickets expire Dec. 18, 2009. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

**Club scholarship submissions are due July 1.** Robins Heritage Club and Horizons members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Services club membership scholarship program, sponsored by Coca Cola and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide, twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words.

The essay title for this year is “The High Cost of Freedom.”

Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Essays must be typed in 12-point

Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins top and bottom and one-and-one-quarter inch on left and right sides. Essays must be submitted electronically on a CD and must have applicants name, date written and word count (do not write SSAN on the CD), entry form (make sure all information marked with an asterisk is provided) and a current college/university acceptance letter for new students or official transcripts for those students already enrolled.

Nominations are due to Sherry Trauth, FSS Marketing, located in Bldg. 983 by July 1. Late submissions will not be accepted. For more information, visit [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net) or call 926-5492.

**Editor’s note:** Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email [kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil](mailto:kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil).



## NFL DRAFT’S BIGGEST STEALS

Saturday, dozens of college players will become millionaires and dozens of others will watch their dreams of playing professionally go up in smoke. It’s called the NFL draft. Countless research hours have been invested by football executives who are hoping to draft the next great player. Last week we looked at the the five worst draft picks; this week we examine the top draft day steals:

**5 TE Shannon Sharpe**  
Sharpe, one of the games greatest tight ends, was selected in the last round, 192nd overall. Not even the Broncos realized what kind of player he would be after they drafted him. Yet he ended his career with 10,060 yards receiving and 62 touchdowns.

**4 RB Terrell Davis**  
Fifteen other running backs were selected before the Denver Broncos drafted Davis. All failed to match his career, as Davis ended up with 7607 yards rushing with 60 touchdowns and 1,280 yards receiving and five TDs.

**3 DE Deacon Jones**  
Deacon Jones, who played in the '60s and '70s, was the 186th player drafted overall in his draft. Jones was the leader and talented pass rusher of the Fearsome Foursome. When Jones came into the league, he revolutionized the defensive end position and the “sack” is largely credited to him. He had amazing speed and quickness for a relentless first step.

**2 QB Joe Montana**  
Who would have thought one of the greatest quarterback in NFL history would have been a third round pick? Coming from Notre Dame, Montana lacked of arm strength and consistency. However, after Bill Walsh worked Montana out, he realized that Montana was the perfect fit for the 49ers West Coast offense. The rest was history. Montana would become a legend, winning four Super Bowls and three Super Bowl MVP awards.

**1 QB Tom Brady**  
Brady, the golden boy of the Patriot’s dynasty, was drafted by New England as a compensatory pick of the 2000 NFL Draft. The Patriots were considering drafting Tim Rattay of Louisiana Tech, however, they decided to go with Brady. This move later transformed the way New England football would be played. Brady has lead the Patriots to four Super Bowls and lead them to victory in three of them. He was named Super Bowl MVP twice.

Source: Bleacherreport.com

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following has been approved as a leave recipient: **Angela Reaser**, 330th ASW. POC is Jeanette Strickland, 327-7101.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

### 78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

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- Arts & Crafts .....926-5282
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- Library .....327-8761
- HAWC .....327-8480
- Fitness Center .....926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex .....926-2128
- Youth Center .....926-2110
- ITT .....926-2945
- Bowling Center .....926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. ....926-4103
- Pizza Depot .....926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com)

### CHAPEL SERVICES

#### Catholic

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

#### Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (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. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

### NOW PLAYING



APRIL 24  
7:30 P.M.  
WATCHMEN

When one of Rorschach’s former colleagues is murdered, the washed-up but no less determined masked vigilante sets out to uncover a plot to kill and discredit all past and present superheroes. As he reconnects with his former crime-fighting legion he glimpses a wide-ranging and disturbing conspiracy. Rated R



APRIL 25  
12:30 P.M.  
CORALINE

Coraline walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life – only much better. But when her adventure turns dangerous, and her counterfeit parents try to keep her forever, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness and bravery to get back home – and save her family.



APRIL 25  
3:30 P.M.  
MADEA GOES TO JAIL

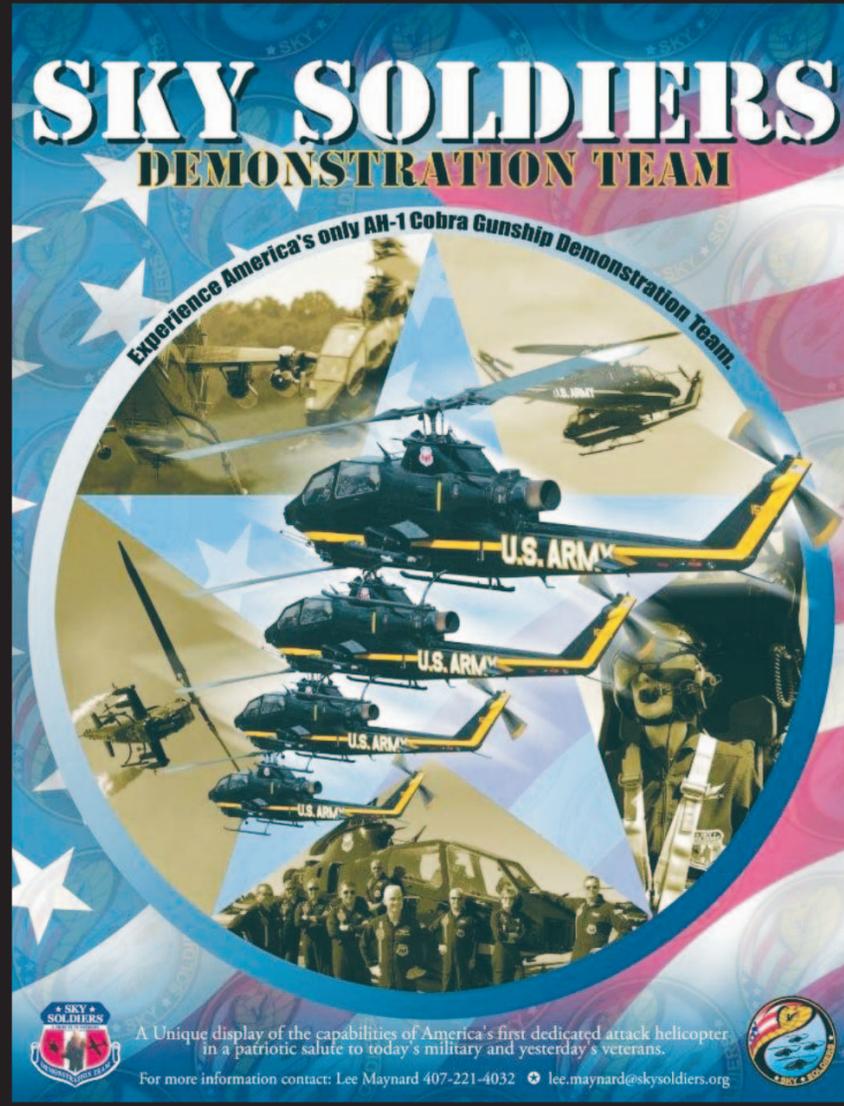
After a high-speed chase puts Madea in front of the judge, her reprieve is short-lived as anger management issues get the best of her and lands her in jail. Madea’s eccentric family members rally behind her, lending their special “country” brand of support.

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

# Who's on deck

## 2009 Robins Air Show to highlight Army, AF

### Sky Soldiers set to grace the skyline at 2009 Robins Air Show



The Sky Soldiers Precision Flight Demonstration Team was founded in 2006 as one of three aerial demonstration programs that make up the performing arm of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation based in Atlanta.

The team is a dedicated group of veteran pilots performing at various events around the country in support of our country's military and veterans. The mission of the Sky Soldiers is to demonstrate the professionalism, values, training and team work found in our military.

The Sky Soldiers are composed of an elite group of decorated, veteran military aviators and ground support personnel who have served their country, many with combat experience from Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Team pilots have accumulated over 85,000 flight hours in military aircraft, 7,000 combat flight hours, 10 Distinguished Flying Crosses, nine Bronze Stars, and 168 Air Medals. The Sky Soldiers are one of the

most flight experienced of the military demonstration teams. Members of the Sky Soldiers have performed more than 118 public performances before 24 million people over the past ten years with an impeccable safety record.

Each volunteer pilot and ground personnel donates his or her personal time to support the Sky Soldiers Demonstration Team and its mission.

The team's performing AH-1F Cobras, painted in the team's signature Black and Gold, perform an awe-inspiring routine that demonstrates the dynamic maneuverability and capability of the attack helicopter and the skills of the military aviator. This aerial program is a high energy, 20 minute "up close and personal," professionally narrated performance of legacy Army attack helicopters performing intricate, precision tactical and parade maneuvers that excite and stimulate the imagination.

The Bell Helicopter AH-1F Cobra used by the Sky Soldiers was developed as the first helicopter designed

from inception with an attack mission. The Cobra first saw service in Vietnam in the late 1960's. After the Vietnam War, the aircraft was continually modified and upgraded to meet the needs of the Cold War in Europe and was the precursor to the U.S. Army's Apache helicopter serving around the world today. The Cobra continues to enjoy a place in history as a result of its distinctive role on the modern battlefield. The AH-1F Cobra aircraft of the Sky Soldiers Demonstration Team have been fully restored by the volunteer members of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation. These aircraft sport genuine combat pedigrees and carry on the tradition of the AAHF to preserve authentic, flyable examples of Army aircraft and utilize them in military "living history" presentations across the country.

The team flew as the U.S. Army's officially sponsored flight demonstration team in 2007 meeting and exceeding all of the recruiting goals set forth by the U.S. Army.

— courtesy Sky Soldiers

## The Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force to perform aerial re-creation of the Battle of Midway

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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The upcoming Robins Air Show, May 2-3, will feature a new event that its organizers say is a one-of-a-kind recreation of World War II aviation history.

The Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, a group dedicated to preserving WWII aircraft in flying condition, will perform an aerial recreation of the crucial Battle of Midway. That will be preceded by a quick aerial simulation of the attack on Pearl Harbor and Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle's daring raid on Tokyo in retaliation.

On the ground the show will include a narration with music to tell the history being depicted and pyrotechnics will simulate the bombing of Japanese aircraft carriers. It was designed by Alan Armstrong, an Atlanta attorney and member of the Dixie Wing, which is based in Peachtree City.

He said the Robins show will mark the first time that the group will perform the recreation. Mr. Armstrong said he came up with the idea after deciding that it wasn't enough for attendees to see a plane flying.

"We are going to recreate the Battle of Midway," he said. "It's more than just an airplane flying in a circle. It's like putting on a theater performance with airplanes."

Mr. Armstrong said he was aware of only one other show that does an aerial historical recreation, and it isn't nearly on the same

scale.

Midway was a crucial battle in the Pacific, he said, because the U.S. was outnumbered and had it lost, the Japanese could have sailed unimpeded to the West Coast. The battle tipped the balance of power back to the U.S.

Although the schedule for the air show may fluctuate, the Battle of Midway show is currently set for shortly after noon on both days of the show. The Midway event will last for 22 minutes.

Mr. Armstrong said he expects the audience will get a deeper meaning from the show than from simply watching the planes fly.

"They will develop an appreciation for what it means to be an American citizen," he said.

The planes that the Dixie Wing group will bring include some of the most venerated aircraft of World War II. The group's planes include an SBD Dauntless, a replica of a Japanese Zero fighter, a Japanese Kate bomber flown by Mr. Armstrong, and two B-25 Mitchells. Two SNJ's will play the role of the Wildcat fighters that participated in Midway.

The B-25 is the famously versatile aircraft that, completely against its design, took off from an aircraft carrier for the raid on Tokyo. It was the first American attack on Japan following Pearl Harbor. The Dauntless was the American dive bomber that took out three Japanese aircraft carriers in the Battle of Midway.



U.S. Air Force photos by TRAVIS REYNOLDS  
An SNJ, one of the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force's aircraft, is on display at the DeKalb-Peachtree air show in 2007.



Attendees at a 2007 air show in Atlanta check out vintage planes of the Dixie Wing, which will perform a recreation of the Battle of Midway at the Robins Air Show May 2-3.

## Home, sweet home



U.S. Air Force photo by **CLAUDE LAZZARA**

Senior Master Sgt. Debra Jamison, Air Force Reserve Command Band, is one of the first Airmen to occupy one of the newly built homes on Robins. Her home is one of 76 being built by Hunt Pinnacle in the old Crestview area, east of Robins Elementary School. The homes are slated for officer and senior enlisted occupancy. The \$32.8 million construction project is expected to be completed by October 2009.

## Family Advocacy offers class on fatherhood basics

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Expecting dads at Robins can get some expert advice next week on exactly what to expect when it comes to dealing with an addition to the family.

On April 29 the Family Advocacy Office at the Mental Health Clinic will offer a free class called "Dads: The Basics." Staff Sgt. Travis McCord and Maj. Steve Nolan, who between them have seven children, will teach the class.

Sergeant McCord said the class is held four times per year and has been well received by participants in

the past.

"We've had an awesome response with what they have heard," he said. "They have been very receptive to the conversation. A lot of them enjoy the fact that it's just men and they feel like they can open up."

The class begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. It is held at the Mental Health Clinic, which is in the base hospital.

Sergeant McCord said many topics are discussed, including basic child-care skills such as changing

diapers and bathing an infant. Two of the biggest topics are Shaken Baby Syndrome and coping with deployment after a child is born.



### The Basics

He said shaking a baby can cause serious brain injury, and fathers need to be aware of their physical strength when handling a baby. They also need to avoid picking up a crying child if the father is frustrated and possibly prone to shaking a baby without thinking about the consequences.

Deployment is also a big topic, Sergeant McCord said. They will discuss the importance of a father bonding with a newborn infant. Fathers who are deploying should consider making videos or audio tapes of themselves reading books for the child, or leaving behind clothing with the father's scent that the child can hold.

Sergeant McCord said the class is open to military and civilians who have Department of Defense identification. He also said the class is not just for new dads. Participants in the past have already had children and have learned new skills from the class.

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