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653rd CLSS to inactivate, celebrate legacy

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For 42 years the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has been the place to work for aircraft maintainers with a taste for adventure.

The unit, which started at Robins in 1967 as the 2955th CLSS, travels the globe for major repairs on planes with combat or crash damage. But its storied history is coming to an end on Aug. 5, when the unit is scheduled for inactivation.

However, the unit's mission will live on at Robins. When the inactivation was announced two years ago, the group had over 300 personnel, all military. Right now it has 95 people, and after the inactivation, 56 of those will form a new unit called the Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group. It will do the same work, just with less people.

"We are going to change in size and name but we are going to retain the capability," said Maj. Joseph Giuliani, commander of the 653rd CLSS.

An inactivation ceremony is set for Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. in the base theater. A dinner is planned at the Museum of Aviation that night for alumni of the group, and there is already considerable interest. Major Giuliani said 150 people gave R.S.V.P.'d for the dinner within days of the invitations going out.

Major Giuliani said that's an indication

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More to Fabric Shop mission than 'seams'

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When an F-15 Eagle pilot has to eject, the work done by a few people at the Fabric Shop at Robins suddenly becomes critically important to the pilot's survival.

In addition to sewing patches on uniforms, manufacturing heat exchangers for engines and some other tasks, the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's Fabric Shop is charged with maintaining the parachutes that mount on ejection seats and the survival kits that eject with the pilot.

"Everything we do here as far as the parachutes and survival kits - we are their last chance for survival when they come out the aircraft," said Sam Sellers, who packs the survival kits. "If we don't do our jobs and make sure this stuff works, then they don't have a chance of surviving."

Although only about the size of a small suitcase, the survival kits include a wide array of items that both help the pilot survive and help rescuers find him. The pilot sits directly on and is strapped to the kit.

The items include a life raft, die marker, compass, blanket, candle, knife, tin foil for cooking, snare wire for catching dinner, poncho, mittens, sock cap, wool socks, flares, matches, tourniquet, mirror



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Sam Sellers, fabric worker, works on a survival kit for the F-15 Eagle aircraft.

and a radio communicator.

The mirror is actually one of the most important items in the pack. A pilot downed in enemy territory can hide in bushes and use the mirror to reflect sunlight and get the attention of a search

plane. It's useful, Mr. Sellers said, because radio communications can be picked up by the enemy.

"There have probably been more people found by the mirror than with the radio communicator," he said.

The raft is rigged to deploy automatically so that it should be full and ready when a pilot hits water.

The packs have to be checked annually, with each item removed and inspected to make sure it's still good. Some items, such as the flares and batteries for the radio, are automatically replaced. The process also includes filling the raft and leaving it for six hours to make sure there are no leaks. Once all of that is done, Mr. Sellers said, it takes about a day to repack each kit.

In a room in the rear of the shop, another important job is done. The shop annually checks the ACES II parachutes that mount into the F-15 seats, which eject with the pilot.

Also, every six months the shop checks the parachutes, called the Back Automatic-22, that are worn by crew members on heavy aircraft.

For 27 years, starting with a stint in the Air Force, Mark Richey has inspected and repacked parachutes. It's a huge responsibility, but he does not have any doubts that the parachutes he services will work when needed.

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A taste of the blue



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

A group of Air Force Academy cadets listens to Capt. Dave Bartels (bottom right), 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron surveillance officer, talk about the JSTARS worldwide mission inside an aircraft. Cadets pictured are L-R, seated, Kay Nissen, Katie Gordacz, standing, Clinton Manley, Joshua Stroud and Tyler Ringwald. The group is participating in Operation Air Force. Their first week was spent with the 16th ACCS going through a flight simulator, learning what a pilot does on a day-to-day basis, as well as going on an actual orientation flight. They are now participating in senior officer mentoring sessions, before shadowing company grade officers, visiting the Andersonville National Historic Site, and working with members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

Track lights help base save energy, allow for safer after-dark exercising

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In an effort to be better stewards of energy, the Fitness and Sports Center has teamed with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron and installed an on/off timer on the Fitness Center's track lights.

Previously, the track lights were connected to the main football field lights. Those lights were controlled by the fitness center, so anyone wishing to use the track afterhours would have to walk or run in the dark. In addition, the field lights drain quite a bit of energy and, on several occasions, were left on long after track users had stopped using the track.

"The new setup gives customers the ability to illuminate the track when they run or walk without the fitness center having to be open," said Eddie Goad, assistant director of the fitness center.

According to Paul Kelley of the 78th Civil Engineer Group, the track lights use only eight 1,000 watt bulbs, while the field lights use an additional 60 1,000 watt bulbs. "It's a big reduction in consumption," he said.

Mr. Goad said having a one-hour timer for track lights offers an alterna-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Runners and walkers can use this light switch to turn on track lights when exercising after dark.

tive to having to switch on the main athletic field lights for non-daylight runners, as well as eliminating the risk that the lights will be left on while not being used.

"We are really proud of this project, as it's a major step in our overall goal of conserving energy," Mr. Goad said.

In addition to the energy savings, the new setup allows for a safe workout environment for those who are unable to use the track during daylight hours.

"Those who work late or work swing shift have an opportunity to work out in a safe atmosphere," Mr. Goad said. "We are a 24-hour operation and walking or running in the dark is not a safe option."

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Julie Horton is shown with a control indicator used on multiple Special Operations Forces aircraft. She is an item manager in the 411th Supply Chain Management Squadron.

From part-time student to full-time star: Worker reflects on annual award

(Editors note: This is the second in a series of profiles on 2008 Team Robins Annual Award winners.)

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Julie Horton has to feel pretty good about her first year working at Robins.

An item manager in the 411th Supply Chain Management Squadron, she started here last year as a co-op student, working part time while finishing her college degree, and then starting full time in August. In that short time, she has already been recognized as one of the best employees on base.

Ms. Horton said she was shocked when she found out she had won the Civilian of the Year Award in Category 1.

"I was extremely overwhelmed," she said. "I didn't expect it at all. To me, I was just doing my job and trying to learn things. It's pretty exciting to be on base a year and then find out you won a

really huge award. It was awesome."

She started out managing parts for the H-1 helicopter, but two months ago switched to managing cockpit display units for special operations aircraft. She ships the units all over the world, including to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I never thought growing up that I would be able to help out in a war," she said. "It's kind of nice to sit here and know that the work I do every day keeps planes flying and keeps people safe. If I don't do my job, it could ground an aircraft. It's pretty important."

MaryCatherine Joiner, item manager rotary flight chief for the 411th SCMS, nominated Ms. Horton for the award.

"She came in as a co-op and she hit the ground running," Ms. Joiner said. "She very quickly picked up new procedures and policies. She would take the initiative to go and learn new things."

Ms. Joiner also pointed out that Ms. Horton finds

time to help others. She is a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Ms. Horton acts as a liaison between the family and the foundation, finding out the child's wish and then submitting it to the foundation.

On the wall of her cubicle she has several photos of children she has helped. She named each one, and noted which ones have died.

It might seem like an emotionally taxing job for a 26-year-old, but Ms. Horton said she finds inspiration from the experience.

"These kids will teach you so much," she said. "It makes you grateful for what you have. Those kids are happy and with what they go through, it's pretty (inspiring). You would be surprised how happy those kids are, given the circumstance. Like Daniel, who is 3 years old with leukemia. He's one of the happiest kids I've ever seen."

FABRIC SHOP

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"People say they don't want to have that kind of responsibility, but as long you follow your technical order, this is designed to work every time," he said. "As long as I follow that, I know it will work. These are the kinds of things you hope will never be used."

Each time an F-15 crashes, Mr. Richey does some checking to find out whether a parachute he packed was used. He has three "saves" with the ACES II chute.

The shop has 10 employees, including five who make foam fillers for C-130 and F-15 fuel tanks.

The polyurethane foam is cut into shapes that fit into



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Diane Couch uses a saw to cut foam that will be used inside a C-5 Galaxy fuel tank.

the tank. The foam helps prevent explosion and stabilizes planes by keeping the fuel from sloshing.

"It's a challenge to get it cut in the right way," said Annette Dentsley, who has been working in the shop for 27 years.



U.S. Air Force file photo

Teams from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron traveled the world in support of the warfighter, going to places like Antarctica, Europe and Africa. Here, a team from the squadron replaces the lift on the tail section of a severely damaged MC-130P in Bamako, Mali, in November 2008.

653rd CLSS

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that service in the unit is not just another stop in a career.

"I think there is a lot of pride and camaraderie with the people who have been a part this unit," he said. "It has always been a highly skilled, highly trained, well-organized unit."

The unit has remained busy in the field and will remain so up until the deactivation, he said. It currently has teams in San Antonio, England and Norway.

Most of the work the group does is for crash damage; very little is for battle damage. The squadron also sends teams to do major repairs that are beyond the capability of the units that operate the air-

craft.

The unit has an active alumni association, and word has gotten around quickly about the upcoming ceremony and dinner, Maj. Giuliani said.

"They've built strong ties over the years," he said. "I think it's because the work they do is unique. There is a great sense of helping the war effort and a great sense of satisfaction when we complete the jobs that we are tasked to do."

"There's really not a lot of people in aircraft maintenance that see that kind of training we do to do this kind of work."

At one time there were five combat logistics support squadrons, with each air logistics center having one to support the aircraft assigned to that center.

After the 653rd inactivates, the only one left will be at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. That one is scheduled for inactivation in October.

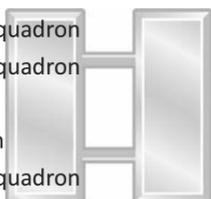
The move to inactivate the units in favor of smaller versions is part of a cost-cutting measure.

But Major Giuliani said morale has been high in the unit despite the pending inactivation.

"Definitely, people are sad to see the squadron close," he said. "It's been a great assignment for everyone that's been involved, but at the same time, they are motivated to press on make sure that we close the squadron with a ceremony that honors all those that served in the unit. We realize the legacy that has been left of the past 42 years here."

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12-nation Heavy Airlift Wing takes flight with first C-17

BY MAJ. CRISTIN MARPOSON

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

Twelve nations saw their dreams of strategic airlift come true as the multinational Heavy Airlift Wing they’ve built from scratch in less than a year received the “keys” to its first C-17 Globemaster III July 14 in Long Beach, Calif.

During a ceremony at Boeing’s final assembly facility, Col. John Zazworsky who commands the HAW in a multinational capacity, officially received the first of three C-17s to be acquired by the Strategic Airlift Capability Program’s consortium.1

The consortium includes NATO member nations Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States, as well as Partnership for Peace nations Finland and Sweden.

“This is an unprecedented milestone for these 12 nations,” Col. Zazworsky said. “They’ve shared a common need for strategic airlift, yet they’ve each faced the financial obstacle of independently acquiring a heavy airlifter. Now, they collectively own an amazing machine that will serve them well.

While some of the 11 European nations participating in the program own tactical airlifters, including the C-130, SAC 01, as the first C-17 is known, represents the first strategic airlift asset for all 11 nations. And given each nation’s commitment to support NATO’s International Security

Assistance Force in Afghanistan, the HAW’s eventual C-17 fleet of three will make transporting troops and supplies to Afghanistan more efficient and economical.

Colonel Zazworsky knows this fact well, having flown the C-17 himself for years and having commanded C-17 units both stateside and in expeditionary roles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“SAC 01 is going to be a huge enabler for all the nations involved,” he explained. “And that’s really what it’s all about — building capacity through partnership.”

At the hands of HAW pilots from Norway, Sweden and the U.S., SAC 01 departed Long Beach for Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., shortly after the delivery ceremony, beginning its 5,300-nautical-mile maiden flight home to Pápa Air Base, Hungary, the HAW’s home base.

But to make the most of the miles, HAW loadmasters, also from Norway, Sweden and the U.S., will load SAC 01 at Charleston AFB with specialized heavy equipment, like cargo loading vehicles and forklifts, which will enable the HAW to carry out logistics support functions at Pápa AB.

“I feel fortunate to be on the first trip with the airplane,” said Royal Norwegian Air Force Capt. Havard Brorby, a HAW loadmaster who trained at the C-17 Aircrew Training Center at Altus AFB, Okla., this spring. “My country would never be able to have an aircraft like this, but now it’s possible.”

Commentary

"All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me... You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you."

— Walt Disney

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In My Own Words...



Marc Rosenberry
402nd EMXG

Today's thoughts are from Marc Rosenberry, 402nd Electronic Maintenance Group. He previously served four years in the Air Force and has been at Robins for a year and half as a civilian. He works on the Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night system, an air-to-ground targeting system. He took time to talk about the issue of:

teamwork

The biggest thing in teamwork is communication. There's not much you can't solve through communication. Working together and formulating a game plan – it all comes back to communication.

With everybody I work with, teamwork seems to be pretty good. We've gotten together through Lean events and stuff like that, and come up with better ways of doing stuff and better processes. Everybody I work with – they all get along pretty well and work well as a team.

Communication is important to teamwork because

everything kind of stems off of it; if you have a problem at work, with the way someone is doing something or the way a situation is handled, it all boils down to communication. The quickest and easiest way to get things solved is to talk things out with the teammates you are working with. As long as everyone is level headed about it, you can usually get stuff worked out.

I think that's the adult way of handling things. Some people try to cry to supervisors and file grievances. Most of the time, if you just talk to somebody like an adult and approach them

with your problem, you can usually get it solved between the two of you and it doesn't have to go any further.

I think teamwork is big for morale. Obviously, if you have people you don't get along with too well or work with too well, it makes being at work less fun. When you are getting along with everybody, it is great.

My time in the military taught me about good teamwork. I think that is probably the biggest influence as far as teamwork on me, because good or bad, you are all in it together.

This is a regular feature in which Team Robins members are asked to give their thoughts on targeted areas of improvement. Those areas include trust, successful communication, grievances, recognition, teamwork, success, integrity, fairness, the Big Picture and diversity. If you would like to participate, call Wayne Crenshaw at 222-0807 or e-mail him at wayne.crenshaw.ctr@robins.af.mil.

The art of objective decision making

Making decisions is something we all do each and every day. Most decisions are made without much thought, almost unconsciously and, in many cases, automatically. Others; however, are decisions that involve time and thought, and can impact more than just ourselves. These are the decisions where the process is an art: it defines who we are as leaders.

Saying this isn't a stretch. As leaders, we do things in order to create a desired effect. Making the "best" decision hits at the core of creating that effect and, in turn, is an essential aspect of being an effective leader. Now, these aren't decisions that involve "right versus wrong," or lying, cheating or stealing; we must never compromise our integrity. In fact, most of these decisions involve "right versus right" and the decision may be different today than it was yesterday.

This is what can make them

so challenging. Let's take a moment to look at the elements involved in making the "best" decision.

First, and foremost, effective decisions require objectivity. The old adage, "the more objective you are, the more effective you are," has never been more accurate or applicable than it is today. It can be tempting to look at decisions through the lens of a small straw. Effective leaders must step back and gain a much broader view; they must open their aperture. I've always advocated looking at issues and decisions from your boss's boss's viewpoint. This approach helps to open the aperture and maintain objectivity.

In order to gain the broad, objective view, leaders must work to gather a complete picture of the situation. Some call this situational awareness; others call it a 360-degree view of the issue. In either case, that awareness involves considering

all of the variables weighing into the decision, competing interests involved in the decision, and potential consequences of the decision. The potential consequences must include possible second and third order consequences. Tough calls like these can involve individuals, organizations and issues beyond those initially thought. Weigh the consequences against unit missions and organizational goals. Investigate how the decision will move things forward in the near, mid and long term. This will provide the context for the decision and, although it will involve a lot of work, will result in the broadest view of the entire process.

Lastly, tough decisions can be very emotional. Don't let emotion play into the decision-making process. Emotion only serves to cloud the issue and, potentially, can result in a decision where near-term happiness

fades quickly into mid- and long-term unintended challenges. Leaders must look at decisions from the outside, unattached to the emotional influence from within. Leaders must rise above such distractions in order to maintain their objectivity.

Leaders use decision making to define reality. Decisions made within context and with the benefit of situational awareness, will bound future issues for success and establish tomorrow's realities for our subordinates, our bosses and, ultimately, our boss's boss. In the end, objectivity will ensure that decisions will result in the desired effect and will keep you and your organization headed in the "best" direction.

— This commentary was written by Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.



The 40th anniversary of the first moon walk is July 20. What are your memories?



Brian McMullen
802nd MXSS

"I watched it on a black and white TV, the landing, the walk and the planting of the flag. It was pretty exciting that we actually accomplished it."



Fred Ray
802nd MXSS

"It was a big event. Everybody who had access to a TV watched to hear what he would say when he stepped down onto the moon."



Melinda Brown
402nd MXSG

"It's funny to remember that my grandpa and dad didn't believe it. The moon was so bright that night and we thought, 'Wow, we sent somebody to the moon.'"



Nan Paro
402nd MXSG

"I was young but I remember them showing it on TV and he said, 'One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'"

Deployed Robins Airman reunites with Tops-in-Blue husband in Kyrgyzstan

BY STAFF SGT.
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For one Robins sergeant, the Tops in Blue's debut of the 2009 "To Dream" tour at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, was a dream come true.

For Tech. Sgt. Patrika Boone, a member of the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron here who is deployed and assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, the excitement was not because she hadn't seen the group perform before, but because she was seeing a family member on stage for the first time.

It even got better when the family member, a lead vocalist with Tops in Blue, was her husband, Staff Sgt. Wendell Boone Jr.

The visit to the Transit Center at Manas July 8-11 allowed the two Airmen to reunite after they bid each other farewell in March.

The hopes of seeing each other looked thin at the time because he was deploying with the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers on a tour for one year, while she was preparing for her Air and Space Expeditionary deployment to Manas.

As fate would have it, their hopes were raised by the good news that Sergeant Boone was being deployed to the Transit Center at Manas, where Tops in Blue was scheduled to perform in July.

Sergeant Boone couldn't wait for that day; when it finally came, she was the happiest person sitting in the center row, directly facing the stage, with a



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. OLUFEMI OWOLABI

Tech. Sgt. Patrika Boone reunites with her husband Staff Sgt. Wendell Boone Jr., a vocalist with Tops in Blue, during the Air Force Expeditionary Entertainers' visit to the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan. The sergeant is deployed from the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Robins, while her husband is an air transportation apprentice with the 69th Aerial Port Squadron at Andrews AFB, M.D.

beaming smile on her face.

"It is amazing to see him perform," she said. "We have not seen each other since March. Seeing him here is a blessing."

Though the two try to stay in touch with their three children every day, calls made back home July 8-11 were surprising and full of life. Their children were curious; they asked, "Mommy, are you finally with Daddy now?"

"My wife and I called them yesterday, and they were surprised to know we are here together," said Boone Jr. "They were also very happy to hear us together."

Apart from the Tops in Blue tour of Manas with the 376th Force Support Squadron's Services, the two "love birds" also got a tour of their own.

Despite knowing that deployment is hard on the family, the Boones believe in dreams and are patriotic.

They are both part of the same team - United States Air Force's Expeditionary Airmen.

"We're both doing the same thing ... just under a different scenario," said the wife. "He volunteered to participate in Tops in Blue, and it was my time to do it (deploy) because I was called to."

He is pursuing his dreams, and if he is happy, then I am happy too, she added.

This is not the first time they will miss each under this scenario.

Their story began in 2007 when Sergeant Boone Jr. auditioned for the Tops in Blue; he was selected as part of the

team, with the theme, "The Fly-By," which took the group across the world and through the area of responsibility.

Unfortunately, his wife was unable to see her "talented" husband perform due to the same situation as now - she was also deployed at the time and missed all his shows.

Sergeant Boone has a few months left, after which she will be home to take care of their children. As for Boone Jr., his journey continues with Tops in Blue until he will finally reunite with his family in March 2010.

Tops in Blue, an all-Airman team, provides entertainment for military members stationed worldwide and at the same time promoting community relations.

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HEALTHY START SCHOOL SCREENINGS

It is that time of year again. The 78th Medical Group will be providing Healthy Start School Screenings for Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time. Students from pre-k to 12th grade can receive a screening July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary.

Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams; all of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record. Security Forces will also be providing fingerprinting services. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and can be completed at the event.

The above services will be performed for school screenings only. If your child need a sports physical, contact 327-7850 to schedule an appointment with their PCM. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Ashley Sims at 327-8220.

Analyze this



U.S. Air Force photos by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Steve Rollyson, 802nd Maintenance Support Squadron, is one of several chemists in the Chemical Analysis Flight here who conduct a broad range of chemical and physical tests and analyses for customers on Robins and around the Department of Defense.



Ben Torrey, 802nd MXSS Chemical Analysis Flight, does a sulfate analysis. A staff of nine chemists, five physical science and engineering technicians, a mechanical engineer and a metallurgist, identify chemicals that could prove harmful to aircraft parts, fuel and other items that could impact the warfighting mission.

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A&FRC classes, workshops not just for military members

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The Airman and Family Readiness Center at Robins isn't just for Airmen.

Perhaps because of its name, there's a widespread misconception that classes and programs offered by A&FRC are open only to military personnel, said Robert Griffin, community readiness technician.

Although some classes and services are for military only, he estimated that about half are open to everyone who works at Robins. Most of the class-

es that are exclusively for military are those targeted specifically for the military, such as pre-separation counseling and briefings on Veterans Administration benefits.

Classes open to everyone include starting a business, improving credit scores, financial management, home buying, techniques for getting a federal job, and others. One-on-one financial counseling is also available to civilians.

Mr. Griffin said the A&FRC used to be called the Family Support Center. The new name

may be why many civilians don't realize they can participate in many of the classes, he said.

"When they hear 'Airman & Family Readiness Center,' immediately civilians think that's just for the military," he said.

Although the majority of the 21,000 employees at Robins are civilians, Mr. Griffin estimated that they make up only about 10 percent or less of the participants in classes at the A&FRC.

People can find out about upcoming classes at www.robinservices.com.

► IN BRIEF

TROOPS TO TEACHERS BRIEFING

Bill Kirkland, Program Manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program, will be at the Robins Education Center today 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.

The program 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.

The briefing will be in Bldg 905, Room 243; no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Danielle Molina at the Education Office, Cheryl Malcom at cheryl.malcom.ctr@robins.af.mil, 926-9952, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

RCG SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Robins Chiefs' Group awards several educational scholarships to recognize and assist enlisted and or their family members with expenses associated with participation in higher education programs.

This year the Robins Chiefs Group selected eight recipients of its 2009-2010 academic scholarship awards. Presented with \$500 scholarships each were three-time awardee Staff Sgt David Maldonado, two-time awardees Naomi

Billquist and Sondra Wiseniske, as well as Master Sgts Kris McMahan and Terry Ellington, Staff Sgt. Bruce Colburn, Senior Airman Shimika Burgess and Allegra Grice.

All recipients were presented awards by the RCG Scholarship Committee chair, Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef, at a recognition gathering during the RCG's July meeting.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter will host its next luncheon July 23. The guest speaker will be Terry Smith, the IT program coordinator from Macon State College. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Horizon's Club.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Air Force Network Operations begins migration to centralized e-mail, network services

The Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz signed a directive memorandum granting the Air Force Network Operations commander centralized order-issue authority over the operation, defense, maintenance and control of Air Force networks.

As part of an ongoing service-wide cyber operations transformation, the Air Force will establish a centralized user directory and e-mail service known as ADX that will service all Air Force network users.

The changes will be relatively transparent to most network users, but this migration to centralized services will significantly improve security and efficiency on the Air Force Global Information Grid, officials said.

Air Force leaders roll out UAS flight plan

Air Force leaders ushered in a new era of airpower capabilities with the approval of the Air Force Unmanned Aircraft Systems Flight Plan.

The plan, which was developed by the Air Force's UAS Task Force, outlines a coordinated strategy for UAS integration across all Air Force core functions. It articulates a common vision and prescribes critical first steps necessary for ensuring that growing demands and contributions of these critical assets are maximized for the joint force.

The vision articulated by the UAS Flight Plan merges the unique characteristics

and capabilities of UAS with Air Force core functions and joint force priorities. And while the vision does not prescribe replacement of manned missions, it does identify viable UAS alternatives for some.

Federal law turns up heat on use of solar systems

By 2015, solar thermal energy will provide at least 30 percent of the hot water in new and heavily renovated federal buildings.

For the Air Force, it will be the job of officials at the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, as managers of the service's military construction program, to ensure that its facilities comply with the provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

EISA07 is an energy policy law designed to increase energy efficiency and the availability of renewable energy and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

For most Air Force facilities that means installing solar collectors to make use of the free energy that shines down from the sun.

Officials announce Predator, Reaper additional formal training location

Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico will be the new location for an additional MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper formal training unit.

Gen. John D.W. Corley announced the additional formal training unit will allow the Air Force to increase the number of Predator and Reaper combat operators.

Having more unmanned aircraft system combat oper-

ators will multiply the flexible, efficient use of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and lethal employment options of the joint forces commander's Predator and Reaper force.

New Air Force sexual assault prevention, response Web site announced

To reinforce the Air Force's commitment to eliminating incidents of sexual assault, officials have debuted a new Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Web site to raise awareness and provide prevention training, education, and victim advocacy.

The new SAPR Web site, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/library/sapr, provides prevention and awareness information and recommendations that may prove useful in reducing and eliminating sexual assaults in the Air Force.

Force Development announces new civilian orientation course

As the Air Force continues developing its total force initiatives, heritage, culture and core values are now available to new civilians with the advent of a comprehensive online "bluing" program.

The online Air Force New Employee Orientation, or NEO, course ensures civilian employees receive a solid foundation of service topics regardless of pay band, function or location.

For more information about the NEO course and the seven modules, visit <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/AF-Orientation>. — *From Air Force News*

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Preparing the future workforce



Jeffrey Williams, C-17 Globemaster III overhaul supervisor, inspects a door seal with Cathy Kurtz, Houston County High School senior.



Lacey Roller (left), Central Georgia Technical College student, works on C-5 Galaxy panels with LaRae Humphries.



Brian O'Gorman, Warner Robins High School senior, returns tools to their places in a tool crib. YAP students are taught proper tool handling.

Youth Apprenticeship Program lets local students test drive careers

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Some local high school students are spending time on the flightline this summer finding out whether a career in aircraft maintenance is right for them.

The students are in the Youth Apprenticeship Program, which gives them the opportunity to do hands-on work on base in a variety of fields.

The YAP program in the 402th Maintenance Wing is looking primarily to spur student interest in maintenance, but there are also students in the program with interest in administrative jobs, said Carol Ercey, supervisor for program management sustainment.

She said YAP is a significant program for recruiting future employees.

"I think it's important because if they don't know what we do out here, then how would they know what they need to do to become employed out here?" she said.

Of the 38 students in this year's program, 26 are oriented toward pursuing a vocational school degree, aiming for a career in maintenance. The others are targeted toward general schedule positions, with the intent of seeking a college degree and seeking administrative jobs.

The 402nd is doing

something different with the program this year, Ms. Ercey said. In previous years, the students were taken to one area where they spent most of their time. This year the group, which includes juniors and seniors, are getting a broader view.

The students spent the first two weeks visiting all of the squadrons in the 402nd. They also toured the base to learn about some of the "fun stuff" here, like the bowling alley, the fitness center, the theater, and recreation areas.

"They got to visit a lot of different areas to learn what we really do at Robins," she said.

Then the seniors were assigned different areas in which to work based on their career goals.

Students working in the C-17 area last week said the program has been helpful in showing them what it would be like to work at Robins.

"It gives you insight into the different jobs out here," said Ashley Jackson, who is entering her senior year at Warner Robins High School. "I think it really helps me make a decision about working here."

Miranda Densley, who is entering her senior year at Hutchings Career Center in Macon, agreed that the Youth Apprenticeship



Jeffrey Williams, center, shows high school seniors Heather Kearns and Ryan Fenimore how an inspection is done on a C-17 engine thrust reverser. The inspection is done to check for cracks, leaks, and wear and tear.

Program has been a worthwhile experience.

"It has given me a chance to see what I like and don't like," she said.

Jeff Williams, C-17 aircraft overhaul supervisor, said he likes working with the students and believes it will help lure future full-time employees.

"All of them have good

attitudes," he said. "The students they are bringing us have demonstrated that they are interested in their future."

C-17 director Edward Montano said his son worked at Robins in the Youth Apprenticeship Program and is now here full-time as an F-15 Eagle mechanic.

Ms. Ercey said she encourages employees at Robins who have children in high school to look into the YAP program. She said students can go to their guidance counselor to ask about applying for the program.

Whether YAP students go on to work at Robins or not, program manager

Steve Hawn said it's still helpful in teaching teenagers valuable job skills, and it's also good community relations.

"It's been really good for the community to let them know that Robins is in the community, and that they can see what students need to be able to come out here and work," he said.

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78th FSS BRIEFS

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held July 18 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.

WEDNESDAY

A membership bar bingo will be held on July 22 and every Wednesday is "Wacky Wednesday" with horse races and hard luck games. Both events will begin at 7:15 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or 926-1303.

UPCOMING

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars July 24 for a presentation of "The Bee Movie." The movie will start at dark behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

Register now for youth cheerleading, flag and tackle football Monday – Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the youth center. Cheerleading will be held for children 5 to 12 years old, cost is \$90; Flag football for children 5 to 10 years with sign up by July 28. Tackle football for children 11 and 12 years old; cost is \$55 and sign up by July 17. A sports uniform is included in the registration fee. Bring a copy of physical and birth certificate at the time of registration. For more information call Ron Hayes at the youth

center at 926-2110.

Attention active duty members and DOD civilians. Did you know that your child or children can attend the school age program at the Youth Center?

Do you also know that would include transportation to and from the following schools for children ages five – 12 years old attending the school age program only: Linwood Elementary, Lake Joy Primary, Lake Joy Elementary, Hilltop Elementary and Bonaire Elementary. Registration will be held now until filled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information and registration call Tommy Henson at 926-1795 or 926-2110.

Information Tickets and Travel has the following tickets:

► Atlanta Motor Speedway- Purchase a one day ticket for Sept. 5 for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Degree V12 300 and Sprint Cup Qualifying for \$26 or a one day ticket for the Labor Day Classic 500 on Sept. 6 for \$40. There will be a two-day package that will include both days for \$67.

A summer sizzle customer appreciation will be held at the base restaurant through July 31. Pick up a scratch card with a purchase of \$4 or more for a chance to win prizes. Prizes include a flat screen TV, travel mug, free lunch and more. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

Private pilot ground school registration will be now through Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Aug. 3 – Sept. 25. Cost is \$585 and is due at the time of registration. Tuition assistance is available to active duty members. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the aero club at 926-4867.

Ikebana is coming to the Arts & Crafts Center. Classes will be held on Saturdays Aug. 8, 15 and 22 for \$22.50. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-

Give the gift of life



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The next Robins blood drive will be July 31 at several locations. For the Armed Services Blood Program: at the Cotton Auditorium and Medical Group Atrium from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the American Red Cross: at Bldg. 640 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the AFRC Headquarters, Bldg. 210, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 327-7931 or e-mail garah.hammack@robins.af.mil.

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Sign up for the Fit Factor Program; the Air Force Fitness Program for youth ages six to 18 years old. FitFactor is a web-based program that encourages young people to Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit! The FitFactor program is based on the activities that you do in school, at home, with friends, family, and pets and even alone. So all the points you earn and record on the website are based on the FitFactor honor system. For each level you reach you earn valuable prizes. The FitFactor levels are Energy, Strength, Agility, Adventure and Endurance. Have fun, earn points and win prizes. To sign up contact the teen coordinator at 327-6831 or stop by the youth center.

An Aviation Art Exhibit and Aero Club Open House will be held Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring the works of Jim Balleto and others at the aero club hanger,

Bldg. 186 off Perimeter Rd. Free grillin's will be available for the first 100 guests. Aviation artwork will also be on display at the Arts & Crafts Center the week prior and after the open house. For more details call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

The Council of College and Military Educators is offering scholarships to United States service members and their spouses who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees. For more information visit <http://www.ccmeonline.org/nashville10.aspx?session=scholarships>. Application deadline for both scholarships is Sept. 1. For more information call the Education and Training Office at 327-7330.

The Instant Payback club drive has kicked off. New members will receive three months free dues and zero percent introductory rate for six months. All new members can register on-line at www.afclubs.net

for a chance to win \$250 by completing the on-line survey. Receive discounts on every club meal purchase and cash back (2% on base/1% off base) on everything you buy with your MasterCard. The club drive will end Aug. 15. Sponsored in part by Chase. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. To apply on line go to www.afclubs.net or call 1-800-569-1285 or visit Horizons.

The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and enjoy a June special of a tall Verona coffee with midnight layer cake or strawberry shortcake for only \$4.25. Also in June, come in between 8 to 9 a.m. and receive 10 percent off any coffee purchase. Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

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.



BOARD GAMES TO PLAY WITH THE FAMILY

Summer has only just past it's halfway point, but for some parents, ideas of things to keep the kids busy ran out long ago. Swimming, sports, matinees and other fun-filled activities have filled countless hours, but my kids still have the audacity to mumble, "I'm bored...there's nothing to do." I have actively involved my kids with board games because I like that it's an activity the entire family can do together. Here's some of the most popular family games:

5 Pandemic (Z-Man Games)

In this game, players are specialists at the CDC/Atlanta who watch several virulent diseases break out simultaneously all over the world. The team mission is to prevent a world-wide pandemic outbreak, treating hotspots while researching cures for plagues. This is a fun and challenging co-operation game, meaning everyone has the same goal and win or lose as a team, which offers the chance to help out the younger kids.

4 Sorry! Sliders (Parker Brothers)

This is a new twist on the Sorry! franchise. Grab your roller pawn and take aim - then skillfully slide it down your track onto the target board. A good slide could score big points. It's a dexterity game, meaning the kids have just as much chance of winning as do the parents.

3 Apples to Apples (Out of the Box)

My daughter wants to pull out this party game whenever we have company. In this game, players do their best to match a random adjective placed on the table with a word in their hand of cards. It's one of the few table games that easily accommodates as many as 10 players, which adds up to more opportunities for communal, laugh-inducing word play. Judging is subjective, which is the downside for a strategy lover like myself, but I have to admit, the game can provide a lot laughs.

2 Ticket to Ride (Days of Wonder)

With elegantly simple gameplay, Ticket to Ride can be learned in three minutes, while providing players with intense strategic and tactical decisions every turn. Players collect cards of various types of train cars they then use to claim railway routes in North America. The longer the routes, the more points they earn. This game can be enjoyed by all ages and even provides opportunities to make slight rule adjustments to keep even the youngest kids competitive.

1 Settlers of Catan (Mayfair Games)

Since its introduction in 1995, The Settlers of Catan has been translated into 30 languages and sold a staggering 15 million copies. It has spawned an empire of sequels, expansion packs, scenario books, card games, computer games, miniatures, and even a novel. It's probably my favorite board game of all time. Our family plays it almost incessantly. Although it might be a little too difficult for the really young kids, our 8-year-old daughter understands the game and plays well.

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 person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Brandon Brown**, 579th SMXS. POC is Alan Lunsford, 222-4171.

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.

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- Community Center926-2105
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- Horizons926-2670
- Heritage Club926-7625
- Library327-8761
- HAWC327-8480
- Fitness Center926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex926-2128
- Youth Center926-2110
- ITT926-2945
- Bowling Center926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- Pizza Depot926-0188

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

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

Islamic

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

Jewish

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

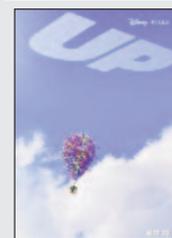
Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. 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



**JULY 17
7:30 P.M.
UP
RATED PG**

Carl Fredrickson is a 78-year-old balloon salesman who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip – an overly optimistic 8-year-old wilderness explorer.



**JULY 18
3 P.M.
MY LIFE IN RUINS
RATED PG-13**

A Greek tour guide named Georgia attempts to recapture her kefi (Greek for "mojo") by guiding a ragtag group of tourists around Greece and showing them the beauty of her native land. Along the way, she manages to open their eyes to the wonders of an exotic foreign land while beginning to see the world through a new set of eyes in the process.



**JULY 18
7:30 P.M.
IMAGINE THAT
RATED PG**

Evan Danielson was your average financial wizard - focused, successful and driven, but when his daughter introduced him to the princesses and their queen living in her imaginary world, Evan followed her on a hilarious adventure that forced him to reexamine the value of their relationship and redefine his meaning of success.

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



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Norm Woodward bested eight other chess players to capture first place in the Robins chess tournament.

Engineer wins chess title

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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After numerous attempts and several close calls, Norm Woodward finally captured first place in a Robins chess tournament.

“The best I’d ever done before was second place,” he said. “I was very pleased to come out on top this time.”

Mr. Woodward, who has been playing for nearly 50 years, said he hones his chess skills by playing on the Internet. But playing in person is very different, he said.

“There is a real psychology involved with playing chess,” he said. “There’s an element of bluffing. And you can’t come in with a negative attitude. You have to play with confidence.”

Mr. Woodward, an engineer in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, was one of nine participants in the tournament, hosted by the Robins Community Center. Brian Murphy, recreation director at the center, said the turnout was lower than usual, likely because it was held in the summer.

“We are in the middle of vacations and people leaving, so we didn’t get the numbers we’d hoped for,” Mr. Murphy said. “But we did have quality players; those who participated were very competitive.”

Mr. Murphy said he is planning another tournament in October. He hopes marketing and publicity make it better attended, especially among military members.

USAFA grad named MWC Female Student-Athlete of the Year

Recently graduated Air Force gymnast Abbey Rogers was named the Mountain West Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year, the commissioner's office announced this morning (July 14).

Rogers, a Distinguished Graduate during commencement ceremonies at the Academy in May, posted a 3.76 grade point average, while earning an undergraduate degree in behavioral sciences.

A recipient of the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, she will continue her education at Wake Forest University this fall, enrolling in the master’s program in experimental psychology.

A three-year letterwinner for the Falcons gymnastics squad, Rogers capped off her stellar collegiate career in with three conference titles, her second straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Year award, four all-conference selections, 16 first-place finishes and an invitation to the NCAA Regional Championships. She was also



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

Abbey Rogers, a former gymnast at the Air Force Academy, received the Mountain West Conference’s highest honor .

awarded the Academy's Most Valuable Female Athlete honor.

A two-time team captain, Rogers also received academic all-conference honors and a place on the

USAG All-Academic Team. During her career, Rogers collected three consecutive MWC Scholar-Athlete awards and was a two-time Academic All-District selection. She was named to the Dean’s List all eight semesters at the Academy, receiving additional recognition as a member of the Superintendent’s Honors List in five of those terms.

In addition to holding several cadet leadership positions at the Academy, Rogers found time to take part in a variety of extracurricular activities, serving one year as a member of the Academy’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, while also volunteering with a local elementary after-school program.

The native of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the fifth Falcon to earn the honor since its inception during the 1999-00 season. She joins John Dayton (2003, swimming), Delavane Diaz (2004, volleyball), Matt Karmondy (2006, swimming) and Blair Leake (2007, swimming). — *Courtesy Air Force Academy Sports Information*

Robins youth team wins title



Courtesy photo

Members of the Robins 13/14 junior league baseball team proudly display their trophies after winning the championship game to claim the league title. The team was coached by Dave Haney, a support contractor in JSTARS, and Jeff Graver, a logistics management specialist in the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

Regular season standings (through July 10)

TEAM	W	L	TEAM	W	L
116 ACW	12	1	638 SCMG	5	8
402 EMXG	12	0	78 MDG	6	5
402 CMXG	11	1	402nd MWX	6	7
78 CEG/CEX	12	1	138 MIC	5	9
581 SMXS	11	2	330 CTS*	4	10
5th CCG #1	11	3	78 FSS	4	10
542nd CSW	8	6	78 CEG/CEF	7	7
HQ AFRC	7	5	330 ASW*	2	13
78 SFS	7	6	5th CCG #2	3	11
116 MXS	7	6	78 CCS*	0	15
78 CS	7	6	78 LRS*	0	15
542 CBSG	6	7			

* Forfeited out of league

BOWLING CHAMPS

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing team was league champion for the 2009 intramural bowling season. The team notched 155 points

over the season, edging the 5th Combat Communications Group #3 team by a single point. The 116th Mission Support Group team was third with 152 points.

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CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER Alcohol-related mishap prevention

Think 0-0-1-3 which means 0 under-age drinking, 0 DUIs, 1 drink/hr, and a maximum of 3 drinks per night. One 12 ounce beer, one 5 ounce glass of wine and one 1.5 ounce glass of hard liquor all contain the same amount of alcohol.

Drinking and driving are incompatible with Air Force values. Use a designated driver. Program the number for Airmen Against Drunk Driving – 222-0013 – into your phone and never hesitate to call for a ride.

In 2007, nearly 13,000 people were killed in highway crashes in which a driver or motorcyclist had a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. That represents one fatality every 40 minutes attributable to alcohol consumption.

According to the National Safety Council,

on any given weekend night, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., one out of every five drivers is impaired by alcohol, drugs or both.

Underage drinking is a factor in a host of serious problems, including homicide, suicide, traumatic injury, drowning, burns, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence.

The cost of underage drinking in Georgia tops \$1 billion annually.

These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.

This translates to a cost of \$1,832 per year for each

youth in the state.

Excluding pain and suffering, the direct costs of underage drinking incurred through medical care and loss of work cost Georgia \$517 million each year.

Youth violence and traffic crashes attributable to alcohol use by underage youth in Georgia represent the largest costs for the state.

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and are two and a half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21.

A DUI arrest is a career limiting experience. Drinking and driving is an unacceptable decision. — *Courtesy the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office*

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SEE ME SAVE

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116th MCS

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

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

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

Look for Motorcycles
Include motorcycles in your search pattern. Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see.
Some motorists are unaccustomed to seeing motorcycles in traffic.

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

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

► IN BRIEF

SNCO RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The Robins TOP 3 will host the Senior Non-commissioned Officer's Recognition Ceremony July 31 at Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hanger at 7 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by Monday to Master Sgt. Darrell Murphy at 327-8116.

LARGEST MILITARY EDUCATION FAIR

The Department of

Defense Worldwide Education Symposium will be held July 27-31 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Atlanta

For the first time, the conference will feature the World's Largest Military Education Fair, and servicemembers from all branches of the Armed Forces are invited to attend. Military personnel in uniform will be admitted free to the education fair July 29 from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 160 colleges, univer-

sities and educational vendors on display. Adult family members with a military sponsor also are welcome to attend at no charge.

More than 2,000 military and civilian personnel and 160 exhibitors from across the country and around the world are expected to attend the symposium.

More details about the Education Symposium and information on registration are available at www.wv09atlanta.com.