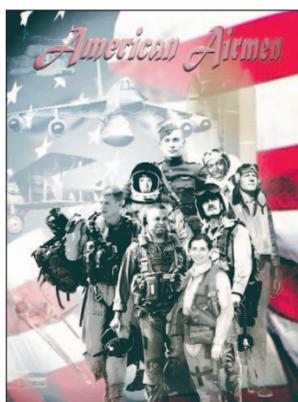


End of Summer Bash is coming!

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Air Force turns 63!

The Air Force celebrates its 63rd birthday Saturday.

Formerly part of the Army and known as the Air Corps, and later Army Air Forces, the Air Force became a separate branch of the military on Sept. 18, 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947. President Harry Truman signed the act into law on July 26 of that year,

but the provision creating the Air Force didn't take effect until Sept. 18.

Robins will celebrate the Air Force's 63rd birthday with a black tie/mess dress dinner at the Museum of Aviation.

Volunteers are still needed. To volunteer, contact Kem Lingelbach, event project officer, at 926-8513.

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The C-5 Galaxy cockpit was salvaged from a crashed aircraft and will be used by the 402nd Software Maintenance Group to test software.

Salvaged C-5 cockpit to help test software

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Robins officials cut the ribbon last week on a small but unique facility which promises to make a significant contribution to keeping the C-5 Galaxy flying for many years to come.

The C-5 Integrated Aircraft Test Environment is a 2,200-square foot, two-story building behind Bldg. 230. It houses a

cockpit salvaged from a C-5 that crashed in 2006. The cockpit will be wired up to be made fully functional and used to test software for the aircraft developed by the 402nd Software Maintenance Group.

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, credited the development of the lab to

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Installation welcomes new command chief

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen Jr. became the new installation command chief Sept. 1.

It's his first assignment to Robins, but he is no stranger to the base. He previously traveled here to attend the NCO Academy and as a munitions specialist.

He is also no stranger to the 78th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Carl Buhler. A veteran of numerous deployments to the Middle East, Bowen worked under Buhler for nearly a year when the two were deployed to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

Bowen said he welcomed the opportunity to serve both Robins Airmen and Buhler again.

"Every day I ask myself what I can do for our Airmen, bosses and Air Force as a servant leader," he said.

Bowen is the fifth generation in his family to serve in the military. He had a chance to col-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen Jr., new installation command chief, aims to build unity among diverse base units.

lege on a soccer scholarship, but was ready for adventure and independence...so, he joined the Air Force.

He's had stateside stints in

Maine, South Dakota, Virginia and Florida, and overseas assignments in South Korea, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Although Robins Airmen have experienced fewer DUIs this year, Bowen said we can't relax, therefore he will continue to make it a priority. "We must seek, provide and advertise other choices for our Airmen to minimize potential DUIs." He said he is always ready to personally give a ride to any Airmen ever in need or find someone who can.

"There's absolutely no reason for anyone to ever make the decision to drink and drive," he said. "As a leader or supervisor it's imperative we remind our folks of that every chance we get."

Bowen also said one of his biggest goals is to emphasize and foster the team concept among the many different organizations and functions on Robins.

"It's important we remain unified toward a common purpose," he said.

Air Force increases deployment times

BY JON HANSON
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz announced a change to the air and space expeditionary force rotational baseline from 120 to 179 days for the active component.

The revised construct will increase predictability and stability for affected Airmen and their families while providing better support to combatant commanders by increasing continuity at deployed locations.

"In the two years the Tempo Band construct has been in existence, the number of Airmen

deploying for 120 days has steadily decreased," Schwartz said. "Since Airmen in Tempo Band 'A' expected to deploy for 120 days but were frequently tasked for 179-day deployments, I saw no reason to maintain a 120-day baseline."

Previously the Air Force used five tempo bands — "A" through "E." With the change, the Air Force will move Tempo Band "A" unit type codes, or UTCs, and associated personnel to Tempo Band "B." Incorporating a 1-to-4 deploy-to-dwell time, the change results in six months of deployed time for Airmen and 24 months at home.

Revising the baseline also provides a single battle rhythm for all Airmen, regardless of functional area. The difference between the remaining tempo bands is the deploy-to-dwell time, ranging from 1-to-4 to 1-to-1.

Because of the complexity of changing the baseline, it will take until October 2012 before all deployments are six months. Expeditionary combat support Airmen will begin the transition in January 2011 with a five-month deployment. Remaining deployment vulnerability periods will vary between five and six months.

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New dialing plan starts Sunday

Robins is preparing to implement a mandatory Air Force-wide change in the way workers dial one another on the telephone.

The current five-digit dialing method used on Robins will be converted to a seven-digit dialing method, mirroring the way local calls are made from home. The new seven-digit dialing plan standardizes telephone switches across the Air Force, making management of telephone platforms cheaper and easier.

Currently, calls to on-base extensions are dialed using a five-digit phone number. Starting Sunday, calls to on-base phones from other on-base phones will require callers to dial a seven-digit

The new seven-digit dialing plan:

222 now dialed 2-XXXX, will change to **472-XXXX**

327, now dialed 7-XXXX, will change to **497-XXXX**

926, now dialed 6-XXXX, will change to **468-XXXX**

phone number. Robins has a dialing conflict with the current commercial prefixes (222, 926 and 327), so the base will apply DSN prefixes (472, 497 and 468).

Reprogramming numbers for faxes, modems, and secure phones will be the responsibility of the user.

This only applies to on-base dialing. Commercial



calls from off-base will continue to use the traditional commercial prefixes. The off-base commercial and DSN dialing scheme will remain the same.

For more information on the new dialing plan, contact the Help Desk at 926-4357.

— from staff reports

Heart Link tour set for Oct. 1

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The Airman & Family Readiness Center's fall Heart Link class and Spouse Immersion Tour is set for Oct. 1.

The event is intended for spouses who are new to the Air Force to introduce them to services available for them.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 794, with a welcome and "Introduction to the Air Force Family" briefing.

That will be followed by a discussion of the varying helping agencies on base, and then a box lunch.

Afterwards the spouses will get a tour of the C-5 and F-15

areas of the flightline, and then will get an off-base tour of the community. The community tour will be led by Marsha Buzzell, director of the Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The tour also includes visits to City Hall, the Houston Medical Center, the Warner Robins American Little League and Southeast Park and the Museum of Aviation.

Parents who want to attend the tour can arrange for childcare by contacting Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

Spouses who are interested can call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 926-1256. Heart Link is also open to spouses of the new Marine unit here.



THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 10
Last DUI: 116th MXS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.

TWO-MINUTEREV

78th Medical Group closure

The 78th Medical Group will be closed Thursday, beginning at noon. All services in Bldgs. 207, 700, and 700A will be suspended. Patient care will resume as usual Sept. 24. The 78th MDG appreciates the understanding of its patients and asks that they plan accordingly. To schedule an appointment, call 327-7850.

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Fitness standards rise to new level

Assessment team works to ensure Robins Airmen are fit to fight

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Early indications are the new Air Force fitness standards are giving some Airmen at Robins trouble. But with the standards are additional training measures and a fitness team designed to better prepare Airmen to meet the new requirements.

Testing under the new standards began July 1. Since then more than 800 Airmen at Robins have taken the test with an installation pass rate of 73 percent. Of those who have passed, 39 percent have scored in the "excellent" fitness category. The Fitness Assessment Cell, or FAC, plans to help increase both percentages.

The FAC is a team of four civilians in the 78th Force Support Squadron who conduct fitness assessments for the installation. The FAC plans to improve pass rates through education, training, facility improvements, standards enforcement and a new recognition program.

The fitness test consists of measurement; one-minute timed push-ups and sit-ups; and either a 1.5-mile run or, for Airmen on a running profile, a 1-mile walk. Airmen must meet a minimum standard on all four components and achieve an overall score of 75 or greater to pass the test.

To make sure Airmen are prepared for the test, the FAC offers push-up, sit-up and running clinics twice a month and pre-test waist measurements daily. The



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Demond Webb of the Fitness Assessment Cell works with Senior Airman Krystal McPherson to help her do sit-ups properly. Webb is one of four members of the FAC who work with Airmen here to help them pass the fitness test.

clinics are designed to address incorrect form when taking the test, a contributing factor to Robins' 13-percent fail rate on sit-ups and 8-percent fail rate on the run.

The FAC's guidance goes beyond the clinics. To help Airmen with their run pacing, the Fitness Center has placed signs every quarter mile on the 3-mile running trail around the center. FAC team member Scott Peavy indicated these measures are to help Airmen with concerns they may have about the new test.

The FAC is committed to enforcing standards and reversing negative trends. One trend it is addressing is Airmen not showing for their scheduled tests. More than 100 Airmen have been no shows, which creates problems getting the 6,000-plus Airmen at Robins test-

ed in a timely manner. Units and senior leaders are now being notified of no shows to help reduce the number.

Ultimately, Airmen are responsible for preparing for and passing the test. Capt. Alfred Curtis, 78th Force Support Squadron deputy director, said the best thing Airmen can do to ensure they are ready is to use the FAC resources and maintain a regular fitness regimen, even if it means going beyond the required unit physical training time.

"You are not going to get physically fit through osmosis," he said.

As further incentive for Airmen to meet and exceed standards, the FAC is listing the top push-up, sit-up, run and walk results posted by Robins Airmen on its SharePoint site.

For more information on the test, as well as clinic

In the short time the records have been kept, Airmen have put up some impressive numbers.

Male record holders:

- ▶ 1.5-mile run, 7:53, 1st Lt. Richard Elmore;
- ▶ Sit-ups, 86, Senior Master Sgt. Steven Moodie;
- ▶ Push-ups, 101, Airman 1st Class Jaliyl Jackson.

Female record holders:

- ▶ 1.5-mile run, 10:57, 2nd Lt. Kristen MacBride;
- ▶ Sit-ups, 72, Senior Airman QuoVardis Williams;
- ▶ Push-ups, 44, Airman 1st Class Jessica Clark.

times and locations, Airmen can call the FAC at 222-5350.

HCHD offers free vaccines for civilians

The Houston County Health Department has an abundance of vaccines received through state and federal funding and is offering vaccines to Robins civilians at no charge.

Available vaccines include:

- ▶ TDaP (tetanus) — 11-64 years
- ▶ Hepatitis B -- 18-older who meet specific criteria
- ▶ Meningococcal — any child between the ages of 11-18 years
- ▶ Pneumococcal — any unvaccinated person 65 years of age or older and any person 19 years or older with a

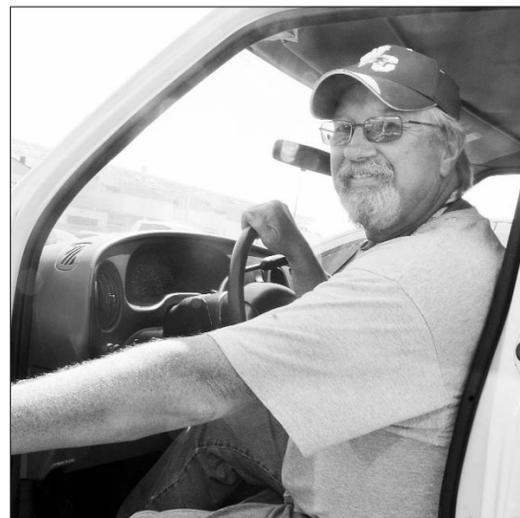
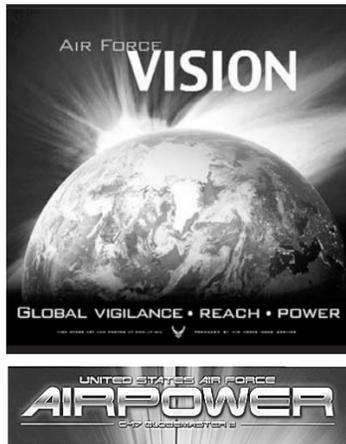
chronic medical condition including, but not limited to, asthma, cardiac disease, renal failure or other immune disorder

- ▶ HPV — any female 19 -26 old

All vaccines are free regardless of insurance.

Individuals can contact the HCHD at 218-2000 for more information; Team Robins units can contact 78th Medical Group's Public Health Office at 327-8019 to coordinate mass immunizations.

—from staff reports



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Larry Harrell, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, was recognized by the Clean Air Campaign for impacting the environment by not producing 25,000 pounds of pollution.

Robins commuter wins award for avoiding pollution

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A Team Robins member is the first Georgia resident outside the Atlanta metro area to be named a Clean Air Commuter Champion by the state's Clean Air Campaign.

Larry Harrell vanpools from his home in Abbeville, a 110-mile round trip, and logs his miles saved on The Clean Air Campaign's website.

Harrell, a painter in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, earned the award for not producing more than 25,000 pounds of pollution, said Kenyon Thweatt of The Clean Air Campaign.

The estimate is not based on the distance Harrell has traveled, but on the number of trips he's saved, Thweatt said. The idea is to give equal credit to a commuter who chooses to live close to work and is also not producing pollution.

The mileage savings is figured according to the average commuter distance of 20 miles. The pollution savings is based on the Environmental Protection Agency's estimate that one gallon of gas emits 19.4 pounds of carbon.

"The efforts of Larry and his co-workers have had a significant impact and should be recognized," Thweatt said. "We look forward to seeing more Middle Georgia commuters acknowledged in the near future."

The Clean Air Campaign allows those who car-pool or vanpool to log the miles they save and earn \$25 dollar gift cards through regular drawings.

Harrell is the first to admit many people at Robins, including some of those who ride in his van, have done better at not producing pollution because they have been sharing rides longer. He is being recognized, however, because he logs his miles on the Clean Air Campaign website, www.logyourcommute.org.

Harrell said he logs his miles, in part because of the chance to win prizes. But, it's also because he can see exactly how much money he is saving.

In the three years he has been logging his commute, The Clean Air Campaign estimates he has saved \$32,708 in fuel and maintenance costs.

It also calculates he has driven 65,417 fewer miles and did not produce 40 tons of pollution.

Harrell said he enjoys vanpooling, particularly the return leg from Robins to Abbeville.

"I get to sleep an hour going home," he said.

SnapShots



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BENNIE J. DAVIS II

Air Force Academy Cadet 1st Class Jeremiah Baxter, the cadet-in-charge of the Academy falconry team, pulls a lure as Ace, a black gyrfalcon, makes a pass at it.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KATHERINE WINDISH

Tech Sgt. John Healey, a 31st Civil Engineer firefighter at Aviano Air Base, Italy, rappels from a tower during rescue training.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. QUINTON RUSS

Tech. Sgt. Justin Culver unwinds fiber optic cable at Camp Herat, Afghanistan. The fiber optics will improve connection and bandwidth base wide.



Department of Defense photo by FRED W. BAKER III

Staff Sgt. Kevin Byrns walks around a ski-equipped LC-130 Hercules cargo plane following a mission to one of the remote science outposts in Greenland.

TURN OFF THE JUICE
WHEN NOT IN USE



ViewPoints

“A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril.”

– *Sir Winston Churchill*

Hold the line on timeless standards

A couple of months ago I attended an Air Force Sergeants Association banquet and awards ceremony here where retired Tech. Sgt. Matt Slaydon was the guest speaker. Matt is an explosive ordnance disposal technician who suffered critical injuries when an IED blew up two feet away from him during his deployment to Iraq in 2007.

Matt spoke of the war against Islamic extremists and his journey of faith and self discovery.

After reading more about Matt, I discovered an article by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, who attended his retirement ceremony. General Schwartz said Matt closed out his career saying, “Hold the line ... hold the line.”

I believe Matt’s message to hold the line was about standards, but not just minimum standards.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Schell, one of the original 625 chief master sergeants when that rank was created during the 1950s, was at the AFSA banquet, too.

Like Matt, Chief Schell talked about standards and how they have relaxed over the years. Now in his 90s, but still mentally sharp, he said basic military functions are the cornerstone of discipline and military bearing. Activities such as assembly, formation and inspection are necessary to establish and maintain standards, discipline and attention to detail.

Instructors at Basic Military Training School teach Airmen those very standards. Trainees learn fundamentals like military drill, ceremony and inspection to establish military image and bearing. The Airmen coming out of basic training are the best ever. They graduate fit to fight, disciplined, motivated and “Ready!”

And then we send them to our

bases.

Airmen speak of their disappointment when they arrive at their first assignment to discover the basic lessons are not applied.

Throughout their careers, enlisted Airmen attend professional military education, where they are taught the latest supervisory and management tools appropriate for their rank. They also rehearse military ceremonies, traditions and rituals, and embrace our heritage. I often hear PME graduates saying they were “reblued.”

And then we send them back to our bases.

Airmen are “blued” in basic training and “reblued” in PME, but they become de-motivated once they return to their units.

Air Force leaders remind us along the way about the importance of standards. General Schwartz speaks about getting “back-to-basics” in the nuclear enterprise and other areas where we had lost focus. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy says we need to “do the basics” in regard to compliance and acceptance of responsibility.

Unfortunately, I discovered relaxed standards right on my base.

At interviews for a new command chief executive assistant and for a noncommissioned officer in charge of the First Term Airman Center, candidates were directed to report in service dress for an interview. I wanted to give them a chance to shine.

After being seated, one of the candidates slid down in the seat and slouched to one side.

I decided to give him a clue. Also wearing my service dress, I rocked slightly from side to side to straighten my posture. I thought it worked because the candidate straightened up, only to slide back



Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren
Air Force
Materiel Command
Command Chief

down the opposite way a moment later. This was a complete lapse in military bearing, image, customs and tradition, during his job interview no less!

He wanted to work in the wing command section, a revered position for a staff sergeant. He agreed to put on his service dress, meet in the conference room and participate in an interview. I concluded this display was simply an Airman doing the best he knew how. This wasn’t his fault; this was my fault. Senior leaders, this is our fault. We have allowed standards to slip this far.

A couple of weeks later, while doing a Senior Airman below-the-zone board, I realized there wasn’t a single line in the records pertaining to status of training or career development. The board was judging merit for early promotion based on 15 bullet lines crafted by the most gifted writer in the squadron. The Airman’s military bearing, military image and communication ability were unknown, too. These were actually important elements of the grade when I was vying for BTZ. Now they are not even considered.

Later, I was discussing my observations during a perspective panel for the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Seminar. It struck me to poll the NCOs to see how many of them had stood in front of a face-to-face board. The answer: none! Even among the senior noncommis-

sioned officers, only half had ever met a board.

It was time for action.

We formed a team to work on getting back to basics. We changed the BTZ instruction to require Airmen to meet a board. But if no NCOs and only half of SNCOs knew how to meet a board, who would teach the Airmen?

We were beginning to build an “Old School” course when retired Master Sgt. Jaye Tyrrel knocked on my door. Jaye, who is in his 80s, handed me a document he had kept for more than 60 years. “The Guide to the NCO, 23 Jun 1948” captures the spirit of the basic military functions that Chief Schell talked about. Since then I have copied and bound the document into the Little Green Book and had the original placed in the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute. And we’ve gotten back to work on our “Old School” course.

Leaders, it is time to hold the line!

We need to do reveille. We need to do retreat. We need to do roll calls, every day. I hear people say we don’t have time. If we are that busy, then I believe we need roll calls more than ever. And yes, we need to do uniform inspections, in formation, weekly!

These basic functions teach attention to detail and stress adherence to standards. Sometimes you have to take one step back to take two steps forward. This is that time!

General Schwartz tells us to get “back-to-basics.” Chief Roy encourages “doing the basics.” Jaye Tyrell gave back the “guide to the basics.” Chief Schell says “basics are the cornerstone.” Matt Slaydon “held the line.”

Leaders, tell me: Will you hold the line?

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Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. If there are further questions, call Lanorris Askew at (478) 222-0806.

DELIVERY

To report delivery issues, call Kendahl Johnson at (478) 222-0804.

Commander’s Action Line

The action line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander’s Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit

<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Commander’s Action Line, call **926-2886** or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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▶ Fraud, Waste & Abuse	926-2393
▶ Housing Office	926-3776
▶ Chaplain	926-2821
▶ IDEA	327-7281

On the Fly

Changes to mail deliveries

Due to significant reductions in funding, Air Force Materiel Command has directed official mail deliveries be reduced to two days per week starting Oct. 1.

The Robins Official Mail Center will continue to deliver accountable mail, such as express, registered and certified, on a five-days-a-week schedule.

For more information, contact Karl DeMello, official mail manager, at 926-2284.

AFMC issues dining survey

An Air Force Materiel Command Services dining hall survey is available online now through Sept. 24. The survey aims to gather Airmen's feedback on things such as dining facility convenience, menu choices, location and customer service.

The survey, which takes less than 10 minutes to complete, can be found online at www.usafservue.com/se.ashx?s=3D6717A329FC8FBA.

The goal of the survey is to ensure Airmen are satisfied with the choices offered and to garner input on what options Airmen would like at their base dining facility.

Results from the survey will be assessed in October and provided to each base's Force Support Squadron operation that features a dining facility.

For more information or questions about the survey, contact Linda Hollen at 937 257-2966 or via e-mail at linda.hollen@wpafb.af.mil.

AF seeks nominations

Air Force officials are seeking to develop officers as strategic thinkers through a program that will allow them to obtain a doctorate in strategic studies.

The Air Force Chief of Staff Ph.D. Program will allow officers to attend a top-tier university to complete their doctorate in studies such as history, political science, international relations, economics and philosophy. Participating universities include Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Princeton, Harvard, and Tufts' Fletcher School.

Eligible officers include active-duty captains with seven to eight years of service. They must have completed a master's degree with at least a 3.6 grade point average and have graduate admission scores commensurate with university requirements.

Nomination packages are

due to the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Learning Division no later than Oct. 8.

For information on how to apply, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services website, e-mail afa1dl@pentagon.af.mil or call 800-525-0102.

Upcoming

The **402nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will conduct an exercise** Sept. 20-24.

The exercise will include the use of the Warrior Air Base giant voice system, night operations, ground burst simulators and small arms. Exercises held at WAB are designed to provide realistic wartime expeditionary training to prepare and provide Robins Expeditionary Airmen the skills to meet contingency requirements.

The **Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve** and the Museum of Aviation presents their annual "Concert in the Park" series at the Museum's amphitheatre Sept. 21 and Sept. 28. Both shows start at 7 p.m.

Etcetera

Robins has partnered with **The Clean Air Campaign** in an effort to



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Scout Lake

John Rourke, right, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, distributes the natural chemical rotenone in Scout Lake in order to correct an imbalance which is restricting fish growth and reproduction.

The lake will be restocked at proper rates in late fall with young sunfish and catfish, called fry. Largemouth bass fry will be restocked in the spring. In about a year, the lake should have catchable-size fish again.

reduce traffic and air pollution. To participate, sign up at www.logyourcommute.com/TeamRobins.

The following are leave recipients approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

— Wendy Floyd of the

Eagle Division. POC is Pamela Richardson at 926-6045.

— David Ensley of the 578th SMXS. POC is Bob Herrmann at 327-9835.

If you are planning to retire at the end of December or in January,

call your servicing retirement specialist no later than Sept. 30 to have your retirement application prepared in a timely manner.

For more information, contact your servicing retirement specialist, Cheri Coklow at 327-4484 or Dianne Carroll at 327-4014.

COCKPIT

Continued from 1A

“visionaries” at Robins who found a way to “turn lemons into lemonade” in the wake of the C-5 crash.

“This is a really great day not just for the 402nd Maintenance Wing, but for the integrated Team Robins effort as we take our facilities and our capacities further into the 21st Century to support the warfighter,” Levy told a group packed into the first-floor area for the ribbon cutting.

After the ceremony, attendees were taken upstairs to see the cockpit, which was already wired to have some basic functionality. However, Levy said it will take another year to get thousands of wires and connectors set up to make the cockpit fully functional.

The idea is to give software engineers a way to test software in a real environment without tying up actual C-5s with costly test flights, especially when



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Todd Morris, 578th Software Maintenance Squadron, talks about the capabilities of the C-5 cockpit as a training tool.

these planes are so needed in actual military operations.

“I expect we will get a lot of taxpayer value out of this building and the software we will produce,” he said.

The cockpit had been in storage at Robins since January, when it was moved into its new home after the steel frame was erected. The building was then finished around it.

The building itself cost \$658,000, but another \$15 million investment was needed for the set up of the lab, including the cockpit wiring and engineering the lab capability, writing the simulation software and validating everything works as intended.

DEPLOYMENT

Continued from 1A

Combat Air Force units transition to the new baseline beginning this month. They previously were in an “enabler” category at a 1-to-3 deploy-to-dwell time. Those units will move to Tempo Band “C,” remaining at a 1-to-3 deploy-to-dwell time, but will see an increase from 12 to 18 months at home station between deployments.

“Ultimately, this is good for the Air Force mission, our Airmen and their families,” said Col. James Horton, director of AEF and personnel operations at the Air Force Personnel Center. “While the deployment time is longer, it also means the downtime is longer.

“This change is meant to reflect a more realistic and consistent deployment outlook,” he said. “By better managing our wartime operations tempo means we can provide our Airmen and their families the greatest level of stability and predictability.”

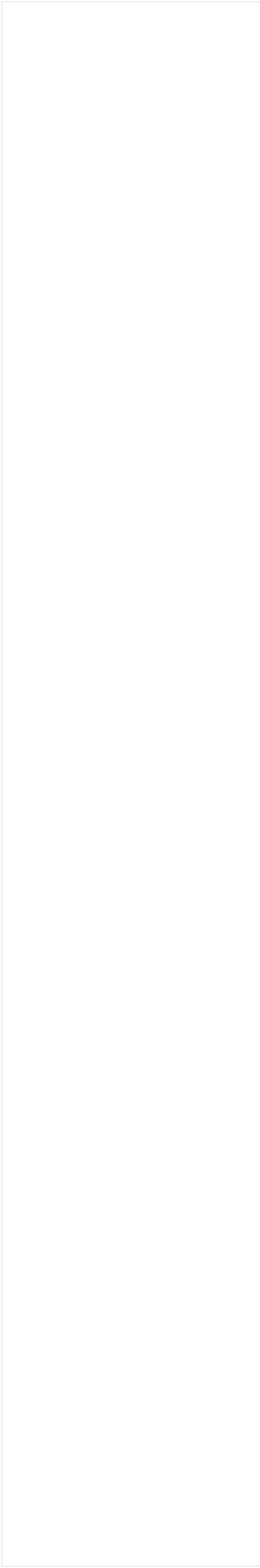
For more information, visit the AFPC personnel services website at <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and search keyword “deployments,” or call 800-525-0102.

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ON ROBINS IT IS THE LAW



Robins welcomes new staff judge advocate

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Col. Brynn Morgan is the first female staff judge advocate at Robins, but it's not the first time she has blazed such a trail.

She was also the first female staff judge advocate at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., and at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Don't expect, however, to hear her boasting about being a three-time first.

"I don't really think about it as an accomplishment because I have had the honor of serving under so many female staff judge advocates and JAGs in my career that it's become a matter of course," she said while speaking at the recent Women's Equality Day luncheon.

This is not her first stint here. She served at Robins from 1996-98 as director of Defense Services in

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Her previous assignment before coming here was at Keesler AFB, Miss., where she served as deputy staff judge advocate.

She joined the Air Force in 1990 shortly after getting a law degree from Rutgers-Camden School of Law. She has also served as the deputy staff judge advocate and staff judge advocate at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

She said she has learned much from both women and men she has worked with throughout her career.

"It just seems I've always had female men-

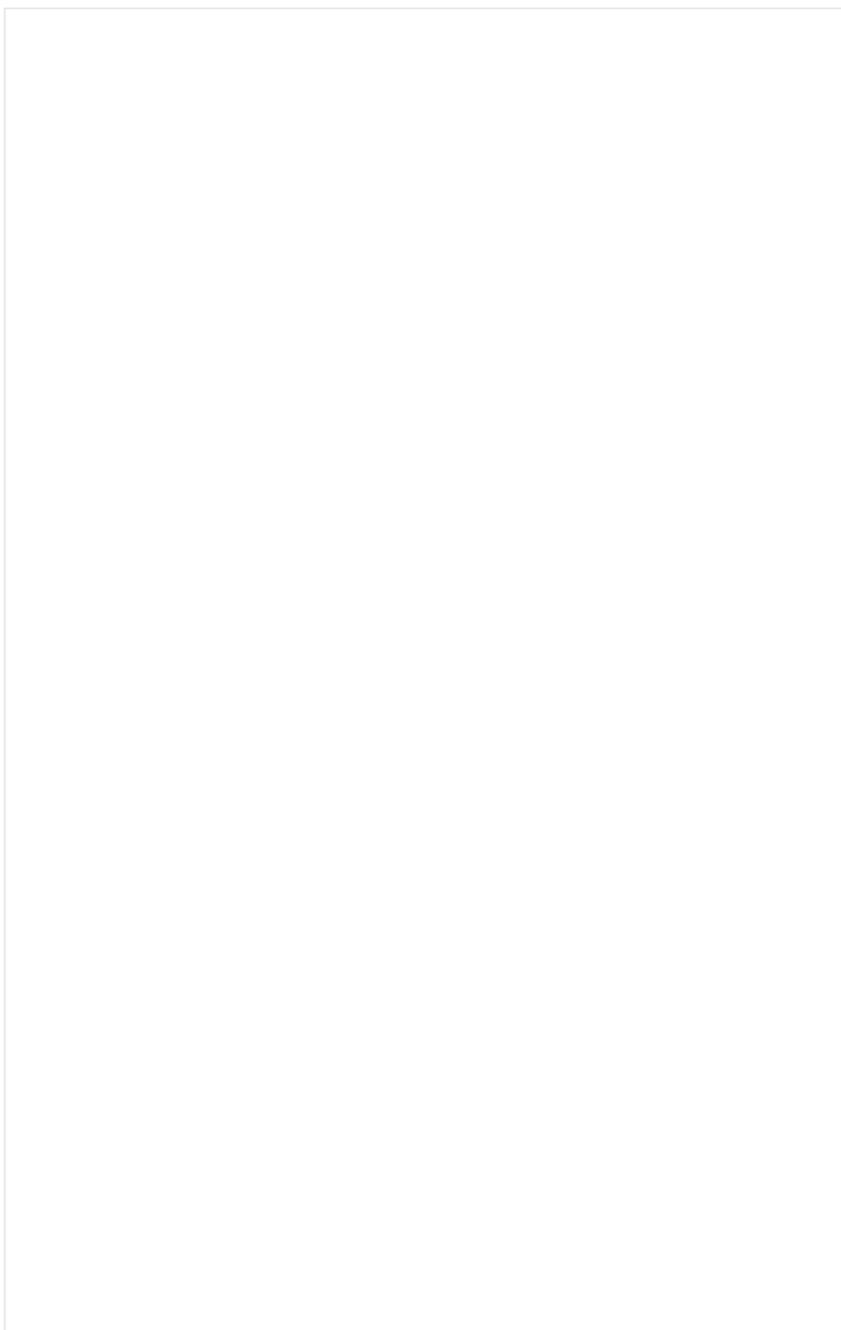
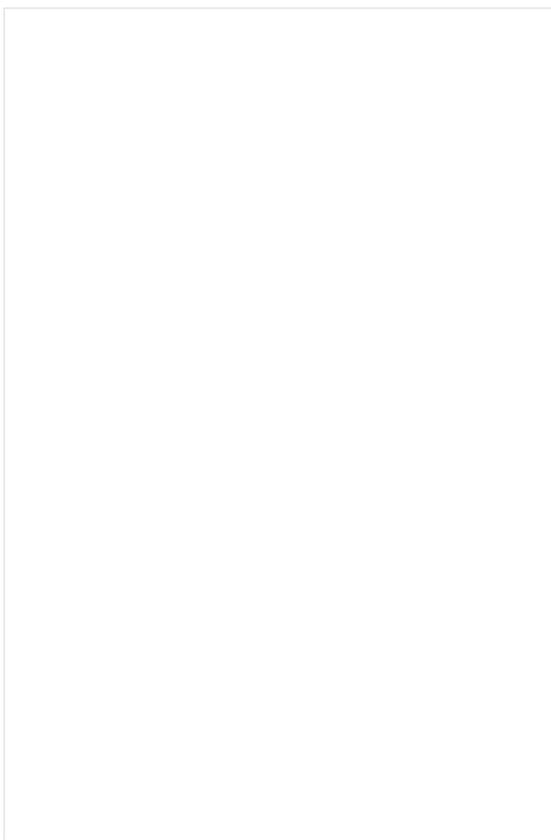
tors as well as male mentors, and that's a good thing because we do have so many people we can look up to, and guide and mentor us in our careers," she said.



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78th FSS BRIEFS

Everyone is welcome

LET'S CELEBRATE END OF SUMMER DASH SEPT. 25
4 - 8 p.m. Prizes! at Robins Park

Air Force Reserve Generations Band WAYNE "Above and Beyond" CLARK
will attempt to break a Guinness World Record at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 on the basketball court at Robins Park!

Fun, food, rides, prizes & entertainment!

Water Slide, Carousel, Wacky World, Turbo Swing, Jungle Combo, Train, Wave of Fire, Fire Truck, Space Shuttle, Chip Shot Golf, Bungee Run, Rock & Joust, Rockwall, Face Painting, Jungle Crawl, Little Tyke City, Food & Beverages

Take advantage of all the rides with a \$5 wristband. Children, ages 2 and younger, are free of charge.

Sponsored in part by

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Ramona Reyes, right, looks on as Staff Sgt. Iris Palmer, Hispanic Heritage committee project coordinator, welcomes visitors to a cake cutting at the Robins Base Exchange to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month activities. The BX will also host a dance demonstration and fashion show Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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ON TAP
Pre-Separation Briefings
Thursday and Sept. 30
1 to 2 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

Hispanic Heritage Month Story Time
Today at 4 p.m.
Saturday at 10 a.m.
Base Library, Bldg. 905
For details, call 327-8761.

Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Writing
Sept. 23
9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

UPCOMING
Salary Negotiation
Sept. 28

9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

EFMP Information Fair
Sept. 25
1 to 3 p.m.
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
For details, call 926-1256.

HMLA-773 Golf Outing
Oct. 7
8 a.m.
\$45
Pine Oaks Golf Course
For details, call 222-5464.

Drummer Boy Historical Site
Oct. 11
Depart 8:30 a.m.
\$20 per person
Sign up by Monday
For details, call 926-4001.

On Target Paintball
Oct. 16
\$25 per person
Sign up by Sept. 20
For details, call 926-4001.

Octoberfest
Oct. 22-24
\$400 per person;
\$550 couples
Helen, Ga.
For details, call 926-4001.

Tops In Blue
"We Believe" Tour
Oct. 24
7 p.m.
Warner Robins Civic Center
For details, call 926-2105.

Fall Bowling Leagues
Sign up today
Bowling Center, Bldg. 908.
For details, call 926-2112.

NOW PLAYING

Tickets - \$4.50 adult; \$2.50 children (up to 11 yrs)
For details, call 926-2919.



TODAY
7 P.M.
CHARLIE ST. CLOUD
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SATURDAY
3 P.M.
THE OTHER GUYS
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78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration 926-3193
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel 926-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 926-2670
- ▶ Library 327-8761
- ▶ HAWC 327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex 222-5350
- ▶ Youth Center 926-2110
- ▶ ITT 926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 926-0188



STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

Up-to-date information
about base emergencies
222-0815

WINGMEN WANTED

ASIST – 926-2821;

327-8480

EAP – 327-7683; 926-9516

AIRMAN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

– 335-5218;

335-5236; 335-5238