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THE MACH READ

Easter Egg Hunt

The Robins Chapel will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt March 31 at Robins Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will also be inflatables, games, face painting, food and drinks. The Chapel will also have a Protestant Good Friday Service on April 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary and a sunrise service at the Chapel on April 8, beginning at 6 a.m. followed by an Easter sunrise breakfast. Both events are open to all who wish to attend.

For more information call Marcia Little or Liz McCarthy at 926-2821.

78th Air Base Wing Commander's Call Monday

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host a series of Commander's Calls Monday at the Base Theater.

Attendance is mandatory for all wing employees. Available times are 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Handicap Parking

Repainting of handicap parking spaces at Robins will begin Thursday, with the administration area between First Street South and Peacekeeper Way. For more information, contact Tiffany Evans, a civil engineer in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 327-2927.

Warrior Run

In an effort to enhance 78th Air Base Wing cohesiveness, emphasize readiness and instill pride a mandatory Warrior Airmen run will be held Thursday.

Organized in group and squadron formations Airmen will start with warm up exercises followed with a 1.5 mile run in formation. The required uniform is the Air Force PT uniform in any official PT uniform combination.

All 78th ABW members should meet at the Robins Fitness Center track prior to the 6:45 a.m. startup time.

Kindergarten and preschool registration

New kindergarten and preschool student registration will be held April 11 at Robins Elementary from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten and the half-day four-year old program in the 2007-2008 school year should plan to attend.

All kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1. All preschool students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1. All children attending Robins Elementary must reside on federal property (main base) in permanent military family housing. Temporary Lodging Facility does not qualify.

For both registrations, parents should bring their child's birth certificate, certificate of immunization from the base hospital or local health department, Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231 (not the yellow shot record), certificate of ear, eye and dental examination from the base hospital and the child's social security card.

If the certificate of immunization or the certificate of ear, eye and dental examination is not available, parents can register their children and present the documents before school starts in August. All documents are required before school begins.

DOG DAY AFTERNOON



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Peter and Michael Cartwright enjoy the warm weather with their dog Bailey. They are the sons of Maj. Michael and Tammi Cartwright. Major Cartwright is a member of the 78th Medical Group.

116th ACW under new command

By SENIOR AIRMAN PAUL ROSS
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore assumed command of the Nation's only blended Total Force wing in a ceremony held here, March 23.

General Moore has held various positions with the 116th Air Control Wing prior to this assignment including wing vice commander and deputy operations group commander. He comes to the 116th ACW from the 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah, Ga. where he was the wing commander.

General Moore has more than 26 years of service. He has previously commanded at the flight, squadron and group level. The general graduated from the University of South Carolina and received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corp program in 1981. General Moore is a master navigator with over 3,500 total flying hours in the F-37 Tweet, the KC-135 Stratotanker, the B-1B Lancer, the C-130 Hercules and the E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be back in the 116th Air Control Wing serving with the tremendous caliber of men and women within this great organization," said General Moore. "I am extremely proud of the work they have done in support of the Georgia Air National Guard's state mission and their phenomenal presence in the global war on ter-

ror." Generals Moore's plan for the future will ensure the troops have all they need to get the job done.

"My plan is to support and provide the members of this wing with all the resources necessary to accomplish the mission in the manner they are accustomed from previous wing commanders," said General Moore. "I intend to continue leading one of the most demanding wings in this United States Air Force to even greater heights, while ensuring care and provision for the people and their families... People First...Mission Always."

The general assumed command from Col. James Jones, who had served as the commander since October 2005. Colonel Jones, who was also with the unit as Operations Group commander from October 2002 to May 2004, has been selected to be the commander of the 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

"This has been an amazing assignment," said Colonel Jones. "I was convinced that after my Air Expeditionary Wing command opportunity I would have a follow-on assignment to the Pentagon. I never imagined I would have the chance to return to the wing and continue to refine the Total Force concept. I have great memories from every assignment I've had — but this one will always be special to me due to the great people in the wing and the tremendous things they accomplished



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. MARY SMITH

Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore, assumed command of the 116th Air Control Wing from Col. James Jones during a change of command ceremony March 23.

during our time together."

Colonel Jones has 24 years of service with the Air Force.

He has previously commanded at the flight, squadron and group levels, as well as at an Air Expeditionary Wing in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Colonel Jones is a command pilot with more than 2,700 flying hours.

Colonel Jones was the first active duty commander to lead the unique wing which combines active duty and Guard Airmen, Soldiers and civilians working side-by-side.

"Be very proud of who you are and what you bring to the

fight," said Colonel Jones. "Nobody else can fill your role, and no other organization has a better understanding of Total Force application."

The 116th is the only unit that operates the E-8C Joint STARS. The E-8C Joint STARS is an airborne battle management, command and control intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform. Its primary mission is to provide theater commanders (ground and air) with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces.

Palace HART

AF initiative helps Airmen, families reclaim lives following injury

By AMANDA CREEL
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No Air Force family wants to think about the possibility of their Airman being injured or killed, while serving their country. However, the reality is Airmen have been injured and killed as the United States continues to fight the war on terror.

That is why the Air Force has a new initiative titled Palace Helping Airmen Recover Together to help those who are ill or injured claim their life back after leaving their uniform behind.

"Palace Helping Airmen Recover Together is the (Air Force's) answer to the Secretary of Defense's instructions to services to take care of injured and ill service members," said Bill Sherman, chief of the Airman, Family and Community Operations Branch.

According to the Palace HART Concept of Operations, the Air Force will provide the same level of loyalty and commitment in the care of those combat-related ill, injured or wounded in action as it does preparing them for deployment and combat.

Palace HART is overseen by the Air Force Personnel Center's Airman, Family and Community Operations Branch and partners with the Airmen and Family Readiness Centers, the Air Force Survivor Assistance Program, civilian personnel, the Department of Veteran's Affairs, the Disability Evaluation System and the Department of Labor in their effort to take care of Airmen.

"I love the program because I believe in past years that disabled Veterans in the community tended to just struggle and figure it out and some are better at this than others. As a result I believe some of the Veterans struggled," said Christine Parker, chief of the A&FRC.

Airmen will no longer be left to struggle alone; each member will be assigned a case manager who will be available for support and direction as members of the program seek a new beginning after their separation or retirement.

"Whatever support they need they can get it on a one-on-one basis through this program," Mr. Sherman said.

The first priority of the Air Force is to retain any Airman who wants to continue serving their country on active duty said Kaye Mullis, a community readiness consultant at Robins A&FRC.

If an Airman is unable to continue wearing the uniform for any reason then the Palace HART program can provide resources and assistance to help them transition back into the civilian world, she said.

"It's really about providing information and resources for the entire life cycle, not just medical treatment," Ms. Mullis said. "The program provides not only for the member, but for the

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SLOW DOWN

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to six months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

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SATURDAY
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DOD award goes to Robins Engineer

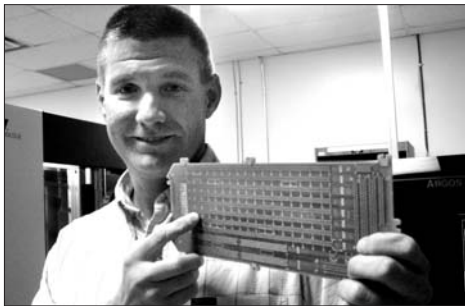
By DAMIAN HOUSMAN
WR-ALC Public Affairs

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ken Krieg announced that Robins engineer Marty Sheppard has won the 2006 Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Award. According to Mr. Krieg, value engineering is a systematic process of function analysis, identifying actions that reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities.

Brig. Gen. Andy Busch, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, mentioned the award in a recent awards meeting. General Busch said he had recently been to the Pentagon, where there are large displays of value engineering awards.

Mr. Sheppard was surprised when he heard about the award, but thanked the rest of his team for their great work. Though it is an individual award, he recognized the work of the entire printed wiring board facility.

"This award is really for the whole shop, not just me," said Mr. Sheppard. "We're a team." The manufacturing engineering



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Marty Sheppard holds a finished back plane used in an AN/ALR 56M system.

team includes Patty Causey, Brian Ledden, Charles Williams, Blake Ramey, Mike Wells and Ken McKinley.

Mr. Sheppard also thanked his supervisor, Mr. Gus Spurlin, for putting together the nomination package for the award.

Mr. Sheppard is lead manufacturing engineer for the facility. "Unfortunately, the number of manufacturers of military-certified circuit boards is dwindling. Where there were once many there are now few. And we are the only certified circuit board manufacturing facility in the Air Force," he said.

The project that gained the DOD-level award is a set of interface test adapters. The manufacturing engineering team works directly with 569th manufacturing shops, including circuit board, machine, cable and assembly, from conceptual design to delivery of the ITAs to the Robins software engineers rehosting their test programs to new universal test stations.

Enough interface test adapters have been produced to save the Air Force thousands of dollars, and work is under way that will save the service tens of thousand more.

402nd MXW earns 2006 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Effectiveness Award

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The 402nd Maintenance Wing has proven itself as a leader in the Air Force maintenance industry.

The wing recently earned the 2006 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Effectiveness Award at Air Force-level by providing superior mission support to the warfighter with record production levels in all weapon systems for global missions with 95.6 percent on-time delivery and 34 percent reduction in C-5 flowdays.

Col. Dennis Daley, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group commander, said the award identifies the best maintenance wing or squadron in a different category each year.

"It's an outstanding accomplishment for the wing, and it really is something that reflects the dedication and hard work of the people," he said.

The recent honor falls in line with the wing's award-winning record.

The wing received an unprecedented nine major industry awards in fiscal 2006. The C-5 Depot Team earned the nationally-acclaimed Gold Shingo Award for Excellence in Manufacturing for the second consecutive year, making the wing the first-ever Department of Defense organization to win the award. The C-5 Depot Team earned the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award, Air Force Best Practice and the Gen. Ronald Yates Team Excellence Award for their innovative pro-

duction practices.

The F-15 Programmed Depot Maintenance and F-15 Avionics teams each won coveted Bronze Shingo awards. The awards continued to roll in with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the 402nd EMXG receiving U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit awards; and the C-5 Critical Chain Project Management Team receiving DOD's first Franz Edelman Award for Achievement in Ops Research.

Cheryl Hull, a 402nd MXW management analyst and awards monitor, said the prestigious award is something to be proud of.

"It's a great honor," she said. "It just shows how great and diverse the maintenance wing is and how well we produce."

themselves and their spouses, meet financial hurdles from their unexpected retirement or separation and deal with other issues related to the transition. The first phone call serves as an initial assessment of the needs of the service member and his or her family, Mr. Sherman said. Once needs are identified and the member is connected with the proper agencies and organizations, calls are sometimes less

frequent as members find their place in their post Air Force lives. If there are problems the case manager will jump in and make phone calls and help the member make the best of their resources, Mr. Sherman said.

However, members don't have to wait for a phone call from their case manager they are provided a toll-free number to call anytime assistance is needed.

Frontline Supervisor Training to prepare supervisors to support employees in crisis

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Starting in April, Team Robins supervisors will learn to support their employees through whatever life throws their way through Frontline Supervisor Training.

"What I like about the Frontline Supervisor Training is it isn't the canned, dry, now you are a supervisor here's what you have to look like training," said Christine Parker, chief of the Airman and Family Readiness flight.

The training is designed to help supervisors feel confident in their ability to handle any situation affecting their employees.

"The term frontline is not a mistake; we as supervisors are on the front line and we are the first line of defense and in some cases offense," Ms. Parker said. "We are on the front line and we need to be in tune with our people."

The goal of the course is to help supervisors feel competent in their ability to handle problems that could arise, such as knowing where to send people for support and how to be supportive, said Linda Towry, chair of the Integrated Delivery System.

"We want to prepare super-

visors to meet any challenge or crisis that could be presented by their employees," Ms. Towry said.

The course tries to keep supervisors from being caught off-guard by their employees' circumstances.

"The example I always use in training is, 'what if one of your employees came into your office and said she was raped the night before. What would you say and do? Where would you go for support? What would you do to support them now, today and in the long run,'" Ms. Towry said.

She added the course addresses how to handle smaller crises too, such as employees dealing with a parent who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or those coping with divorce.

The course talks about how it is better to say something and risk offending or embarrassing because it could save a life than to keep quiet and jeopardize someone's well-being, Ms. Parker said.

The training is for all supervisors, but is targeted at lower-level supervisors who work side by side with their employees because the close proximity to their employees allows them to notice differences in demeanor that could signal a problem.

Ms. Parker said one of her

favorite things about the training sessions is they encourage supervisors to take a holistic approach to human wellness and focus on the physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of their employees.

"It is a chance to hear some good things about taking care of people and yourself," Ms. Parker said.

Ms. Towry explained the program is important because when members of Team Robins are happy and healthy they're able to better accomplish the mission.

Base-wide training sessions will begin in April and Team Robins members will be notified by their training managers about when and where they should report, Ms. Towry said.

The Frontline Supervisor Training program is an Integrated Delivery System initiative. IDS is a committee on responsible for coordinating all the prevention programs on base such as child abuse, obesity, underage drinking and suicide prevention, Ms. Towry said. Air Force Material Command is requiring all of its supervisors from all of its bases to receive the training, Ms. Towry said.

For more information visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/> and click on the Frontline Supervisor Training link.

Savannah River becomes official Center mentor

By DAMIAN HOUSMAN
WR-ALC Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signed a memorandum of understanding March 22, with a representative of the Department of Energy Washington Savannah River site, making that facility our VPP mentor.

Robins began its Voluntary Protection Program journey last August, while Savannah River began in 1994, and was awarded VPP Star Site status after six years. VPP is a government-wide effort to create a positive safety culture through management commitment and employee involvement. It measures success in safety and health programs. Star Site status is awarded with achievement of VPP goals.

"This is a great day. This agreement formalizes what's actually been going on for some time. Those close to our VPP efforts realize that we had serious accidents here, and instituted Operation Risk Reduction, which in essence was a precursor to VPP," said General Owen. Since then, we have expanded

into VPP.

General Owen said VPP is not something developed to make senior officials happy.

"What's important is the health and safety of those out on the floor," he said. "VPP is not a single event. It is a path. This partnership with Washington Savannah River will help us down the path. It's the right thing to do as a Center, and the right thing to do for our workforce."

Barbara Smith, Savannah River VPP program co-chairperson, signed on their behalf. "We are excited about helping Warner Robins to achieve Star Site status. It's going to take time. It's a long journey, but we're looking forward to the trip," she said.

She noted this is the first VPP partnership between the DOE and the Department of Defense.

Ms. Smith is also part of a team which conducted a gap analysis of the 78th Air Base Wing. It determined where the wing stands in terms of VPP compliance, and how much remains to be done.

Another member of the Savannah River team was just

as optimistic.

"Everyone in the long run will benefit from this. It's worth the energy and it's worth the input," said core team member Jimmy Hendricks.

Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold, Center vice commander and chairman of the VPP steering group, knows it will take a long time to get to where we want to go under VPP, but is certain we will get there.

"If we make incremental improvements every day, in five years it will happen. Like anything else in the Air Force, you need to empower the NCOs and line supervisors, and then it happens. That's the level we're shooting for," he said.

Center workers, supervisors and union representatives have already conducted visits to the Savannah River site to learn how best to implement the program here.

"With the help of our mentor site and the dedication of each of us who form the Robins team, VPP will help us identify areas of safety that will bring us to 'People First, Mission Always,'" said Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, Center chief of safety.

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entire family."

The program helps Airmen who are injured or fall ill while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, championed the program while at Robins in late February explaining how developing and caring for Airmen was one of his top priorities, which he said could not be accomplished without caring for wounded Airmen and their families.

"We are at war, and with war we have wounded warriors. We are caring for our wounded Airmen, but need to remain ever vigilant to ensure our Air Force warriors receive the quality care they deserve. We already have a great program in place to care for our wounded Airmen — it's called Palace HART," Chief McKinley said. "Palace HART cares for our Airmen with combat-related injuries - from their point of injury, into recovery and rehabilitation, and will even follow them into a post-separation period if need be. So whether their injuries are physical, or emotional, as with those of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), we are committed to taking care of their needs. We will continue down this path of caring for our wounded and their families."

"We are here to make sure they (ill or injured Airmen) haven't been forgotten," Mr. Sherman said. "We want no lost patrols."

In the beginning of the transition, Mr. Sherman said daily phone calls may be necessary to help members of the Palace HART program get connected with Veteran's Affairs, locate employment opportunities for

Military justice

Commanders and First Sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base.

There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, Administrative Discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

Article 15s:

A master sergeant was found to be drunk on duty. Punishment was reduction to technical sergeant and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant willfully and wrongfully damaged a privately owned vehicle with a plastic trash receptacle during an argument with a neighbor. Punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman and suspended forfeiture of \$267 pay per month for two months.

A senior airman willfully failed to refrain from using his government travel card for unauthorized purchases and cash advances. He also willfully failed to pay his government travel card debt. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class.

An airman 1st class willfully failed to refrain from consuming alcohol while under 21 years of age. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand.

An airman while under the legal age of 21 years old, willfully failed to refrain from driving while drunk and arrived at his assigned duty location intoxicated. Punishment was reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Administrative Discharges

An airman 1st class received an honorable discharge for a mental disorder. The airman was evaluated and diagnosed by a Life Skills Support Center clinical psychologist with adult antisocial behaviors, alcohol abuse, a personality disorder not otherwise specified narcissistic and antisocial personality traits, and non-contributory occupational problems. The psychologist recommended the airman be administratively discharged from the Air Force for a mental disorder of a severity that made them unsuitable for continued military service.

U.S. Magistrates Court

A former civilian employee pled guilty to driving on a suspended license. This individual

had a prior record of multiple driving infractions, including driving under the influence.

Sentence was 12 months imprisonment and a mandatory assessment fee of \$25.



OPSEC IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Bldg. 140 gets new, improved snack bar

By AMANDA CREEL

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Team Robins members who work in or around Bldg. 140 will soon have a new option when their tummies rumble.

The building's snack bar will hold its grand opening, after extensive renovations boasting not only the prepackaged plates and breakfasts it served before, but now providing a deli where made to order sandwiches are prepared.

"We went from a dump to a penthouse," said Angie Ford, mobile snack bar supervisor.

The deli will offer 10 different sandwiches such as BLT, chicken salad, tuna salad and cold cut sandwiches. Along with the deli, the snack bar will also offer cappuccino for the first time.

The building's snack bar doubled in size, during the \$375,000 construction project, said Gary Harrell, engineer technician with the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.

The group paid for the construction project and when the group committed to renovating the snack bar area, 78th Services committed to put more than \$50,000 in improvements into the facility such as modern equipment to better serve the snack bar customers, Ms. Ford said.

"We just wanted to give people in this building a better work environment and a place to get away," Mr. Harrell said.

The enhanced snack bar will open April 2, but the grand opening including the debut of the deli will be April 9. The snack bar will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Those who attend the grand opening will be eligible to win prizes, including a mountain bike, t-shirts and CDs, said Jon King, Base Restaurant manager.

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Taking a trip in a C-17 simulator



Staff Sgt. Daniel Paxton, an aeromedical evacuation technician instructor, observes students during a virtual walk-through of a C-17 Globemaster III March 15 in a simulator that allows students to experience the aircraft's med-evac capabilities in a classroom environment.

U.S. Air Force photo by STEVE THURROW

Be a warrior, smile and make tea

A lot of people today are talking about us, as Airmen, being warriors.

I have family in other services and whenever we get together they always seem to tease me about being an Airman, not being a "warfighter."

This always makes me smile, because I know the truth. We are not supporting this war, we are in this war.

The truth is I am an Airman. I am the best in the world at what I do and I make my job look easier than it really is. This means, as an Airman, that I am a brilliant warrior.

You don't believe me? Let me tell you a little story.

There is an old Eastern fable about a wandering mercenary who apparently had a few too many and bumped into a tea master in the market. The mercenary became enraged and argued with the tea master, eventually challenging him to a duel to the death to recover his lost honor. They would battle at dawn.

The tea master was afraid and didn't know what to do. He couldn't run away but he didn't know how to fight. So, he invited the local samurai to his home to ask for help.

When the samurai arrived, the tea master made him a "proper" tea. The proper making of tea involves an incredibly precise ceremony. In fact, to be a tea master takes years of diligent practice to

perform the proper making of tea in this ceremony.

The samurai sat and watched the tea master work with surgical precision. He saw his focus, his determination. He watched the tea master perform perfectly. He made it look easy.

After serving the tea, the tea master asked the samurai for help with the mercenary, maybe to intervene on his behalf.

Without hesitating, the samurai told the tea master there was only one thing he needed to do. At dawn, he must face the mercenary. He must face him and fight him with the same focus and purpose that he had used in making the tea. If he did that, he would be victorious.

As the sun rose the next morning, the mercenary walked into the market to see the tea master already waiting. The tea master drew his sword and stood firm to fight.

Seeing his focus and determination, the mercenary trembled. He dropped to one knee and apologized to the tea master and begged for his forgiveness.

What does that mean? How does it apply to you?

We are Airmen. Every one of us is literally the best in the world at what we do. In fact, we are so good at what we do that we make it look easy. And, the truth is that the media doesn't like running stories about things that look easy.

But remember, Airmen, while you are making it look easy, that Sun Tzu once wrote, A warrior wins his battles by making no mistakes. Making no mistakes is what establishes the certainty of victory, for it means conquering an enemy that is already defeated.

Hence, the skilful warrior puts himself into a position which makes defeat impossible, and does not miss the moment for defeating the enemy.

What the ancients called a brilliant warrior is one who not only wins, but excels in winning with ease.

This is what it means to be a warrior, an Airman. This is who we are and we must embrace our warrior heritage.

So when you hear someone say that you aren't a warrior or your Air Force job isn't a warrior's role, smile. Laugh even. Because now you too know the truth. Every one of us makes up the greatest Air Force this Earth has every seen. We are all an integral part of our warrior caste and mission success.

Feel free to educate those who doubt we are warriors, because our enemies have already learned this truth the hard way.

— This commentary was written by Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine, Air Force Print News.

NSPS, quality self-assessment products and quotas

Q. Since we have converted to NSPS, how and where can I learn to do my self-assessments in the proper NSPS format? I want to produce a quality product for my supervisor.

A. The Program Executive Office, NSPS, has developed a web-based training course to assist employees in writing effective job objectives and self assessments. iSuccess is a result of important feedback from Spiral 1.1 employees. Draft job objectives and accomplishments can serve as a starting point for discussions between employees and their supervisors as they work to finalize mission-aligned objectives.

The narrated iSuccess course guides the employee through the writing process using a step-by-step approach. A "virtual coach" and "virtual employees" are added features that provide important tips and techniques for writing, as well as specific



examples. iSuccess helps employees:

Write effective job objectives using the S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Aligned, Realistic/Relevant, Timed) framework.

Select appropriate Contributing Factors that reflect how to accomplish job objectives.

Understand the impact of Performance Indicators on the development of job objectives.

Practice writing a Self Assessment based on accomplishments and achievements.

A self-paced tool, iSuccess is useful at any time during the performance management process. The employee can place

drafted work into a Word document and save it to the computer desktop for easy access at any time. The employee can also copy and paste these job objectives into the Performance Appraisal Application. To launch iSuccess, please use the following web link <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/iSuccess/> to launch the course.

iSuccess minimum system requirements: Windows 2000, Internet Explorer 6, and Adobe Reader 6. Optimized for 1024 x 768 screen setting. Available in both HTML and PDF formats.

Q. I have a very high performing staff. Will there be quotas for the number of employees who receive the highest rating?

A. No. Forced distribution of performance ratings is prohibited.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:

- ▶ Security Forces 327-3445;
- ▶ Services Division 926-5491;
- ▶ EEO Office 926-2131;
- ▶ MEO 926-6608;
- ▶ Employee Relations 926-5802;
- ▶ Military Pay 926-3777;
- ▶ IDEA 926-2536;
- ▶ Base hospital 327-7850;
- ▶ Civil engineering 926-5657;
- ▶ Public Affairs 926-2137;
- ▶ Safety Office 926-6271;
- ▶ Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393;
- ▶ Housing Office 926-3776.

This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.



Yielding to Responding Emergency Vehicles

There are many incidents each day that require the response of emergency vehicles such as security forces, fire and medical. A high level of vigilance and cooperation is required in order to provide Robins personnel with expeditious arrival of emergency responders while maintaining the safety of all personnel on the roadways. Keep in mind that upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of an audible signal and visual signals, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and use as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain stopped in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed. Each emergency responder is also your wingman, so keep your eyes and ears open for us so we can provide you with top-notch service and response. For further assistance, contact the 78th Security Forces Police Services section at 222-1990 222-1991 or 222-1992.

International Affairs Program briefing to be held today

Air Force lieutenants through lieutenant colonels will have an opportunity to learn about the International Affairs Specialist program at a briefing today at 2 p.m. in the Civil Engineering Group conference room, Bldg. 1555. Commanders and senior leaders are encouraged to attend to gain a better understanding of this important program.

The IAS outreach briefing will be conducted by Maj J.J. Casey, IAS strategic plans and Programs chief, office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs.

The IAS program enables the Air Force to build a cadre of officers with the skills needed to foster effective relationships with global partners in support of the combatant commanders and the United States' global interests.

"As an expeditionary Air Force, we need Airmen who can function and interact at a professional level with foreign counterparts in foreign lands," Major Casey said. "Without these officers, our mission is much more difficult."

International affairs specialists are key to expeditionary air and space forces conducting global operations and fighting the war on terror, he said. These high-visibility, mainly Joint positions, require a standard three-year assignment period in most cases.

The IAS program manages two career specialties: regional

affairs strategist and political-military affairs strategist.

The RAS officers serve as major command staff officers, international affairs country desk officers, security assistant officers and attachés, said Maj Casey. A combination of professional military skills, regional expertise and foreign language proficiency is required.

Officers designated for RAS deliberate development will earn a regionally-focused master's degree and complete foreign language training to gain a detailed knowledge of regional history, culture, language and political-military affairs, said Major Casey. They then gain in-depth international experience and hone their foreign language skills while serving on a dual career path, alternating between their primary career field and RAS assignments.

When feasible, RAS officers' primary Air Force Specialty Code assignments will occur within the geographic area of RAS specialization, he said. This allows them to remain competitive in their core AFSC career while maintaining and improving their foreign language proficiency and regional skills.

RAS assignments complement the officer's primary AFSC duties by providing critical skill pairing that is invaluable in a rapid deployment, expeditionary Air Force environment, regardless of the officer's career field.

"Air Force Personnel Center

Assignment Teams and Development Teams will carefully manage this dual career path to ensure officers remain competitive in both their primary AFSC and RAS career fields," Major Casey said.

PAS development begins in conjunction with Intermediate Developmental Education,

said Major Casey. Selected officers acquire a broad knowledge of political-military affairs through developmental education and then serve in at least one developmental assignment to gain political-military experience.

Major Casey can be reached at john.casey@pentagon.af.mil.

— *Capt. Matthew Hensley, 78th Communications Squadron*

► IN BRIEF

The BYU-Idaho Dance Alliance will be performing in Warner Robins at the Civic Center April 12 at 7 p.m. The event is open to community members five years of age and older and is free of charge. Tickets must be reserved in advance by calling 784-8770.

POSTAL SERVICE CHANGES

The Postal Service Center in Bldg 910 will discontinue redirecting incorrectly addressed mail to base dormitory residents effective Sunday. Mail addressed incorrectly after this date will be returned to sender. This action is in accordance with United States Postal Service requirements and base mailroom manpower priorities. Please continue to follow the procedures for dormitory mailing:

-- Change-of-address forms are required when moving from one building to another. Mail having the incorrect address must be updated by completing a change of address form at the PSC. Inform the sender of the mail of your new address immediately.

-- Residents relocating from one building to another are required to get a new mailbox in the new building. Keys for new mailboxes will be available only at the PSC. The PSC will require a change-of-address form before new keys are issued. Movement from one dorm room to another in the same building does not require a change of mailboxes or address.

-- Large parcels will be held at the PSC. A ticket will be placed in dorm residents' mail box for pick up at the PSC. PSC hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-- The correct dorm address format is below. Any other format is incorrect and should not be used. The 'Unit' is your mailbox number, not room number.

John Doe
987 Todd Hall, Unit 123
Robins AFB, Georgia 31098

For more information contact Greg Barrow at 926-2127.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person having any claim against the estate of Tech. Sgt. James McCauley should immediately contact 1st Lt. Colin Williams at 926-9367

Personnel Directorate takes Human Capital Management for Defense Award

By LISA MATHEWS

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Personnel Directorate has won the Human Capital Management for Defense Award in the Most Innovative Recruitment and Retention Program category. This announcement for the inaugural awards program was made Feb. 14 at the HCMD conference in Arlington, Va. Michael O'Hara, Center director of personnel, accepted the award. The awards for government agencies were presented by Worldwide Business Research, a non Department of Defense organization.

While winning awards for continuous process improvements within the maintenance arena is nothing new for WR-ALC, the HCMD award is the Center's first for an administrative function.

"Without a doubt, the selection of WR-ALC enterprise hiring forecast for this level of recognition is a reflection of a true Team Robins effort by the wings, Center functional offices and the DP staff," said Robert Williams, DP deputy director. "As a result, we are filling jobs at a pace and with the highest-quality people, that has the Center leading the way for the Air Force.

"At the heart of that effort is a laser focus on customer need and to do everything possible to align all facets of the job-fill process towards that goal. Having said that, continuous process improvement is just

that – we will never reach a point in time where we can say, 'good enough,'" Mr. Williams said.

Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert, director of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, and Dr. Ron Ritter, special assistant and deputy for AF SO 21, were briefed on these accomplishments during a visit to WR-ALC

on Feb. 13. The general said he was pleased when Mr. Williams said DP would strive to continue to improve.

"I like to hear that," General Gilbert said. "This shows you continue to work toward even more improvement."

DP has conducted a series of Lean events to improve the process of filling open vacancies with "ready-to-work" employees. Key areas that have been focused on include reducing the time a job is vacant, projecting personnel fill actions, standardizing job descriptions and screening factors, streamlining the hiring process with hiring forecast vector groups, improving the newcomer orientation and creating pools of ready applicants.

Dr. Ritter described the

pools of applicants as a "people supermarket." The pool allows for personnel to be ready to work once a vacancy is created.

Mr. O'Hara has long been an advocate of continuous process improvement.

"For a number of years, my focus has been to transform the human resource business at Robins by embedding and tailoring personnel policies and practices more closely to our line mission," Mr. O'Hara said. "With that customer focus, we are constantly refining and seeking ways to improve an HR system and structure which marries both the strategic and tactical services into a robust, enabling staff agency."

Mr. O'Hara said a primary measurement is the time required to fill jobs. Over the last year, job fill times have dropped from a historic average of 100-plus days down to the 78-80 day range. As a result, more than 306,000 additional man hours were in the hands of the Center's line managers earlier than would have otherwise been the case.

"It is tangible results of that nature that posture the wings and staff offices to be best prepared to provide capability to the warfighter," he said. "However, as we look to the future, I am confident that we can further improve as we partner with our customers to provide timelier job fills and with those highly skilled workers needed to support the mission of the Center."



Michael O'Hara is the Center director of personnel

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568th EMXS director earns Air Force-level Leo Marquez Award as civilian manager of the year

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Brent Inman has led his maintenance team to do great things, and the Air Force has taken notice.

Mr. Inman, director of Fighter Avionics Maintenance in the 568th Electronics Maintenance Squadron at Robins, was recently named as the winner of the 2006 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award Outstanding Civilian Manager of the Year award for the entire Air Force.



Brent Inman

The award winner will be honored at a ceremony in Washington D.C. in May.

Mr. Inman said the award, a first-ever for the squadron director, is the most recognized award in the maintenance community throughout the Air Force. It evaluates job performance, efficiency and knowledge and also looks at contributions made to the Air Force at large, the community and self-improvement.

Although the squadron director has proven himself on the job, he said he's humbled by the

award.

"I believe we all need to strive to be worthy of the trust and worthy of the responsibility placed upon us," he said. "I always question and try to evaluate my performance, not against other people, but my performance in terms of what trust has been placed in me and the fact that so many people rely on me to do my job exceptionally well."

Mr. Inman said performing one's job at an exceptional level is a continuous process.

"You've got to be willing to take risks," he said. "You've got to be willing to put yourself in positions where you may be criticized. But, as long as you do the right things for the right reason, and provide that environment for folks to excel, then we'll all achieve greatness."

During his time as squadron director, Mr. Inman led a 350-person team to achieve outstanding results, using more than 40 different Lean events. Mr. Inman led the Fighter Avionics Squadron in producing a record 22,656 units in fiscal 2005, while reducing 'work in process' by 34 percent, reduced shop flowdays by 38 percent and cut backorders by 50 percent.

In addition, Mr. Inman implemented programs that reduced labor grievances by 66 percent and eliminated Equal

Opportunity complaints.

While the senior-level leader has numerous achievements under his belt, he said the credit for the achievements goes to his people.

"Certainly, I am the director of the 350-person organization that I'm assigned to," he said. "My view is that I provide an environment for my technicians and support staff to do the great things they do. I tell them time and again, all of my flight chiefs, first-line supervisors and the technicians, the absolute only reason why Maj. Gen. Tom Owen has a job; Brig. Gen. Andrew Busch has a job, the only reason Col. Dennis Daley and Brent Inman have jobs is to support our technicians. The mission of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, simply put, is to provide capability to our war fighters, and executing that mission is in the hands of our technicians."

Mr. Inman said he's grateful to his supervisor for taking time to submit him for the award and he plans to continue to strive for excellence in all he does.

"I don't view what I do as a competition," he said. "I view it as a self-assessment. It's part of my fabric to want to be a part of others' success. The more we're successful, the better support we provide our war fighter."

► IN BRIEF

EASTER IN THE PARK

An Easter activity will be held at Peavy Park, located across the street from Northside Middle School on Johnson Road, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be activities for the kids, Easter egg hunts for all ages, giveaways and information from various agencies.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Robins Education and Training Services is accepting applications for the Maj. Gen.

(Retired) Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship. This \$750 competitive scholarship will be awarded to one individual who is enrolled in an on-base education program. The award is made directly to the individual and can be used for books, living expenses, tuition and fees or other necessary expenses as appropriate. Both active duty military and civilian personnel assigned to Robins are invited to apply. To be eligible, the individual must be enrolled in one of the educational programs conducted on-base.

Applications are available at the following locations:

► Education and Training Services office in Bldg. 905.

► Airman and Family Readiness Center office in Bldg. 794

► On-Base Schools Offices in Bldg. 905 and Bldg. 380 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Applications must be returned to the Education and Training Services office by noon April 10. Incomplete applications will not be returned for correction or considered for the award.

For more information contact Gail Simon-Boyd at 327-3414 or Andrea Harris at 327-7312.

ROBINS IS LEAN COUNTRY

Robins library earns 5-Star award for superior service

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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You won't find any of the Base Library's nine staff members sitting around reading a book in its two-story facility.

They're too busy tracking down professional periodicals, providing research material and heading programs that make reading and learning how to use research tools fun.

It's that kind of hard work and dedication to providing excellent customer service and programs that made them one of 19 winners of Air Force Services Agency's Five-Star Award.

The Five-Star programs provide annual recognition, acknowledging bases that have reached the highest standard of achievement in all aspects of program management. The comprehensive program recognizes excellence in the following five areas: operations, programs, training, facilities and customer service.

Blanchella Casey, supervisory librarian at the Base Library since 1999, said the library, which moved from its former home in Bldg. 1011 into Bldg. 905 in 1982, has come close to winning the award in the past, earning recognition in four out of the award's five categories. A change in the award's standards for judging library buildings leveled the playing field for the library, which enabled the staff to earn the final star in the program.

"I'm thrilled," she said. "We won the Four-Star two years in a row. The big problem we had was the facility's size, and unfortunately, there's nothing we can do about that."

Betsy Miller, senior library technician at the Base Library since 2001, said she's excited about the award as well.

"This is the first job I've had in a military library, so I'm not as familiar with the programs and the ways in which we're evaluated," she said. "But, I'm just

thrilled over the fact that they (judges) did redo the way that they figure the awards so that even though we could not add more physical space to the library, we're still able to get our fifth star based on the other components."

That fifth star wasn't obtained by chance. It came at the hands of a staff that works closely with customers from pre-school age to senior citizens through programs to help them learn and grow.

The library's "Read by Mail" program, worked through the Robins Youth Center, gives children up through fifth grade credit for the number of pages they've read from an approved list of books.

Other programs like the Preschool Story Time and Summer Reading Club encourage pre-school and school-age students to keep up their reading skills and have fun in the process.

Ms. Casey said the library often holds classes like "Climbing Your Family Tree," a class to help people learn how to trace their ancestry, and "Surfing for Seniors," to help older adults learn how to use the Internet, to enhance personal growth.

People can flip through the pages of best sellers and even stay up on books on Oprah's Book Club list with the library's rented book collection. Books are available for rental on CD and tape.

The Interlibrary Loan program enables the Base Library to borrow popular non-fiction books from any library and fiction books from other base libraries, per Air Force regulation, to meet customers' needs.

The facility also provides numerous databases and resources for people working toward higher education. The library works hand-in-hand with the Base Education Office and the Professional Military Education program to help civil-



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Carles Blackmon, library aide, shelves a book at the Base Library.

ian and military members reach their academic and professional goals.

Ms. Casey said the job of the library staff has a wide range.

"One of the nice things about working at the Base Library is that you can be reading stories to 4-year-olds within an hour of doing research for a master's degree," she said. "Most people look at us as being a public library on the base. They don't realize we also have that academic portion and that special portion that we do with the mission."

The supervisory librarian said she hopes the facility will continue to exceed the standard in library service.

"This is a great library," she said. "Facility-wise, when I walked in here in 1999, I thought I'd died and gone to heaven, because I had worked in an old dining hall, in a World War II youth center, and my last library, before I came here, was on a third floor. Everything had to be carried up and everything had to be carried down. So, this is a wonderful library and we're trying our best to make it the best library in the Air Force."

For more information, call the library at 327-8761 or 327-8762.

WHAT TO KNOW

The library, located in Bldg. 905, is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. to current base identification card holders.

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an

award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited.

Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions brought to the office

should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil or Kendahl Johnson at kendahljohnson@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

► 5th CCG named ACC's Best Large Comm unit



The 5th Combat Communications Group is the winner of the Best Large Communications Unit in Air Combat Command award. This recognition came as a consequence of group-wide deployments, exercises, and the men and women who maintained such high standards throughout 2006. In this one year, the 5th CCG deployed to over 14 overseas locations. These deployments resulted in the mobilization of over 260 members and more than 900 tons of equipment.

While members deployed supporting the global war on terrorism, personnel at Robins participated in a large number of exercises and training events to ensure personnel and equipment were at their most effective and remained mission ready.

► Engineering and Technical Management awards

The following winners were announced at the 2006 Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Engineering and Technical Management Awards Banquet Feb. 21. Local winners will be submitted to Air Force Materiel Command for competition. AFMC winners will be announced and recognized by senior leadership during a banquet in May:

► **Capt. Gregory Woodley**, Junior Military Engineer
 ► **Capt. Melvin Baylon**, Mid-Career Military Engineer of the Year

► **Jay Ostler**, Junior Civilian Engineer of the Year

► **Lt. Col. Randy Inboden**, AFMC reservist/individual mobilization augmentee

► **Jan Ewing**, Mid-Career Civilian Engineer of the Year

► **Benjamin Puckett**, Senior Civilian Engineer of the Year

► **John McDonald**, Chief Engineer Award

► **Maj. Ryan Britton**, Technical Management Award

► **Engineering Team**, Technical Management Team Award -A-10 IRCM

► **Vernon Altman, Jr.**, Engineering Technician Achievement

► **John Louth**, Career Support

► **Master Sgt. Bryan Wyatt**, Support

► **A. Dodd Hamlin**, Gen. James Ferguson Engineer Award

► **David Williams**, General Lester L. Lyles Award

► **Next Generation Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Team**, Gen. Bernard P. Randolph Engineer Team Award

► **Capt. James Muldoon, Jr.**, Captain Roland R. Obenland Engineering Award

► Robins students sing with State Honor Choir

Robins Elementary School students **Rebecka Bence**, **Mackenzie Raisanen** and **Ashley Toellner**, represented their school at the Sixth Grade State Honor Choir Clinic in February. Approximately 500 students from 150 schools throughout the state were split into two choirs. Choral selections were professionally recorded and concluded with a standing ovation from thousands of proud family members, friends and choral directors. The Sixth Grade State Honor Choir Clinic is sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association. The Robins singers are directed by Robins Elementary choral director, Sheila Clopton.

REV-UP ONLINE HAS MOVED!
<http://www.robins.af.mil/library/rev.asp>

► 78th ABW Annual Award Winners

► **Senior Airman Boris Shapoval**, 78th ABW airman of the year
 ► **Tech. Sgt. Emily Popkoski**, 78th ABW NCO of the year
 ► **Master Sgt. Shawn Ricchuito**, 78th ABW senior NCO of the year
 ► **Capt. Tracie Swingle**, 78th ABW CGO of the year
 ► **Tara Kuenkel**, 78th ABW GS-06 and below of the year

► **Todd Surber**, 78th ABW GS-07 to GS-10 of the year
 ► **Bonnie Lamb**, 78th ABW GS-11 to GS-13 of the year
 ► **Jessie Wayman**, 78th ABW WG/WL-08 and below of the year
 ► **John Enterman**, 78th ABW first line supervisor
 ► **Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington**, 78th ABW first sergeant of the year



► WR-ALC Annual Award Winners

► **Senior Airman Alex Fiebig**, WR-ALC airman of the year
 ► **Tech. Sgt. Emily Popkoski**, WR-ALC NCO of the year
 ► **Master Sgt. Shawn Ricchuito**, WR-ALC senior NCO of the year
 ► **Senior Master Sgt. Robert Toler Jr.**, first sergeant of the year
 ► **Capt. William Ott, Jr.**, WR-ALC CGO of the year

► **Peggy Harrell**, WR-ALC GS-06 and below of the year
 ► **Todd Surber**, WR-ALC GS-07 to GS-10 of the year
 ► **Lisa Jackson**, WR-ALC GS-11 to GS-13 of the year
 ► **John Wooten**, WR-ALC WG/WL-08 and below of the year
 ► **Michael Thomas**, WR-ALC WG/WL-09 and above of the year
 ► **John Enterman**, WR-ALC first line supervisor of the year



► see TEAM ROBINS ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS AND MORE, 14A

► Robins Youth of the Year named

The Robins annual Youth of the Year competition was held at the Robins Teen Center Feb. 16. The program's primary objectives are character and leadership development. At the conclusion of the competition Kyle Klobucher, a senior at Warner Robins High, was selected as the 2006 Robins Air Force Base Youth of the Year. The selection was based on service to clubs,

community service and involvement in extracurricular school activities.

Kimani Bowie, a sophomore at Warner Robins High, was selected as the first runner up.

Kyle is the son of retired master sergeant Andy and Mrs. Ninette Crunkelton. His goals after graduating high school are to attend Gordon College and earn a degree in political sci-

ence. "It is an honor and privilege to be selected as the base Youth of the Year and to represent Robins at the Georgia State competition" said Kyle. Kyle went on to compete at the state level competition.

To learn more about this or other teen programs available, contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

► ROBINS RETIREMENTS

The following people have been announced as optional civilian retirees for the end of February and the first of March. (The list is current as of March 1.)

► **Iverson Golden**
 ► **David McAlister**
 ► **John Nicklow**
 ► **Jerry Roland**
 ► **Janice Smith**

► **Della Simms**
 ► **Paul Smith**
 ► **Joe Tunstall**
 ► **Rufus Turner**
 ► **James Whipple**

► Team Robins Annual Award Winners

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet was held March 16 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The banquet, hosted by Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, is a base-level event to recognize Team Robins winners in 12 categories of excellence.

The guest speaker was Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, commander of the 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.



TEAM ROBINS AWARDS



Staff Sgt. Leonard Schoonover
NCO



Master Sgt. Shawn Ricchuito
Senior NCO



Capt. Kevin Catron
CGO



John Enterman
First line supervisor



Peggy Harrell
GS-06 and below



Todd Surber
GS-07 to GS-10



Lisa Jackson
GS-11 to GS-13



Michael Thomas
WG/WL-09 and above



John Woolen
WG/WL-08 and below

not pictured
Master Sgt. Jimmy Whittington
Senior NCO

Senior Airman Joshua Roden
Airman

Airman 1st Class Eduardo Sibaja
Ceremonial Guardsman

► 78th JAG wins AFMC awards

The members of the 78th Judge Advocate's Office below have been announced as AFMC winners.

The Robins legal team won three out of the seven categories at AFMC and will now go on to compete at the air staff level.



Andron Bailey
Outstanding Legal Services civilian



Master Sgt. Tamatha Ogle
Senior Paralegal



Staff Sgt. Da-Vonna Cromwell
AFMC Reserve Paralegal

► 78th OSS announces AFMC award winners

Pictured at right are the 78th Operations Support Squadron standouts recognized as winners at the Air Force Materiel Command level in the annual airfield operations and weather awards competition. The 78th OSS Combat Weather team was also recognized and named as Outstanding Weather Organization below squadron level.



Capt. Jason Huffman
CGO



Robert Harvey
Air Traffic Control Civilian



Roddy Nixon
Civilian



Above, Airman 1st Class Noel Foley and Senior Airman Ariel Sauvey run through a traffic scenario on the Robins Control Tower simulator.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Simulator lets Robins air traffic controllers take virtual spin in the tower

By AMANDA CREEL
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A few years ago, air traffic controllers at Robins spent much of their training learning to direct the skies above the airfield with two simple tools – paper and toy planes.

Today air traffic controllers new to Robins train on a simulator programmed to give the controllers the same bird's eye view they would experience in the tower.

The simulator, which arrived here in 2003, allows images to be reproduced on screens that mimic the shape of the windows in the control tower.

"If you look out the window upstairs (in the control room) this is what you see," said Robert Harvey, tower simulator system administrator.

The system not only gives the trainees a virtual experience as close to working in the tower as possible, but it also allows the trainers to step-back and observe, which helps them spot when extra instruction or practice might be needed on specific traffic calls.

"We used to use paper and model airplanes to represent the airfield and the airfield traffic," said Mr. Harvey.

The original method behind training was a static board, which resembled a large oval labeled by a magic marker, and pieces of paper labeled as aircraft and later die-cast model aircraft.

"We were continuously moving the aircraft around to get them to learn and use call signs," Mr. Harvey said.

Trainers and air traffic controller journeymen and apprentices would sit around a table acting out scenarios that occur or could occur on the airfield.

"It was kind of like playing with your kids. It was all role play," said Master Sgt. Wayne Adams, chief controller for the Robins tower. "We would sit here for hours at a time. We would be the airplanes; they would be the controllers."

With the simulator the computer functions as the pilot of the aircraft in the simulation, leaving the trainers free to interact and listen, Sergeant Adams said.

"Down here we can pause the simulator and discuss the situation; upstairs (in the control tower) we don't have that luxury," Mr. Harvey said.

He added he is even able to change weather conditions, add birds in the flight pattern or put deer on the runway just by touching a few buttons.

"The job is all about phraseology. You can say two things that sound the same to the untrained ear, but to a pilot they mean two very different things," Sergeant Adams said.

Though the phraseology is a universal language among air traffic controllers and pilots, no two airfields are the same; they differ in size, composition and serve different types of aircraft.

This is why the Air Force uses front-load training because it sends all new controllers at a base to training immediately after arriving whether they are coming from another base or straight from technical school, Sergeant Adams said.

The front-load training provides them with base specific information about the airfield such as the layout and length of the runways and the characteristics of the aircraft the airfield typically supports, Mr. Harvey said.

Senior Airman Ariel Sauvey, an air traffic control journeyman, said the ability to train on base specifics after a permanent change of station to Robins has been invaluable.

"This gives you a really good idea about how things work here. It has helped me learn the stateside rules, because I was stationed in England before," Airman Sauvey said.

However, the trainers also put a little mischief into the scenarios in the name of fun. One of the traffic calls that is a simulator exclusive is, "You disobeyed orders, now you must suffer the consequences." This call is followed by the immediate combustion of the simulated aircraft. Even



Before the simulator arrived, air traffic control journeymen and apprentices trained using a static board with toy airplanes to run scenarios.

though the simulation exercise is just for fun, there can be serious consequences on the runway if a pilot doesn't follow the controller's directions, Sergeant Adams said.

One of the many advantages of the simulator is the opportunity to come and reenact things that happen in the Robins Control Tower to help the controllers become more confident in complex situations or situations where they feel unsure about how to respond.

Airman 1st Class Noel Foley, an air traffic control apprentice, said he is grateful he can bring situations he encounters in the control tower downstairs to the simulator if he needs to practice.

Robins is Airman Noel's first base after completing technical school and he just recently left his training status at Robins and headed to the control tower.

"When you are upstairs you can't pause the situation, you have to remember it. But down here we can pause it, discuss it and start up a minute later and do it over and over," Airman Foley said.

The simulator can help the

air traffic controller through more than 90 scenarios starting with basic ones with one or two aircraft and building to ones with four or five aircraft, Mr. Harvey said.

However, he added, if an out-of-the-ordinary event happens that has not already been created in the program, a new simulation scenario has to be built. In these cases the training facility pulls out the static sheet and model planes, so the controllers can see what went right and wrong.



Above top, Robert Harvey manipulates a program for the students.

Above, A C-5 taxis in on the tower simulator.



At left, Master Sgt. Dwayne Adams shows the static board that was used for training before the simulator.

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TODAY

An after work super cool party, with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

SATURDAY

A "Super Saturday Training" will be held today from 8:30 am to 3 p.m. at the Family Child Care Office, Bldg. 667. For more information call FCC at 926-6741.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children (3 to 10 years old) and children 3 years and younger are free. Members receive a \$2 Members First discount. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Texas Hold 'Em will be held every Sunday with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. Prizes include the following: first place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

MONDAY

The Smith Community Center will be making audition tapes today and Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. for the Missoula Children's Theater of Performing Arts Camp. Applicants must provide their own music and come fully prepared. The Missoula Children's Theater of Performing Arts is scheduling a week long camp, which is fully funded by the Air Force for teens between the ages of 14 to 18 years old. Camp includes lessons in voice, acting and dance. Other activities will include swimming, boating, arts and crafts and sharing stories around the campfire. Space will be limited and applications and audition tapes are required. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Tickets will be on sale for a comedy showcase featuring Queen of Comedy "Sommore" and Bad Boy of Comedy "DS" at the officers club cashier office Monday through Friday from 10 am. to 3:30 p.m. This event will be held at the base restaurant, Bldg. 166, Byron St. April 14. Show times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Cost is \$23 for club members and \$25 non club members. No one under 17 years of age will be permitted. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Triple S Mondays with soup, salad and sandwiches has arrived at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5.95. Enjoy make to order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades.

TUESDAY

Enjoy dining at the Robins Officers' Club every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Free tacos and draft specials are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club.

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$4 minimum purchase when they show their retiree I.D. card on Tuesdays in April. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

WEDNESDAY

A spring break kids' crafts class will be held today and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for each session and includes all supplies. Register by April 2. For more information call the arts and crafts center at 926-5282.

Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy Wednesdays at the enlisted club with M.U.G. night and karaoke with DJ X-Man. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-7625.

UPCOMING

A Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be held April 6 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). Advance sign-up is required. An advance \$6 nonrefundable

Expanding your horizons

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Marybeth Kelley, train conductor SAM Shortline Excursion Train in Southwest Georgia talks with CMSgt Kevin Hamilton at the Information, Tickets & Travel 7th Annual Explore and Expand Your Horizons Travel Show March 21. For information on tickets for this or other events call 926-2945.327-8034 or 926-2128.



deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call the child development center at 926-5805.

A combat cross country race is slated for April 13 at 2 p.m. with men's and women's divisions. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers and top four-person unit teams. Register by April 11 at noon. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A sexual assault prevention walk will be held April 20 starting at 11 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The Artist Craftsman and Photography Gallery program will be held May 14 through 18. For more information call the arts and crafts center at 926-5282.

A yard sale will be held April 14 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). This is a first come first served basis for the tables. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A membership appreciation barbecue will be held April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robins Aero Club. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

A Big bingo "April Showers" will be played April 17 and a membership bar bingo will be held April 25.

A special Easter bingo will be played April 8 with giveaways and snacks.

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. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, Department of Defense 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 Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

An Easter brunch will be held April 8 from 10 am. to 2 p.m. in the officers' club dining room. Cost is \$14.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children (three to 10 years old) and free to children two years and younger and is open to all ranks and grade. Club members receive a \$2 discount by showing their club card. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball May 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. Meet at On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Persons 10 to 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by May 11. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Ga. May 26. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return

at 8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per adult, \$35 per child (ages three through 12 year olds) and \$140 for family of four (two adults and two children). Package includes self guided rock tour, swing-a-long bridge, lover's leap, fairyland caverns, Mother Goose Village, 90-foot water fall, various gift shops and eateries throughout the trail and ride to and from Rock City Gardens. Deadline to sign up is May 18. A minimum of 12 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

ONGOING

Members come out to the officers' club during your birthday month and receive a \$25 coupon to redeem toward your meal. Pick up coupon at cashier office. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Visit the arts & crafts center and fill out a survey during the "Luck of the Irish" drawings in March. The drawings will be held April 3 and participants need not be present to win. The drawing is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians assigned to Robins. For full prize and drawing details call 926-5282.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013.

The 2007 Falcons Sports Camps will be held June 10 through 27. Camps will include the following activities: baseball, boy's and girl's basketball, cheerleading, cross country, diving, fencing, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. For more detailed information go to www.GoAirForceFalcons.com or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Several new tempting and value-added selections are available for the evening dining at the officers' club. On Tuesdays kids, 10 and younger, eat free from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a paid adult entrée. On Wednesday prime rib is offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$11.95 and Thursday butcher's choice is featured from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eat steak, lobster, lamb, shrimp shish kabob's and many more choice cuts that will be wonderfully displayed on ice to select (item prices will be determined by market). On Friday and Saturdays enjoy an a la carte menu with rotating dinner specials from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

The Officers' Club barber shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call 918-0775.

The Enlisted Club barber shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 923-9593.

Information, Tickets and Travel Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

The Al-Sihah Shrine 67th Circus will be held May 5 and 6 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at Information, Tickets and Travel; \$12 adults and \$6 children (3 to 12 years). Show times are May 5 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and May 6 at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets are available for the Georgia Renaissance Festival to be held April 14 through June 3. Enter the gates of a magnificent 15th century kingdom where you will find the king and his court, castles and cottages, cheery pubs and over 150 elabo-

ately adorned shops offering an array of adult treasures. Cost is \$13.50 for adults and \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

The 7th annual World Wide Bowling program will be held through April 14. Bowl Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Open to all youths five to 18 years old. Cost is \$5 for three games. All games are scratch.

All retirees receive a complimentary game when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon located on page 17 of the April Edge on Tuesdays in April.

On Spot Café April special is a spicy chicken sandwich, fries and medium drink for \$4.50. For more information call the On Spot Café at 926-5240.

Reserve your lanes in advance for office parties, wingman days or fundraisers. Cost is \$5 per person and includes three games and shoes.

A free bowling clinic will be held for youth bowlers April 14 at 3 p.m. Limited space is available for the following age categories: 4 - 7 years, 8 - 13 years and 14 - 21 years. Register by April 11.

Show us your library book from April 15 - 21 and receive a complimentary game during National Library Week.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost 12 years and younger, \$5 and 13 years and older, \$10 and Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

In April enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95. April 2 - 6 taco salad and drink; April 9 - 13 light and refreshing (fruit, yogurt and pinwheels); April 16 - 20 meatball hoagie with chips and drink and April 23 - 27 Reuben with chips and drink. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Every Thursday in April also enjoy barbecue chicken dinner with potato salad, roll and soda for \$5.50. For more information call 923-1717.

Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in March and pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

Link Up 2 Golf orientation class will be held April 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course with classes starting April 10. Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class I will be held Tuesdays April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and 8 at 5:30 p.m. and Class II on Thursdays April 12, 19, 26 and May 2 and 10 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop and we will take the first eight paid for each class. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more about Services Designated Drivers programs, please call 926-2670.

The Base Restaurant serving lines will be closed until May 25 for renovation. The restaurant continues to remain open to serve its customers. For more information call the Base Restaurant at 926-6972.

A recreational vehicle and trailer storage lot is available through outdoor recreation. Lot fees are \$15 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$20 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet for military family housing occupants. All other base I.D. cardholders are \$20 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$25 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet. For more

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY

TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS
Gabrielle Union
Idris Elba

A single father, Monty, is a garage mechanic who lives in a poor neighborhood and struggles to make ends meet as he raises his three young daughters on his own. But when the courts award custody of his daughters to his corrupt, drug-dealing ex-wife, Monty desperately tries to win them back, enlisting the help of Julia, a beautiful—and hardened—attorney he meets during his short stint as a chauffeur. Rated PG-13. 95 minutes.

SATURDAY 2 P.M. SHOW TIME BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

Josh Hutcherson
AnnaSophia Robb
Kazumari Ninomiya

Fifth grader Jesse Aaron's hopes of becoming the fastest runner in his class are dashed when new girl Leslie Burke outruns everybody, including him. However, Jess and Leslie soon begin a friendship, and discover a magical kingdom in the forest, where the two of them reign together as king and queen. Rated PG. 96 minutes.

NORBIT

Eddie Murphy
Thandie Newton

Norbit has never had it easy. As a baby, he was abandoned on the steps of a Chinese restaurant and orphanage and raised by Mr. Wong. Things get worse when he's forced into marriage by the mean, junk food-chugging queen, Raputia. Just when Norbit's hanging by his last thread, his childhood sweetheart, Kate, moves back to town. Rated PG. 102 minutes.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 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 (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

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

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an

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



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Bridgett Ford, CHPS, takes the blood pressure of Ed Miles, Services director, while members of his team, Marsha Snead, John Enterman and Julie Hawkins, look on. Team member Capt. Stephanie Jackson is not pictured.

78th Services team challenges all to Team Lean Challenge Weight Loss Initiative

Leadership from the 78th Services Division has entered a team in the Air Force Materiel Command sponsored Team Lean Challenge and has challenged other base leaders to lead by example and enter teams or themselves into the TLC. The challenge is open to all military and civilians.

The TLC is an AFMC-wide initiative to promote and support weight loss for healthy living. TLC is based on the recognition that weight loss and behavior change requires concerted effort and is more likely successful with the support of a team. Teams are composed of

five people. If you would like to participate and are not part of a team already TLC will link you with other individuals in your unit or your command.

The TLC begins April 16 and ends Sept. 28. All individuals must participate in an official "weigh-in" with the Health and Wellness Center or Civilian Health Promotion Service. Weigh-ins consist of weight, height and blood pressure measurements and can be done between now and April 13. Call the HAWC or CHPS to schedule.

There will be a "weigh-out" at the end of the program and

the team with the highest percentage of weight loss will win. There will also be awards for the unit and the installation with the most participation.

All participants must sign a consent form to abide by the TLC healthy weight loss rules at the time of their weigh in. Guidance to healthy weight loss is distributed at the weigh-in and further guidance and incentive will be emailed to participants from the AFMC Wellness Support Center.

Visit AFMCwellness.com for information or call the HAWC 327-8480 or CHPS 327-8034. — 78th Services

Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

A three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop will be Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day in Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: job search skills, resume and cover letters, interviewing skills, career planning, veterans benefits, disabled veterans issues and more.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you

register for a session and find you cannot attend, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center to cancel your reservation—there is a waiting list.

Bundles for babies passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class April 10, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a two-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a four-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a three-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

Call Family Advocacy at 327-8398, to sign up.

Starting a business

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will con-

duct a "Starting Your Own Business" workshop April 11, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Information will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, information or resources available for your use and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to get started.

Heart Link seminar

A Heart Link seminar will be conducted April 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg. 794.

The overall purpose and objective of Heart Link is to increase retention of members in the Air Force by increasing spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, support resources and services available to them.

Heart Link is designed to help people who have been military spouses five years or less feel they are a critical part of the Air Force team and help their families be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthier. The program is sponsored by the base Community Action Information Board and the Integrated Delivery System team. For information contact Roslyn Battle at 926-1256.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the A&FRC Readiness Team at 9 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794. Call 926-1256 for details.

► IN BRIEF

MILITARY SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELOR PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor Program. The program is taught by the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning

Education and applications are being accepted through the National Military Family Association.

The program will provide 200 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field and earn a credential that offers upward mobility, flexibility and is portable. To apply for this fully-funded opportunity, visit:

www.nmfa.org. Applications are only accepted online and must be submitted by midnight Saturday.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual Military Team Bass Fishing Tournament is May 5 through 11 at Lake Barkley Marina in Candiz, Ky. The annual event has drawn military anglers from around the United States.

Team registration is \$160 for each two-person team, which includes entry in the tournament, dinner May 6, eligibility for door prizes and weigh bags. Robins can take a field of 200 teams. For more information visit www.militarybass.com.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, Troops to Teachers program representative, will be at the Robins

Education Center April 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. For more information visit

www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Mr. Kirkland will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. For details on this companion program visit www.spousestoteachers.com.

The briefing will be held in Bldg 905, room 140, no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312 or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gaps.com.

Air Force Academy basketball suffers one-point loss in NIT semifinals, 68-67

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K.C. Rivers scored 19 points as Clemson held on to beat Air Force and advance to the National Invitation Tournament championship with a 68-67 victory Tuesday night.

Nick Welch scored 16 points and Matt McCraw 15 for Air Force (26-9), which had its three-game winning streak stopped after reaching the NIT semifinals for the first time in program history.

The Tigers had to hang on in this one after leading by as many as 13 early in the second half.

After Booker's dunk at 16:08 made it 39-26, the Falcons responded with a 25-12 run - capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Tim Anderson and Welch - to tie it at 51 with 6:56 remaining.

Clemson got the lead back up to 10 at 6:55 on David Potter's 3-pointer with 2:07 remaining, but Air Force wasn't finished. After Rivers' two free throws made it 67-60 with 45 seconds left, McCraw made two foul shots of his own 12 seconds later.

The Tigers had a chance to put the game away, but Vernon Hamilton made just one of two free throws with 31.2 seconds remaining, and Rivers missed two with 14.5 seconds left. Clemson finished 7-of-17 from the foul line.

Welch made a layup with 4.2 seconds left, and Dan Nwaelele stole the ball from Cliff Hammonds and hit a 3-



Courtesy photo

Air Force Academy's Jacob Burtschi makes a layup in a game against BYU earlier this season. Burtschi notched a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to propel the Falcons to victory in the semifinal game of the National Invitational Tournament. Despite a valiant comeback, Air Force lost 68-67.

pointer with 1.2 seconds left to make it 68-67. But the Falcons simply ran out of time, as Potter took the inbounds pass from Hamilton

and dribbled out the clock. The loss ended a spirited run by Air Force, which notched its first postseason victories in 17 years, follow-

ing a four-game skid that helped keep the Falcons out of the NCAA tournament.

Clemson took charge early in the first half, going on an 18-5 run that put the Tigers up 28-13 with 4:01 left. Hammonds scored eight points during the run, including two 3-pointers.

The Falcons then went on 9-0 run to cut it to 28-22 with 2:05 left, capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Jacob Burtschi and McCraw. Trevor Booker's layup with five seconds left gave Clemson a 30-22 halftime lead.

Clemson shot 52 percent (13-of-25) from the field in the first half, compared to Air Force's 40 percent (8-of-20). The Tigers also rebounded the Falcons 17-9.

Welch was forced to leave the game with 5:57 left in the half when he was elbowed in the nose, causing it to bleed profusely. Welch put his hands over his face and bent over before trainers came out to give him a towel to help stop the bleeding, and led him to the locker room.

The game was delayed for about seven minutes as the area on the court in front of the Falcons' bench was cleaned up. Burtschi grabbed a broom and McCraw picked up a towel to help with the cleanup efforts, eliciting big cheers from the Air Force fans.

Welch rejoined his teammates on the bench shortly before halftime with gauze in left nostril, and started the second half for the Falcons.



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Members of the 581st Software Maintenance Squadron (blue) and the 119th Air Refueling Group (red) battle for the ball in an intramural soccer game earlier this season. Ten teams are competing in the intramural league.

Halfway through the intramural season, the Company Grade Officer's Association is the front runner to win the league title, with three other teams nipping at their heels.

1st Lt. Richard Holt, coach for the 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, has three former national team members on his squad and expects teamwork

and defense will propel him to the championship.

As the two-time defending intramural champions, the 78th Comptroller Squadron is also challenging for the title.

1st Lt. Boris Shapoval, team coach, said despite missing some key players, he expects to bring the trophy home for a third straight season.

—Kendahl Johnson

INTRAMURAL SOCCER STANDINGS

BUNDESLIGA		PREMIERSHIP	
Team	Pts	Team	Pts
CGOA	6	12 ACCS	4
19 ARG	2	78 CPTS	4
581 SMXS #2	2	542 CSW	4
642 CBCS	2	330 CTS	0
581 SMXS #1	0	5 CCGP	0

* Two points for a victory, one point for a tie