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Bombs, beans, bullets

816th EAS aircrews provide theater support through the airlifting, airdropping of personnel, supplies

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"Bringing the bombs, beans and bullets to the warfighter" is how Capt. Aaron Oelrich described the mission of the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron while on his way to fly an airlift mission into Iraq.

And "bring it" they do, to the tune of about one million pounds of cargo daily.

The 816th EAS, a 379th Air Expeditionary Wing tenant unit, is approaching the end of its four-month rotation after directly supporting and sustaining ground combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since Dec. 31. The C-17s provide theater logistical options for CENTCOM leadership through the airlifting and airdropping of personnel and supplies, and the expedited evacuation of wounded servicemembers.

As of April 24, squadron aircrews have flown 3,578 sorties equating to 6,167 flying hours,

120.8 million pounds of cargo and 111,549 passengers in and out of the area of responsibility.

Also, the squadron has seen an increase in combat airdrop and dirt landing strip missions.

"All we need is 3,500 feet of runway, only 90-feet wide, which isn't much more than a C-130," said Lt. Col. William Anderson, 816th EAS commander. "We can get into some austere locations."

The squadron regularly travels into 13 locations in Iraq and several others for specific missions. The same goes for Afghanistan, where the squadron goes into eight locations, plus several other semi-prepared runway locations.

Recently, the 816th EAS aircrews took precision airdrop to the next level by advancing the operational capability of the GPS-guided Improved Container Delivery System. The "improved" in the ICDS comes with integrating mission planning software that analyzes wind conditions to calculate the aircraft's most accurate release point in the air.

Traditional airdrop missions use a container delivery system consisting of "bundles" of cargo and non-steerable parachutes.

Although C-130s were first to use GPS-guided bundles in theater, the C-17 adds another capability

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100 percent safety card checks fall by roadside

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For members of Team Robins who prefer two wheels to four, the 100 percent safety card check that has been in effect since Feb. 5 is coming to an end.

All riders are still required to have their safety cards on them when operating a motorcycle on the base and are subject to random checks.

"Bottom line, we think this 'trust but verify' solution strikes the right balance between

WHAT TO KNOW

To register for the motorcycle safety foundation course visit the Robins secure Web site and click on safety and on Motorcycle/ATV safety or call the 78th Air Base Wing Safety office at 926-6271.

ensuring safety and addressing the motorcyclists' concerns," said Col. Warren Berry, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing. "Unlike four-wheeled vehicles, we require a safety course to be eligible to drive on base,

and this is simply a spot check for compliance."

He said spot checks are nothing new in the Air Force, as checks are done in a number of ways, like urinalysis testing, DUI check points and additional documentation checks at the gates, such as when a driver is asked for an alternate form of ID or where all passengers are asked for IDs rather than just the driver.

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Rhonda McKnight, who teaches aerobics for the fitness center and its annex, demands smiles from participants in her classes. She has unofficially named her class "fun time with Rhonda."

'Fun time with Rhonda'

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On any given night of the week, at either the Fitness Center or the Fitness Center Annex, you'll find Rhonda McKnight moving and shaking while barking instructions to a group of aerobicizers. And although the sweat and pain is apparent, those who are following the orders are doing so with a smile.

"I always tell people when they come to my classes that it's 'fun time with Rhonda.' We're here, we're playing, we're having a good time," Ms. McKnight said. "I like to see people smile when they're working out."

By day, McKnight works as an item manager in the avionics unit in the 569th Combat Sustainment Squadron. But by night, she teaches aerobics at Robins, something she's been doing for seven years now.

"I really enjoy teaching aerobics," she said. "I personally enjoy fitness and working out and I feel if you enjoy it, it's a lot easier to do. When it's a chore or job, you have to force yourself to do it, but if you are having a good time and having fun with it, it becomes easy."

But that's not to say her classes are easy. She pushes people and never lets them give up or get discouraged. And she doesn't want to hear excuses.

"There are a lot of people who make excuses for not working out. They say 'I don't have time' or 'I can't get to the gym.' I understand people are busy. I have a lot of things going on in my life too. But you just have to make the time and make it happen," she said, adding that having a positive attitude goes a long way.

Ms. McKnight spends a lot of time preparing for her

classes. She attends workshops and conferences for aerobics instructors and is certified through the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. She said preparing for classes — creating new choreography and keeping routines fresh with new music and combos — is time intensive, but the investment is worth it when she sees the difference she is making in the lives of those who attend her classes.

And the participants are appreciative of her enthusiasm and commitment.

"It's an awesome, awesome class and Rhonda does an awesome job," said Peggy Schappel, Air Force Reserve Command public affairs. "When I first started I was discouraged and she gave me encouragement and told me not to give up. Now I always get a terrific workout. It gives you energy and when you leave, you feel great."

Judy Wilson, a secretary for 578th Combat Sustainment Squadron, said she was surprised by how much fun aerobics can be. "Rhonda is awesome," she said. "This is the first time I've ever really tried aerobics and I'm having a great time. It's a lot of fun."

John Enterman, director of the Fitness Center, said he's very lucky to have Ms. McKnight on staff and that she does a terrific job.

"She's always willing to step in, going above and beyond by picking up extra classes or doing whatever else she can do to contribute," Mr. Enterman said. "She is a tremendous person and a tremendous asset to the program."

Whether it's the beginner who is attending his or her first aerobics classes or the seasoned aerobics veteran, all participants agree on one thing — the class is indeed "fun time with Rhonda."



Rhonda McKnight, aerobics instructor extraordinaire

THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 267

Days without a DUI: 12
— courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Road closure

Byron and East Byron Streets will be closed to all traffic except for deliveries Wednesday through May 25 in order to mill and overlay the asphalt roads.

Outdoor water use restrictions

Georgia is in a Level Two drought, which

requires all Georgia residents follow a stringent outdoor water use schedule. For details, see page 2A.

May is Fitness Month

In support of Fitness Month, the Fitness Center is sponsoring numerous events in May. Stop by the center to see a calendar of events.

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MOTORCYCLES

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The safety cards are issued after motorcyclists complete the one-time motorcycle safety foundation course. The course must be completed by military members and civilians before operating a motorcycle on a Department of Defense installation. Motorcycle riders who cannot produce a safety card during a random check will be denied access to the base and may incur other penalties.

"If you are not in possession of your safety card, you will be turned around and ticketed," said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez, NCO in charge of installation security. She suggested all motorcycle riders find a convenient place to store their safety card, so that when they are asked to display it, it is readily available.

The purpose of the former policy of 100 percent checks was to ensure all motorcyclists had the required safety training, said Leslie Allen, safety and occupational health specialist.

"We are just trying to take care of our Airmen whether they are civilian or military," Ms. Allen said.

She said during the three-month 100 percent check, the safety office was able to deter-



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Motorcyclists take part in the safety foundation course. The training course is required for motorcyclists who wish to ride on base. Random checks will be done to ensure compliance.

mine that the majority of motorcycle riders had completed the course, but others didn't even know about it.

Motorcycle riders agreed on the importance of the safety course and identifying who completed it, but were convinced there was a better way to identify the riders. Many motorcycle riders, both civilian and military, expressed frustration with the 100 percent safety card check and are pleased by the change.

"When you are going through the gate, I personally hate to hold up traffic in the mornings," said Jarvis Smith, C-17 aircraft mechanic with the

562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "It's a pain trying to de-gear, even just a little bit, because you have to put your bike in neutral or a lot of time to put your kickstand up just to get your card out."

Others didn't mind the old policy and thought it helped protect the safety of motorcyclists.

"Motorcycles are dangerous and the course is important. I think they still need to be checking and identifying the motorcycles that are properly licensed for their own safety and for the safety of the other vehicle drivers," said Kelly Lemoine, C-17 functional test mechanic with the 562nd AMXG.

AIRLIFT

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with its ability to transport larger loads.

C-130 aircrews still perform the majority of airdrops, but it makes sense to use a C-17 when there is a requirement for larger loads, Colonel Anderson said.

Another advantage of ICDS is aircrews can avoid threats from the ground by dropping the same amount of cargo at a higher altitude. With every improvement Airmen make to precision airdrop, warfighters on the ground are more likely to receive the supplies when and where they need them.

Also, forces on the ground don't need to go outside of secured drop zones to gather equipment, thereby reducing their exposure to enemy fire.

"C-17s are capable of hitting multiple drop zones in one shot, and we've done as many as five drop zones in as little as 35 minutes," he said. "There was one combat ICDS drop from a

C-17 previous to this deployment, and we've accomplished nine during the rotation."

The constant presence the 816th EAS maintains in both Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom has led to 26 medical evacuations throughout the deployment.

Crews occasionally get rerouted from a mission in progress for an aeromedical evacuation and transport the wounded servicemembers to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany,

or other medical treatment centers, usually within six to seven hours.

"We have a lot of presence in theater so it minimizes the time required to get the patient to Germany," Colonel Anderson said.

"Sometimes you look at the cargo you're transporting, and you never know how it'll be used in combat, (and) you don't know what effect it'll have on operations. But aeromedical evacuation is a mission where you can understand the importance when you look in the back of the cargo compartment and see their faces.

BY THE NUMBERS

3,578 — sorties flown

6,617 — flying hours

120.8 — millions of pounds of cargo

111,549 — passengers in and out

**numbers as of April 24*

Outdoor water use — watering schedule

Outdoor water use includes watering lawns, washing vehicles and cleaning driveways or lawn furniture. The following rules are now in effect for Military Family Housing, Huntington Village residents and all other facilities on base:

►Homes and facilities with odd-numbered addresses are permitted to use outdoor water on Tuesdays, Thursdays

and Sundays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►Homes and facilities with even-numbered addresses are permitted to use outdoor water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►No outdoor water use is allowed on Fridays.



CHANGES

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“The big question was how many people we are going to need to replace these military members with while maintaining a reasonable level of service,” said Wayne Puckett, group change manager.

The majority of the military personnel will begin leaving Team Robins for new assignments in January. Military who are relocated or assigned based on the transition will have to report no later than Jan. 1, 2008, or later, said Chief Master Sgt. Russell Thornbury, chief enlisted manager for the 78th CES.

Some members whose assignments at Robins are over before the transition begins will PCS to new assignments before January.

Military will no longer be

responding on call beginning in June but will remain at the squadron and focus their attention on back logs and special items or projects, said Col. Piekarczyk.

Starting in June, civilian members of the group will also begin taking over responsibility for the after-hours calls. First civilian supervisors will be assigned to rotating shifts as the person in charge after hours and then civilian personnel will begin responding to any after hour needs, Mr. Kelley said.

One of the first changes in the leadership of the group will be seen in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron when its commander, Lt. Col. John Balzano, will leave Robins for a new assignment in early June. Mr. Kelley will assume command of the squadron as its director. In October, the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron will

also convert from a military leader to a civilian when Lt. Col. Steven Keller moves to another position and Nancy Manley will become director.

After the transition to civilian leadership, the structure of the group will begin to transition to whatever structure is approved by AFMC, Mr. Farrell said.

The Environmental Division will remain under the leadership of Becky McCoy and the fire department will continue to be lead by Fire Chief Don Striejewske.

The only exception to the all-civilian force is in the Readiness and Emergency Management Flight, which will maintain eight enlisted members to complete its mission.

In a separate effort, the Robins Fire Department will be cutting 33 military positions and replacing them with 20 civilians.

Month of May dedicated to appreciating servicemembers

American Forces Press Service

In an effort to draw attention to the personal sacrifices of the men and women of the armed forces and their families, Congress has designated May as National Military Appreciation Month.

The congressional resolution, passed in 2004, states that the House and Senate “support the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.” It urges the president to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, localities, organizations and media to annually observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The months of May and June host a number of other patriotic commemorations, including Victory in Europe Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Week, Memorial Day, Flag Day and the observance of the Navy and Army birthdays.

A group of National Military Appreciation Month volunteers have been working for nine years to establish a month dedicated to the nation’s active duty personnel including National Guard and Reserve troops, in addition to retirees and veterans. They are encouraging communities throughout the nation to participate in commemorative events.

“Our military has played a major role in the development of our country chronicled through their unbending honor, their dedication to duty and their love of country,” the National Military Appreciation Month Web site states. “Federal, state and local governments and private sector entities are invited to participate in this special month and to encourage everyone to sponsor and participate in programs.”

The Web site encourages citizens to draw attention and express appreciation to military families across the nation by engaging schools, civic organizations and businesses to organize events like visiting veterans hospitals, making trips to military memorials and museums, and decorating with patriotic themes.

The Defense Department is taking part in the month-long celebration with America Supports You, a DOD program highlighting the support of grassroots groups and corporate partners to the armed forces, co-hosting events throughout the nation.

The program will take part in events like the McDonald’s Air & Sea Show in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; the Joint Services Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; and several NASCAR and Professional Golfers’ Association events across the nation.

AFMC aims to save energy, money with Monitor Power Management initiative

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hours a year, which would be enough electricity to power nearly 27,000 U.S. homes per month.

The network operations chief said the command also estimates the initiative will reduce green house gas emissions by more than 24,000 metric

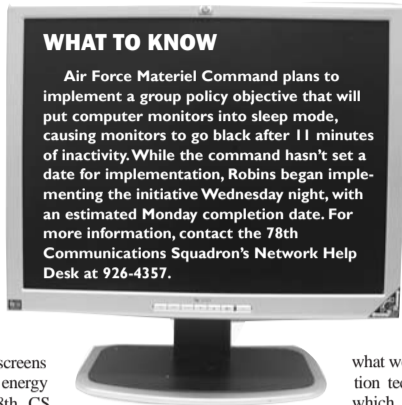
Robins is leading the effort to save money and energy through an Air Force Materiel Command initiative.

The Group Policy Objective, which was implemented in the 78th Communications Squadron April 19 and is currently being implemented base-wide, calls for inactive computer monitors to go into a "sleep mode," meaning screens will go black after 11 minutes of inactivity.

At the click of a mouse or keystroke, screens will awaken. It's an energy and cost savings 78th CS workers say will cause little to no problems for users. The initiative won't affect conference room computers, monitoring systems and other designated computers.

Bob Coleman, chief of the 78th Communications Squadron's Network Operations, said while a date hasn't been set for the plan for all AFMC bases, Robins is one step ahead.

Mr. Coleman said AFMC has determined the command will save nearly 34 million kilowatt



tons per year, which is the same as removing more than 4,000 vehicles from U.S. roads.

Mr. Coleman said while some AFMC bases have delayed starting the practice, Robins has stepped forward.

"We've already tested it in the 78th Communications Squadron and in what we call the IT (information technology) test group, which are (644) machines spread across the base and we've had no adverse effects," he said.

AFMC isn't the only command considering the energy and cost savings effort. Air Combat Command and others are taking a closer look at the policy as well.

Thomas Bone, IT specialist with the 78th CS, said he hasn't noticed any problems with the approach. He said with rising energy costs, the effort is a good idea.

OPSEC IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

78th CS gives in the spirit of Christmas year-round

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Members of the 78th Communications Squadron joined volunteers from around the base and the nation to celebrate Christmas April 28.

The annual event, Christmas in April, is held locally by the Rebuilding Together Warner Robins Organization and focuses on keeping houses "safe, warm and dry."

For some members of the team, this was just another opportunity to help Mary Cheney.

The squadron's team was randomly assigned to Mrs. Cheney's home three years ago and has continued to help maintain her home since.

"It's an opportunity to keep the community looking good, while supporting members of our community," said Tech. Sgt. Herbert McCray, NCO in charge of 78th CS network training center.

Sergeant McCray, one of the team's co-captains, has been working on Mrs. Cheney's house for three years and Mrs. Cheney said he is always willing to lend a helping hand.

"He's been real good and I appreciate all that he's done to get me help," Mrs. Cheney said.

Staff Sgt. Jamie Gausemel, the team's other co-captain, said he is glad the squadron adopted Mrs. Cheney's home because he enjoys having a personal relationship with the homeowner and seeing how the results of their work improve Mrs. Cheney's life.

The team doesn't wait for the National Workday Christmas in April to roll around each year; instead it tries to assist Mrs. Cheney with household improvements at least once a month.

Other teams involved in the program work with a house until



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top, Staff Sgt. Crystal Johnson cuts back an area of overgrown shrubbery.

Above left, Senior Airman Brandon Mack rakes leaves in the backyard of Mary Cheney during Rebuilding Together day.

Above right, Tech. Sgt. Herbert McCray talks with Mary Cheney about what chores she needs assistance with.

a project is completed and then move on to the next one, but the 78th CS team chose to adopt this house and continue helping Mrs. Cheney throughout the year, said James Williams, a member of the board of directors for Rebuilding Together Warner Robins.

About 10 workers joined together during the workday to help improve the aesthetics and living conditions at her home by mowing the lawn, trimming the hedges and applying weather stripping to the doors.

Other members of the team said it was an opportunity to pay forward some of the kindness

paid to them in the past.

"I love giving back. Early in my childhood, I was this house and people gave back to me and now I want to return the favor," said Airmen 1st Class Ricky Flynn, a 78th CS ground radio maintenance worker.

"When you get done and you see the smile, it feels good and you get a little teary eyed," said Airman Flynn, who has volunteered with the Christmas in April project since 1992 at various locations in the U.S.

The program focuses on helping elderly and low-income families refurbish their homes, said

Mr. Williams, a member of the 116th Air Control Wing, who works with quality assurance for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System simulator.

"I think it is awesome, especially when someone you are helping can't really do for themselves. We appreciate it because it makes us feel good and I am sure those receiving it appreciate what we are doing," said Staff Sgt. Crystal Johnson, 78th CS help desk supervisor.

Mrs. Cheney said it means even more to have volunteers from the Air Force helping her get her home back in shape because her husband wore Air Force blue for more than 20 years.

She added one of the biggest blessings will be the trimming of the hedge, because when it is trimmed down it makes it easier for her to breathe.

"This hedge grows up like a tree all the way around the house," Mrs. Cheney said. "It makes a real difference."

She said she spent 21 years as an Air Force spouse and has never seen Air Force members do anything like this.

"After being in the service, it feels good to have service members come and help," Mrs. Cheney added. "I think it is wonderful they are giving their time and effort to do it."

Even as the work ended Saturday, members of the team were already making plans to come back and help clean Mrs. Cheney's carpet and take care of some of the projects on her to-do list.

Applications for homeowners interested in having Rebuilding Together Warner Robins volunteers refurbish their home will be available from July until October. For more information or to become a volunteer contact James Williams at 201-5198 or visit <http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/index.php>.

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Getting ready for the next mission



Senior Airman Gil Alicea performs a phase dock inspection on an F-16 Fighting Falcon April 16 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Maintainers run the inspection every 400 flying hours to keep the aircraft mission-ready. Airman Alicea is with the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron.

U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NATHAN DOZA

Into the wild blue yonder: the future of fighter pilots

My 7-year-old son recently informed me that he would soon be the world's greatest fighter pilot. I don't know where he got this idea but it made me wonder what future generations of fighter pilots will look like.

In the past 15 years, we have witnessed a fighter combat shift from a long-standing reliance on fighter pilot skills and training to an overwhelming reliance on technology.

Thanks to technologies such as Global Positioning System; GPS weapons, including joint direct attack munitions; data-links; advanced targeting pods; beyond-visual-range missiles such as the advanced medium-range air-to-air missile; helmet-mounted cueing systems; and high off-boresight missiles like the AIM-9X; the importance of traditional fighter pilot skills is rapidly dwindling. The old school fighter pilot is becoming almost obsolete.

Superior eyesight -- like in Chuck Yeager stories, hand-to-eye coordination, knife fight in a phone booth, check six, furbull, aerial gunnery skills, corner velocity, look-out-the-window, situational awareness, reading a map, terrain mask-

ing, turn-and-burn, 9G tolerance, speed is life, hair on fire. These are a few of the fading requirements from the fighter pilot world of today and the associated "fly, fight and win" mindset also may be fading as well.

The modern fighter pilot is becoming more of a sensor manager or aerospace technician, and many of the tasks may not even require a pilot. MQ-1 Predators or drones carrying weapons like laser guided air-to-surface missiles are becoming the most valued air power asset in many current scenarios.

There are scientists with great plans in motion for even more capable unmanned combat aerial vehicles to share and possibly rule the skies of the future.

Youngsters right now being weaned on X-Box will be our future trained killers controlling these critters from stationary consoles thousands of miles from the fight, far removed from the battlefield. More and more we are taking the fighter pilot part out of fighter combat. Incorporating "At 'em boys - launch the UCAVs" into the Air Force song just won't have the same

ring to it.

There is no doubt many of the technological advances and systems have made us exponentially more effective, especially in recent "unchallenged" air campaigns. And clearly our highest levels of technologies, the F-22 Raptor for example, can intimidate potential threats to the point they may elect to not even attempt to fly or challenge us.

But to what extent do we back off long-standing fighter pilot skills-based training especially for our legacy fighters and go "all in" on the technology but without a balanced approach to upgrading tactics and training for old school skills and weapons.

Our heritage has been the man at the controls of the machine. It appears our horizon places more emphasis on the machine and technology. We certainly need to maintain America's high-tech edge, but we also need future generations of line fighter pilots and leaders to maintain a healthy competitive spirit and an appreciation for what it takes to maneuver a fighter to a position of advantage and track another aircraft in their gunsight.

The challenge, chivalry and thrill of "guns only" dog-fighting is clearly of a by-gone era. But the corresponding passion, will-to-win mindset and skill-sets derived benefits are not.

And who knows when we'll need to do some of that fighter pilot stuff. For example, all our current fighters have a gun and the Joint Strike Fighter will have one also. But it has been ages since we regularly employed -- other than our A-10 Thunderbolt IIs -- the gun in combat. Yet within the past couple of years, strafing has become an important tool in the war on terrorism. What goes around comes around. Technologies may fail or be denied and bingo, future generations need to be ready, like Luke Skywalker attacking the Death Star in manual mode.

So, at least for now, and hopefully for as long as we have people in the flying machines "at 'em boys, give 'er the gun," we'll keep balancing our training to include a good dogfight now and then.

Good luck kids and happy hunting.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Pete Zuppas, 35th Operations Group deputy commander.

NSPS full implementation, equitable ratings and payouts

Q. When will NSPS be fully implemented?

A. It will take time and effort to fully implement NSPS, with elements of the program being introduced over the next several years to allow ample time for training, program evaluation, and adjustment. Until the lawsuit is resolved, the labor relations, adverse actions, and appeals systems are enjoined and are not scheduled to be implemented at this time.

Q. Are wage grade employees covered?

A. Before implementing NSPS for FWS employees, the Department of Defense plans additional analysis, studies, and collaboration with labor union representatives to determine the appropriate application of NSPS to the trade and craft workforce.

Q. How will DOD insure the money is



really paid out to the employees?

A. DOD Components must certify that pay pool funds are used only for the compensation of civilian employees. In fact, the law requires that the aggregate amount of money allocated for civilian compensation for organizations under NSPS cannot be less than the amount that would have been allocated under the existing GS system.

Q. How will my supervisor be held accountable for rating me equitably and fairly?

A. Supervisors and managers will be trained and evaluated on how well they

conduct their performance management responsibilities. Their effectiveness will be an important factor in determining their own pay increases as all supervisors' performance plans include a mandatory

supervisory job objective. This job objective outlines their many supervisory responsibilities to include the effective administration of performance management. So, just as they are supervisors who rate their employees, they are also employees who receive a rating from their supervisor based on the performance of their job objectives. Of course, employees who feel their performance ratings are inappropriate do have an avenue to challenge their rating of record. As all current NSPS employees at Robins are non-bargaining unit employees, they could challenge their rating through the administrative reconsideration process.



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Commander's Action Line

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or 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>. Include your name and contact information so a response may be provided.

Watson Extension closure

In an area which is already short of parking, how many parking spots will be lost due to this unconventional design? Wal-Mart, Lowe's or Hobby Lobby don't have blocked in curbs. In fact, they all have roadways both in front of their stores plus another roadway at the far end of their parking lots without any curbing in place.

Why is Robins creating a problem area along with the frustration level of everyone trying to leave at quitting time? Since 98 percent of us working on Robins do not have a reserved parking spot next to our work area, the loss of more parking spots falls under the "Quality of Life Issue" the Air Force says they are always concerned about. Doesn't look like it to me from my perspective down in the trenches.

Why are they creating a choke point with one exit onto the Watson extension? Is the need for this curbing due to higher speed traffic anticipated on this new extension? Shouldn't the speed limit be no more than 20 MPH for this highly congested area? The other end (North) of the parking lot across from the Bldg. 300 West Wing only has one exit now. The graphic supplied shows two openings but one is blocked off due to a crosswalk leading from Bldg. 300 West Wing across to the parking lot.

If CE is determined to put curbing at the end of the parking stalls, why not install mini-islands at the end of these rows which would allow each exit lane to flow onto the Watson extension. That is what we presently have and it works great for getting out the maximum amount of traffic in the least amount of time. Isn't that the whole purpose of traffic flow? All of us who use the lot are courteous enough to allow each other out in a timely manner.

It seems this is being rushed since we were first notified on Monday by e-mail for a closure on the following Monday.

Since the South end of the parking lot is going to be closed for over a month, has CE arranged for security police to direct traffic at the opening on the north end? With the south end openings being closed, the only exit is at the north end onto Third Street which is very busy at that time of day.

Colonel Carter's response:

I understand your frustration with the parking situation in that area. We are actively developing alternatives for offsetting the impacts of losing parking. The Watson Boulevard Extension project is being implemented in order to provide a major thoroughfare from the Watson Boulevard Gate to Robins Parkway.

This effort will improve traffic flow, reduce the number of vehicles on the congested areas of Byron and Third Streets and make the roads safer for the base population. Because the Watson extension will be a main road, we need to separate traffic and pedestrians in the parking lot from traffic on the Watson extension. That is the purpose of the curbing and the limited egress and entry points. This will help avoid cross traffic hazards. In addition, this new layout will provide a safer pedestrian crossing from the Bldg. 300 parking lot to the overflow parking lot behind Bldg. 334. Roughly 90 parking spaces will be displaced in the Bldg. 300 parking lot.



Robins fiscal 2008 Defense Acquisition University classes

The fiscal 2008 DAU course schedule will be available at www.dau.mil at the beginning of May 2007. There will be 38 DAU classes, as seen below, offered at the Robins site in fiscal 2008.

- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Oct. 15 - 19, 2007
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Dec. 10 - 14, 2007
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Jan. 7-11, 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition March 3-7, 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate

- Systems Acquisition Apr. 7-11, 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition 28 Apr. 28 - May 2, 2008
- AQC 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition June 2-6 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition July 7-11, 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Aug. 11-15, 2008
- ACQ 201B-** Intermediate Systems Acquisition Sept. 8-12, 2008
- BCF 101-** Fundamentals of Cost Analysis Oct. 29 - Nov. 9 2007
- BCF 101-** Fundamentals of Cost Analysis Feb. 19-29, 2008
- BCF 101-** Fundamentals of Cost Analysis Aug. 18-29, 2008
- BCF 205-** Contractor Business Strategies Apr. 1-4, 2008
- BCF 301-** Business, Cost Estimating & Financial Mgmt

- Sept. 2-12 2008
- CON 100-** Shaping Smart Business Arrangements March 4-7, 2008
- CON 100-** Shaping Smart Business Arrangements Feb. 26-29, 2008
- CON 120-** Mission Focused Contracting July 28 - Aug. 8 2008
- CON 215-** Intrmd Contracting for Mission Support Nov. 27 - Dec. 6, 2007
- CON 218-** Adv Contracting for Mission Support Feb. 4-15, 2008
- CON 234-** Contingency Contracting Oct. 16-26, 2007
- CON 353-** Advanced Business Solutions Jan. 7-18, 2008
- LOG 201B-** Intermediate Acquisition Logistics April 21-25, 2008
- LOG 201B-** Intermediate Acquisition Logistics June 2-6, 2008
- LOG 235B-** Performance Based Logistics April 7-11, 2008

- LOG 235B-** Performance Based Logistics April 14-18, 2008
- LOG 235B-** Performance Based Logistics June 2-6, 2008
- LOG 235B-** Performance Based Logistics Sept. 29 -Oct. 3, 2008
- LOG 304-** Adv Life Cycle Logistics Mgmt Sept. 9-19 2008
- SAM 201-** Intrmd Software Acquisition Mgmt July 21-25, 2008
- SYS 203-** Intrmd. Sys. Planning, R& D & Eng Dec. 10-14, 2007
- SYS 203-** Intrmd. Sys. Planning, R& D & Eng March 17-21, 2008
- SYS 203-** Intrmd. Sys. Planning, R& D & Eng May 5-9, 2008
- SYS 302-** Adv Systems Planning, R&D & Eng Oct. 29 - Nov. 9, 2007
- TST 203-** Intrmd Test & Evaluation May 19-23, 2008
- TST 203-** Intrmd Test & Evaluation June 23-27, 2008
- TST 302-** Adv Test & Evaluation July 14-18, 2008

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.

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► IN BRIEF

WR-ALC QUARTERLY AWARDS

Major Gen. Tom Owen will host the WR-ALC 1st quarter awards ceremony May 11 at 2 p.m. in the Base Theater. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the Center will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join in congratulating the troops for their stellar achievements. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Evelyn Porcher at 926-0792.

VETERAN'S CELEBRATION

Task Force Patriot USA, LifeWay Christian Resources, GM, Stone Mountain Park and the United States Air Force have joined together to create a three-day celebration honoring active duty and veteran U.S. troops and their families. The Task Force Patriot Salute to the Troops will take place May 26-28 at Stone Mountain Park and is expected to draw more than 100,000 people.

The salute to the troops,

which also is an official U.S. Air Force 60th anniversary event, will include daily activities such as flyovers by the U.S. Air Force, military bands, musicians, singers and military and civilian motivational speakers. Each evening guests can enjoy The Call to Freedom, a two and a half hour show that will combine live music, fireworks and flyovers with the Park's traditional Lasershow, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Updates to the daily schedule of events will be posted at www.stonemountainpark.com/salute. For more information contact Jim Freeman at 404-992-2630 or email JimFreeman@taskforcepatriot.com.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Negro Airmen International, Inc. will host the 40th Annual Memorial Day Fly-In May 25-27 in Tuskegee, Ala. The annual fly-in features four event-filled days culminating in the Chief Alfred Anderson banquet where Dick Gregory, noted civil rights leader, activist and author will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$45 per person.

For more information, contact Sam Jones at 912-232-1710 or jone973@comcast.net. Information is also available by visiting www.blackwings.com.

NETWORK 56 CAR SHOW

Network 56 will host the Support From the Heart of Georgia Car Show May 19 in the Watson Central Shopping Center parking lot (Big Lots parking lot on Watson Boulevard)

Registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m., judging will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the award presentation will be at 3:30 p.m.

Proceeds will go to send care packages to deployed Airmen. All vehicles types are welcome.

Dash plaques will go to the first 50 to registrants. 55 trophies will be awarded for classes and specialty awards (i.e. Best project in progress; Best paint, interior, motor; Most American or Military Pride and Best in Show.

All participant vehicles must be driven to the show area. You must be present to win all car show awards. This is a family event. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

For more information or reg-

istration forms email robin-snet56@yahoo.com or contact Staff Sgt. Ronald Megginson at ronald.megginson@robins.af.mil or 919-5985 or contact Staff Sgt. Samuel Orr at samuel.orr@robins.af.mil or 284-6099.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center May 16, 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. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program.

For more information on the programs, visit www.spouses-toteachers.com.

The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 243, no reservations are necessary.

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

78TH MSS CLOSURE

The 78th Mission Support Squadron will be closed May 18 from noon to 4:30 p.m. for an official function. The staff asks that all patrons schedule their needs around this time. For emergencies call 954-2774.

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 through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, 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 and disabled veterans issues. Reservations are first-come, first-served within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and find you can not attend, contact the A&FRC to cancel the reservation as there is a waiting list.

Starting your own business (pros and cons)

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a Starting Your Own Business workshop Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

Information will include developing business ideas, putting plans on paper and information and resources available for

use. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to help you get started.

Volunteer resource program

The A&FRC offers an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities on base and in the local community, Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m., Bldg. 794.

The Volunteer Resource Program is the focal point that connects Team Robins members with service opportunities at Robins.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., May 16, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

We America

Robins Elementary School students end annual patriotic performance with class



Kindergarten students at Robins Elementary School sing about taking your hat off for the flag during the "We Love America" program Friday. The patriotic program pays tribute to all military members.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

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A windy evening at times forced the "We Love America" cast and crew to hold tight to sheet music and lightweight props, but it was the outstanding performances showcasing the patriotism of the Robins Elementary School student body that blew the crowd away Friday.

Performing their 12th and final presentation of "We Love America," a patriotic program saluting all branches of the military and celebrating the family sacrifices made as part of a servicemember's career, the students made their final tribute something to remember.

Students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade donned costumes and personas as they presented "Memories from the Trunk."

The background story was one that may be experienced any day of the year by any family in America. A young boy and his friends come across an old trunk belonging to his grandfather, a Vietnam veteran. Once opened, they are introduced to yesteryear as the grandfather explains what the contents meant to him and his fellow servicemen.

With celebrity guests like the Statue of Liberty, played by third grader Sierra Corvin, and the American eagle, played by third grader Hannah Wilson, opening the show, the evening was off to a great start.

Backed up by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's Reserve Generation, songs of old brought one veteran's memories to life.

When the two-hour program ended, cheers and applause filled the Museum of Aviation's amphitheater one last time.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander and special

guest, said he is an old fan of the program.

"My son is a graduate of Robins Elementary so it's great to be back to enjoy a show again," he told the crowd after a special presentation from the school.

Bill Rose, school principal, called the show a success.

"I am truly proud of every one of you," he said.

"You are supportive of us and we want to support your mission," he told parents.

Jackie Rabum, fourth grade teacher, and Lea Floyd, Robins Elementary school nurse, served as co-coordinators of the production and were surprised with flowers.

"Teaching at Robins is a great joy and we couldn't be working with a better bunch of students," said Mrs. Rabum during her curtain call.

Mrs. Floyd made a special presentation of her own.

"When it (We Love America) was started, it was a stroke of genius," she said. "People have come and gone over the past 12 years, but one thing has remained constant and that one common denominator has been Mrs. Rabum. She has been on the committee from the start to the finish."

Calling Mrs. Rabum down front for a presentation from the students she said "We love America, but we love Jackie Rabum too."

Mrs. Rabum, who will wrap up a 27-year career at Robins this year with her final "We Love America" production, said the program requires a lot of hard work, but it is worth it.

"The children were wonderful. It's such a euphoric feeling knowing all of the work the children have put into this and that they will remember this for a long, long time," she said.

The school staff starts plan-



Above, Sierra Corvin, statue of liberty, and Hannah Wilson, eagle, start the "We Love America" program Friday at the Museum of Aviation.

Below, Robins Elementary 2nd grade students, (l to r) Lauren Wozniak, Kinsey Smith, Bailey Smith, Alyssa Toellner, Jaedan Pacheco, Cori Calvert and Drew Schuler, explain the meaning of the pledge of allegiance.



ning the event in August. Rehearsals start in February with auditions for the speaking parts and production continues for the next few months until the actual performance.

Mrs. Rabum has written the script for 12 years and this year's story gave the audience and the

students the chance to appreciate what past generations have given this country.

"I'll wake up at 3 a.m. with a bright idea and jot it down," she said "We try to get songs in that the children really enjoy. I tell Lea my ideas and she makes them happen."



Top, Tech. Sgt. Rob Walker, guitar; Staff Sgt. Frances Hudlow, vocalist, and other members of Reserve Generation, a component of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, provided music for the final "We Love America" program.

Center, Representatives from each military branch were recognized and honored.

Bottom, Saadiq Goins, Kyle Black, Ian Henry and Daniel Blocker perform "My Girl."

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TODAY

A First Friday "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" will be held at your Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 4. Play break the Piñata, hot tamale game, trivia and more. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Entertainment will be DJ Willie Nelson. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

Private pilot ground school registration ends today. Registration will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Monday and continuing until June 30. One hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 to 50-hour course, lasting approximately 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held today from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables are reserved on a first-come first-served basis. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 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 is held on Sundays with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. 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. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

MONDAY

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 made 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

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday at the officers' club. Cost is \$6.95 for hot lunch or a salad bar or \$7.95 for both hot lunch and salad bar. Club members receive a \$1 Members First discount. Lunch 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 at 926-7625.

WEDNESDAY

A special Airmen's tailgate cookout will be held today from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on the patio with a wing eating contest at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and more. Also get the chance to nominate your favorite person to be dunked in the dunking booth. A mystery guest has been invited that everyone will want to dunk. For more information call Wynn Dining at 926-6596.

Several focus groups will be conducted within the next 30 days to collect information regarding Robins' membership clubs. The focus groups will be conducted in the Daedalian Room of the Robins Officers' Club, located in Bldg. 542. Light refreshments will be available during the sessions. Volunteers will receive a dining coupon for \$10.

Focus Group Schedule:

► May 14 at noon for enlisted; sign up by today.

Family members who fall into any of the above categories are welcome to participate in focus groups. For more information, call Services marketing at 926-5492.

Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club.

THURSDAY

The Wynn Dining Facility offers fun-filled events throughout the month. Enjoy a deployed family night May 10 from 3:30 to 6 p.m., retiree appreciation night May 17 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Airmen appreciation night May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary

Bed Race

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

C-130 paint shop team members race towards the finish line during last year's Robins bed race. The ninth annual bed race will be May 30 at 11 a.m. Teams will consist of five people (four pushers and one rider) and will meet in the parking lot of Bldg. 956. Winning teams will receive first, second and third place trophies and a People's Choice award for the best looking bed. For more information call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.



popcorn will be provided. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

UPCOMING

May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: walleymen tournament from 1 to 3:30 p.m. May 4; kids yoga (5 to 12 years old) at 10 a.m. May 5; preventing injuries through stretching from 10 to 11 a.m. and yoga on the ball at 6 p.m. May 7; bench press competition from 11 am. to 1 p.m. and prenatal fitness clinic (HAWC) from 2 to 3 p.m. May 8; self defense training from 11:30 am. to 1 p.m. and cardio belly dancing from 12:30 to 1 p.m. May 9. Most activities will be held at the fitness center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. For complete details and schedule of events call the fitness center at 926-2128 or the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 or visit www2.robins.af.mil/services.

The 17th annual Military Team Bass Fishing tournament will be held May 6-11 at Lake Barkley State Park, Cadiz, Kentucky. Cost is \$160 per two-man team. The tournament is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and their spouses and children, DOD civilians and contractors from all branches of the military. For more information, visit www.militarybass.com or call the community center at 926-2105.

During May Fitness Month come out and play Fitness BINGO for a chance to win prizes. Bingo is open to all authorized fitness center patrons. Bingo sheets must be completed with all contact information and completed by noon May 29 to be eligible. Need not be present to win, limit one prize per person. Drawing is not open to Services Division managers and employees or their family members. For more information contact the fitness center at 926-2128.

A National Provider Appreciation Day is held May 11. Take time out to thank your child's provider for all the unselfish work, compassion and strong family values that child care providers demonstrate each day.

"Picnic with Altitude" events will be held May 12, June 9 and July 14. Check out the current fleet, information on avionics and equipment, meet current and new instructors, talk with other pilots and explore class opportunities. Food and prizes will be available to all members and their families as well as prospective members of the Robins Aero Club. Membership is open to all active duty and reserve military, DoD civilians and retirees. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

Pizza Depot will be closed May 12 - 15 to move to Bldg. 956 (enlisted club) and will reopen May 16. Pizza Depot will continue to offer superior food and service. Look for new menu items that will be introduced at the new location. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

A special Mother's Day champagne brunch will be held May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include all the traditional breakfast and lunch entrees, super salad bar and dessert bar. Roses will be given to all mothers in attendance, while supplies last. Cost is \$12.95 for club members, \$14.95 nonmembers, \$6.95 eight years and younger and children two years and younger are free. Open to all ranks/grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Robins Officers' and Enlisted Club members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Services club membership scholarship program, sponsored by Coca Cola and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide six scholarships will be awarded: first prize, \$6,000; second, \$5,500; third, \$4,500; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000 and sixth, \$2,500. Nominees must provide

an essay of no more than 500 words. The essay theme is commemorating 60 years of air supremacy "Why is Air Superiority Critical Today." Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Participant must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career goal and accomplishments. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins top and bottom and one-and-one-quarter inch on left and right sides and submitted on CD or floppy disk with one hard copy of the essay. Applicants must also provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter. Nominations are due to Services Marketing, located in Bldg. 983 by June 15. For more information, visit www-p.afsv.af.mil/clubs or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

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.

Robins Child Development program will offering a Junior Summer Camp for children entering pre-K or kindergarten. Camp will be held June 4 - Aug. 3. This program will provide diverse indoor and outdoor activities and experiences designed to foster creativity, build self esteem, and promote school readiness. Junior Summer Camp is for children who will be four years old by June 11 and will enter a pre-K or kindergarten program in August. For more information call either CDC at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001

► 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 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.

► 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.

► Join outdoor recreation on a trip to the World of Coca Cola June 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$54 for 12 years and older; \$52.50 for 55 years and older and \$49 for children one to 11 years old. Cost includes transportation to and from and entrance into the World of Coca Cola. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by June 15 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

► A community water safety class will be held June 25 at 9 a.m. in the enlisted club pool. Cost is \$10 per person six years and older (14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by June 18.

► A CNN Studio tour will be held July 6 in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$53 for 12 years and

older; \$51.50 for 55 years and older and \$49 for children one - 11 years old. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 4:30 p.m. Cost includes transportation to and from and entrance into CNN Studios. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by June 27 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

ONGOING

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 Saturday through June 3 in Fairburn, Ga. 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 elaborately adorned shops offering an array of unique treasures. Cost is \$13.50 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old.

► Enjoy a historic tour of Savannah with ITT July 26. Cost is \$164 and includes transportation by motor coach, time on River Street, historic grand tour of Savannah on a trolley, early dinner at Lady and Sons and a show "The Beat Goes On." Transportation will depart Bldg. 956 July 26 at 7:30 a.m. and return 1:30 a.m. July 27. A deposit of \$80 is due by May 14 and balance will be due by July 9. Must have a minimum of 25 people for trip.

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

► The Air Force Services Summer Strike Force bowling promotion takes off June 1. Patrons will receive punch cards when participating in bowling center programs for the chance to win \$500 first prize or \$250 second prize and other prizes. Summer Strike Force sponsored in part by Quibica AMF and Coca-Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

► Register now for Peterson Point kids mixed bowling leagues.

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

► Play Golf Robins Week will be held May 14 - 19 with the following specials:

► Monday is Senior Day (55 years and older): Ride for free with paid green fee, senior AGF patrons receive 50 percent off cart fees, 15 percent off lunch and merchandise purchases.

► Tuesday is Airmen Day (E1 - E4): Receive two free 45-minute introduction to golf clinics at noon and 4 p.m., free individual golf clubs and balls, play 18 holes with cart for \$10 and all merchandise 15 percent off.

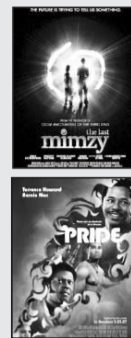
► Wednesday is Ladies Day: All ladies play 18 holes with cart for \$12, a free 45-minute introduction to golf clinic starting at 4 p.m., a ladies evening social - play a 9-hole shotgun starting at 5:30 p.m. and receive 15 percent off all merchandise.

► Thursday is Annual Green Fee Patron Day: Enjoy a golf skills challenge (drive, approach, short game and putting competition), up and down match play tournament starting at 5:30 p.m. Receive 50 percent off cart fees, 15 percent off lunch and merchandise.

► Friday is Services Day: Lunch will be held at 11 am. A fun tournament with a different format will begin with a shotgun start at noon.

► Saturday is Family Day: All juniors 15 years and younger golf free after 1 p.m. with a paid adult. A family lunch special will be held with all juniors 10 years and younger eat free. A free 45-minute family golf clinic will be conducted at 1 p.m. Discounts and specials cannot be combined with club card.

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.

ERIDAY

THE LAST MIMZY
Rhiannon Leigh
Rain Wilson

Two children discover a mysterious box that contains some strange devices they think are toys. As the children play with these "toys," they begin to display higher intelligence levels. Their teacher tells their parents they seem to have grown beyond genius. Their parents, too, realize something extraordinary is happening. Rated PG. 98 minutes.

SATURDAY 2 P.M. SHOWTIME
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

Patrick Stewart
Sarah Michelle Gellar
After the defeat of their old arch nemesis, The Shredder, the Turtles have grown apart as a family. Struggling to keep them together, their rat sensei, Master Splinter, becomes worried when strange things begin to brew in New York City. Tech-industrialist Max Winters is amassing an army of ancient monsters to apparently take over the world. And only one super-ninja fighting team can stop them. Rated PG. 87 minutes.

PRIDE

Terrence Howard | Bernie Mac
The year is 1973, and Jim Ellis, a college-educated African-American, can't find a job. Driven by his love of competitive swimming, Jim converts an abandoned recreational pool in a Philadelphia slum with the help of Elston, a local janitor. But when city officials mark the new Philadelphia Department of Recreation for demolition, Jim fights back-by starting the city's first African-American swim team recruiting troubled teens from the streets. Rated PG. 104 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.

Sergeant uses chess skills to level playing field

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One Robins active duty military member has shown his mettle in commanding forces in battle. This sergeant's ability to fortify battlefield positions while attacking opponent's defenses is a necessity for survival and success. Fortunately, strategic blunders don't cost lives, as his armies are knights and bishops and his battles take place on the chess board.

Master Sgt. Larry Pagtama, a special projects supply liaison with the 576th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, is the top chess player in Air Force Materiel Command. He will represent AFMC at the Air Force chess tournament, May 7-11, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

The sergeant was selected to participate in the tournament after winning the Robins chess tournament in March. In the event, sponsored by Services and the community center, Sergeant Pagtama went unbeaten with three wins and a draw.



"It was a good tournament for me. I opened with a draw which forced me to focus harder and I won my next three games to win the tournament," he said.

Sergeant Pagtama has been playing chess his entire life. His father taught him when he was just seven years old. By the time he was 10, he was winning youth tournaments. Other interests and hobbies kept him from devoting more time to chess, but he has been playing on and off ever since.

"In the past five years, I have really started to play chess more consistently," he said. "I play in rated tournaments in Atlanta, where the competition is really tough. It gives me a chance to see exactly where I stand and helps me learn my weaknesses so I can know where I need to improve."

Sergeant Pagtama, who has a United States Chess Federation rating of 1809, is just a



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Master Sergeant Larry Pagtama, 576th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, won the Robins chess tournament and will represent Air Force Materiel Command at the Air Force chess tournament.

few hundred points shy of expert level. He hopes his high rating and recent experience will help him excel at the Air Force tournament, where he will be playing against the top chess players from all commands.

"This is my third year participating in the Air Force chess tournament, and I'm hoping the third time is a charm," he said, adding that his main goal is to qualify for the Air Force team.

The top six players at the Air Force tournament will be select-

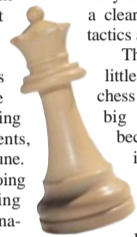
ed to the Air Force chess team, which competes against the Army, Navy and Marines in an inner-service tournament. The top players among all services will then be selected to compete internationally in a NATO tournament.

Lynne Brackett, director of

the Robins Community Center, said she hopes Sergeant Pagtama does well at the Air Force tournament. She added that interest in chess is increasing at the base and plans on sponsoring regular tournaments,

beginning in June.

"We are going to start having chess tournaments on a quarterly basis at the community center," Ms. Brackett said. "Customers have shown a greater interest in participating in chess and



would like to play more, and we are more than happy to support that."

Sergeant Pagtama hopes interest increases for all ages and skill levels, particularly among the youth. Several years ago he taught kids the game and saw how it can help develop beneficial skills, like critical thinking and advanced planning.

"There are a lot of choices out there for young kids and chess can help them make the right choices in life," the sergeant said. "Chess is all about analyzing your options and making your best move. Just like in life. I think chess actually helps kids make good decisions."

Sergeant Pagtama said the challenge with kids is the amount of attention the game requires.

"A majority of kids don't think chess is a fun game because it demands attention and requires thinking. And it is a somewhat serious game. But there are a lot of kids who play chess and many of them are really strong players. They have a clear mind and can absorb tactics and strategies," he said.

The sergeant said with a little support and publicity, chess at Robins could have a big following, primarily because of the game's similarity to the military.

"It's like you are a general, commanding forces on a miniature battlefield. You look at the plans, strategize your next move and then send out the troops," Sergeant Pagtama said. "If you want something that challenges you, a battle of the minds, chess is a great choice."



Master Sgt. Larry Pagtama concentrates on finding his next move in a battle of wits.

BIRTH OF A SPORT

The first modern chess tournament was held in London in 1851 and was won, surprisingly, by German Adolf Anderssen, relatively unknown at the time. Anderssen was hailed as the leading chess master and his brilliant, energetic attacking style became typical for the time.

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