

# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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Above, Yvonne Fisk, R.N., assists Tech. Sgt. Irish Hester with her twin boys, Brodie and Connor, who were born on Valentine's Day.

At right, Patricia Prime, R.N., assists Nicole Swain with six week-old James. Mrs. Swain says having the nurse has been a great help since she and her husband Capt. Beau Swain have only been at Robins for a short time and don't know a lot of people yet.



## BABY STEPS

### New Parent Support Program gives active-duty families tools, advice for proper child rearing

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Becoming a new parent can be overwhelming at times. But Robins has a program to guide active-duty families towards rearing their children in a positive way.

The New Parent Support Program, which has been available to active-duty military families here for nearly 10 years, offers parents of infants through 3-year-olds in-home visits from nurses and social workers to provide valuable tools for discipline and other measures for handling the challenges of parenting.

Mary Hodgkins, family advocacy officer in the Family Advocacy Program under the 78th Medical Group's Behavioral Health Flight, said the in-home visits provide parents guidance in some of the most challenging areas of parenthood.

"New Parent Support Program is a home visit program and that makes it very convenient for families with young children," she said. "They can relax in their own home and also get the benefit

#### WHAT TO KNOW

The New Parent Support Program is an Air Force-wide in-home visit program designed to help active-duty military parents of infant to 3-year-old children learn the proper methods of discipline and other child rearing ways. Visits are kept confidential and are not recorded in military members' medical files. For more information, contact Family Advocacy in the 78th Medical Group's Behavioral Health Flight at 327-8398.

of services from a bachelor degree level nurse or social worker. Their services can involve developmental screenings for young children so that the parents know what to expect in terms of the child's development and it can help prepare the child, prepare themselves and prepare their home in terms of health and safety issues."

Mrs. Hodgkins said each family enrolled in the program will receive at least two in-home visits each month.

Patricia Prime, a family advocacy nurse in the program since Jan. 8, said she gives parents the skills to take the best care of their babies.

"I do a lot of education," she said. "I educate parents about just basic infant skills if the baby is already here. If the mom is pregnant, we do a lot of education in reference to prenatal care, just making sure they're keeping their doctors' appointments and answering any questions or concerns they may have in reference to their pregnancy."

Mrs. Prime said she offers a lot of encouragement and support to new parents to let them know that what they're feeling is normal.

The experienced nurse and mother of three also provides guidance on products that parents could buy to help in the care for their baby as well as feedback on what things that are in the home that could be harmful to their child.

Since no child is the same, Mrs. Prime said she gives each family individualized care.

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## 78th OSS prepares for active hurricane season



By 78TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON WEATHER FLIGHT

The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season begins today. The forecast this year is for a very active tropical season calling for 17 named storms. Nine of those storms are forecasted to become hurricanes and five of which

are predicted to become major hurricanes with winds of 110 mph or greater.

The men and women of the 78th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight are actively preparing to ensure that Team Robins is aware of the significant threat posed by land-falling tropical features. The hurricane season usually is considered over in September, but for the past few years, hurricanes have been developing as late as October and November.

► **Preparedness Recommendations from the National Hurricane Center:**  
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>

#### LINKS

- **Saffir – Simpson Hurricane Intensity Scale:**  
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutshs.shtml>
- **American Red Cross Disaster Services and Safety Information:**  
<http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster>

"Preparedness and situational awareness are critical during tropical season," said senior aviation meteorologist Roddy E. Nixon. "Even though we are in central Georgia, the potential for serious consequences associated with tropical weather remains high." Mr. Nixon said Middle Georgia has been extremely

lucky over the past few years to avoid a direct hit from a strong hurricane, but in case it does, Robins personnel need to be prepared.

"The risk of high winds, heavy rains, and tornadoes are of immediate concern to the greater Robins community," said 1st Lt Hank Chilcoat, 78th Operations Support Wing weather officer. "We will provide command staff and key decision makers the essential information

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## Man's best friend

### 78th SFS members celebrate life of military working dog, friend Tosca

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To the military working dog handlers of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, Tosca, a 13-year-old Belgian Malinois, is valued as much as any other family member.

The military working dog, with brand number X004, was born on July 8, 1993. She entered military service on Nov. 15, 1994, and began sniffing out drugs and apprehending bad guys. Tosca died May 22 as a result of an age-related medical problem.

Tech. Sgt. David Barber, kennel master in the 78th Security Forces Squadron's military working dog section, said he and others in his squadron are going to miss their four-legged partner.

"She was a sweet dog," he said. "She was very loving and always wanted attention. She'd do anything to work for you. In her prime, she was as good as any of the military dogs. She was a real good dog."

Although she never was able to take an oath or sign papers sealing her

military fate, Tosca spent her years providing protection and drug detection services to the military and surrounding community alike.

From local high schools to U.S. Customs in El Paso, Texas, and distant Air Force bases, Tosca was on the frontline of defense against drugs and crime. Sergeant Barber said the canine defender was always willing to lend her skills.

"She mainly worked with the local police departments and assisted with school searches," he said. "Last year, she went to Houston County High School and assisted the PDs (police departments) with drug prevention down there to show enforcement to the kids."

In March 2006, Tosca captured a Newton, Ga., man who sought refuge from police inside Robins' gates. It was just one of the many acts of service the dog provided in her 12-year career.

Random drug checks on base were common territory for Tosca. In the span of her career, Tosca notched 21 drug discoveries, with her biggest

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#### THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 321

Remember to keep safety first and exercise extra caution during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.



#### THE TWO-MINUTEREV

**Blood drives**  
Fort Gordon Military Blood Services and the American Red Cross will hold blood drives June 15. The Fort Gordon drive will be in Cotton Auditorium and the youth center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The American Red Cross drive will be in Bldgs. 640 and 645 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To donate, contact your blood drive monitor or Staff Sgt. Garah Hammack at 327-7936; garah.hammack@robins.af.mil or register to donate for Ft. Gordon on their Web site: [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

#### INSIGHT



#### REMEMBERING OUR OWN

Camellia Gardens service salutes deceased members of Team Robins. 1B

#### SPORTS



#### TEAM LEAN CHALLENGE

Air Force fitness competition well underway at Robins. 3B

#### TRANSFORMATION



#### CLUB COLLOCATION

Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs to share home. 3A

#### WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY	91/62	
SATURDAY	89/63	
SUNDAY	88/64	

## SUPPORT

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Mrs. Prime said she is always only a call away to address parents' concerns.

"I really love my job and I think that's really important," she said. "Because I care a lot about my job, I care a lot about the patients that I see. I don't take any of them or anything that they say for granted. I take it to heart. I think because we care so much about our clients, our clients are successful."

Although the program has typically welcomed military parents age 19-24, it has recently opened its doors to older first-time parents as well, said Yvonne Fisk, New Parent Support Program manager.

Mrs. Hodgkins, who has been with Family Advocacy since 2003, said the program has had good participation, with about 25 military families getting support.

The Air Force recently bumped up its support of the program, doubling the number of families that can benefit from the service, Mrs. Hodgkins said.

"Becoming a parent is a huge, life-changing event,"

she said. "It's a whole new job description for many of us. So this helps parents to prepare and organize their home and their routine."

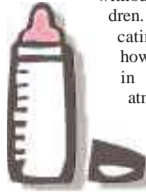
Ms. Fisk said the program's intent is to head off problems before they occur.

"It's to prevent child abuse and domestic violence," she said. "(It's about) educating families on how to discipline without harming children. Also, we're educating couples on how to communicate in a non-violent atmosphere."

In addition, parents who are often isolated from others can meet and talk about issues that are common to others in their shoes," Ms. Fisk said.

The New Parent Support Program is only one of many programs Family Advocacy offers new parents. Passport to Parenthood, which meets bi-monthly at the Life Skills Center in Bldg. 700, and other programs for expectant moms and dads help ease the fears some new parents may have.

Mrs. Hodgkins said with the program's Air Force-wide reach, parents who are making a permanent change of station may carry on with the service at their new home station.



## TOSCA

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find uncovering 33.4 pounds of marijuana.

Tosca came to the squadron on April 5, 1995, and has left lasting paw prints on the hearts of many squadron members ever since.

Staff Sgt. Edward Conell, a trainer in 78th SFS military working dog section, said the bond with Tosca and others like her is very strong.

"We almost look at them as being closer than any other member," he said. "Not only are they dogs beside us, but they can comfort you and other soldiers, especially on deployments. It's kind of nice

to see that dog there. It makes you think of your dog at home."

Tosca came to Robins Air Force Base when she was just under two years old. She had just come from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she trained for her military career.

Sergeant Conell said the devoted dog taught her comrades a lot on the job. But her final days were spent doing what came natural, being a dog.

"She was able to go outside and run around, with no commands given," he said. "She didn't have to do any obedience or obstacle courses. She could come up and lounge around with us in the office."



courtesy photo

Officer Greg Martin with the Warner Robins Police Department and Senior Airman Michael Espinoza, 78th Security Forces Squadron, prepare Tosca for an on base exercise.

## WEATHER

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needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness."

The weather flight, which was recently named as the best weather flight in Air Force Materiel Command, recommends that all assigned personnel, contractors, and their family members review the accompanying information and Web links to ensure the best possible preparation for the upcoming season.

"As an individual, a family, or as a base, you can never be too prepared, as proven by Hurricane Katrina, these systems can be very deadly and leave a path of devastating destruction in their wake," said Capt. Jason Huffman, Robins Weather Flight commander.

*Editor's note: This information is provided via the Robins weather flight, National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service, American Red Cross and Robins Emergency Management Program.*

## Hurricane / Tropical Storm / Severe Weather Terms and Definitions:

### INLAND TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are possible within 36 hours.

### INLAND TROPICAL STORM WARNING

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph associated with a tropical storm are expected within 24 hours.

### INLAND HURRICANE WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater associated with a hurricane are possible within 36 hours.

### INLAND HURRICANE WARNING

Issued for interior counties that sustained winds of 74 mph or greater associated with a hurricane are expected within 24 hours.

### TORNADO WATCH

Issued to alert the public that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. These watches are issued with information concerning the watch area and the length of time they are in effect.

### TORNADO WARNING

Issued to warn the public a tornado has been sighted by storm spotters, law enforcement or has been indicated by radar. These warnings are issued with information concerning where the tornado is presently located and which communities are in the anticipated path of the tornado.

## Robins Air Force Base Hurricane Conditions (HURCON)

**NOTE:** HURCON conditions are declared or changed by the base commander.

**Condition 4:** Sustained winds of 39 knots (45 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 72 hours.

**Condition 3:** Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 48 hours.

**Condition 2:** Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

**Condition 1:** Sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are forecast to occur within 12 hours.

— Local conditions provided courtesy of the 78th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.

# All for one, one club for all

## Base clubs collocate for better support, streamlined approach

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Members of the Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs have begun sharing a home.

Robins is combining resources to provide a better environment for its community by consolidating the enlisted and officers club programs into one club, open to all ranks and grades. The club must maintain separate enlisted and officer lounges, but food and entertainment programs are taking on a new look.

"The decision was made based on finances because combining into one club allowed the club to better support members with a more streamlined approach," said Linda Hinkle, marketing director for Services.

The financial transition began in January 2006 and several activities such as Casino Night have already merged.

Robins took a look at the club system and the only way it could survive and continue to provide a tradition of excellence was to consolidate programs. It is either consolidate or lose both, said Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant for the Robins NCO Academy and enlisted chair of the club advisory council.

The transition has been a slow one. Members of the community didn't realize the club was merging programs and services, which left many unsure which events were open to who.

"We have had a bit of an identity problem as to what the club really is. We just need to get the word out, it is for all ranks and grades," Ms. Hinkle said.

Members of the club's staff are working to get the message out that club programs are

### WHAT TO KNOW

To find out more about joining the new consolidated club, stop by the cashier cage in Bldg. 542 or call the club at 926-2670 or call marketing at 926-5492.

open to all.

"We are doing a lot of research to make sure we are doing the right thing for our customers," Ms. Hinkle said.

As one of the first steps to helping both enlisted, officers, military retirees and civilians better understand the changes, Services is sponsoring a contest to help rename the club.

Members of the services staff are hoping to find a name that will appeal to all members and prospective members of the club whether they are active duty, a civilian or a retiree.

The "Name the Club" contest will begin today and continue through June 30. A new name is expected to be approved and announced in early July and the majority of the consolidation should take place by August. The contest is open to all club members and more information is available in June's Edge magazine.

Services staff members said they have been working with members of the club through both the advisory board and focus groups to make sure everyone's needs are addressed as the clubs merge.

Aaron Feinburg, club manager, said members of the advisory council are working together to develop some ideas and concepts to enhance the experience of officers and enlisted members at the club.

Some members of the Robins community are concerned about the consolidation



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2nd Lt. Eric Hudson, 1st Lt. Debra Ilgenfritz and 2nd Lt. Katie Chiarantona enjoy dining at the club.

and how it will affect members of the enlisted and officer ranks. One of the many issues addressed included concern over enlisted and officers socializing together.

"The whole idea behind the enlisted club is to have a place to go and unwind and the military structure has always been based on no fraternization. How can you mix the two without mixing up the structure?" said Wendy Floyd, a production management specialist with the 568th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron.

She said she thinks the consolidation is a mistake and will result in less club members.

Capt. Sammie Thompson sees the opportunity for enlisted and officers to interact as both a positive and a negative.

He said many officers, especially in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, don't have an opportunity to interact with enlisted members so it will be good for them to have an opportunity to do so. However, he said the opportunity to interact in a social setting can also cause problems because when

military members aren't in uniform there is no way to distinguish between commissioned and noncommissioned Airmen.

"We have to realize we are on a military installation – we are officers and we are enlisted. If there is ever any situation where we need to put that relationship in check, we need to do that on the spot, but cordially," Captain Thompson said.

Members of the services staff said they are optimistic the consolidation can be a positive change for all members.

"We are going to create an environment where we can all have a good time collectively without worrying about fraternization," said John Filler, chief of business operations flight.

As the two clubs continue to consolidate, more activities will be offered to all ranks and grades. The first combined First Friday will be held on July 13 at 4:30 p.m. The event will be a pool party extravaganza with something for everyone, including a live band, food and activities for children.

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# Drug, alcohol use forces 4 courts-martial

Convening Authority Action has been taken on three special courts-martial and one summary court-martial at Robins Air Force Base since Jan. 1. Although several cases have been tried at Robins in calendar year 2007, cases are not finalized until the court-martial convening authority (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commanders for general courts-martial or 78 Air Base Wing commanders for special and summary courts-martial) signs off on the findings and sentence of each member.

►The first case involved the member's wrongful use of marijuana (a violation of Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice), wrongful use of cocaine, willful misuse of his Government Travel Card over a six month period, and being absent from his unit for two days without authority.

This case was referred to a special court-martial and the member faced a maximum punishment of a bad conduct discharge, 12 months confinement, two-thirds forfeiture of pay per month for 12 months, and reduction to the lowest enlisted grade.

The member pled guilty to all charges and specifications and was tried by military judge alone. The military judge found the member guilty and sentenced him to a bad conduct discharge, reduction to the grade of E-1, and confinement for eight months.

►In the second case, the member pled guilty to wrongfully using cocaine in August 2006. The member was tried by military judge and was sentenced to a reduction to E-1, confinement for six months, and forfeitures of pay for six months. The member did not

receive a punitive discharge at trial; however he was administratively discharged from the USAF following the court-martial.

►The wrongful use of drugs was, once again, the impetus for another special court-martial. In the third case, the member wrongfully used marijuana in violation of Art 112a, UCMJ.

The individual had previously received an Article 15 (nonjudicial punishment) for wrongful use of marijuana in 2006 and had also been found guilty of two violations of Article 92, UCMJ, at a summary court-

martial in December 2006 (failure to obey a lawful order from his first sergeant and dereliction of duty for driving his vehicle on base when his base driving privileges had been suspended).

The member used marijuana again in January 2007 and was tried by special court-martial. The member pled guilty and was sentenced by the military judge to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for two months, forfeitures of pay in the amount of \$867 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

►Finally, in the last case, the

member was charged with a violation of Article 92, UCMJ, for dereliction of duty (consuming alcohol as a minor). She had previously received an Article 15 for two separate incidents of underage drinking.

The member faced a maximum of 30 days confinement, as well as forfeitures of pay, restriction to base, and hard labor without confinement. The member pled guilty and the summary court martial officer found her guilty of the offense and sentenced her to five days confinement, 15 days restriction and 15 days hard labor without confinement.

## Disciplinary actions at Robins

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 78 Air Base Wing legal office include:

### Article 15s

A staff sergeant failed to obey a lawful general regulation by wrongfully engaging in sexual intercourse with a subordinate and committing adultery. Punishment was reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

A senior airman failed to obey a general order by misusing his government travel card. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman

1st class and 15 days extra duty.

A senior airman signed a false official record by unlawfully altering leave on Leave Web. Punishment was forfeiture of \$1,030 pay.

An airman 1st class was derelict in the performance of his duties by misusing his government travel card and failing to pay a just debt. Punishment was reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and 30 days restriction to Robins.

An airman 1st class failed to obey a general order by driving a vehicle within the confines of Robins. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and a

reprimand.

### Discharges

An airman received an honorable discharge for Conditions That Interfere With Military Service: Mental Disorders-Adjustment Disorders. The airman was evaluated and diagnosed by a Life Skills Support Center clinical psychologist with an adjustment disorder with disturbance of emotion and conduct, and occupational problem (axis I), and an antisocial personality disorder (Axis II) of a severity as to significantly impair him from effectively functioning in the military environment and has recommended that he be administratively discharged from the Air Force.

In addition, the psychologist states that the disorder affects the airman's ability to adjust to typical military stressors and is not amenable to cross-training.





## ► IN BRIEF

### GATE 5 CLOSURE

Gate 5 will be closed for construction through June 24. Use other gates during this time.

### TEAM ROBINS QUARTERLY AWARDS

The Team Robins 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Support your nominees and win the spirit award.

### FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 19th Air Refueling Group's Heritage Group will host a fishing tournament June 16 at Little River Park (Lake Sinclair) from safelight to 3 p.m. It is a five-fish limit (catch and release only). The cost is \$50 per two-person team with a 70 percent payback. A safety brief and review of the rules will precede the event. For more information call Jeff Wade at 951-0741 or Mark Denney at 213-0466.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 19th Air Refueling Group's Heritage Group will host a golf tournament June 18 at Waterford Golf Club in Bonaire. It is a 4-person scramble (best ball format) with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Individuals or teams are welcome and the cost is \$50 per person. All participants receive a sleeve of balls and golf tool pack. There will be prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin and trophies for the top three teams. For more information call Deb Ilgenfritz at 919-921-6419.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM

This on-base youth volunteer program is funded by the Air Force Aid Society. Dependents, in grades 9 through 12, of

active-duty Air Force members assigned to or living on Robins may apply. The program affords eligible teens an opportunity to learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their communities. Program participation incentives are in the form of dollar credits for grant funding. Students "bank" volunteer dollar credits toward their post-secondary education at a rate of \$4 per hour volunteered. Participants may accumulate as much as 250 hours for a \$1,000 scholarship over all four years of high school combined. For more information call Marvin Hawkins program coordinator at 926-5601.

### TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center June 8, 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.spousetoteachers.com](http://www.spousetoteachers.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@gapsc.com](mailto:bill.kirkland@gapsc.com).

### MISSION SUPPORT

#### SQUADRON CLOSURE

Due to an official function, MSS will be closed July 13. Please schedule your needs around this time.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center 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 held June 4 through 6, 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, 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 June 12, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

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. The bundle includes: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-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 (writing an effective business plan)

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting A Business" workshop June 13, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

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

# Remembering our own



Above left, Family, friends and co-workers gathered May 24 to honor 67 men and women of Team Robins who died in the past year. Above right, Margie Daniel and Anna Maria Northcutt, daughter and widow of Army Sgt. 1st Class Clenord (Bill) Northcutt, (Ret.) attend the Camellia Garden Memorial Ceremony.

## Camellia Gardens ceremony pays tribute to 67 deceased members of Team Robins

A bell tolled as each of the names of 67 deceased members of Team Robins was called at the annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service May 24 at the garden across from the officers' club.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander and memorial address speaker, said, "Because we here at Robins realize the worth of our people and our work, this gathering displays a tradition uncommon to most Memorial Day remembrances. We take this time to honor

not only Americans lost in war, but the men and women who served their country through their work here ... They are forever members of the Robins family."

The service continued with the laying of a wreath, "Amazing Grace" on bagpipe, a gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Names of the honorees are inscribed on a plaque which joins ones from former years on a display wall at the entrance of the garden that was dedicated in 1976 as a living memorial to Robins' workers.

Family members, co-workers and friends of the honorees were visibly touched by the solemn and dignified ceremony.

Tom Gibbons, son of honoree retired Col. William L. Gibbons, spoke about the service.

"I know that my dad would be very humbled and appreciative as we (his family) are," he said.

Somjai Thomas, widow of honoree Steven Thomas, said the service meant "a lot to me. It is good to honor the loved ones we lost. Thank you to the base for doing this for us."



Above, Margaret Scheer tolls a bell for each of the Camellia Garden honorees.

At left, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Fey and Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, place a wreath at the Camellia Garden Memorial Ceremony.

### 2007 CAMELLIA GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE HONOREES:

- ◆ Judith V. Bailey-Sparks
- ◆ William Ronald Barlow
- ◆ Linda Braswell Beck
- ◆ Michael Eugene Bellflower
- ◆ Michael G. Breazeale
- ◆ Otis Darrell Britt
- ◆ Vanessa Yvette Bryant
- ◆ William (Bill) B. Cain
- ◆ Martha Carson
- ◆ Master Sgt. Matthew Carter, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Willie H. Clark, Jr.
- ◆ Joyce Sercer Cody
- ◆ Senior Airman Brandon Vincent Coia
- ◆ Donald Collins
- ◆ Rev. Charlie T. (Bo) Collins
- ◆ Tom Watson Collins, Sr.
- ◆ Master Sgt. James William Crawford, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Joe Eldridge Davis
- ◆ William J. Desantis
- ◆ Tracie Louise Hamil Dockery
- ◆ Col. Marc Louis Drinkhahn, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Tina Knight Eady
- ◆ Duane Wilbern Faith
- ◆ Col. William L. Gibbons, USAF (Ret.)
- ◆ Gregg A. Goodin
- ◆ Chief Master Sgt. Edwin C. Hamlin
- ◆ Bryant Harrell, Jr.
- ◆ Veronica Jackson Harris
- ◆ Tech. Sgt. Ira G. Hobbs, USAF (Ret.)
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- ◆ Jerry Lee Parks
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- ◆ Master Sgt. Daniel Anthony Revitsky, USAF (Ret.)
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- ◆ Ray E. Smith
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- ◆ Steven G. Taylor
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The Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard presents the colors at the Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 24.







## Team Lean challengers working hard to lose weight

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People seeking to lighten their load in the 2007 Team Lean Challenge are keeping their chins up while trying to keep the scale numbers down.

About 116 groups of military and civilians have teamed up locally to take pounds off in the Air Force Materiel Command-wide campaign which kicked off April 16.

AFMC officials recently reported that Team Lean Challenge participants command-wide have collectively lost 8,399 pounds since the challenge began. Participants from Robins have self-reported a collective loss of nearly 1,500 pounds.

Bridget Zimmerman, director of the Health and Wellness Center, said people have really got on board with the program.

"I know a lot of people are enthused about the program," she said.

Kelley Denney, Civilian Health Promotion Service coordinator at Robins, said positive response to courses and e-mail tips offered on weight loss are pouring in.

"We teach a six-week lighten up course through Civilian Health Promotion Services and I've had several civilians – most of them are Team Lean Challenge participants



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As part of an exercise program, Aerian Priaux swims breaststroke laps at the pool in the Fitness Center. Many at Robins are working out in an effort to become healthier and lose weight as part of Air Force Materiel Command's Team Lean Challenge.

– come and schedule those classes for their work areas," she said. "So they are very enthusiastic and are eager to take every opportunity they have to help themselves lose weight to become healthier and

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perhaps live longer."

Mrs. Zimmerman said more people are attending weight loss classes offered by the HAWC as well since the Team Lean Challenge kicked off in April.

"Where there used to just be a few people attending the classes, now they're really filling up," she said.

The HAWC director said Team Lean challengers will learn soon enough just how well they're doing.

Mrs. Zimmerman said Team Lean Challenge leaders will take team members' weight and blood pressure at the official three-

month mark of the campaign in late July and report team results in the base newspaper.

"It will be an incentive for people," she said. "If you're not doing well, you need to get going."

Weight loss isn't the only goal in the campaign, Mrs. Zimmerman said.

"In addition to weight loss, we're hoping that many of these people have a much lower blood pressure because at the initial weigh in, over half of them had elevated blood pressure, over the standard which the American Heart Association has established as 130 over 80," she said.

Mrs. Denney said at this point, participants are weighing in and logging weight loss on a voluntary basis.

"People are much more attentive (about their weight) than before this challenge," she said.

Mrs. Zimmerman said people's habits typically form after three months. "If they've established some good habits, they're probably going to keep them after the first three months," she said.

## Air Force Academy tracksters earn national meet at-large consideration

Junior Kevin Hawkins had a busy two days of competition at the NCAA Midwest Regional May 25-26, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The first day he set an Academy record in the 800-meter run. During the preliminary round of competition, Hawkins crossed the finish line in 1:48.66. That time, which placed Hawkins sixth in the preliminary heat, is the fastest ever by an Air Force athlete, breaking Jeff Kuzma's record of 1:48.68 that was set in 1994.

One day after setting an Academy record, Kevin Hawkins is up for at-large consideration to the national meet after finishing seventh in the finals of the 800-meter run.

Clocking a time of 1:49.76 to take seventh, Hawkins could earn a spot at the national championships. The top five finishers from each regional event automatically advance to the NCAA Championships, while the sixth, seventh

and eighth-place finishers have a chance for an at-large bid based on the national descending order lists once the regional meets are finished.

Two other Falcons could earn a spot at the national championships, based on their finishes at the regional tournament.

Freshman Dan Paladino will have a shot for an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships, after placing eighth in the hammer with a throw of 189'4". That mark, which was just inches shy of his personal best, was the second-best distance in its flight.

Classmate Nick Frawley also earned a shot at an at-large consideration, as he placed eighth in the pole vault after clearing 16'7 1/4". He was one of just two underclassmen to finish within the top 10.

Sophomore Kirk Devine picked up two 16th-place finishes, beginning a trend that saw three others claim that same finish.

Devine threw a 181'0" to take 16th in the hammer, while amassing a distance of 164'0" to take that same placement in the discus.

From the track, sophomore Kellen Curry timed in at 14.54 in the 110-meter hurdles to take 16th in the preliminary heat. Junior Travis Picou earned the same place finish in the preliminaries of the 200-meter dash, as he finished 16th with a time of 21.45. In the Falcons' only event final from the track, sophomore Sean Houseworth picked up a 16th-place finish in the 5,000-meter run behind a time of 14:58.02.

On the women's side, senior Casey Bayne threw a 144'8" to place 13th in the javelin, while freshman Katie Weber finished 17th, with a throw of 130'11". Senior Olivia Korte and freshman Sara Neubauer finished 14th and 18th, respectively, in the shot put.

— Air Force Academy sports information



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Kevin Hawkins set an Air Force Academy record in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:48:66



2nd Lt. Jason Muller, 330th Comptroller Squadron, works out at the fitness center. Those trying to lose weight are encouraged to incorporate weight training in their exercise program.