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402nd gets new commander

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The new leader at the helm of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, a self-proclaimed "maintainer at heart," is raring to help continue the organization's award winning legacy.

"I want to become a very productive and active member inside a team that's already performing well and doing great things," said Col. Mark Atkinson, newly appointed 402nd MXW commander.

Arriving from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he served as the Director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support for Air Education and Training Command, the colonel officially stepped into his new position following an appointment to command ceremony Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

As commander of the 402nd MXW, the Brigadier General select will lead a 7,000-member workforce, which provides depot maintenance, engineering support and software development to major weapon systems including the F-15 Eagle, C-5 Galaxy, C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III and Special Operation Forces aircraft.

Although he was never stationed at Robins, Colonel Atkinson is no stranger to the Center and its inner workings. For three months in 2004 he served as risk reduction team chief of the Focused Area Risk Reduction team, a cross-functional Air Force team which took a detailed look into processes, identifying existing risk, and areas for improvement to make Robins a better and safer place to work.

His mission is now much different. "I plan to look around at the things they do so well and where I find opportunities to make positive changes I will," he said.



Col. Mark Atkinson
Commander, 402nd
Maintenance Wing

To do so he said he will establish time each day to get out and about in the organization and to be where the work takes place, and talk to those who are turning the wrenches and supporting the mission.

While he said he wants to be a team player he also has a plan for leadership.

"A good leader is understanding and works hard to find out how people can contribute their special talents to our success. It's about having the right people in the right places," he said.

Some of the challenges he sees in commanding such a large organization is ensuring all the wing's customers' needs are met. He plans to look after the workforce and the customer by concentrating

on the unique needs of both.

One way he plans to support the workforce is by highlighting frequently their importance to the overall mission, so they get an idea of just how very critical they are to the people over in the desert fighting the war.

"I think too many times the people who are back at home contributing in a great way do not get to see their contribution," he said. "I've had the opportunity to talk to people in the AOR who depend on the aircraft and products we produce and they are very thankful. We need to let people here know on a regular basis how important they are to that fight."

For those who wonder what the new guy is looking for he has this message.

"Loyalty and honesty are things I look for right off the bat," he said. Loyalty to the organization, to the mission, to the command and to each other. Honesty to tell the truth, speak their mind, and realize together we can fix any issues that may arise.

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This MC-130 H Combat Talon II was the first of its kind to receive a new center wing box. The aircraft fuels up and prepares to leave Robins to return to 1st Special Operations Command, Hurlbert Field, Fla.

WR-ALC completes first of its kind center wing box repair two months early

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An MC-130 H Combat Talon II returned to its mission Friday equipped with a new center wing box 53 days ahead of schedule.

"We sent the plane out better than what it is designed. We sent it back better than we bought it," said Joel Lechene, center wing box lead engineer with the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

Not only did the aircraft receive the center wing box replacement, it also received program depot maintenance before being sent home to Hurlbert Field, where it is part of the 1st Special Operations Wing within the Air Force Special Operations Command.

The Combat Talon II was the first of its kind to receive a center wing box replacement and was able to receive the replacement well ahead of schedule due to the conversion of an AC-130H center wing box to a MC-130H center wing box.

"We got it delivered quicker by converting it, but maintenance got it installed quicker. All we did is deliver the box and maintenance did the work that got it out early," said Jeff Huggett, program manager for the center wing replacement program with the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron.

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By converting the center wing box, it allowed the center wing box to be replaced two years ahead of schedule, because the maintainers did not have to wait for a new center wing box to be produced.

"The close coordination between the center wing technical team and the 402nd AMXW (Aircraft Maintenance Wing) led to the early completion," Mr. Huggett said.

David Mann, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron deputy director, agreed saying it was a team effort that got the center wing box replacement completed two months ahead of schedule.

He added the efforts of all involved proved his slogan "TEAM - Together Everyone Accomplishes More."

"It's everybody being focused and understanding our obstacles and objectives and working to remove the obstacles and achieve the objectives," said David Griffin, 560th AMXW D Flight chief.

"Replacing the center wing allows the user to operate without having to do numerous inspections, which decrease aircraft availability in the Area of Responsibility," said 1st Lt. John Skyes, C-130 center wing box replacement program manager with the 560th ACSS.

Robins NCO Academy set to deactivate in May 2008

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Robins NCO Academy is set to deactivate in late summer 2008, just two years after celebrating its 50th birthday.

The school is tentatively set to graduate its last class of noncommissioned officers in May 2008 before deactivating in the July or August timeframe.

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant at the Robins NCO Academy for the past 11 months, said while the decision to deactivate the school has been approved, its timing is still soft.

Robins NCO Academy is one of the two smallest schools among the Air Force's nine NCO academies. The other is located at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

The two schools run flights of 40 to 50 students. Their larger sister schools typically run flights of 150 to 170 students.

The Robins NCO Academy commandant said upon the school's deactivation, some of the school's 12 staff members may be saying goodbye to the area as well.

"They will go out and be absorbed in their original AFSCs (Air Force Specialty Codes)," he said. "They will go out to where the Air Force needs them. It could be here at Robins. It could be overseas."

For Chief Lapioli, saying goodbye



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Ramona Delamarter, right, and Tech. Sgt. Brenda Myers, workers at the Robins NCO Academy, review test material. The school's 12 staff members could be displaced when the academy is deactivated in May 2008.

to his team will be tough.

"The biggest thing for me is that I've been getting to know the staff," he said. "We train and work together as a team and then we PCS out. So, the biggest thing is saying bye to yet another outstanding team."

Portraits, photos, plaques and other remnants of the school's heritage will be absorbed by the Air Force historian and digital photos of other relics from the school's past, such as its signs, will go to the Enlisted Research Institute with the final resting place to be determined.

Artifacts aren't the only thing the school is leaving behind though.

Chief Lapioli said he's confident that the school has prepared Airmen to be good leaders.

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"When our students leave here, I can honestly say they're inspired and renewed to go out and fight this war on terrorism," he said. "They feel like part of a family, a brotherhood, or sisterhood."

Technical sergeants trying to move up in rank must undergo nearly six weeks of curriculum focusing on the areas of unit manager, military professional, combat leader, and managerial communications at the school.

Col. John Bowley, commander of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, said NCO academies are falling prey to a combination of personnel

78th Medical Group now offering new vaccine for cervical cancer

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78th Medical Group

Gardasil, a new vaccine which is approved to provide protection against cervical cancer, is now available through the Allergy and Immunization Clinic at the 78th Medical Group. The vaccine provides protection against four types of Human Papilloma Virus. Two of those types are implicated in causing most cases of cervical cancer, the other two are believed to cause most cases of external genital warts.

There are 20 million cases of HPV infection every year, and 3,700 women die from cervical cancer in the United States each year. Most people have no symptoms of HPV, making it more likely that they could transmit the virus without even knowing they have it. There is no easy and reliable test for HPV and there is no cure. Women must rely on examination and Pap smears to

screen for cervical cancer and other changes associated with HPV. Gardasil does not protect against all types of HPV, therefore periodic examinations and Pap smears will still be required.

The vaccine is approved for women ages 9 to 26 and is given in three doses over a six-month period. Side effects of the vaccine are similar to those of other vaccines, primarily vaccine site soreness.

The vaccine is not for everyone; therefore, the 78th MDG is going to request a prescription from your Health Care Provider for the vaccine, except for those who are already getting their routine 11-13 year old vaccinations. The vaccine is optional for everyone at this time. Discuss the vaccine at your next wellness visit or physical.

For more information, contact the Allergy and Immunizations Clinic, your health care provider or visit www.Gardasil.com.

THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 324

Days without a DUI: 6
Last DUI: 78th Comptroller Squadron
- courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Watson Extension
Phase 2 of the Watson Boulevard Extension Project will begin June 17. Half of the large parking lot across from Bldg. 300 will be closed for 21 days. Extra parking will be available next to Bldg. 334. The project, which will direct traffic from the main gate to Robins Parkway off of Peacekeeper Way, should be complete in August.

Independence Day celebration
The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will host its 24th Annual Independence Day Celebration, July 3, at 7 p.m. at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. The event is free of charge.

INSIGHT



NFL players sign autographs

Several Atlanta Falcon players and cheerleaders visit the base, 1B

SPORTS



Academy grad drafted by Phillies

Lieutenant assigned to Robins taken in 15th round of MLB draft, 3B

SPIRITUAL



Robins hosts annual VBS

Week-long Vacation Bible School teaches students to be heroes, 6A

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY 87/65
SATURDAY 89/65
SUNDAY 94/67



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen (left), Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, passes the guidon to Col. Mark Atkinson at an appointment to command ceremony Tuesday. Colonel Atkinson became the 402nd Maintenance Wing commander.

COMMANDER

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, who served as presiding officer at the ceremony Tuesday said he has been in the hiring business for a long time and he is pleased to turn the 402nd Maintenance Wing over to Colonel Atkinson.

“What a great individual and team,” he said of the colonel and his wife.

The new commander’s remarks to the audience were short and to the point.

“I am a maintainer at heart through and through and I look forward to sharing some great times with some great people and making some great memories,” he said.

NCO ACADEMY

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drawdown and budget constraints.

The U.S. Air Force’s expected cut of 40,000 Airmen, which was brought on by the need to reinvest money into aircraft modernization, has translated into fewer NCOs attending the academies, Colonel Bowley said.

“What we need to do to be smart is to right-size our NCO Academy and minimize costs,” he said. “McGuire was first because it had the number of instructors and students (the U.S. Air Force) needs to cut right now and the facility also needed a ‘serious’ upgrade.”

Robins is among three NCO academies to close in the next couple of years.

Kirtland AFB, N.M., is set to close in 2009.

Colonel Bowley said the four closures should save the Air Force about \$5 million in manpower annually. The other NCO academies are located at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Kadana Air Base, Japan, Kapon Air Station, Germany, Keesler AFB, Miss., and Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

While the decision to deactivate was out of the Robins NCO Academy commandant’s hands, it’s one the chief said the school is truly on board with in the Air Force’s plan to meet customer needs.

To mark the occasion, Robins NCO Academy staff is planning its deactivation ceremony for late summer 2008.

(Editor’s Note: Air Force Magazine contributed to this article.)

WING BOX

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The four-engine aircraft provides day, night and adverse-weather capability to airdrop and land personnel and equipment in support of special operations. The aircraft also has a helicopter refueling capability for special operations missions.

“What makes this one so special is its low-density special ops, not just a standard plane or airlift. It has a lot of special missions,” Mr. Lechene said.

The Combat Talon II center wing box replacement also signaled the end of the first phase of the C-130 center wing box replacement project, which will continue to bring center wing box replacement jobs to Robins, including other aircraft such as the HC-130P and HC-130N, both of which are combat search and rescue versions of the C-130 Hercules transport.

Replacing the C-130 fleet center wing boxes will result in the revitalization of the C-130 program. The D Flight

under the 560th AMXS will be the sole center wing box replacement flight, Mr. Griffin said, adding by putting in the new center wing boxes, the C-130 fleet is going to be supporting the warfighter longer.

Members of the 560th AMXS, 560th ACSS and 330th ACSG and the 402nd AMXG came together to finish this aircraft 61 days ahead of schedule and prepare the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center for future center wing box replacement projects.

This was the first center wing box replacement project at Robins since the early 1990s, but the experience of maintainers on the earlier project proved invaluable as changes and improvements were made to help the recent replacement go smoothly.

The next aircraft scheduled for a center wing box replacement is scheduled for December with six more scheduled for fiscal 2008.

“It will be a challenge, but I say bring it. We can do anything as long as we set our mind to it and our team has already proved that,” Mr. Griffin said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant at the Robins NCO Academy, said the hardest part of the deactivation will be saying goodbye to the staff.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following staff sergeants who have been promoted to technical sergeant:

Eddie Ross
Bruce Lane
Jonathan Bain
Gary Bean
Jeffrey Copeland
Alexander Roebuck
Kenneth Smith
Kevin Barry
Christopher Milligan
Bruce Klima
Kevin Lalberte
Samuel Orr
Becky Studniski
Thomas Torbert
Robert Young
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Andrew Short
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Roeland Wellinga
Jeremy Christensen
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Jason Williams
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Rachel Copeland
Arquello Martinez-Perez
Sylvester Powell
Tracy Vance
Eliesser Hernandez
Gonzalo Miranda
Tomelka Frazier
Margaret Langston
Negron Rafa Ferrer
Tamiko Penn
Michael Shaw
Marc Slater

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Eric Lang
Eric Meza
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Deldra Brown
Jessie Jackson
Albert Moody
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Marcus Curry
Edward Canell
Genis Membriila
Jessie Wells
Zenobia Cornelius
Juaquinn Welch
Christina Gamez
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Burt Evans
James Hillon
Todd Patton
Joseph Santillan
Oliver Taylor
Chad Graham
Adam Rearick
Joseph Petronella
Eugene Angel
David Hayes
Joseph Swartz
David Singleton
Michael Gardner
Perry Weaver
Eric Birch
Jeffrey Ashby
Donn Duval

Linzy Clifton
Billy Mitchell
Justin Laws
David Warbrilton
Nathan Rowey
Erick Gardner
Stephen Powell
Loren Hare
Jason Folske
Denise Ward
Lloyd Barb
Patricia Boone
Joshua Daniels
Howard Dunlap
Maurice Everhart
Kevin Gannaway
Michael Gillman
Thomas Hale
Aaron Harp
Wakyabya Kigwana
Robert Madsen
Angela Matheny
Mark McQueen
Richard Sheppard
Robert Vandervoort
Jason Gielke
Cory Langel
Michael Andrew
Kara Frank
Ryan Eric Miles
Michael Richter
Kevin Rab
Melissa Dickey
Cindy Williamson
Robert Poduchny
Kermit Rollins
James Melton
Shawn Gambill
Kelli Urquhart
Albert Foley
Michael Brangham

MASTER SERGEANT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following tech sergeants who have been promoted to master sergeant:

William Walker
Keith Durant
Mark Riley
Robert Galoci
Jeffrey Taylor
Jarrod Welsh
Eric Corvin
Rebecca Beal
Lornie Curtis
Marion Hillon
Francis Morrissey
Richard Parsley
Bonnie Reeves
James Griffin
David Leggins
Larry Prado
Laura Ann Rector
Marvin Simpkins
Moses Knott
Kenneth Brown
Andrew Fairman
Dwight Kenney
Leonard Harvey
Sylvia Diebel
Gary Nale
David Croushore
William Geiger
Michael McKiver
Jody Mohler
Phillip Reynolds

Steven Yotko
Jack Jenkins
Victor Faignant
David Bertrand
Ray Kelly
Christopher Maddox
Robert Rose
Alan Bardsley
Nirobi Carodine
Barbara Goodnough
Timothy Harrell
Robert Neely
William Quarles
Robert Casagrande
Christopher Faust
Carlos Garcia
Christopher Alexander
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Michael Smith
Sean Harris
Glen Anderson
Stephen Seth
Sedrick Thompson
Robert Acker
Michael Bearden
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John Kearney
Jeffrey Krimmer
Thomas Opp
Aaron Robinson
John Tull
Joseph Marquardt
Kevin Stees
James Richards
Michael Dashler
Terri Thomas
Edward Carlisle
Alesia Hillon
Todd Graham
Falecia Butler
Dallas Simmons
Martha Garcia
Mary Thrift
Ronald Smith
Janna Wesley
Steven Harmon
Ulysses Nunez
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Michael Gosik
Stephen Landry
Gary Brown
John Henley
Thomas Holley
Jeffrey Lewis
Shannon Wallace
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John Graham
Patricia Basscom

Center expands leadership development program

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Leadership Development and Utilization Program is a local program designed to develop an increasingly multi-functional workforce and produce enterprise leaders across the Center. The process allows participants to share and document their career expectations with the Center's senior leadership and, in turn, allows senior leadership to share their expectations regarding the experience, education and training they are seeking in those who aspire to higher leadership positions.

Currently, the LDU development board covers all of the Center's GS-14 positions but is in the process of expanding to include many more positions in National Security Personnel System's Pay Band 2. The board, chaired by Mike Hatcher, special assistant to the WR-ALC commander, is comprised of one senior representative from each wing, the Force Training Directorate, the Directorate of Personnel and each functional home office.

The Career Development Plan is the primary instrument for individuals to identify their career goals. CDPs will be submitted by PB2 incumbents of those key leadership positions managed by the LDU program, with the addition of PB2 individuals with at least 12 months consecutive supervisory experience within the past five years. Those occupying one of these positions will receive an e-mail with the link to the automated CDP near June 18. The CDPs will be completed online and employ very few typing actions, as most information is developed by the participant's selections from "pull-down" menus. This makes the process very easy and quick.

The participant's completed form will be automatically routed to his or her supervisor where their development needs are assessed and forwarded to the LDU development team. A master's degree, a current appraisal rating of 3 (NSPS) or 79 (GS appraisal system) and a minimum of two years at their current position are minimum criteria for participants who will be in the primary group for consideration of a career broadening reassignment.

For those who do not meet these criteria, feedback will be provided on what is needed and where to learn more about correcting whatever the shortfall may be. CDPs must be completed by Aug. 1 to allow the designated PB2 vacancies to be filled using this process beginning Oct 1. The former GS-14 positions covered under the LDU program to date will continue to be filled through the current process in the interim.

During June, several workshops are being held to commu-

nicate much more detail on the "what and why" of the program to Pay Band 2 employees and their supervisors. E-mail notifications were sent out to the Center's organizational leaders and those on the leadership positions covered by the expanded program. This includes over 450 positions in the wings and functional offices – an increase of almost threefold in the program.

The first rounds of these workshops were held at the base theater June 7. Additional sessions will be conducted in the Cotton Auditorium Monday (8 to 9:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m.), Tuesday (8 to 9:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m.) and Thursday (8 to 9:30 a.m.).

"The LDU Program is another of many efforts to develop and

enhance the skills, abilities and effectiveness of our very valuable work force," Mr. Hatcher said. "It supports the career aspirations of those who are in leadership positions now but have the potential and drive to go even higher. The goal is building the breadth and depth of their skills while insuring we meet this Center's challenging mission needs – a direct application of 'people first, mission always.'"

To find out more, talk to your wing or functional organization's development team member or visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/dpc>. You may also contact Avondale Carter at 222-0648 or Kim Jones 327-4033 for any other questions.

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New name, same service: Life Skills changes name to better reflect mission

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Robins Life Skills Support Center recently changed its name to Mental Health as part of an Air Force-wide initiative aimed to clarify the clinic's mission.

The change took effect immediately at life skills support centers throughout the service branch.

After a poll of subject matter experts, first sergeants, command chief master sergeants, and mental health patients, it was determined that the name "life skills" was confusing and did not appropriately reflect the mission of providing mental health services.

Col. Jim McClain, commander of the 78th Medical Group, said the change clarifies the clinic's identity across the service.

"It's going to bring standardization in how we title our services in relation to what the Air Force does, what the other services do, and what's also done in the local community," he said.

Lt. Col. Chris Robinson, commander of the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, agreed.

"I think it's definitely going to help clarify the services that we provide," he said. "I know the Air Staff looked at this real closely and there wasn't much support for the life skills support center name. This also standardizes us and puts us in line with other services because other services were calling their mental health clinics 'mental health clinics' and not 'life skills.'"

Lt. Col. Steven Pflanz, senior psychology policy analyst for the Air Force surgeon general, said for some, the name 'life skills' didn't give an accurate picture of its role.

"To most people, and particularly to professionals, 'life skills' refers to youth programs and services for the developmentally

disabled," he said. "Traditionally, 'life skills' refers to teaching people how to get dressed, prepare meals, or balance a checkbook, not psychotherapy."

Colonel Pflanz said now, people can find the help they need more easily.

"Airmen seeking counseling wouldn't necessarily think to go to the life skills support center," he said. "Likewise, when an off-base mental health professional wanted to speak with their on-base counterpart, they were confused when they were referred to the life skills support center."

The name 'mental health' was used prior to 2001, but was changed to 'life skills' to combat the stigma associated with seeking and receiving mental health care, Colonel Pflanz said.

"But changing the name alone doesn't eliminate the stigma," he said. "Stigma is best addressed through ongoing education efforts. Changing deeply

held societal beliefs about mental health care takes time."

Despite popular belief, only a small percentage of Airmen who seek mental health care actually experience adverse career outcomes or even unit notification of treatment, Colonel Pflanz said.

"The Air Force medical service must constantly work to overcome barriers associated with seeking treatment for behavioral and emotional problems," said Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Bruce Green, the Air Force deputy surgeon general. "To address the concerns of Airmen about seeking treatment for mental health issues, it should be clear that privacy is the norm when their issue does not represent a danger to themselves, the mission, or others."

In fact, Colonel Robinson said 97 percent of the time, Airmen visits to the clinic do not result in adverse actions. Ninety percent of the time, an Airman's

unit is not notified of clinic visits.

While the clinic's name change will be accomplished at other Air Force installations within a few months, Robins has

already begun changing its signs on base to reflect the new name.

(Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)

Robins purchases Green Energy from Georgia Power

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Robins signed a Green Energy contract with Georgia Power to purchase three percent of the base's annual kilowatt-hour consumption or 9.9 million kwh.

The base contracted to purchase 825,500 kwhs a month for more than \$37,000 from Georgia Power. Under the contract, Robins will be the largest participant in Georgia Power's Green Energy program, committing to purchase more than 40 percent of the current renewable energy supply.

The increase in cost - based on the use of Green Energy compared to Robins' present energy cost - is nominal, with an increase in total costs of about two percent, said David Hopper, Robins resource efficiency manager.

The purchase will meet the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requirement to use renewable

energy for three percent of Robins' energy consumption in fiscal 2007. The Act requires the base to use renewable energy for five percent of the base's energy by fiscal 2010, 7.5 percent by fiscal 2013 and 25 percent by fiscal 2025.

"We're extremely proud to support Robins in meeting its renewable energy goals through Georgia Power's Green Energy Program," said David Dykes, Georgia Power's federal segment manager. "Their participation is a huge commitment toward the deployment of renewable energy in the Southeast and a clear demonstration of the Air Force's commitment to renewable energy. This action raises awareness of the importance Green Energy plays in protecting our environment now and into the future."

The requirement to use renewable energy helps reduce dependence on finite resources such as oil and uses resources that can be used over and over,

said Paul Kelley, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron director.

"It encourages the discovery of new types of energy and helps us not be dependent on foreign oil or foreign energy products," Mr. Kelley said. "It stimulates the local economic growth, while using a cleaner energy."

Mr. Hopper said the utilization of green energy improves energy sustainability and energy security by providing another source of supply.

Some of the other types of renewable energy Robins is considering implementing to meet future renewable energy requirements include solar, wind, biomass and geothermal. The base is also exploring the possibility of producing renewable energy here at Robins rather than pur-

chasing the renewable energy.

The base has already applied for funding to use geothermal energy to heat and cool billeting areas on base to help continue to meet green energy use requirements.

Along with using renewable energy, Executive Order 13423 requires the base to reduce energy consumption by three percent annually which would be a savings of approximately \$1.08 million. The mandate will result in a 30 percent reduction by fiscal 2015.

However, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Hopper agreed the base's final energy consumption may still see an increase due to continued growth on the base, such as the addition of the large aircraft corrosion control hanger, Bldg. 359.

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Remembering D-Day



U.S. Defense Department photo by CHERIE A. THURLBY
Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates tours the American Cemetery in Normandy, France, during the 63rd Anniversary of D-Day June 6. The defense secretary was among hundreds of people who walked above the windswept cliffs and paused among fog-shrouded headstones to honor those who died during the D-Day invasion 63 years ago.

Chief master sergeant: We are called Airmen

What do we call a person who drives trucks in the Marines, regardless of rank or position? No, this isn't a joke.

You call them a Marine.

Every Marine is trained and ready to perform as a member or leader of a rifle platoon.

What do we call a food service specialist in the Army? This isn't a joke or a trick question either.

You call them a Soldier.

Each one, when mated with a rifle, can still operate a check-point, initiate a challenge, pass a sign or countersign, and perform either independently or as part of a maneuver unit.

What am I getting at? What do you call someone in the Air Force that pumps fuel, loads an aircraft's weapon stations, secures a base, launches an aircraft or flies a plane?

By habit, we don't call ourselves a collective title like our sister services, but I submit to you that when in the framework of an Airman's warrior ethos, we should.

The last year I spent in Southwest Asia was a highlight of my career. I saw how our Air Force and our Airmen (that's Airmen with a capital 'A' pulled their weight, some sacrificing their lives in the venture.

The fact that no one flies against us right now in the Middle East is a testament to our establishment of air dominance for more than 16 years in that region.

Airmen should also be proud of the contributions made in the global war on terrorism and accomplishments made possible within Southwest Asia through the appropriate and innovative application of forward-based combat.

This is the first time in modern history that we have operated as far forward and as close to the ground troops of the other services. We are learning a great deal from each other and many new cutting-edge capabilities are emerging from it.

We are doing so well, we make it look too easy. Our weapons systems are so precise; we can deliver ordnance anywhere, any time. If fact, if ground troops chase the enemy into a house, our aircraft can drop a bomb that eradicates one mud hut, while leaving all the others in the neighborhood standing.

Right now our expeditionary AF is engaged in a joint war around the globe against

an elusive enemy. We assist our sister services in the Army and Marine Corps with their missions. The Air Force has more than 28,000 deployed Airmen providing combat forces, running aerial ports, conducting aerial refueling, guiding satellites and conducting special-operations missions.

We are patrolling, rebuilding, training police and Soldiers, supporting trials and nation building and eliminating improvised explosive devices.

It points out that when you properly train, equip, organize and lead our Airmen for a task, they will do it marvelously.

I was often told by my counterparts who had Airmen assigned to their tactical control that they were the best service-members they had.

My former commander was once told by a transportation battalion commander that the Air Force guntrucks were the best "Soldiers" he had in the battalion.

My boss said, "That's because they are Airmen."

This was a point we made many times that year.

Unfortunately, Airmen don't assert often that they are Airmen.

I am an Airman with a capi-

tal "A."

I am prepared to defeat our enemies and I am proud of all that our Airmen have done in this war and past wars.

No matter what your specialty is, I want you to understand that to be considered an Airman, you have to strive to be the best Airman you can be.

You have to be physically, emotionally and professionally fit and trained to be able to endure the wide ranging conditions and threats we face today.

You have to be able to understand what part you play in America's defense. You have to be disciplined and willing to maintain your readiness to go wherever our enemy confronts us and to live up to the ideals of the core values of integrity, service and excellence.

As an Airman, you have to bring airpower to the battlespace effectively and ensure it is properly applied.

Your charge as an Airman of the 4th Fighter Wing is to deliver "combat airpower, on target, on time for America, or more simply, "put warheads on foreheads."

— *This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Layton Clark, 4th Fighter Wing.*



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's Action Line

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

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>.

Parking

I was told by the security flight that a new policy has been implemented regarding reserved handicap and employee reserved parking spaces. Although I have not seen the letter, I know more reserved spaces were painted and reserved signs have increased a third more than a year ago.

Who has the authority to approve the reserved spaces for the flightline and Bldgs. 301, 300 and 321? I cannot understand how, after a year, flightline parking has resumed to where the Focused Area Risk Reduction team originally wrote this up as potentially high migration of foreign object debris and an increase of damage to aircraft area.

I think the safety group along with the security flight should scrutinize this problem and allow all access to non-industrial area parking to be on a first come, first served basis. The flightline parking is running rampant and higher rank and grade personnel are not the only personnel to get benefits where they are not eligible.

The system is broke, and as long as a person is receiving a non-deserved privilege, people will not complain.

(Maj.) Gen. (Mike) Collings (former WR-ALC commander) had an excellent plan to curb and restrict parking privileges; however, there is a loss of control at this point. It will be interesting when Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team gets here for inspection and it will be interesting to see how far we slipped backwards on this matter.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Parking is a very sensitive topic amongst the base population. We are aware there is an abundance of reserved parking spaces at Robins. A new parking regulation has recently been published which will clarify the reserve parking requirements. Our new parking regulation is designed to control the amount of reserved parking approved throughout the base. However, it will take time for the 78th Civil Engineer Group to get to all areas of the base to verify parking requirements and to correct the markings. Currently, CE is publishing information concerning the new parking regulations, plans and the implementation schedules. Once the changes are implemented, the parking situation at Robins should improve.

Over the past year, an airfield root cause analysis team reviewed parking throughout the airfield and made changes to parking inside the airfield fence. Under this plan, POV parking on the "flightline" was eliminated, increasing flight safety. This has played a significant role in driving down the foreign object incidents in the past year. For example, the F-15 Depot Line incurred only one Foreign Object Damage incident in fiscal 2006 at a cost of \$173,000 vs. 32 incidents at a cost of \$2.1M in fiscal 2005. This plan also gave oversight for parking in the "industrial area" to the 402nd Maintenance Wing. The 402nd MXW has revised parking procedures, increased the number of marked parking spots and will soon be issuing new access passes. These steps should increase parking and improve safety in the industrial area and on the flightline.

NSPS pay pool process and issues of interest

The next few NSPS articles will concentrate on the pay pool process, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's mock pay pool (starting this month) and other pay pool issues of interest.



Why Pay Pools are important.

The pay pool process is a new concept for most supervisors and employees here at Robins. It first started when employees and supervisors had the opportunity to attend Human Resource and Performance Management training last fall. Within the last few months, Pay Pool training was provided to managers and supervisors and is now being extended to all ranks of supervision. The Pay Pool training is important because it brings all three elements (HR, PM and PP) into perspective and how one element compliments the others. So why are Pay Pools important?

The pay pool process or structure establishes a series of mechanisms that work to preserve the integrity of the performance management system. Decisions related to individual performance, ratings, and rewards are reviewed at a higher level to ensure accountability and responsibility down to the employee and up through management.

Pay pools are groups of employees who work in an organization and share funding for performance payouts.

Pay pool panels are groups of managers and supervisors that gather to review employee evaluations to ensure the same standards for evaluating performance are applied throughout an organization

and performance payouts are consistent with the ratings.

Depending on size, complexity, or other reasons, pay pools may be divided into more manageable groupings called sub-pay pools.

All sub-pay pools decisions cascade up to the top-level pay pool. The existence of sub-pay pool panels ensures rater decisions are reviewed before moving to the next higher level.

Within the pay pool process there are factors for success. Factors for pay pool success are behaviors that, when present, support the process and are visible signs it is functioning appropriately. These factors contribute to pay pool success in the following ways:

►Continuous communication between employee and supervisor, between supervisors, or among panel members promotes shared understanding of performance, performance levels, and ratings and rewards.

►Fairness and consistency achieved through continuous dialogue help to identify the elements that determine performance.

►Ethical behavior ensures participants adhere to appropriate standards of conduct and expectations.

►Informed judgment results from continuous dialogue and helps to produce shared understanding.

Interested? You can access more information about pay pools on Robins Home Page (WR-ALC NSPS) and then click on CRPO CoP - Pay Pool Management. Specific questions may be addressed by calling the Civilian Resource Program Office at 926-7874.

New software support facility to help Robins welcome more workload, may boost jobs

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Plans are in the works for a new software support facility that will increase Robins' ability to meet the software needs of various aircraft, while increasing workload capability and job opportunities.

The base is currently awaiting approval from higher-level officials on funding for the proposed \$21 million military construction project.

Tracy Green, an electronics engineer in the 402nd Software Maintenance Group's business office, said the estimated 70,000-square-foot facility, a concept which was conceived in the late 1990s and became a military construction project in 2003, is expected to expand the borders of the software maintenance capability.

"The (402nd) Software Maintenance Group at Warner

Robins Air Logistics Center consists of 750 software professionals distributed across six different buildings here on base," he said. "We've outgrown the facilities we have to date. So, the intent of this software support facility is to provide us that additional room to grow our organic capabilities here on base."

The base's software professionals would perform software maintenance and testing on the F-22 Raptor, the Global Hawk, the C-17 Globemaster III and other aircraft, Mr. Green said.

The electronics engineer said Robins estimates a 39 percent cost savings to its customers, by allowing the base to provide a locally-based organic alternative for software maintenance.

Gus Lane, an industrial engineer in the Infrastructure Planning Flight of the 802nd Maintenance Support



courtesy graphic

This is an aerial view of the proposed location planned for a new software facility at Robins.

Squadron in the 402nd Maintenance Support Group, said in addition, the project will bring software professionals under one roof.

"The basic benefit for this facility, in addition to having more space, is that it will allow existing software development being done in Bldgs. 226, 227, and 230 to be consolidated, so you'll have one continuous software development facility," he said. "It will enable the people to better interact with each other and

with the existing equipment we already have, in addition to providing additional support space for software development."

Mr. Lane said the facility will provide an increased versatility for software developers and could bring an increase in job opportunities.

Glenn Johnson, 802nd MXSS Infrastructure Planning Flight director, said Robins expects to get news on the project's funding in the next couple of months.

Dining In offers chance to rib fellow Airmen in good fun

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to call your boss out when he's late, or for wearing his cummerbund backwards or because he simply didn't follow the protocol of the day?

Then the 78th Air Base Wing 2007 Dining-In should be your destination June 22.

"Anyone can send anyone to the grog as long as the president approves it," said Master Sgt. Matthew Grey, deputy arrangements officer for the dining-in.

"It's a good chance to break the chain of command," said 2nd Lt. Eric Miller, arrangements officer for the dining-in. "It gives everyone a chance to make fun of each other, in good spirits of course."

Those who are caught breaking the protocol of the evening will find themselves directed to the grog by the president of the dining-in, Col. Theresa Carter, 78th ABW commander.

Once an individual has followed the proper protocol of salutes and toasts and his or her cup is filled, the Airman sentenced to the grog must empty their cup without removing it from their lips and then prove the cup is empty by placing it upside down on their head.

"You can spend a lot of time at the grog because if you make one protocol error you have to start all over again," Sergeant Grey said.

The grog recipe will be determined by participating units from the 78th ABW.

"There will be a grog ingredient request from each unit in order to customize the flavor if you will," Lieutenant Miller said.

Each unit will have a representative to introduce the unit's ingredient with a rhyme or limerick.

The Grog Bowl will be the main attraction as Airmen throughout the wing savor the opportunity to send fellow Airmen to the grog.

Though for those who make frequent trips to the grog beware, bathroom breaks are strictly prohibited once the mess has convened.

According to the mess rules, "military protocol overrides all calls of nature."

Other rules revelers should beware of include the inability to clap; approval can only be shown by the tapping of a spoon on the table and no laughing at ridiculously funny comments unless the president first shows approval by laughing.

"It's a good chance to build camaraderie," Lieutenant Miller said.

Along with the opportunity to wisecrack with acquaintances throughout the wing, the

rules also require revelers to attempt to meet all fellow Airmen in attendance.

It's a totally different atmosphere than many of your military functions said Sergeant Grey.

"It's designed as an opportunity to relax and have fun. There will be a lot of laughter and cuttingup," he added.

Though the event is designed as a fun chance to

mingle with fellow Airmen, members of the dining-in committee encourage all Airmen who attend to plan ahead and

have a transportation strategy such as a designated driver to ensure all Airmen who attend arrive home safely.

WHAT TO KNOW

The 2007 78th Air Base Wing Dining-In will be held at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar June 22 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The event is open to all 78th ABW military and civilian personnel. Tickets will be available for the event through Monday, for more information or for tickets contact your organizational POC or Tech. Sgt. Judy Main at 926-6514.

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. 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.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Tuesday, 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.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is four hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of stress.

Representatives from military personnel flight, transportation management flight, accounting and finance, the housing office, legal office, TRICARE, family advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

Federal job search basics

The A&FRC is offering a Federal Job Search Basics class, Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is to educate personnel on the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and classification process, the steps to apply, and how to write a Federal Resume.

Uniformed TSP

The A&FRC financial management program is offering a briefing on the Uniformed Thrift Saving Plan Thursday, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

In 2007 you may contribute up to \$15,000 to the TSP program. A major advantage of the TSP is that you pay no taxes on contributions or earnings until you withdraw from your account.

The Web site www.tsp.gov has the "Summary of the TSP," forms and a question and answer section to assist you in addition to this class.

► IN BRIEF

BLOOD DRIVES

Fort Gordon Military Blood Services and the American Red Cross will hold blood drives today. 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.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

CLOSURE

The civilian personnel offices will close early June 29 for a Wingman Day function. Hours of operation will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns contact Susan McCluskey at 222-0667.

COMPTROLLER SQUADRON CLOSURE

The 78th Comptroller Squadron will close at noon June 15 for a squadron function. For assistance, call the 78th CPTS Customer Service Blackberry at 390-3135 or Accounting and Budget Blackberry at 213-0098.

78TH MDG CHANGE

The 78th Medical Group Flight Medicine Clinic will be changing the hours of dependent sick call beginning July 1. You must sign into Flight Medicine Clinic by 8:30 a.m. This change will enhance the clinics ability to see dependent sick call patients in a more time efficient manner. We look forward to the opportunity to better serve you.

HEALTHY START

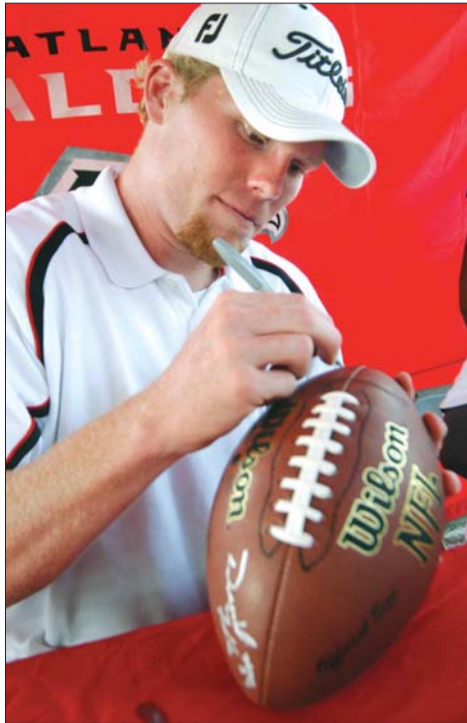
SCREENINGS

The 78th Medical Group will provide Healthy Start School

Screenings for newly assigned family members and current students from pre-k through 12th grade June 30, July 14 and 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary. The children will have their vision and hearing tested and a dental exam performed, both of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, your child's height, weight and blood

pressure will be checked and a scoliosis screening exam will be performed. Immunizations will be available if needed. The 78th Security Forces Squadron will be providing finger printing services if interested. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and completed at the event. For more information call Staff Sgt. Kenena Johnson at 327-8219.

Falcon Fan Fest



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above left, Boone Stutz, Atlanta Falcon long snapper, signs a football for a fan. Above center, Jaylen Williams, 12, tries to kick a football through the uprights of an inflatable goal. Above right, Javian Wimes, 5, gets a hug from Freddie Falcon.



Jerious Norwood and Paul Carrington sign autographs at Falcon Fan Fest Monday. The event was part of the 2007 Atlanta Falcons Caravan where players, cheerleaders and team mascot Freddie Falcon hit the road during the summer visiting with fans across Georgia. It also kicked off ticket sales at the Robins Information, Tickets and Travel Office.



Atlanta Falcon players, cheerleaders land at Robins for an afternoon with their fans

By KENDAHL JOHNSON
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It will be about 10 more weeks before the National Football League officially kicks off the 2007 season. But football fans at Robins got an early glimpse of the excitement the league generates.

Atlanta Falcons players Jerious Norwood, Boone Stutz, Daniel Fells and Paul Carrington joined four cheerleaders and team mascot Freddie Falcon in signing autographs. In addition to getting autographs, fans also were able to purchase tickets for upcoming games.

Marchelle Snead, flight chief of community support flight, 78th Services Division, said the regular event is a fan favorite and a great opportunity for fans to not only meet some of the players, but also get tickets well in advance of the season, before they sell out.

"The event is a way to kick off ticket sales," said Ms. Snead, who organized the event. "We have fans lining up

at five a.m. to buy tickets. And they aren't budging, they want their tickets. They are die hard football fans."

Ms. Snead said buying tickets from Information, Tickets and Travel has its advantages because the NFL sells season tickets only. For those who can't afford the entire season or don't have the time to attend every game, the ITT breaks the season tickets into single game tickets.

Tickets are \$40 for upper deck and \$80 for the lower seating.

1st Lt. Ryan McKenzie, 128th Air Combat Control Squadron, was one of the first in line to buy tickets. He said waiting in line was worth it because he didn't want or need an entire season package.

"It's the summer and I had the day off," the lieutenant said. "I really didn't have anything better to do."

Those who braved the heat and humidity, like Lieutenant McKenzie, were rewarded with first choice of seats for the best games on the schedule, like the Thursday, Nov. 22 game against

defending Super Bowl champions Indianapolis Colts. That game is sold out, as are several other prime games on the schedule.

Although the opportunity for tickets made the event a success, it wouldn't have been quite as successful without the NFL players. The four players, all in their second year, signed autographs and chatted with fans about the upcoming season and about the opportunity to visit Robins.

Perhaps the most recognized of the players was Norwood, a running back who showed signs of greatness his rookie season playing behind starting running back Warrick Dunn. But it was Stutz, a long snapper, who expressed appreciation for the men and women serving the country in the military.

"This means so much to us to see people take time out of their schedule to come and see us," said Stutz in an interview with a Macon Telegraph reporter. "Especially (at Robins). They do so much for our country. What they do gives us the ability to play football. I can't express how much we appreciate what they did for us."



Top, Boone Stutz, long snapper with the Atlanta Falcons, accepts an eagle from Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander at Falcon Fan Fest Monday.

Center, Daniel Fells Atlanta Falcon tight end, greets 19th Air Refueling Group Airmen. The four team members and cheerleaders who arrived for FalconFest also toured a KC-135 Stratotanker Monday.

Bottom, Robins' Falcon fans wait in line for autographs and to talk to the players and cheerleaders.

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FRIDAY

A 101 critical days of summer walk will be held June 15 at 11 a.m. This walk is in partnership with HAWC and CHPS. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The teen center will hold poetry nights tonight and June 29 at 7 p.m. and Keystone meetings every Friday at 5 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park today for a presentation of "The Never Ending Story." The movie will start at dark and concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Club scholarship deadline today. 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 additional information, please go to www.p.afsv.af.mil/clubs or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

SUNDAY

A Father's Day Sunday champagne brunch will be held June 17 and is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 2 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 \$14.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children three through 10 years old and free to children two years and younger. Club members receive a \$2 Members First plus discount. A special drawing for a \$150 gift certificate from Dick's Sporting Good will be announced. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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 \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call 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 lounge, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-7625.

MONDAY

The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play, the all-time favorite classic, "Jack and the Beanstalk" ...everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program today. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to 12th grade, may participate in open auditions at the Robins Elementary School cafeteria on June 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. Be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout the week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk is scheduled in the school cafeteria June 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$4 per person, free for children 3 and younger. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Robins Child Development program will offer a Junior Summer Camp for children entering pre-K or kindergarten. Camp will be held today through Aug. 3. This program will provide diverse indoor and outdoor activities/experiences designed to foster creativity, build self-esteem, and promote school readiness. Junior Summer Camp is for children who

A grand celebration

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Ed Miles, Services director, Chief Master Sgt. Carol A. M. Dockery, 78th Air Base Wing Command Chief; Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander; Martha Newton, Pizza Depot manager and Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, cut the ribbon at the Pizza Depot Grand Opening and 19th birthday celebration June 5. Pizza Depot is now located in Bldg. 956.



will be four years old by June 11 and will enter a pre-k or kindergarten program in August. For information on which weeks are available call 926-5805 or 926-3080.

TUESDAY

Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 nonmembers. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

A membership bar bingo will be held today at 6 p.m. A special Father's Day bingo will be played at 2:45 p.m. June 17 with giveaways and snacks. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy Prime Rib on Wednesdays, butchers choice on Thursdays and a la carte with rotating dinner specials on Fridays and Saturdays. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesday and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. Evening dining is no longer available on Tuesdays. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Enjoy Wednesdays in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956, with M.U.G. night customers may bring their own mug and get refills (up to 30 ounces) only for \$2 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 17 of the June Edge on Wednesdays in June. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

UPCOMING

Watch WWE Wrestling "Vengeance" June 24 in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree I.D. card to the cashier. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A "Picnic with Altitude" event will be held 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 new members of the Robins Aero Club. Membership is open to all active duty and reserve military, DOD civil-

ians and retirees. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

Come out to the officers' club during your birthday month and receive a \$15 coupon to redeem toward your meal. Birthday coupons are available to club members of all ranks and grades. Coupons may be picked up at the cashier office. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

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

► Pools are now open. Swim lessons are also available for children up to three years old for \$30; youth ages four through 14 years old for \$40 and adults for \$40. Lesson will take place at the officers' club pool Tuesday through Friday. For dates and times please call outdoor recreation or stop by Bldg. 914.

► 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 to 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

Enter the Name the Clubs contest for a chance to win a vacation for two valued at \$1,000. The contest continues through June 30 to give club members a chance to re-name the two club facilities (Officers' Club located in Bldg. 542 and Enlisted club located in Bldg. 956). Second prize will be \$200 Division Dollars and third prize will be \$100 Division Dollars. Entry forms will be accepted until 5 p.m. June 30. Entry boxes are available at the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, Pizza Depot, Bldg. 956, and the current Officers' Club, located in Bldg. 542. Entries can also be e-mailed to linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil. Contestants may enter multiple submissions and submit names for both or only one of the club facilities.

Contest guidelines: Must be a Robins Officers' or Enlisted Club member to enter the contest. Exclusions include Services management, club management, Club Advisory Council members and Services Marketing staff. For more information, call the club at 926-2670 or Services marketing at 926-5492.

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.

► Enjoy a historic tour of Savannah with Information, Tickets and Travel July 26. Cost is \$164 per person and includes transportation by motor coach, time on River Street, historic grand tour of Savannah on a trolley, early dinner at the restaurant Lady and Sons. After dinner guests will take in the show "Return to the 50's." Transportation will depart Bldg. 956 July 26 at 7:30 a.m. and return 1:30 a.m. July 27. Payment is due by July 9. Must

have a minimum of 25 people for trip.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Dream Girls July 28 at 2 p.m., cost is \$74; Wizard of Oz on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. or Aug. 11 at noon, cost is \$60.50; West Side Story on Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., cost is \$60.50 and Stomp on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., cost is \$57. All seats are located in the orchestra level. A limited number of tickets are available.

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

► The Air Force Services Summer Strike Force is underway. 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.

► All retirees receive a free iced tea when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 17 of the June Edge Tuesdays in June.

► Treat dad to bowling June 17. You bowl for the regular price and dad gets a complimentary game.

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

► On Spot Café June special is a turkey burger, fries and medium drink for \$4.75 or a turkey deli sandwich, chips and medium drink for \$3.85. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

► School's out so bring the kids and have fun bowling. Bowl three games every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$5 per person which includes shoes. And on Wednesdays enjoy Thunder Alley from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$6 per person.

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

► Every Monday and Tuesday in June pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

► Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in June and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

► Every Wednesday and Thursday in June pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 5 p.m.

► Receive 10 to 50 percent off selected merchandise during the Father's Day weekend sale at the Pine Oaks Golf Course.

► Every Monday and Tuesday in June pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 3 p.m.

► Play golf after 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursdays for \$20 and includes green fee and cart.

► Learn to play golf for kids will be held July 23 - 27. Cost is \$60 and includes a nine-hole tourney on Fridays, lunch and trophies. Classes are Monday through Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. for children six to eight years old; 10 to 11 a.m. for children nine to 11 years old and 11 a.m. to noon for children 12 to 15 years old. Sign up at the pro shop.

► Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class V will be held on Tuesdays July 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14 at 5:30 p.m. Class VI will be Thursdays July 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop.

► Take a golf lesson with teaching pro Keith Brady. Rates are military \$50 hour, \$25 for half hour and junior for half hour is \$20; AFP rates are \$55 hour, \$30 for half hour and junior for half hour is \$25 and non-AFP rates are \$60 hour, \$35 for half hour and junior for half hours is \$30. For more information or to make an appointment, call Mr. Brady at 747-0318.

► In June enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95: June 17 a Father's Day special — bring your dad for lunch and dad's meal is free. June 18 - 22 chicken club wrap with chips and drink. June 25 - 29 bacon and bleu cheese burger with chips and drink. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

NOW PLAYING



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



FRIDAY

LUCKY YOU

Eric Bana, Drew Barrymore In the world of high-stakes poker, Huck Cheever is a blaster-player who goes all out, all the time. But in his personal relationships, Huck plays it tight, expertly avoiding emotional commitments and long-term expectations. When Huck sets out to win the main event of the 2003 World Series of Poker and the affections of Billie Offer, a young singer from Bakersfield—there is one significant obstacle in his path: his anger toward his father, L.C. Cheever, the poker legend who abandoned Huck's mother years ago. Rated PG-13 124 minutes.

SATURDAY

SPIDERMAN 3

Tobey Mcguire, Kirsten Dunst Peter Parker must face new challenges as the elusive superhero Spider-Man in the third installment. Peter has finally managed to strike a balance between his devotion to M.J. and his duties as a superhero. But there's a storm brewing. When his suit suddenly changes, turning jet-black and enhancing his powers, it transforms Peter as well, bringing out the dark, vengeful side of his personality he is struggling to control. Under the influence of the suit, Peter becomes overconfident and starts to neglect the people who care for him most. Forced to choose between the seductive power of the new suit and the compassionate hero he used to be, Peter must overcome his personal demons as two of the most-feared villains yet, Sandman and Venom, gather unparalleled power and a thirst for retribution to threaten Peter and everyone he loves. Rated PG-13 139 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 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, 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 Bldg. 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.

The following people have been approved as leave recipients: **Phillip Le Francois, HQAFRC/A6N**, POC is Mark Mercier, 327-1777 and **Charlene Thomas 78th CONS**, POC is Dawn Hardison, 926-3666

Bolt out of the blue

Air Force Academy grad drafted by MLB's Philadelphia Phillies

By WAYNE AMANN
Academy Spirit Editor

Victories have been few and far between for Air Force baseball in recent years, but one bluesuiter was a winner each time he stepped on the diamond – and people noticed.

2007 Air Force Academy graduate Karl Bolt was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 15th round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft June 8. Bolt is the second Air Force Academy baseball player ever drafted in the 51-year history of the program.

Bolt, who will soon be heading to Robins, was the 473rd selection in the draft. He joins Mike Thiessen as the lone two Falcons ever to be drafted. Thiessen went in the 42nd round to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2001 draft.

"It has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid to play pro baseball," Bolt said. "And to get the chance to fulfill my dream is incredible. I am really excited about this opportunity, but first and foremost, I look forward to my first assignment at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., as a logistics readiness officer."

Bolt was recently named to the All-Mountain West Conference baseball first-team as the designated hitter. He's the first Falcon to make the All-MWC team since three did so in 2003, and the first, first-team selection since Bowie Frost in 2002.

The squad was selected by the league's head coaches.

"This is a testament to Karl's play and the respect he's earned from the coaches in the conference," Air Force head coach Mike Hutcheon said. "We hope to use Karl as an example to all incoming and returning players that he's the measuring stick for what we need in this program."

Bolt was the Falcons' top hitter the past three seasons. The senior led the Falcons in nearly every hitting category: batting average (.351), home runs (8), doubles (15) and RBIs (46). Bolt performed equally well in conference play, hitting .357 with 30 hits and 19 RBIs in 22 conference games.

"The Mountain West Conference is known as one of the 'hitting-est' leagues in the country," Bolt said. "The high elevation and clear air make it a hitter's paradise."

The Stockton, Calif., native, who was recruited by the University of California at Santa Barbara, California and UC Davis, admitted the college game took some getting used to.

"The first thing I had to do was learn to hit the curve ball, the slider and the changeup," he said. "After freshman year I knew I wasn't going to get too many fast-

balls, so I became more disciplined at the plate. And discipline is something we all had to learn as cadets, part of the great education we received at the Academy."

One lesson Bolt learned was to be resilient in defeat. During his four-year Air Force career the Falcons were 33-131. The first baseman-turned-right fielder put the record into perspective.

"Someone said 'a day in Tora Bora will have anyone wishing to get beaten up by San Diego State,'" he said. "The real life analogy has made me enjoy every minute of my Falcon baseball career. Winning takes many shapes, and the score is only part of the equation."

Bolt ended his Air Force playing days ranked in the Academy's top-10 all-time in games played (197), at bats (682), hits (228), doubles (46), home runs (33), hit-by-pitches (34), walks (91) and RBIs (146).

With his collegiate days in the books, Bolt will soon begin the next chapter in his life with his assignment at Robins, and he is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I've dreamed of being an Air Force officer and serving my country, that's number one," Bolt said. "I'm a management major and am interested in the business of the Air Force. It's like a huge corporation with management, personnel and logistics needs. Some one has to get toilet paper to the guys in Kandahar. It may not sound glamorous, except to the guys in Kandahar."

Despite his enthusiasm for his Air Force career,

he's not ready to hang up his cleats just yet.

"I also love baseball," he said. "I don't think my playing days are over."

Bolt firmly believes he can fulfill his military commitment and play baseball professionally if the powers that be can redesign his commitment as has been done for other standout Academy athletes.



Courtesy photos



Above: Karl Bolt provided a sure-handed target at first base.

Below: Despite being 6-foot-2, 215 pounds, Bolt is an agile base runner.



Bowling for technology

Students build, test robots at Robotics I Academy

By AMANDA CREEL
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Robobowling, which is a table-top style of bowling using golf tees for pins, was a favorite as more than 20 robot enthusiasts competed in the Robotic Technology Bowl June 8.

The technology bowl was the final installment in the STARBASE ROBINS Robotics I Academy, which is a camp held at the Museum of Aviation each year that teaches fifth through eighth grade students about the history of robots and how to construct and program a robot.

The technology bowl sums up everything they learned during the camp and gives the students a chance to put their knowledge to use, said Stephanie Robinson, marketing specialist for the Museum of Aviation.

Aaron Christiansen, 11 of Perry, said he came to the camp to learn about different robots and building one was just the icing on the cake. "I like robots and I've always wanted to build one," he said. "It was easier than I thought it would be."

The Soccerbot robots the students constructed during the academy could kick out or spit out a ball to help accomplish tasks such as making a soccer goal or knocking objects over.

"We can play like Sumo wrestlers too, where we knock one another off the table," said David Liaguno, 11, of Buford.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Joshua Wood, 11, fixes a glitch on his robot at the Museum of Aviation's Robotics I Academy for 5th - 8th grade students. The program exposes participants to robotics and technology.

The technology bowl provided students an opportunity to explore the capabilities of the robots they constructed during the academy by mastering challenges.

Some participants were relieved every time their robot completed another task without having mechanical difficulties.

"I would have to say having it not break (is my favorite part) because it falls down a lot," said John Soke, 10, of Warner Robins.

During the technology bowl, students also had the opportunity to work with other robots such as the WAO Kranius, where students worked in teams to program the robot to follow a certain path to complete a challenge, and the Robotic Arm, where students use the arm to move objects to new locations such as moving miniature army figures off an unstable platform without tipping the figures over.

"We had to pickup army men. It was really hard, some of them had fallen down and once you knocked one over your turn was over," said Lizzy Geddy, 11, of Macon.

Robins VBS teaches how to be a hero

By AMANDA CREEL
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The saying "putting on your game face" took on a new meaning this week as about 100 children ranging from 4 years old to eighth grade students, learned to put on a game face and be heroes during the game of life.

Vacation Bible School students took over Robins Elementary June 11 and filled the halls with locker rooms, press rooms and anything else you might find on game day to help participants learn the value of being a hero.

The theme of this year's VBS was Game Day Central and the sporty theme came complete with its own cheer. The slogan "be a hero" echoed through the halls as participants learned the importance of being heroes in every day life for self, for parents and for God.

Carter Holtz, 13, said he enjoyed learning about heroes from the Bible such as Mary and Joseph and John the Baptist.

Each morning, the event kicked off in the gym with a live-worship band. There were special appearances throughout the week, including an appearance by a pair of Sumo wrestlers.

Andrew Godwin, 7, said he didn't know what Sumo wrestling was before VBS.

The participants also joined in recreational activities, praise music, craft projects



Bailey Fitch, Baylee Childers, and Bailey Jones, work on sports fans during arts and crafts at Vacation Bible School.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Stella Gustafson, arts and crafts teacher, helps Ian Payne and Matthew Robertson with the sports fan they are making.

and Bible and mission lessons each day.

"My favorite part is all the songs and learning Bible verses," said Elizabeth Shenerger, 7.

Some of the other crowd pleasers during the week-long event included Coach Says, a sporty version of Simon Says, playing Human Tic Tac Toe, where students learned the importance of playing a position, and watching videos of extreme sports missionaries.

More than 60 teens and adults volunteered throughout the week to help ensure the children had a fun time learning how to be a Godly hero.

"I think it is great because it gives the children some positive summer fun," said Jan Ward, a VBS craft teacher who spent Wednesday teaching her students to make fans and car magnets.

"This year, more than any year, was a full Team Robins effort," said Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne, VBS director. "We got a lot more support from across all the units."

Game Day Central concludes today with a hot dog party at 11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Robins Air Force Base announces the availability for public review and comment of the Draft Final Environmental Assessment and proposed unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact for the Security Forces and Command Post/Installation Control Facilities at Robins AFB, Ga.

The proposed action consists of construction of a new security forces facility and the construction of a new command post/ICC facility.

The new security forces facility would consist of a new 40,500-square foot, two-story Security Forces facility building and an associated parking and storage area capable of accommodating 400 personnel. The purpose of the Security Forces component of this proposed action is to construct a new, modernized, and efficient facility that would consolidate the Security Forces operations and equipment storage areas.

The new command post/ICC facility would consist of a new 25,800 square-foot, single story Command Post/ICC facility building and an associated parking area. The purpose of the Command Post/ICC component of the proposed action is to construct a new, modernized, and efficient facility that would consolidate the Command Post/ICC command and control functions.

No significant impacts to the environment are anticipated.

A copy of the Draft Final EA and proposed unsigned FONSI are available for public viewing and comment for the next 30 days in the Nola Brantley Memorial Library, 721 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA, 478-923-0128.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Robins Air Force Base announces the availability for public review and comment of the 2007-11 Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan June 18-22.

For questions or comments on either public notice, contact the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office via fax at 926-9597 or via mail at:

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