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John Hysell and Henry Sparks, aircraft mechanics, get a look at one of the automated flight test control systems during a demonstration Aug. 1. The tester plugs into the F-15, like hooking up a car engine to a computer to discover engine trouble.

New test set to bring ease, efficiency to locating mechanical woes in F-15s

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For many F-15 maintainers, a troublesome jet can mean numerous test flights and replacing several parts before locating the mechanical problem that causes a jet to fail.

The conundrum has stumped maintainers for years as they dreamed of a time when a test set could actually give maintainers an answer to what causes an aircraft to fail.

Recently, F-15 maintainers from bases around the world are focusing

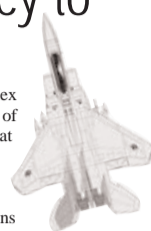
their eyes on Robins Air Force Base, the 566th Combat Sustainment Squadron's test equipment office and a new test set it developed as a solution to the maintenance dilemma.

Mark Kitchens, a Robins equipment specialist, who as a part of the WR-ALC Integrated Product Team assisted in design of the New Automated Flight Control System Test Set, said the test set has already proven itself both at Robins and at other bases around the U.S.

"I know that it is highly sought after by the user community and will provide an answer to a lot of flight control prob-

lems," said Alex Lunceford, chief of tactical combat flight in the 566th CBSS.

The test set arrived at Robins July 9 and it didn't take long before the test set made its way to the flightline and helped some Team Robins maintainers solve a mechanical mystery surrounding an F-15 which had flown four flight tests and



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Squeeze play



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

A great night for baseball turned into an even greater night for a reunion. Above, Lt. Col. Mark Wade hugs his wife Joan during opening ceremonies of the Macon Music baseball game Monday night. The Macon Music hosted Military Appreciation Night where military members received two-for-one tickets and Col. Wade, who has been deployed for six months surprised his family after being disguised as a Macon Music catcher. For more photos of the Military Appreciation Night festivities see page B3.

Robins receives go ahead on \$21 million software support facility

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Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Rep. Jim Marshall and members of Team Robins are celebrating the fruits of their labors after securing funds for a \$21 million software support facility.

"This was a great team effort, and I am very pleased that Congress has agreed to provide this funding to meet a critical need at Robins, said Senator Saxby Chambliss, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "We know this is important to the personnel at the base and we should break ground on this project as soon as possible."

The 80,000 square-foot facility will help the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center continue to provide software that aids the warfighter.

"It's a great day when the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center receives Air Force and Congressional support for facilities," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. "The funding of this software facility will help our productivity and put us in a position to take on new software workload like the F-22 Raptor, providing even better Warner Robins ALC support to the warfighter. We are privileged to have our Congressional leaders', Senator Chambliss and Congressman Marshall, backing here in middle Georgia. Their support will help us be even more effective in our contributions to the war on terror."

The bidding process begins this fall and the contract is expected to be

awarded by the end of the fiscal year. The 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 402nd Software Maintenance Group are hoping to break ground on the state-of-the-art facility in the spring of 2008. The building will be located in the courtyard between Bldgs. 227, 226 and 230 and will connect the three software facilities, creating one continuous software support facility.

"Ultimately the new software support facility will mean better support for the warfighter," said Col. Mark Atkinson, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

The facility will allow Robins to accomplish its present workload more efficiently and accept new work supporting other weapon systems, Colonel Atkinson said.

Some of the systems the 402nd SMXG currently supports include Special Operations, Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System and F-15 avionics. The software facility anticipates adding C-17 Globemaster III, F-22 Raptor avionics, Predator and Global Hawk.

The new facility will probably house innovative features or capabilities based on the new workloads the software group secures.

"With this new facility we are pretty much unlimited in terms of our potential to take on future work loads," said Chris Moore, deputy director of the 402nd SMXG.

He said the addition of the new software facility will help Robins meet the requirements associated with

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Renovations planned for 402nd EMXG's Bldg. 640

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Workers in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group will soon have a brighter prospective when they enter the low-bay area of Bldg. 640.

"It seems like you've stepped into a cave," said Kevin Shanahan, an industrial engineer with the 402nd Electronic Maintenance Support Squadron, of the low-bay section of the building.

However, workers will no longer be

describing the low-bay area of the building as a cave-like atmosphere. The brighter outlook will be courtesy of a \$15 million renovation project to completely renovate the 75,000 square-foot section of the building with new floor tile, new lighting, new air conditioning, heating, ventilation, roofing and more.

Mr. Shanahan

described the renovation project as a

fresh start that will make an enormous difference in the lives of the workers and their ability to complete their mission.

"We will no longer have to worry about whether or not the building will support our workload," he said. "We are going to have more capability. We are outfitting the facility to improve what we are



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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Richard Dixon, 402nd Software Maintenance Group software engineer, works at the AC-130H Gunship station. An 80,000 square foot, \$21 million software facility is in the future for the group.

THINK SAFETY

To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 443

Days without a DUI: 26
Last DUI: 78th Civil Engineer Squadron - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section

THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Town hall meeting
The Team Robins Town Hall Phase II Housing Privatization Partnership briefing is currently scheduled for August 27 and 28. The meeting will focus on what base housing residents need to know for the transition such as who they will pay for housing, who they will call for maintenance, etc. Aug. 27 at the Base Theater, 9 to 10 a.m. and August 28 at the Base Theater, 5 to 6 p.m.

78th Medical Clinic closure
Due to an organizational-wide function, the 78th Medical Clinic will be closed beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 17. All medical services to include, pharmacy, lab, radiology, individual clinics, business offices, Bldg 207 and HAWK will be affected. Thank you for your patience.

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was still failing.

"Within thirty minutes we found the problem and had we had this tester upfront we would have saved \$222,800," Mr. Kitchens said.

The tester, which is intended to replace the existing test equipment, was designed to meet all the needs of F-15 maintainers in the field.

"The old one was a go no go that means when you ran the test, you got a green or a red light, which told you the plane was failing. You kind of had to figure out what part to change through trial and error. You didn't have a clue which part of the aircraft was faulty," said Virginia Slay, system engineer for the test set.

The older Flightline Test Set could put you in the general area where the malfunction was occurring on the aircraft, but the AFCSTS can identify the problem and give you step-by-step instructions to remedy it through the display screen, Mr. Kitchens said.

The new test set has already achieved great success during testing such as helping the Oregon Air National Guard at Kingsley Field find the mechanical malfunction of what maintainers refer to as a "six-week hangar queen," which means maintainers at the base had spent six weeks or more trying to isolate a mechanical problem within the aircraft.

"Within four hours the test set isolated the problem down to a broken wire on the tail bone," Mr. Kitchens said.

Senior Master Sgt Alan Holmes, the avionics flightline section supervisor for the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field said the new test set is an answer to many maintainers' prayers and he hopes it will be available in the field soon.

Sergeant Holmes said the test set helped the unit return an aircraft to its mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Mark Kitchens attaches the quick adapters to the computers so the cables can be easily hooked up to the tester.

"We were able to test and determine in a matter of hours the cause of the problem and it has flown good ever since," Sergeant Holmes said.

He said the old tester, in comparison to the new tester, "is nothing more than a boat anchor."

The cost savings from misdiagnosis of malfunctions alone will make it invaluable to the Air Force, Sergeant Holmes said.

"Not only will the new test set save time by allowing problems to be isolated quicker, it will allow the Air Force to avoid expenditure of millions of dollars over several years on parts misidentified through trial and error location of mechanical malfunctions," said Helen Thompson, interim program manager of the F-15 flight control test sets.

Being able to fix an aircraft right the first time will allow the Air Force to return aircraft to the fight sooner, Sergeant Holmes said.

"At the present only one test set has been produced and the Program Management IPT is developing the overall acquisition strategy to satisfy mission needs," Ms. Thompson said.

In the interim the existing tester housed here with the 566th CBSS test equipment office, will be on the road helping bases around the world isolate problems on troublesome jets.

"Now when they have a real problem jet, we are going to bring it (the test set) to them," Mr. Kitchens said. "That's what makes this one so important because it's actually going to do a lot of traveling."

John Hysell, a Robins F-15 aircraft mechanic, said he was impressed with the new test set because of its capabilities and the ease of use such as the remote module, which allows the tester to walk around the plane while testing and provides on-screen menu and technical data.

One of Mr. Hysell's other favorite features on the test set was the easy setup such as having separate fittings to hookup to the aircraft before connecting the cables.

"We won't have to worry about the weight of the cable now. The old one was just one continuous piece without the elbow," Mr. Hysell said.

The portability is also an asset, Mr. Kitchens said.

The test set is stored in two cases or crates that hold everything you need to test the aircraft. Along with being easy to transport, the crates and equipment are also designed to deal with varying weather conditions such as being able to survive temperatures ranging from 150 degrees to 40 below zero.

"It's a design that could sit in the back of a truck in Alaska and survive it," Mr. Kitchens said.

New leadership at the 653rd CLSS



U.S. Air Force photo by ERIC PALMER

Col. Scott A. Miller, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander passes the guidon to Maj. Michael H.M. Egbalic as he becomes commander of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron during a change of command ceremony July 26 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Maj. Egbalic replaces Maj. Paul Kanning.

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the critical role software plays in our weapon systems.

"We are a world-class organization and this just ensures we will continue to be," Mr. Moore said. "Having a state-of-the-art facility really just makes our job easier."

Members of the software team agree the new facility will allow them to continue to support their present mission, while enabling them to broaden their mission to support other weapon systems.

"We can't stop supporting what we are doing now, we have to be able to support our present work and our new workload," said Dave Smith, operations officer for the 580th Software Maintenance

Squadron.

Mr. Smith said he is really looking forward to having more space to spread out and create new work areas for personnel and equipment.

"We are having big space problems in this building — everyone from the lowest level all the way to the supervisors," Mr. Smith said.

Along with more room, Mr. Davis is looking forward to the addition of newer equipment.

"A lot of the equipment is vintage '80s stuff and a lot of our engineers come out of school looking at modern hardware. It will make their transition easier," Mr. Davis said.

The new facility is also expected to create new jobs in the future within the software group, Colonel Atkinson said. Mr. Moore and Colonel

Atkinson credit the congressional caucus with helping Robins continue to expand its abilities to support the software behind the mission.

"This is incredibly good news for Robins. Saxby and I have fought long and hard to get funding for construction of the software facility. I'm proud that we have been able to help Robins get this extremely important funding," said Representative Jim Marshall, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and co-chair of the house Air Force Caucus. "I look forward to seeing Robins become more than the electronic warfare center of excellence for the Air Force. I hope to see Robins become the electronic warfare center of excellence for all military branches."

"Happy Anniversary! July 1st, marked the 15th Anniversary of our Air Force Materiel Command. This milestone in our organization's history gave me cause to reflect on why our Command was formed. Many of you were eye-witnesses to the merger of Air Force Systems Command and Air Force Logistics Command. Others, like me, watched from the sidelines and only came into the game later. But during my tenure as your commander, I've come to realize the brilliance of the decision to create Air Force Materiel Command." — **Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander**

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This is the pits



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Basic cadet trainees attack the mud pit on the Jacks Valley assault course at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., July 18. The assault course teaches hand-to-hand combat skills and rifle-fighting techniques, allowing basic cadets to practice these elements in controlled scenarios, in a mentally and physically challenging environment.

It's high time we deflate EPR ratings

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base chief master sergeants assembled in July to discuss the new Enlisted Performance Report form and all the peripheral issues attached to it.

Two hours in a conference room with 30 chiefs can be a bit tenuous and draining. Chief Master Sgt. John Hake, the command chief for Air Force Materiel Command, fielded some pretty tough questions that have no easy answers. Anytime there is change, there is resistance but the chief had some great answers and opinions.

One message really resonated with me. We must deflate our EPR ratings. I have felt this way since they replaced the inflated Airman Performance Report with the EPR in 1990. Back then, the Air Force made a serious attempt to force supervisors to give more reasonable ratings to their Airmen. They set "expectations" of what percent of the enlisted would get what rating. At some bases, the expectations were interpreted and enforced as quotas while some bases stuck with inflated

ratings. This caused some disparity.

In hindsight, that probably won't be the best way to reduce swollen ratings so that temporary, instant deflation lasted a year or two before the air nozzle was reattached to our appraisal system. Unrealistic assessments cause serious problems for our Air Force, but it seems few want to be a part of the solution. I was pretty angry a few years ago at another base when a flight commander was resistant to appointing a particular master sergeant as his flight chief. I had already reviewed the senior NCO's personnel record, and he had "firewall" five ratings; two from the supervisor who was trying to convince me he was a dirt bag! The problems don't end there.

Inflation begets inflation. What do we do once we have given a mediocre performer three or four years worth of "five" EPRs? You guessed it; the mediocre performer gets a medal he never earned. How can anyone reviewing it refuse based on the documentation in front of them? Group and wing leadership rely heavily on those

performance reports when they make decisions on decorations.

Trust me on this; the tougher you are as a rater the more your subordinates will "up" their game. Our people are smart. They know what they put into their career and what rewards they get from it. If they can perform mediocre work and get rewarded like a superstar, why go above that level? I know it's politically correct to say all of our Airmen are driven, motivated, and fiercely dedicated, and thankfully many are. But the reality is most fall in a spectrum of below average to excellent yet we give them all the same rating. Why would we do that?

You can call me crazy, but after a while I believe some of our average performers start to think they are superstars. I gave an honest midterm feedback to a technical sergeant several years ago who was so upset at my brutal honesty that we had to break and reconvene twice because she was so upset. She had straight "five" EPRs along with a much higher opinion of herself than her superiors, peers and subordinates. Imagine that. Inflation really hurts our

very best in two ways. First, it can be very demotivating when Staff Sgt. I. M. Fantastic, who works very hard and produces exceptionally quality work, finds out from Staff Sgt. Ben Slacking, a substandard performer, that he also received a five rating. Why try so hard if the reward is the same? Secondly, it hurts them under the Weighted Airman Promotion System. I argue whenever you give a rating that is not earned, you hurt every Airman he will ever compete against for promotion. What a profound shift in thinking for some.

Honest assessments will bring out the best in our Air Force team. The standard will improve or leave, the average will perform better, and the exceptional will truly be recognized above their peers. They will stay motivated and will serve as role models for peers and subordinates.

— This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Bulmahn 88th Surgical Operations Squadron.

Good vs. bad guys; explaining war to an eight-year-old

When an 8-year-old recently asked me out of the blue, "Why do you have to go to Iraq?" it stopped me in my tracks.

I remember thinking how can I possibly answer such an immense question without somehow tainting her view on this unpredictable world.

When I deployed to Southwest Asia in 2002, a fellow Airman told me he explained to his daughter why he had to deploy by telling her, "Daddy, has to go help feed the camels in the desert."

About two months into his tour, his 4 year old told him on a telephone call, "Daddy, someone else needs to feed the camels. I want you to come home."

I thought that was such a cute, bittersweet story, but I knew the camel trick definitely was not going to work on this informed bookworm.

I wanted to say something profound and comforting, but I was at a loss to answer her. After all, I was headed for a war zone where people don't always come back alive, and there is no easy explanation to ease the worries of family and friends.

After a few ums and ahhs, I

heard myself tell her, "We have to help the good guys fight the bad guys, who are trying to hurt them."

She seemed satisfied with the response, gave me a beaming smile and ran off to play. I sat there stunned.

I had been trying to avoid thinking about the reason why I was going back to Iraq for the second time in two years.

After my conversation with her, I thought to myself, is it really that simple? Do good guys still win in our universe? Can U.S. and coalition forces really help a nation of people overcome their differences to rebuild a stable country? Who exactly are the good and bad guys?

In reality, I know there isn't a black or white answer to these questions. That's hard to accept by a nation of Americans who pride themselves on their logic and forward thinking.

To servicemembers' advantage, we're used to operating in the grey.

While unfortunate, and although we do our best to avoid it, it's accepted there will be collateral damage in war. Lives will be lost. Families and innocent people will be hurt on both sides.

I don't like that reality. However, I firmly believe we are doing more good in Iraq and Afghanistan than harm!

I've seen it with my own eyes. I've witnessed children, who have never held a stuffed animal or toy, receive one and see their eyes light up. I've seen thirsty and hungry people barely surviving in blistering 130-degree heat receive life-sustaining supplies.

I know most Americans don't have the opportunity to witness the endless parade of care packages that family members send their loved ones to give to the Iraqi people consisting of shoes, clothes, wet wipes, diapers, food and more. I had the privilege to see the goodness in people on both sides, despite the harsh conditions that brought them together.

Many military members, and those who support them, are personally invested in helping the Iraqi people.

We admire Iraqis who are forging ahead to make their country a better place, even though they and their family members are targeted for accepting the responsibility to secure their future.

Insurgents don't recognize freedom of speech or value

human life. They don't seek a compromise with their countrymen or neighbors for the greater good of their collective society. They are the bad guys.

Not only is our mission to destroy the bad guys, the U.S. military spends a huge hunk of time on humanitarian missions. We patch up Iraqi and Afghanistan children when they're sick or hurt. We provide medical services a vast majority of people could never afford on their own.

We build hospitals, schools and a myriad of facilities that directly improve their lives and will continue to do so long after the U.S. and coalition presence is gone, and this war is a high school history-book page.

The success stories are rarely told in the media, but they occur every day. I knew that from my last tour here, but I was still confused about how I felt about this war.

Now when anyone asks me, "Why are you in Iraq," I know what to say. I'm here to help the good guys win. It's that simple.

— This commentary was written by Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs.



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.

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Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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Robins co-op program

My question concerns the co-op program at Robins. My son has been attending Central Georgia Technical College for approximately 1 year. He was interviewed June 8 for an aircraft sheet metal position. I was told that 70 students were interviewed for only 6 positions. Is this all that are going to be hired? If so, these are not very good odds. How can we encourage good people to attend school if we are not going to hire them?

Any information on future hiring for co-ops will be greatly appreciated.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Robins utilizes the Cooperative Education Program as a source to hire and maintain a skilled workforce to support its mission. Robins is a great place to work and as a result the number of applicants far exceeds our current budget and mission requirements. The 402nd Maintenance Wing commander's staff is in the process of determining fiscal 2008 staffing requirements. We believe the co-op is a great source of talent and we will continue to fully utilize that area of expertise in the years to come. Not all who apply will be hired but we strive to select the best qualified from a pool of well-qualified applicants.

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doing now and to help us prepare to accept new workloads.”

The building was originally constructed in the '50s and a lot of it has proven to be unreliable such as the mechanical conditions and roof, said Jerry Thovson, base project manager for the Bldg. 640 renovation project.

The contract for the renovation project was awarded on July 30 and work is expected to begin in early October.

The low-bay renovation project will be completed in three phases and is expected in less than three years.

One of the reasons the renovation project is so important is because of the importance of climate control for much of the equipment housed in the facility.

“Temperature control is very critical. If the temperature gets to high the testers will turn themselves off,” said Bill Deaver, branch chief for the Depot Maintenance Activity Group design and construction group. “The test can last for four or five days and if it shuts down then they have lost all of that work.”

Mr. Shanahan agreed environmental control is a big issue in this building and by providing the most stable controlled environment possible it helps members of the group complete their mission more effectively.

“We are hoping for fewer interruptions to operations, hopefully no interruptions to operations,” Mr. Deaver said.

One of the features that is expected to make an impact on the climate control in the renovated area of the facility is the new digital control air conditioning system, said Mr. Thovson.

“We can look and see where there is degradation in the system to better prevent failures rather than waiting for a failure,” Mr. Thovson said.

Another advantage of the facility improvements will be improving their energy efficiency, which will decrease the building's electrical demand and as a result the bases electrical usage.

One of the energy efficient improvements that will help reduce the energy demands of the facility will be new fluorescent lighting. The lighting will be energy efficient improving the lighting available to workers in the low-bay area.

Along with improved lighting, workers in the low-bay area will also reap a few other benefits from the renovation project such as renovated bathrooms and updated communication equipment.

The renovation will not only improve the existing areas, the renovations will also help to add about 7500 square-feet to the low-bay area without building a new building, Mr. Thovson said.

“They are improving the floor space by removing non-load bearing walls, which will open up more space,” Mr. Shanahan said.

Once the construction in the low-bay area is completed, the rest of the building will also be renovated over a 12-year period.

▶ IN BRIEF**CORRECTION**

In the story, 19th Air Refueling Group takes away lessons learned from AMC's Rodeo 2007 in the August 3, 2007 edition, the Rev-Up incorrectly listed 1994 as the Group's first year of competition in the AMC Rodeo. The correct year is 1993. The distance from Robins to McChord Air Force Base, Wash. was also incorrect. The correct distance is 2263 miles. We regret the errors.

ARCHERY CLUB EVENT

The Robins Straight Arrow Archery Club will host the Benefit the Airmen Shoot Aug. 25 at the Straight Arrow Club here. The 3-D shoot will support the Robins Dorm Council's quality of life initiatives for dorm residents. A shotgun start will be at noon, followed by an awards ceremony. Door prizes and free food will be provided for participants. There is no fee for the shoot, but donations are welcome. The event is open to military and civilians. For more information contact Scott Lopez at scott.lopez@robins.af.mil.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER**LEAN IS THE ROAD TO
SUCCESS**

Outdoor camp helps Robins teens experience life more abundantly

BY AMANDA CREEL
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When it comes to adventure, four members of the Robins community spent the week of June 24-29 at 4-H Ultimate Outdoor Adventure and Fitness Camp, testing their limits on land, in water and in air.

The 4-H Ultimate Outdoor & Fitness Adventure camp encourages teens to use problem-solving skills, put their trust in others, work together as a team rather than focusing on individual strengths and teaches them anything is possible if you work at it.

The teens all agreed the camp was a great way to challenge them and learn to achieve any goal.

"My favorite part was the challenges they made you do. They challenged us to go outside of our comfort zones," said Shawna Smith, 16.

Air Force Services Family Member Programs and the University of Arkansas, Cooperative Extension Service partner to provide children of Air Force service-members the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and develop life skills in an adventure camp environment.

The girls filled out an application to attend the camp and then completed interviews with Robins staff members. Robins sent its recommendations to the Air Force agency at Randolph, who picks the final participants. Then the Air Force pays for travel and camp expenses for those who attend. Eight students from Robins applied and four were selected to participate.

The girls had the opportu-

nity to go caving, rock climbing, kayaking, and complete a high-rope obstacle course as part of their adventure schedule.

The camps enable youth to develop new life skills, while interacting with their peers and adults in a variety of outdoor activities they had never tried before.

Even the adventures were a challenge; whether it was a ropes course through the trees or a tour through caves, each activity pushed the participants to try something new and work together.

"I learned that you have to experience things as they come and if you stay inside your comfort zone you will never get to experience anything," Shawna said.

Kimani Bowie, 16, said her favorite activity was the caving.

"It was a wild cave tour. We were climbing up rocks and down rocks," Kimani said.

Marvin Hawkins, school-age/teen coordinator at Robins, who served as the girls chaperone for the camp, said the caving was the trickiest part of the camp for him.

"The caving was the most challenging. I had done the rope course before. I had done the canoeing before and they were the same, but I had never caved before," Mr. Hawkins said. "It was extremely dark and cold."

Morgan Greenan, 14, and

Shawna shared their choice for favorite outdoor challenge.

Morgan said she liked the rope course because you were up in the trees completing challenges and only had a harness to rely on.

"It was really high - about 40 feet up in the air," Shawna said. Morgan Hawkins agreed the rope course was challenging. "It was a high rope and it was very challenging. Even though you are harnessed you still have to get over your fear of heights," he said.

Another moment Kimani will never forget is when her team won the boat contest. The teams had to build a boat and complete the race, to the finish line, in the least amount of time without falling apart on the course. "Our boat looked the worst and we won first place," Kimani said. "We tried to make a canoe, but it looked more like a banana."

Brion Stallworth, 14, said her favorite activity was kayaking.

"We went an hour across the lake to get to this island and then we had to go all the way back," Brion said. "I learned a lot about how to work in a team and not to depend on just yourself." The girls agreed the ability to meet other Air Force dependents stationed around the world was great and they all left with new friendships they plan to continue back at home.

"I made a lot of friends from different bases all over like Hawaii and Japan," Shawna said.

When the girls arrived in Little Rock, Ark., they knew little about one another or the other campers they would meet from Air Force bases around the world.

"It (the camp) got them thinking outside of their comfort zone as they completed challenges and they had to do them with people they absolutely didn't know," Mr. Hawkins said.

Morgan said learning to work with people she didn't know was beneficial and taught her the value of friendship.

"You definitely have to be open minded. I went there not knowing anyone, not even the ones from Robins, so you had to be open minded and give everyone a chance," Morgan said.



Procedural Changes for Response to Minor Vehicle Accidents

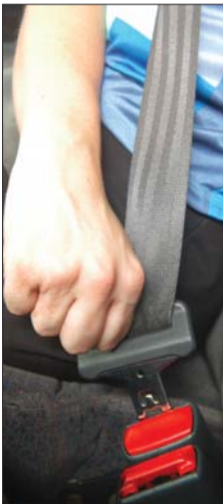
The war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan have placed significant demands on security forces. The size of the rotations has forced Robins to pursue extraordinary measures to support the war effort and maintain installation security. Many of these measures have the potential to significantly change the way we traditionally operate.

We reevaluated how we respond to incidents and will change how we respond to non-priority incidents. One of the responses evaluated was minor vehicle accidents. Minor vehicle accidents are those that do not cause severe disabling damage to a vehicle and/or no injuries are involved that require transport by ambulance to a medical facility. Effective Sept. 4 and until further notice, the 78th Security Forces Squadron will no longer dispatch a police patrol to respond to minor vehicle accidents. In order for the accident report to be processed, personnel must immediately report to the Security Forces Control Center, located in Bldg. 263. The SFCC is open 24-hours a day and is located at the intersection of Peacekeeper Way and Perry St. All personnel will need to bring the following to file a report: valid base ID, valid state driver's license, proof of current insurance and registration. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Andrew Hixson, NCO in charge of Police Services at 222-1989 or the SFCC at 926-2187.

Fiscal 2008 NCO Retraining Program

Air Force officials have announced the start of the fiscal 2008 NCO Retraining Program targeting approximately 900 Airmen (Staff Sgt., Tech. Sgt. and Master Sgt.) for retraining from Air Force Specialty Codes overages to AFSCS with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase (Phase I) of the program runs Aug. 7 through Sept. 21. If all retraining-out requirements have not been met, an involuntary phase (Phase II) will begin shortly thereafter. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and AFSC. Contact your local customer service squadron for complete details and a list of available retraining in and retraining out AFSCS. This fiscal 2008 NCO Retraining Program does not apply to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

Buckle up ... It's the Law



According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists and passengers must wear seat belts when operating and/or riding in a moving vehicle. Individuals found not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle may be issued a ticket by the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

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JOB FAIR

Robins will host a job fair today in the ballroom of Bldg. 956. Job seekers are welcome from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Job seekers should come dressed to interview with resumes in hand, as approximately 30 employers in attendance.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Wednesday, 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 program, visit www.spousestoteachers.com.

The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 141, no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

POSTAL SERVICE CENTER TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Due to building renovations the Postal Service Center has temporarily relocated to Bldg. 301 (East Wing) with the Base Mail Center for approximately 30 days. Normal service will continue to the dorms, but parcels and private carrier items will need to be picked up at the Base Mail Center Bldg. 301 East Wing, Bay G, Door 19E.

Additional information will be provided as the project moves along. If you have any questions please call Greg Barrow, George Floyd, Harvey Battle or Steve Mimbs at 926-2127, 926-4851 or 926-2284.

OSC AUGUST SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COFFEE

Come join the Officers' Spouses Club at the Museum of Aviation, Hangar One, Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon for the annual Special Activities Coffee.

This is a great way to get acquainted with the OSC and to find out about the many activities on base and in the local community.

Representatives from the Middle Georgia area will be on hand to share information. Door prizes and food will be provided. No reservations required.

For more information, contact OSC president, Crystal Gull at 952-1403 or cgull@comsouth.net

THRIFT SHOP NOW OPEN

Our doors are open, so please come by and shop with us. We have many household items and a nice selection of gently used clothing.

Don't forget to check out our uniform closet. We have a variety of current uniforms offered free of charge. We also welcome your donations.

Hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We accept consignments Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 5:30 p.m., Fridays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SENIOR NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Robins Top 3 will conduct the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Seminar Monday through August 17, starting at 7:30 a.m. each day in the Robins Conference Center. The 78th Air Base Wing commander will host the Senior Noncommissioned Officer

Induction Ceremony and Banquet August 17 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The event will recognize all Robins enlisted members selected for promotion to the rank of Master Sergeant during the last promotion cycle. The council encourages all commanders, supervisors, family members and friends to attend. Attire for military guest is Mess Dress or Semi-Formal Dress Uniform. Civilian attire is formal. For more information contact Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe at 222-0168 or Senior Master Sgt. Juan Gomez at 327-8079.

GEORGIA AFA CONVENTION

The Georgia Air Force Association will hold its annual convention on Saturday at

the Museum of Aviation from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The convention will begin in the Eagle Building with breakfast, followed by a business meeting from 8:30 until 11:45 a.m. During the meeting, Lt. Col. Jeff Thetford will give a short presentation on his flights across Georgia.

An awards luncheon will begin at noon in Hangar One. For more information contact Lynn Morley at 926-6295.

HISPANIC HERITAGE OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Robins Hispanic Heritage Observance committee meets every Tuesday in the Georgia room of the Robins Officers' Club at 11:15 a.m. For more information call 2nd Lt. Ron Major at 327-6207 or Lorenzo Davila at 926-5078.

Bamboo Grill manager shares her taste for oriental cuisine



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Wendy Davis grills chicken for the lunch crowd at the Bamboo Grill.

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(Editor's note: This is the fifth article in a seven-part series.)

Wendy Davis has prepared a variety of dishes in her more than 13 years of cooking experience. But, none has struck her taste buds quite like her chicken teriyaki.

The 38-year-old manager of the Bamboo Grill at Robins and wife of Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Davis, a production supervisor in the 116th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron, said many of her customers are drawn to the food's rich flavor.

"Everybody comes in for the chicken teriyaki," she said. "It's the ingredients that go into it. I like chicken particularly, but everybody loves our chicken teriyaki. The flavor is so unique. They just love the marinade. The marinade brings the flavor out and makes it taste just so good."

The military wife recommends the dish for barbecues, parties, and almost any other occasion.



Recipe:

- 2 cups of corn flour
- 2 ounces of garlic
- 2 ounces of white pepper
- 1 1/2 cup of cooking sherry
- 1 cup of soy sauce
- 1 cup of Teriyaki sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon of baking powder.

Take two pounds of chicken thighs and cube them. Marinate the chicken overnight in a mixture of the above ingredients. Once marinated, the chicken can be cooked on a grill or in a wok or skillet. (Recipe may be cut in half to accommodate a small family)

Mrs. Davis who has cooked for the Commissary's bakery at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and worked as a baker and salad production worker at a prestigious restaurant in Wheeling, W.Va. in her culinary career, said food is one of her greatest passions.

"I love food," she said. "I have two children at home too that I'm always cooking for. I like to find something healthy

and something new and refreshing that they're going to eat."

For people who are hesitant to try their hand in the kitchen, Mrs. Davis said food is nothing to fear.

"You really can't go too wrong," she said. "When you start cooking, you can only find so many varieties of your food. Don't be afraid to add different ingredients, flavors, and spices. You can only learn by trying."

Got news to share?

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Robins knows animals

Army Veterinary Services clinic keeps check on animals to keep people healthy



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Dan Miller, veterinarian, gives Sheryl Gunn's cocker spaniel, Jesse, a shot at the Army Veterinary Services Animal Treatment Clinic. The clinic is located in Bldg. 703.



Above, Jennifer Dickerson examines a fecal sample for internal parasites.

Below, Army Sergeant Donnie Thornton, vet technician, helps a customer at the front desk.



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The Army Veterinary Services Animal Treatment Clinic at Robins isn't like the average veterinary hospital.

Capt. Barbara Cloutier, officer in charge of the Fort Benning Branch of the U.S. Army Veterinary Services which includes Robins, Fort Benning, Ga.; Albany Marine Corps Base; Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.; and Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., said the clinic's clientele is one of the defining things that sets them apart.

"There's something special about our clinic," she said. "We are not a full-service clinic for privately-owned animals. We are (here) for the military working dogs. Our main goal is to do preventative care for those diseases and communicable things that can affect human beings."

Those diseases include but are not limited to ringworm, scabies, leptosporosis and Rabies.

Capt. Cloutier, who has been with the U.S. Army Veterinary Services' Fort Benning Branch since October 2004 with only a four-month break in service, said the clinic has a twofold benefit.

When they're not ensuring the military canines are mission-ready, the self-supporting, non-profit clinic's three-person staff is available for giving dogs and cats of active-duty military and retired military members vaccinations, heartworm tests, and fecal checks to keep pets in the military community healthy which in turn helps keep Airmen and their families healthier. The clinic's staff, including Dan Miller, a civilian veterinarian, sees patients every 10 minutes three days per week, during its hours of operation. These visits are by appointment only.

The captain said while looking out for pets in the military community, the clinic staff is also looking out for servicemembers' health as well.

Because terrorists sometimes use animal-based dis-

eases as biological, chemical, and radiological warfare methods, the clinic's staff keeps a close watch on military member's pets that come to the clinic to minimize the risk of a problem arising.

Captain Cloutier said since animal-based diseases can be used as a terrorist's weapon, the clinic encourages customers to protect their pets.

"That's one of the reasons we push for flea control so strongly," she said. "One of the suspected diseases that they expect (terrorists) to use would be Bubonic Plague, which is spread by the flea."

The U.S. Army Veterinary Services is the Department of Defense executive agency for veterinary services.

The clinic, which is located in Bldg. 703, primarily provides full medical, dental, surgical and preventative care to canines assigned to the 78th Security Forces Squadron's Military Working Dog Section at the base.

"It's actually a privilege, not a right," she said. "(The clinic) is primarily in existence for the training of our veterinary personnel. Our primary mission is military working dogs, the full-service surgical, medical, emergency care for the military working dogs."

Jennifer Dickerson, a registered veterinary technician at Robins' animal treatment clinic, said while the clinic's extent of treatment is limited, the level of the care it does provide is top notch.

"We're basically a shot clinic," she said. "The doctor will see some skin problems, eye problems, and ear problems."

Captain Cloutier said the clinic doesn't treat privately-owned pets that have long-term conditions like diabetes and other such diseases.

For those things that fall outside the clinic's realm of treatment, Mrs. Dickerson said customers are encouraged to seek help elsewhere.

"If the clinic is able to treat the animal, they will," she said. "If it's something we can't treat, we'll send them to an off-base vet of their choice."



Above, Mary Caldwell brings Ami, a 3-year-old appleface Chihuahua, for her regular checkup Aug 3.

Below, The clinic keeps an outdoor kennel for Cuddlebug, the unofficial mascot of the clinic. The kennel is not a drop site for sick or unwanted animals.



WHAT TO KNOW

The Army Veterinary Services Animal Treatment Clinic provides vaccinations, heartworm testing and fecal exams to cats and dogs of active-duty and retired military members by appointment only. Appointments are available during the hours of 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The clinic is open Tuesday and Thursday to purchase flea and tick preventative, shampoo and other products; however, products cannot be sold to those whose pet hasn't been seen by the clinic's staff within the year. For more information, call the clinic at 327-8448 or visit the office in Bldg. 703.

FRIDAY

The Base Restaurant, located in Bldg. 166, will hold a grand opening today to celebrate the completion of the serving line renovations. The celebration will begin at 10:20 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. To show their appreciation for their customers, the base restaurant will give a 25 percent discount on all breakfast and lunch menu items and beverages today. The celebration will also include prize drawings for the following: four Atlantis Braves tickets for the Wednesday game, a NASCAR race car hood, Pepsi Cola T-shirts, a flat screen T.V., an iPod, a Dasani bike and much more. Customers need not be present to win. Limit of one entry ticket per person. For more information, call the Base Restaurant at 926-6972.

SATURDAY

The Robins Officers' and Enlisted clubs present the Superstar Comedy Jam tonight at the base restaurant beginning at 9 p.m. The show will feature Michael Blackson, Willie Brown with Woody and a third special guest comedian. Tickets are on sale now at the officers' club cashier office Monday through Friday from 10 am. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. This event is open to all ranks and grades. Brought to you by Mack-Tyme Entertainment. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670. Bring your ticket stub from the Superstar Comedy Jam to receive a discounted admission to the Chris Williams "Lady's Night" house party at the enlisted club lounge Saturday. Cost is \$3 members (with ticket) and \$5 nonmembers (with ticket). For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

Texas Hold 'Em is held Saturdays with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-7625.

Local radio personality Chris Williams will be holding a house party every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. starting tonight. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Ladies night (free entrance before 11 p.m.) will be tonight; 70s disco night (best costume) on Aug. 18 and end the summer in style on Aug. 25. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$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 the officers' club at 926-2670.

MONDAY

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

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

A lunch buffet is 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

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

A picture is worth a thousand words

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Frank Dean takes advantage of the do-it-yourself area in the Frame Shop at the Arts and Crafts Center. Patrons may take a class held every other month on mat cutting and framing taught by Janice Newman and then come in and use the Frame Shop's facilities to frame their own art at a cost savings. For more information call 926-5282.

more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

THURSDAY

Every Thursday night, enjoy karaoke with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 7 p.m. to closing in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

UPCOMING

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park Aug. 17 for a presentation of "Cinderella." The movie will start at dark and concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Colossal Cookie challenge will be held Aug. 23 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at the community center located in Bldg. 956. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at the community center. Please register by Aug. 21. This competition is open to all Robins active duty, reserve and retired military and DOD civilians and family members. For more information call 926-2105.

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.

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own, for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis, must be licensed. Anyone who provides care on a regular basis and is not licensed, please contact Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator at 926-6741 to start the licensing process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander.

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

►The enlisted club pool is now closed for the season. The officers' club pool will be open through Sept. 3 from noon to 7 p.m. for your swimming pleasure.

►Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Aug. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. We will meet at On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Youth ages 10 to 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Aug. 10.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Biltmore Castle, Asheville, N.C., Sept. 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. departure. The group will return Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$398 (1 person/1 room); \$546 (2 person/1 room); \$694 (3 people/1 room) and \$842 (4 people/1 room). Package includes van ride, hotel, Biltmore Castle, gardens, winery and farm village. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 7. A minimum of 10 people is required for this trip.

A family bike hike poker run will be held Aug. 18 starting at 11 am. Participants must have own bikes and helmets. The event is free to enter. Prizes will be given away for best individual poker hand and best family poker hand. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, special entertainment, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and gives all-day access to all attractions. Food and beverages will be on sale. The fitness center will have fit for fun events during the bash to include: singles horse-shoes at 2:30 p.m.; punt, pass and kick competition for kids and adults at 5:30 p.m. and an adult 5-on-5 dodge ball tournament at 4 p.m. Those wanting to participate in these sports events can sign up at the fitness center. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

Youth fall sports registration will be held until filled for flag football (ages 5 – 10 years old), cheerleading (ages 5 – 12 years old). Hours to register will be Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in football and soccer. To register or for more details, please visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

ONGOING

The parent and child workout area in Bldg. 826 will be closed for cleaning at the following times: Monday through Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. and a final cleaning at 10 p.m.; Saturdays from 7 to 8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. and a final cleaning at 9 p.m. and Sundays from 7 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon and a final cleaning at 8 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Arts & Crafts Center

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in August: watercolor Aug. 16 and 23 from 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12; acrylic (all ages) Aug. 16 and 23 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7; acrylic painting Aug. 14 and 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$12; encaustic Aug. 13, 20 and 27 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$12; pastels with Tracy Aug. 17 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$12; sewing Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice. Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required. Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is scheduled by appointment only. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians. For more information, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

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.

►A manager's 2-for-1 special will be held until all tickets are sold to the Atlanta Falcons pre-season games Aug. 27 versus the Cincinnati Bengals and Aug. 31 versus the Baltimore Ravens at the Georgia Dome. Cost is \$80 (lower level) and \$40 (upper level). Tickets are for the same level seating only.

►The FOX Theatre presents, 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 Robins Lanes Bowling Center has a full line up of events and specials Aug. 8 through 11 to show appreciation to its customers: ►A Robins Commanders tournament is slated for Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. Cost is free to play. Prizes will be awarded: 1st place \$100 towards unit's booster club and trophy; 2nd place \$50 toward unit's booster club and 3rd place \$25 toward unit's booster club. Open to all squadron, office and unit organizations. Limited to the first 16 team players with teams consisting of four people. Bowl three games of 9-pin no tap. ►A special Thunder Alley will be held Aug. 10 from 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is free and sign-ups begin at 8 p.m. No reservations will be accepted. Enjoy another special Thunder Alley on Aug. 11 from 9 to 11 p.m. for \$5 per person. ►An open house will be Aug. 11 from 1 to 11 p.m. Events will include: youth league pre-registration and program booth from 1 to 6 p.m., (all youths pre-registered will be entered in a drawing to win a Nintendo Wii); registration and welcome booth from 1 to 8 p.m. (fill out registration form and comment card to qualify for a \$250 cash prize); complimentary bowling from 1 to 8 p.m. (one free game of bowling); learn to bowl from 2 to 4 p.m. and beat the manager from 2 to 6 p.m., cost \$1 per game (individuals that beat managers score will be entered to win a Hammer Black Widow Pearl bowling ball). Festivities will include face painting from 1 to 5 p.m., moon walk from 1 to 8 p.m., combination bouncer/slide from 1 to 8 p.m. and door prizes. Enjoy a free hot dog, chips and soda for the first 500 to attend.

►A bowler's appreciation day (Quartermania) will be held Aug. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. All games are 25 cents each. ►Fall leagues are forming now and play will begin in September. Registration will be held during normal operating hours until each league is filled. ►All retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling with a paid game when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 26 of the August Edge for the month of August.

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

►A Seniors Championship is slated for Aug. 11 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for players 50 years and older and includes golf, cart, prizes and lunch.

►A Link up 2 Golf reunion will be held Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. for all former graduates. Cost is \$15 per person and includes refresher golf clinic, 6-hole golf event and cart.

►A twilight special will be held in August on Monday and Tuesday starting at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 green fee with cart. Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

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

►Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$20 for green fee and cart. Pay only \$15 after 4 p.m.

The Robins Chapel will host AWANA each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00p.m. Children ages 3 through high school are invited to attend. The program will provide Christian teaching, active games and a chance to socialize with other children. Call Kiley Glass at 327-3780 for more information.

The 78th Services Division has a new Internet address. Go to www.robinservices.com for all the information you need regarding Services.

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

LICENSE TO WED

Robins Williams, Mandy Moore
Newly engaged Ben Murphy and his fiancée, Sadie Jones, plan to live happily ever after. The problem is that Sadie's family church, St. Augustine's, is run by Reverend Frank, who won't bless Ben and Sadie's union until they pass his patented, "foolproof" marriage-prep course. Consisting of outrageous classes, outlandish homework assignments and some outright invasion of privacy, Reverend Frank's rigorous curriculum puts Ben and Sadie's relationship to the test. Forget happily ever after-do they even have what it takes to make it to the altar? Rated PG-13.

SATURDAY

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD

Bruce Willis, Timothy Olyphant
On the July Fourth holiday, an attack on the vulnerable United States infrastructure begins to shut down the entire nation. The mysterious figure behind the scheme has figured out every modern angle - but he never figured on an old-school "analog" fly in the "digital" ointment: John McClane. No mask. No cape. No problem. Rated PG-13.

UPCOMING

DEAD OR ALIVE

Natassia Malthe, Jaime Pressly
Four voluptuous girls, each with unique fighting styles, are invited to partake in the "Dead or Alive" world fighting tournament on an exotic island. Rated PG-13.

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. Deborah Turner, SGOH, POC is Tammy Holland, 327-8390 and Marchelle Glover, 402nd SMGX, POC is Daryl Aikens 926-1507.

Macon Music Salutes the Military



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Staff Sgt. Frances Hudlow, Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, sings the national anthem during pre-game ceremonies at Military Night at the Macon Music baseball game.



Lt. Col. Mark Wade talks to media as his wife Joan looks on. Colonel Wade, who has been deployed for six months surprised his family after being disguised as a Macon Music catcher.



Senior Airman David Stelick, Tech. Sgt. Eric Smith, Staff Sgt. Nicole Perry and Senior Airman Nathaniel Miller, Robins's Honor Guard present the colors during pre-game ceremonies at Military Night at Luther Williams Field Monday night.

Airman and Family Readiness Center classes

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.

Bundles for babies Passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday, 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.

Smooth Move

A Smooth Move workshop will be held 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 information and answer questions.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Preparation Wednesday, 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.

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 thrift saving plan

The Airman and Family Readiness Center 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. Additionally, you can choose among the six investment funds in consideration of your personal risk tolerance: Government Securities Investment Fund, Fixed Income Index Investment Fund, Common Stock Index Investment Fund, Small Capitalization Stock Investment Fund, International Stock Index Investment Fund, and the Lifecycle Investment Fund.

To educate individuals, 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.

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

For up-to-date
information in the event of a base
emergency, call 222-0815.