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## Base fire officials optimistic about firefighter cuts

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Recent Air Force-wide active duty cuts will change the composition of the Robins Fire and Emergency Services.

The fire department, which is presently a mixture of civil service and active-duty firefighters, will soon say goodbye to its active-duty counterparts and transform to an all civilian force.

The cuts are a result of Program Budget Decision 720, which is an Air Force effort to recapitalize by cutting manpower.

"The Air Force had to modernize to stay the dominant power in the world,"

said Paul Laster, an employee in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center civilian personnel manpower office, adding that the goal of the PBD 720 cuts was to free up money to help fund different modern weapon projects.

The cuts resulted in about 33,000 active-duty positions being cut Air Force-wide in various career fields, 697 of which are being cut out of the firefighter force. The Air Force will also cut an additional 204 civilian firefighters for a total of 901 firefighter cuts.

Robins presently has 82 job authori-

zations for firefighters and the department will be reduced to 67 firefighter authorizations by January 2008. The reduction of firefighters will include the removal of 35 military positions and the addition of 20 civilian positions — a total loss of 15 positions.

Both Donald Striejewski, Robins Fire and Emergency Services chief, and Lt. Col. Steve Keller, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, agree the base community will see no change in the level of service they receive. The

firefighters will not only continue responding to fire calls and assisting with emergency medical calls, but will also continue to complete fire inspections and enforcement and offer public education to the community about fire safety and prevention.

As Air Force fire protection goes from risk avoidance to risk management, which means the Air Force is restructuring fire protection capability to one significant incident at a time versus the traditional two simultaneous responses, one of the many concerns is a decrease in manning in the fire sta-

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## Early retirement offered for some Robins civilians

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Robins Air Force Base is giving some civilians a shot at early retirement.

The opportunity comes through the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, two programs that will work together to provide up to 225 individuals who are eligible for retirement the opportunity to leave federal service with up to \$25,000 in their pockets as they exit federal service.

Robert Williams, deputy director of personnel, said VERA is the legal authority that enables federal agencies, like the Air Force, to offer incentive to solicit individuals to apply for early retirement and separate early from federal service rather than wait for normal retirement based on age or length of service.

Robins is linking the VERA/VSIP authorities for the separation incentive opportunity. The application window is Aug. 20-31, and those who are accepted must leave federal service by Nov. 2.

Mr. Williams said the initiative comes as budget constraints tighten the base's financial belt for the coming fiscal year.

"As we look ahead to fiscal 2008, our expectation is that it will be a very tight fiscal environment, particularly in our operation and maintenance funding account," he said. "So, in recognition of that very constrained resource environment, we're taking the proactive step in a very deliberative, prudent process to ensure that our manning level is within the fiscal and funding parameters that are expected."

Mr. Williams said he expects that the fiscal year ahead will be a challenging one resource-wise and Robins must ensure it stays within the expected funding levels.

"Obviously, as we deal with this near term challenge, without question the outlook for the (Warner Robins Air Logistics) Center is a

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## If you can't stand the heat...



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Joey Kornegay hydrates with some water after a morning of outdoor exercise.

## Robins health officials say hydration is important to surviving recent record-breaking temperatures

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As summer lingers, so does the sweltering heat.

In recent weeks, temperatures have broken records, with the heat index climbing to a sizzling 115 degrees on some days.

Rather than using the heat index as a temperature guide, however, Robins uses the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature, a three-part thermometer instrument that measures regular ambient temperature, amount of direct sun light temperature, and wind and humidity effects, located outside of Bldg. 207.

The WBGT is monitored every two hours during each weekday from May 1 to Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Heat conditions are assigned color-coded flags, with rest cycle recommendations assigned to each.

Current flag conditions are posted on the Robins home page to make people aware of the outdoor heat's status.

Although the hot weather may have some seeking refuge in the indoors,

with the right approach, Robins' health officials said people can enjoy the great outdoors without suffering harmful consequences.

Pat Tooley, lead health specialist in the 78th Medical Group's Public Health Flight, said hydration is especially important as temperatures exceed 100 degrees.

"One of the primary problems that we have is dehydration, which can lead to either heat exhaustion or heat stress," she said.

Capt. Patricia Garcia, 78th MDG's Public Health Flight commander, said drinking plenty of water is very important during the heat wave.

"What they need to do is drink plenty of water during the day," she said. "Most heat disorders are caused by dehydration. As long as they're supplying their body with the necessary water, they should be fine."

Lee Langley, chief of the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight in the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, recommends people drink at least one quart of water per hour during

the hot temperatures.

"First and foremost, you have to stay hydrated," he said. "Basically, your fluid intake should be greater than or equal to the amount of water lost in perspiration, which is basically eight fluid ounces of water for every eight ounces of weight lost."

Mr. Langley said people should start drinking long before they ever start work or play outdoors.

"They need to continuously drink the water even if they don't feel thirsty," he said. "By the time they feel thirsty, they're becoming dehydrated."

If people start feeling poorly in a heated moment, they should consider the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and see if any apply, Mr. Langley said.

"There are basically three types of (heat-related illness)," he said. "They are heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat cramps."

Signs of heat cramps include muscle spasms in the arms and legs that usual-

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### THE SIGNS

#### Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

Headaches, dizziness, lightheadness, or fainting, weakness and moist skin, mood changes like irritability or confusion, and upset stomach or vomiting.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke  
Dry, hot skin with no sweating. Mental confusion or losing consciousness. Seizures or convulsions.

### PREVENTING HEAT STRESS

- Know signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and monitor yourself and others.
- Block out direct sun or other heat sources.
- Use cooling fans or air conditioning and rest regularly.
- Drink plenty of water, about one cup for every 15 minutes.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, or heavy meals.

### HOW TO RESPOND TO HEAT ILLNESS

- Call 911 (or local emergency number) at once.
- While awaiting help to arrive, move the person to a cool, shaded area.
- Loosen or remove heavy clothing.
- Provide cool drinking water.
- Fan and mist the person with water.

—Information courtesy Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

### Heat conditions



Keep track of heat conditions by using the color-coded flag conditions made available on the Robins home page at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

## School days



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Hana Arredondo gets a kiss from stepdad Bryan Fordham on her first day in 1st grade. Robins Elementary opened its doors for the 2007-08 school year Aug. 10.

### 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: 33  
Last DUI: 78th Civil Engineer Squadron — courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



### THE TWO-MINUTEREV

**Wage rate increase**  
New wage rate schedules for wage grade, working leader and wage supervisor employees in the Macon wage area have been approved by the Department of Defense Wage Setting Division, Eastern Region and will be effective Sunday. The schedule is available at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil>.

mil/DPC.

#### Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting will be held at the Base Theater Tuesday at 1 p.m. to discuss upcoming Defense Logistics Agency function changes due to 2005 BRAC legislation. Employees will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their transition to the DLA.

### INSIGHT



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## SEPARATION

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very positive outlook," he said. "We continue to focus on the capability that we provide the war fighter, and also recognize that we have an aging workforce. We continue to maintain, even through challenges we face in the near term, to ensure that we have the partnerships and the processes in place to refresh and replenish the workforce."

Applications will be accepted from employees located at Robins and those serviced by the base personnel office. In addition, employees aligned to Robins who are assigned to geographically separated units, can apply.

While the offer may be tempting to many, Mr. Williams said everyone can't take advantage of the offer.

"Wage grades, wage leaders, wage supervisors, engineers, firefighters, medical, contracting and intelligence specialty employees, as well as those on a special salary rate, are excluded from this offering because of mission needs," he said.

Robins officials believe attrition and the VSIP will prevent the need for more severe measures such as furlough or reduction in force.

Applications for the buyouts will be based upon retirement, early retirement, and incentive payment of up to a maximum of \$25,000 before taxes. The incentive amount depends upon whether the employee is currently eligible for optional or early retirement.

Once the applications are gathered and reviewed, employees who will be offered the separation incentive will be directly contacted by the Personnel Directorate and will have seven days from the date of receiving the offer to accept or decline, Mr. Williams said.

"A significant percentage of our workforce is eligible for optional retirement," Mr. Williams said. "So we feel the majority of the incentives will go to the employees in that cate-

gory."

Chari Spivey, program manager for the VERA/VSIP in the Personnel Directorate, said the VERA/VSIP offer provides a "soft landing" for employees while avoiding perceivably harsh measures to meet budget needs.

Ms. Spivey said it opens the door for those eligible and ready to retire and gives Robins the chance to replenish the workforce for future support of the warfighter.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Robert Williams, deputy director of personnel, speaks to media about an opportunity for civilian workers to apply for separation incentives.

## WHAT TO KNOW

Applications will be accepted for the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Program Aug. 20-31. Up to 225 separation incentives will be approved.

Those interested must apply through the program's Web site at <https://veravsip.robins.af.mil>, using a .mil government computer. More information can be found on the Benefits and Entitlements Support Team and the Employee Benefits Information System Web sites. Send concerns to [wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil](mailto:wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil).

## CUTS

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tions during shifts and a reduction of firefighters responding to fire calls. However, Robins fire officials worked hard to restructure the organization to allow them to retain a minimum of 19 firefighters on the floor during each shift to man dispatches to reported emergencies.

However, Rusty Adams, president of the International Association of firefighter's local federal chapter 720, disagrees. He feels the changes will cause a slower full response to fire incidents on the base.

One of the issues Mr. Adams has with the cuts is the decrease in trucks responding to initial alarms. Before the cuts, an alarm would result in the dispatch of one engine with four firefighters, one ladder truck with four firefighters, one rescue truck with three firefighters and one command truck with a chief fire officer.

As a result of the manpower cuts, now an alarm will initially dispatch just one truck to the

area for assessment. Once it is determined the alarm is a real emergency, the other vehicles will be dispatched to the area.

Mr. Adams said by not sending the entire response team at one time, the full response is delayed if it is a real emergency.

Chief Striejewski said not all alarms are handled with the one truck response, such as when an alarm is accompanied by several phone calls reporting a fire. He said by not sending a full response to each incident until they are verified by firefighters as a real emergency, they are more prepared to handle simultaneous events where the first alarm could be a false alarm, but the second could be a real incident.

Firefighters are working on is reducing false alarms on the base, especially those caused by malfunctioning or faulty equipment. The fire department is also working to reduce concern over the manpower cuts by maintaining mutual aid agreements, which are agreements between local fire fighting agencies and the base to support each other during emergency situations if the

need arises.

"My goal is to make sure the mission continues even if we have to utilize outside resources," Chief Striejewski said.

One of the reasons the firefighters are able to reduce their force as part of the civilian transformation is because civilians do not have deployment responsibilities, which allows them to contribute year-round to the base's fire protection.

"The productivity of a military member is lower than a civilian because they have deployment commitments," Colonel Keller said.

But, Mr. Laster assures members of the community just because military firefighters will not be deploying from Robins does not mean the Air Force will still not be equipped to deploy firefighters.

It is important for the community to realize the fire stations have never been 100 percent manned because there is always a group deployed or on temporary duty assignments, Colonel Keller said.

Even Mr. Adams admits because the firefighters are transforming to an all civilian

force and no longer responsible for filling deployment slots there is some room to trim the manning of the department, but he said 15 is more than they could afford to spare.

Though the 15 positions are being cut as a part of the transformation, none of the military members will be losing their jobs; most will receive a permanent change of station.

The chief said one of the reasons the Air Force is able to downsize the Air Force-wide firefighter force is because of their commitment to public education.

"The Air Force has put themselves out of business by doing such a good job with the fire prevention program," Chief Striejewski said.

Colonel Keller and Chief Striejewski agreed the commitment to the safety of the firefighters who serve the Robins community will not falter and will continue to be their top priority as the cuts are implemented. The department will continue to meet the National Fire Protection Agency standards and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration "two in, two out" rules.

## HEAT

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activity schedule can help lessen the risk.

"If they can schedule their work in the coolest part of the day, that would help," he said. "In the morning time would probably be the best time to do physical activity. Schedule (your outdoor activity) before the day heats up."

The ideal time for outdoor work or other activities would be before 10 a.m., Sergeant Quakenbush said.

Ms. Tooley said people should try to avoid outdoor activity between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., a period considered to have the highest temperatures of the day.

If that doesn't work, rest cycles are a must, Mr. Langley said.

"As the WBGT increases, you need to rest more than you normally would," he said.

Ms. Tooley said work and rest cycles vary with the degrees of work performed. If people must work in the heat, they should take rest breaks in air conditioning or a shaded area as much as possible.

When working outdoors, people should use large-brimmed straw hats to shield the eyes and ears, Ms. Tooley said.

Robins offers guidance on the length and frequency of work and rest cycles based on its color-coded flag system. The information is published on the Robins homepage.

Ms. Tooley said people are encouraged to not only look out for their own safety in the heat, but to also look out for those around them.

"I would say that one of the prime things that they should do is use the Wingman con-

cept," she said. "Make sure they keep an eye on their buddies for any type of profuse sweating, redness of the skin of individuals, (and) extreme fatigue."

The elderly and children are at a higher risk for heat-related illness and should be watched more closely in the heat, Ms. Tooley said. When playing outdoors, children should be supervised.

"The main thing is to not let them get out too long and to stay hydrated," Mr. Langley said. "They should not be in this kind of heat unsupervised for sure. They definitely need to have some sort of supervision when they're out."

Ms. Tooley said people in this group should stay in air conditioning as much as possible during the hot period.



# C-5 MSG-3 brings cargo fleet better inspection process to keep aircraft flying

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Support for the C-5 is set to change in fiscal 2010.

To provide the best maintenance for the C-5 fleet and help achieve aircraft availability goals through fiscal 2040, the Air Mobility Command is transitioning aircraft sustainment efforts to the Air Transportation Association's Maintenance Steering Group-3, Scheduled Maintenance Development convention.

Col. James Dendis, commander of the 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group, said Robins is adopting a method used in the commercial airline industry to support the C-5 fleet.

"MSG-3 is a program that implements reliability-centered maintenance in the commercial airline fleet," he said. "We are trying to use that philosophy to maintain our C-5 and adopt a commercial practice to maintain the C-5 fleet. In doing so, we look to improve aircraft availability, improve the maintenance practices in the field and reduce some of their field maintenance burden and basically have an overall maintenance program for the C-5 fleet."

Scott Vandersall, chief engineer for C-5 aircraft in the 730th ASG, said the new approach to inspection of the C-5 is much more encompassing.

"The MSG-3 is a much more comprehensive inspection program than we have today," he said. "Today's version essentially has the different inspection intervals, but they're independent of each other. They don't build on each other. You have a separate set of inspections that you would do at each of those intervals."

Mr. Vandersall said in the past, if an inspection were missed, it may not be done again for some time, leaving uncertainty in findings.

"The MSG-3 is what is called a hierarchical inspection program where everything builds on each other," he said. "So, when you go from a lower level inspection, you'll do the inspec-

tion and then when you go to a much higher level, like an isochronal inspection, you'll do the same type of inspection, with the intent that you're looking at the same area in a much more comprehensive manner."

Technical data and work cards will be a big change as the MSG-3 comes aboard. Today, work cards simply offer verbiage. Work cards under MSG-3 will have pictures that provide specifics on where to inspect, what measurement values are good or bad, where to lubricate and a lot more information for the mechanic. Timing is everything, and that is definitely true with MSG-3.

"You'll hear this a lot for MSG-3, the phrase, 'It's the right time to find. It's the right time to fix,'" he said. "The way today's inspection programs are, if they find a little crack out there, they're going to fix it even if the structure is not considered primary. However, if that particular part should fail, then it's going to put that airplane down for three weeks just to fix that crack and you didn't really need to fix that particular crack at that time."

Colonel Dendis said the MSG-3 approach cuts repair and maintenance time down.

"On the MSG-3, you'll only accomplish what you can in the time you have to do the inspection," he said.

The colonel said field units are going to primarily do reliability-based inspections, and leave the heavier, structural-type inspections that could increase repair time to program depot maintenance.

Other support will come from the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing's commodities support workers, the Defense Logistics Agency, and others, Colonel Dendis said. He said the C-5 is the first organic aircraft in the Air Force inventory to change from the current inspection program to the MSG-3 type inspection program.

The previous inspection method was a part-focused inspection, whereas the MSG-3 is a systems-based approach.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

C-5 MSG-3 team members, Scott Vandersall, Stan Garriety, Steve Turner, Dave Young, Tim Richardson and Mario Sanchez, show off the new commercial work card that includes pictures as well as written instructions.

"Instead of waiting for it to fail, you basically monitor what the systems are telling you in terms of what's going wrong," Colonel Dendis said.

Mr. Vandersall said Robins hopes to gain reliability on the conservative side of 20 percent improvement. Robins hopes

that will mean seven less aircraft down for repair each day once MSG-3 is implemented.

The C-5 fleet is set to retire in fiscal 2040. The cost avoidance for extending maintenance intervals for PDM and other inspections through fiscal 2040 is about \$1.38 billion.

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## A-10 Thunderbolt first class qualification



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTINA D. PONTE

Second Lieutenant Robert Arena sits in his A-10 Thunderbolt II after completing the first A-10C pilot initial qualification course

Aug. 2 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. During the seven-month course, the training focused on the new A-10C platform which replaced the A-10A.

The pilots also learned the basics of being attack pilot wingmen, which included flying in formation to provide mutual support, communicate with radios and kill the assigned target on the first attempt. Lieutenant Arena is an A-10 pilot with the 357th Fighter Squadron.



**Col. Theresa Carter**  
78th Air Base Wing commander

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## Traffic Congestion

I would like to suggest you look at the possibility of opening up the National Guard gate in the afternoon for about an hour for north bound traffic. It takes the people who work in Bldg. 91 at least 15 to 20 minutes or more each afternoon to get off base. Yesterday it took me 20 minutes to get off base and the traffic was still backed up past the parking lot at Bldg. 44.

## Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your suggestion. While we certainly understand your desire to both enter and exit the installation as quickly as possible, we must weigh your request to open additional installation entry points with available security forces. 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, to include re-evaluating our gate hours to open only those essential to the installation and not for convenience. We also understand that the recent, short-term closure of Gate 5 may have exacerbated vehicle entry and exit times, but we expect any delays caused by the Gate 5 closure have since abated. Finally, we have a forum where we discuss on-base traffic patterns and concerns. It is called the local Traffic Safety Coordination Group and we invite your input. You can get more information on the process for submission of traffic related facility requirements through our local civil engineer customer service at 926-5657.

*Editor's Note: The Rev-Up will print an AFSO21 question-and-answer series the third Friday of every month. Questions may be e-mailed to the WR-ALC/XP workflow with subject line marked AFSO21 question. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, will respond to AFSO21 questions.*



**Maj. Gen. Tom Owen**  
WR-ALC commander



**Q:** How is AFSO21 different from Quality Air Force?

**A:** While there are similarities in the two programs, I believe that AFSO21 will achieve effective outcomes where the Quality Air Force (QAF) initiative failed. QAF measured "activity" instead of "results." QAF also lacked an end-to-end look at processes and intended to improve efficiency in value-added tasks versus AFSO21's focus on eliminating non-value added tasks. AFSO21 has an Air Force governance structure and requirement for leadership involvement that QAF was unable to attain to support execution and sustainment. As Air Force Materiel Commander, Gen. Bruce Carlson wrote in a recent Commander's Log, "The problem wasn't with the ideas, it was with how we

implemented – or failed to implement – them." AFSO21 will ensure we focus on the right things using available resources to provide improved results, enabling us to deliver war-winning capabilities on time and on cost.

**Q:** What do our customers think about our AFSO21 efforts?

**A:** To answer this, we must understand that we have many customers. Our main customer is the warfighter. Through our AFSO21 initiatives, we have been able to provide our customer with the assets they need quicker, faster and with fewer defects than at any other time in the history of this Center. Through our efforts, we are able to provide more cargo aircraft to decrease the need of as many convoys to carry troops

and supplies through the war zone. To the warfighter who no longer has to travel in as many convoys, our support can mean the difference between life and death. Another customer is the Air Force itself. Through our AFSO21 initiatives, we have been able to add to the amount of work we perform on our maintenance lines without increasing the flow time we take to do this work. As one example, we added the C-5 torque deck work to our PDM because we could perform this work faster and cheaper than the private industry which had this workload in the past. Our counterparts in private industry are also more willing to partner with us on workload because of our AFSO21 strides. All in all, our AFSO21 efforts have produced well for our customers, partners and the Air Force as a whole.

## Commander: a new era in aviation begins in Alaska

An exciting time has begun at Elmendorf Air Force Base as we welcome the newest, most revolutionary, most talked about air dominance fighter in the history of aviation.

The F-22 Raptor will soon be a common sight in the sky above Alaska, protecting America and the Pacific Theater. With its arrival, our Air Force is more capable than ever of fighting and winning our nation's battles.

As American Airmen, we take our Alaskan heritage and history seriously. We remember the words of one of our most visionary forefathers, Billy Mitchell, who said, "I believe that, in the future, whoever holds Alaska will hold the world. I think it is the most important, strategic place in the world."

These words couldn't be more appropriate in a summer that has seen the arrival of the F-22 as well as the most advanced global-reach asset in our Air Force, the C-17

Globemaster III.

History has also taught us that we cannot successfully fight tomorrow's wars by training to fight today's enemy. The war on terrorism has challenged our Air Force in combat with an enemy that uses crude tactics and primitive technology. Who would have guessed 20 years ago we'd have Airmen riding horses into battle in the 21st century? But that's exactly what we did in the opening days of the conflict in Afghanistan. We met the threat head on, and we succeeded.

It's important to note that as the fight with our current enemy grabs all the headlines, the nature of warfare is constantly evolving on several fronts. We cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that we may be called upon to battle an enemy whose technology and skills more closely mirror our own, and we may have to counter both types of threats

simultaneously.

When that time comes, Air Force leaders don't want a fair fight. We want overwhelming air dominance that makes the fight patently unfair to the other guy. The F-22 is designed for just that: Total air dominance for decades to come.

The F-22 is proving its mettle right now at five bases across the country. With nearly 100 delivered, we're seeing exactly what this aircraft is made of and only scratching the surface of what it can do. Last year in Alaska it flew 97 percent of scheduled sorties during Exercise Northern Edge 2006. This year during its debut in the Air Force's premier air combat exercise, Red Flag, 100 percent of planned sorties were successfully generated while the F-22 scored 100 percent direct hits with its air to ground weapons.

The F-22's unique combination of stealth, speed, agility,

precision and situational awareness combined with air-to-ground and air-to-air combat capabilities makes it the best overall fighter in the world.

And while the success and statistics associated with the F-22's performance are convincing of its value, it's important to note that this machine is worthless without the truly remarkable Airmen who fly and maintain it. The men and women of our United States Air Force are dedicated, selfless and determined to see that this great country is always protected. Now your Airmen in Alaska have received the most advanced air dominance fighter in existence to enable them to meet that commitment to our nation.

We stand ready, on a new frontier, providing America's top cover.

— *This commentary was written by Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser, Alaskan Command commander*



# Family serves mission, leaves mark on Robins

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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Jennifer Herrington's connection to Robins Air Force Base started long before she ever began her civil service career at the Middle Georgia military base.

Mrs. Herrington, a production management specialist in the 560th Combat Sustainment Squadron who recently earned the Air Force Materiel Command's 2006 Col. Meredith H. Mynhier Materiel Requirements Award, came to work at the base in August 1999 under the Outstanding Scholar Training Program.

In 1976, 23 years before the Warner Robins native ever knew much about the base, the dining hall, now known as the Wynn Dining Facility, was named after her maternal grandfather, William W. Wynn Jr., a former prisoner of war from World War II and a retired master sergeant who served as the civilian chief of security police in the 1970s.

Bennie Wynn, widow of the late Mr. Wynn and a former supply worker at Robins in the late 1960s, said the honor came as a result of her husband's former prisoner of war status.

"He was captured on April 9, 1942, on Bataan," she said. "He was in that Bataan Death March. He stayed in the Philippines for a couple of years and then they shipped him to Japan to complete his prison time until the end of the war. He stayed in prison for 43 months, 18 days, and about six hours."

While the special recognition of Mrs. Herrington's grandfather is an ever-present tribute to his service to the country, the past and present service she, her parents, and her grandparents have invested in



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Family members Bennie Wynn, Kenneth Cook and Jennifer Herrington stand in front of photos of Master Sgt. William W. Wynn Jr. at Wynn Dining facility. They represent three generations tied to Robins.

the mission here is a living reminder of the common career choices they share.

Kenneth Cook, Mrs. Herrington's father, is an industrial equipment mechanic in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's Heavy Vertical Metal Shop. He served as an active-duty Airman in the 4400th Support Squadron at Robins from 1968-1970.

"I was two years military stationed here at Robins in the 4400th SS," he said. "We supported the (5th Combat Communications Group) with portable tents."

That's when he met Shirley Wynn, Mr. Cook's late wife and Mrs. Herrington's mother. The two were married shortly after Mr. Cook left military service. After a move, the late Mrs. Cook came to work at the base.

Although the Columbus, Ga., native changed jobs several times, still he came to work each day at Robins.

Once the Cooks' daughter married, Mr. Cook and his late wife encouraged her to find her work niche at Robins. Mrs. Herrington heeded her parents' advice and came aboard on the base.

The 32-year-old production management specialist enjoyed working with her late mother when she first came to work.

"I worked with my mom," she said. "She did part of our contracts. We had to take them to her, so we actually worked together."

Now, Mrs. Herrington works closely with her stepmother, Pam Cook, a sourcing analyst in the 542nd Materiel

Sustainment Group's Communications and Electronics Commodity Council.

"When we all get together, especially at home, we talk (about work)," she said.

Military acronyms may be like a foreign language to Jennifer's husband who has never worked at the base, but it's a common language for her and her fellow Robins' employee family members.

"It's like we speak our own language," she said.

One thing they'll always have in common though is their service to Robins' warfighting mission. And as a bonus, Mrs. Wynn said working at the base helped the already close-knit family stay a little closer to each other.

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## AFMC rep debriefs Robins on AFSO 21 systems principles

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Team Robins members piled into the Base Theater Wednesday afternoon to learn more about how Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Develop and Sustain Warfighting System's principles are going to help the Air Force achieve its priorities.

The briefing was given by Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and has already been presented to personnel at the Tinker Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB.

Colonel Ken Moran, deputy director of the Develop and Sustain Warfighting System, explained during the briefing that the Air Force's priorities are clear: winning the Global War on Terror, developing and caring for our Airmen and modernizing and recapitalizing our fleet.

"These have been driving our Air Force for the last few years and will continue to drive our Air Force in the future," Colonel Moran said.

Colonel Moran talked about the importance of recapitalizing and modernizing the force and how meeting this goal in the present environment is very challenging.

"We are having to do this in an era where our budget is not going to grow much," Colonel Moran said.

He said the Air Force has to change because of rising personnel costs, which have risen 51 percent in the last 10 years, cost of operations, which has risen 87 percent in the last decade, aging aircraft, decreasing military usefulness of some aircraft, and the fiscal environment.

"Smart Operations for the 21st Century is a piece of the puzzle that is going to help us," Colonel Moran said.

The key principles of the D&SWS strategy are focusing on work that adds value, which includes allowing the customer to define value, harnessing enterprise efficiencies and effectiveness, which includes leveraging efficiencies from the Air Force-level to better utilize resources, teamwork, which includes creating unity of effort by

rethinking the way we do business and achieving predictable results.

"This is an opportunity not to throw out the good things we are doing, but to take a step back and examine what we are doing (overall)," he said.

He said the goal of the initiatives is to present a streamlined and integrated approach and make sure everyone is focusing on life-cycle management.

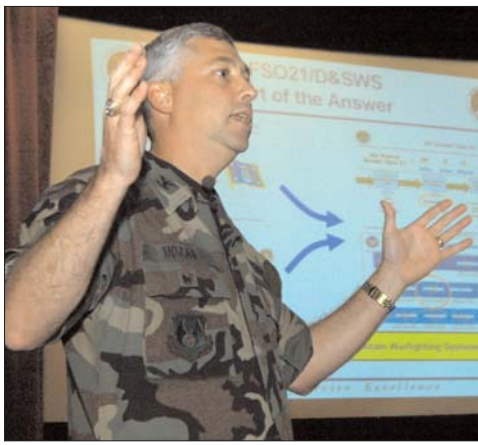
"We want to make sure everyone is pulling on the rope the same way," Colonel Moran said.

All of the initiatives fall into four focus areas: creating efficiency with strategic enterprise approach; reducing large money overruns by launching and maintaining high confidence programs; rethinking how we are doing our planning and decision making and looking at meetings and reports to determine which ones are valuable.

"We have a huge recapitalization challenge ahead of us and we've got to figure out how to make these improvements even when we are delivering on the promises of today," Colonel Moran said.

The briefing attendees also were briefed on Centralized Asset Management, whose mission is to centralize and integrate management of Air Force sustainment to optimize warfighting capability through effective and efficient allocation of resources across the enterprise.

The first of four CAM pillars is to centralize requirements, which will begin leaning current process requirements using new requirement processes for execution and hotwashing process for additional process



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Col. Ken Moran, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, speaks at Robins Theater about Develop and Sustain Warfighter Systems.

improvements.

The second pillar is a requirements roll-up by weapons system.

"We will look at the overall picture of the weapon, rather than individual parts," said Shawn Lyman, Headquarters AFMC Centralized Asset Management Division deputy chief.

The third pillar is the centralized funding, which will be based on Air Force strategies to allow deliberate allocation of limited resources to best support strategies.

The fourth pillar is Depot Maintenance Activity Group integration where one of the key changes will be reducing millions of non-value added financial transactions.

Another important aspect of the CAM is implementing Performance Based Logistics principles, such as having the same contract requirements between major commands as we do with outside contracts.

"We want them to give us the same flexibility to get the job done and meet requirements, but how we do that is up to us," Mr. Lyman said.

One of the keys to implementing the PBL strategies by 2010 will be attacking the highest cost areas first and working our way down, Mr. Lyman said.

"We know this isn't going to happen overnight," he added.



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Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Joyner is a new Protestant chaplain at the Chapel.

## Robins chaplain uses mixture of scripture, humor to help Airmen in spiritual need

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Chaplain (Capt.) Paul B. Joyner takes a down to Earth approach to his work in heavenly matters.

The 43-year-old protestant chaplain was nicknamed 'peanut butter' earlier in his life because of his initials 'PBJ.' Now, it's just one of the jovial ways Chaplain Joyner breaks the ice with people he meets.

The father of four who came to Robins from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., July 18, said while matters of the heart are serious, sometimes it takes a little humor to help people break through to the other side of a situation.

"You almost have to (use humor in this job)," he said. "Otherwise, if you sat in your office and you saw four people a day who were depressed, suicidal, or their marriage is falling apart, and you don't walk out of here trying to make yourself laugh, you wouldn't be able to help anyone."

Chaplain Joyner said humor often opens up the door to a better outlook on life.

"Usually if people are crying and you get them laughing, they're going to stop crying," he said. "(Chaplains) try to speak to the heart. If there's just so much blocking that path, you've got to get it out of the way and then you can really minister to that individual because they're open to it."

There is a serious side to the Charleston, S.C. native though.

"When I need to be serious, we get serious," he said. "I'm very serious about my relationship with the Lord. But, God takes people and he takes who they are and he works within them and through them."

Chaplain Joyner said he hopes to have a productive, viable ministry where people can be fed, nourished, and encouraged spiritually so that they're equipped to live spiritually changed lives.

The Air Force chaplain is familiar with the challenges and stresses of military life. After all, he has served in the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S.

Air Force Reserve, and the U.S. Army National Guard in addition to his current time in the Air Force.

"The best part about being a chaplain is that I get to go around and visit with people in their work sites just to encourage our Airmen, civilians, contractors, (and) whoever is working in the support of the war fighter, the guys and gals on the ground in the (area of responsibility) whether it be in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, (or) wherever," he said.

Chaplain Joyner enjoys encouraging people.

"One of the greatest gifts for me is being able to lead Christian worship service in the

military community, especially in the deployed environment," he said. "I think maintaining a connection with God while you're deployed is an important thing. Even when you're disconnected from all of your family and everyone else in a physical sense, you can still be connected to the Lord. Being able to help facilitate that is a great honor."

In addition to helping Airmen keep their faith in check, Chaplain Joyner performs weddings and funerals for active-duty and retired military members and provides both marital and substance abuse counseling services to those authorized to use base chapel services.

"All of our counseling centers on trying to help people through their situation whether it's comfort, direction, change or just some loving advice," he said.

The light-hearted minister said one of the most important things he does is to help people see that hope is eternal.

"My biggest thing is that I'm

approachable at any place, at any time," he said. "My main goal in any conversation is to leave people with hope. Not hope in the world, but hope in what God is doing in their life, because no matter if it's going good or bad, God is still active in it."

Chaplain Joyner said he tries to remind people that the stresses of life are temporary and that in time they will get beyond the circumstance they face.

The chaplain said as a marine, he used that same approach when going through training at Paris Island, S.C., an approach he hopes will help others.

"When I went through Paris Island, what helped me to get to the end was that I knew there was a definite date," he said. "They told us the very first day, 'This will be the day you graduate.' So, I knew I just had to work until that day and put up with it until I got there. Sometimes that's what you have to do. You have to know with confidence that the thing that's causing you the most

pain and difficulty is going to end."

When Chaplain Joyner isn't helping people gain a new perspective, he finds joy in spending time with his wife, Lt. Col. Carol Joyner, chief of the F-15 Weapons System Supply Chain Management Division in the 830th Aircraft Sustainment Group, and their children who range in age from 13 to 23.

While he most enjoys being at home with those he loves, Chaplain Joyner said he knows that his true treasure is beyond the present.

"I'm soon to be 44. My body feels 64. I act like I'm 14. So, somewhere in there, that's me," he said. "I'm just waiting to go to the place where I belong."

### WHAT TO KNOW

Chaplain Joyner may be reached at the Base Chapel in Bldg. 769, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. To contact the Base Chapel, call 926-2821.

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## Officers' club food operations manager turns Georgia peach into dessert delight



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Ranetta Hidalgo is food operations manager at Robins Officer's Club.

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

Ranetta Hidalgo considers herself to be a hands-on person in the kitchen, at home and at work.

No matter the dish, if Ms. Hidalgo is making it, it's going to be made from scratch.

The 45-year-old Kentucky native has worked as the food operations manager at the Officer's Club at Robins Air Force Base since March.

But, food service is nothing

new for the retired U.S. Army master sergeant, having served as a senior food adviser during her 20-year military service commitment.

What's one of the best parts of cooking? It's the look of excitement on her customers' faces.

Her flaming peach flambé gets her customers stirring every time, she said.

"(Cooking) is just something that I like to do," she said. "If I can bring a smile to my customer's face, then that lets me know that I've done a good job and I'll have customers return."

The mother of two said the

key ingredient in good cooking is using your mind as much as you use your hands.

"When you're cooking, you have to be creative," she said. "Don't be afraid to try different things. You have to taste your product to know if it's going to be pleasing to your customer."

And to be a successful cook, Ms. Hidalgo said you must know who you're cooking for.

"You have to know your customers because you have to know what their wants are," she said. "So, you cater to your customer."

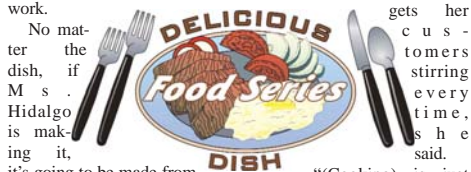
Ms. Hidalgo has perfected her craft and her long list of satisfied customers is proof.

"You always want to do a quality meal to have your customers come back," she said.

### Recipe:

2 to 3 fresh peaches peeled or 3 cups of sliced peaches (fresh or frozen)  
1 cup of brown sugar  
½ cup of butter  
¼ cup of orange juice  
2 tablespoons of peach schnapps  
2 tablespoons of rum  
cinnamon to taste

In a saucepan, melt the butter on medium heat and add in the sugar. Stir until it caramelized. Add orange juice. Bring to a boil. Turn down the heat. Add in the peaches and mix all ingredients together. Add peach schnapps and stir. Drizzle the rum over the mixture at the edge of the pan. Light with a chef torch for dramatic effect. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



## ► IN BRIEF

### HOME COMPUTER SECURITY BRIEFING

Home computer security briefings will be conducted Aug. 28 at the Base Theater at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 10 p.m. and 2 p.m. These informal briefings will inform attendees how to secure their home computers from viruses, teach password protection, how to avoid e-mail scams, detect spyware and how to set up personal firewalls.

For more information contact Staff Sgt Adam Pagan, 78th Communication Squadron Network Security and Information Assurance office, at 327-9314.

### ARCHERY CLUB EVENT

The Robins Straight Arrow Archery Club will host the Benefit the Airmen Shoot Aug. 25 at the Straight Arrow Club. 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 for the top three finishers. 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.

### SENIOR NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 78th Air Base Wing, will host the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony and Banquet today 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.

### BLOOD DRIVES

The Armed Services Blood Program and the American Red Cross will host blood drives at Robins today.

Locations are as follows:

Armed Services Blood Program

► Youth Center- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

► Cotton Auditorium- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donations made at this location will directly support our troops fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

American Red Cross (Mobile Unit):

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

► Bldgs. 640 and 645 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations made at this location will directly support our local community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 327-7931 or e-mail Staff Sgt Garah Hammack, at garah.hammack@robins.af.mil.

### 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.



# Food Fun & Fellowship

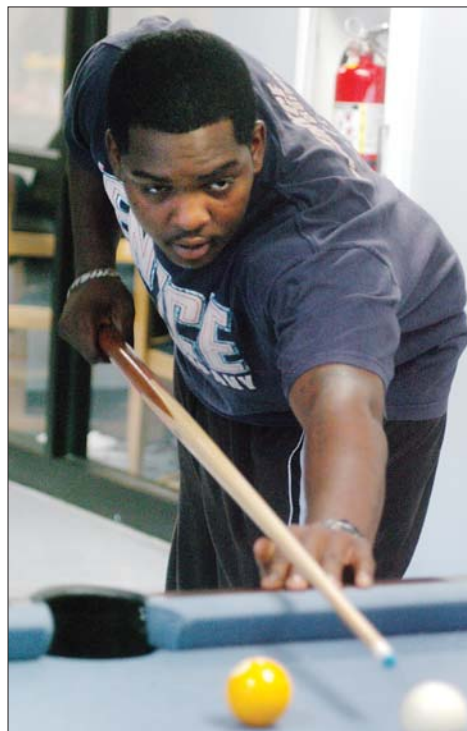
## Airmen's Ministry provides mid-week stress relief to dorm residents



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At left, from left to right Airman Basic Brandon Lincoln, Airman 1st Class Manuel Amaya, Airman 1st Class Shelle Burke, Airman 1st Class Michael Yaude, and Senior Airman Shawn Godwin play a game of Texas Hold 'Em.

At right, Airman 1st Class Norman Charlton plays a game of pool at the Airmen's ministry Aug. 8.



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When Wednesday rolls around each week many workers are looking for a little pick me up to get them through the rest of their week.

And when the neon light flips on each Wednesday night at Dorm Bldg. 756, that is just what Airmen living in the dorms get.

The neon sign beckons all Airmen to join Chaplain Joshua Payne and his family for an evening of free food and great fellowship at the Airmen's Ministry.

"It's a great place to spend time with friends. You can bring in your video games and play pool. It's a great time of camaraderie," said Senior Airman David Shelton, with the 330th Combat Training Squadron.

The Airmen's Ministry, which is sponsored by the Base Chapel, takes place every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. each week on the second floor of the dorm building.

"It's (the Airmen's Ministry) is a really good link to work with singles and let them know where they can plug-in," he said.

The Wednesday night stress-free zone is staged out of a storage room each week, but still manages to offer the comforts of home.

"We were creative making the best of it," Chaplain Payne said. "We want it to be a real strong positive place where Airmen are taken care of."

Chaplain Payne said the idea behind the event was to create a coffee shop atmosphere, where Airmen living in the dorms could make connections and share experiences.

"It gives them the opportunity to fellowship with new dorm residents and helps brings people closer together and gives them a positive message," said Senior Airman Felton Neely with 78th Security Forces. "I think this is great program and other bases should do it too. It's a better outlet besides the normal stuff."

Airmen have the opportunity to play video games, shoot pool, play cards and board games, eat dinner and watch movies.

"We try to get what they want and have it here for them," said Airman 1st Class Jonathan

Torres, a chaplains' assistant. "It's a great meet and greet place where they can get connected."

One of the many advantages for some of the dorm residents is the close proximity to their dorm rooms.

"It's right at home and a lot of people don't have vehicles and it gives them somewhere to be," said Airman Basic Brandon Lincoln with the 78th Security

Forces Squadron.

Airmen 1st Class Michael Yaude, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, agrees. "I don't have a car and it's like a two-minute walk from my dorm over here," he said.

The ministry received a grant in April from the Air Force Chief of Chaplains for \$17,000 which the group used to order all sorts of furniture and electronics

equipment to make the Airmen's ministry even more of a stress reliever for the Airmen. Some of things the grant helped purchase included four Liquid Crystal Display screens, a Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and a Nintendo Wii, and some gaming chairs. Along with funds from the grant, the 78th Air Base Wing has also donated quality of life funds to purchase other items such as

games and extra controllers for the gaming systems and a popcorn and cappuccino machine to make the coffee house gaming café atmosphere a reality. Chaplain Payne said without the support of members of the Robins community the event would have never been as successful as it is.

"We have had a lot of support with no strings attached from throughout the base," Chaplain Payne said.

Recent support is allowing the Airmen's Ministry to plan big things for the future, including the possibility of turning the neon light on permanently in a new facility.

Chaplain Payne said he is just grateful to everyone for making the Wednesday night event such a success.

Chaplain Payne says in some ways he and his wife, Danielle are a dorm room mom and dad to the Airmen, providing home cooked foods and desserts and someone to talk to about life's challenges. Danielle ensures the menu each week has a little taste

of home by serving a rotating menu, where one week she serves store bought desserts and a homemade entrée and the next week the ministry might order pizza and she'll handle the homemade goodies for desert.

Airmen Neely said one of the perks of the ministry is you can get some spiritual guidance while you are in a casual and comfortable atmosphere.

Airmen Torres said many Airmen feel more comfortable asking for advice about school or relationships in a peer environment than going to the chapel. He said in the long run it helps Airmen feel more comfortable about going to the chapel for services, counseling or even to volunteer.

Another benefit for many of the Airmen is knowing the Airmen's ministry will be there when they return from deployments and temporary duty assignments.

"You know if all your friends PCS or get married while your gone, you still have somewhere to go," Chaplain Payne said.



Above, Airman 1st Class Catalina Meissner and Airman 1st Class Albert Salinas enjoy some pizza and conversation at the Airmen's Ministry.

Below, Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne stands next to the Airmen's Ministry neon sign at Dorm Bldg. 756.



Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne talks with Airman 1st Class Alonzo Crenshaw at the Airmen's Ministry gathering Aug. 8.



**FRIDAY**

**Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park today** 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.

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

**SATURDAY**

**A family bike hike poker run will be today** starting at 11 a.m. 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.

**An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament is underway** at the enlisted club today and Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15 and 22 with the championship round to begin Sept. 29. Come and give support to all participants. Games begin at 2:15 p.m. For more information call the enlisted club 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. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Enjoy a '70s disco night (best costume) tonight and end the summer in style 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**

**The Colossal Cookie challenge will be Thursday from 11 a.m. 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. Register by Tuesday. 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.

**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 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**

## New and improved

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Jon King, Base Restaurant manager; Jo Jo Brown, wife of former Base Restaurant manager and cafeteria namesake Kelly Brown; Diane Greenman, Base Restaurant operations manager; Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander; Maj. Emilio Ruizoriano, 78th Services Division deputy director and Lt. Col. Monica Kopf, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, cut the ribbon Aug. 10 at the grand opening of the newly renovated Base Restaurant. The renovation modernizes and makes the serving lines more convenient.



**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**

**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.

►Active-duty military are invited to take part in 2-for-1 paintball fun every Friday night during Military Appreciation Night at On Target Paintball, Macon, Georgia from 5 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$38 and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting and a lit field for night speed ball.

►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 Sept. 21 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 Sept. 7.

►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.

►Take a trip to the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum in Andersonville, Ga. Oct. 6. Cost is \$57.50 per adult. Children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. to Berry College. Return to outdoor recreation at 5 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and walking shoes. A minimum of 10 people are required to take trip. Register by Sept. 21 at outdoor recreation.

►A Volkssport walk or run will be Sept. 8 in Rome, Ga. Cost is \$66 per adult. Children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. to Berry College. Return to outdoor recreation at 5 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and walking/running shoes. A minimum of 10 people are required to take trip. Deadline to register is Aug. 29.

**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.

►A Summer Bash Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Reserve your space by Sept. 14. Registration forms are available at www.robinservices.com and at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**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. 23 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7; acrylic painting Aug. 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$12; encaustic Aug. 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. 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, West Side Story 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.

►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 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 p.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.

**Find out how the 78th Services Division rates!**

Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon. When you make a comment about a Services facility on ICE you will be e-mailed a message stating how the facility has been rated by customers like yourself in the past 147 days.

Let us know what you think about Robins clubs, fitness centers, the golf course, child care centers and more. Share your experiences at Outdoor Recreation, the Robins Aero Club, the Base Restaurant or one of the Base Restaurant snack bars. Also, tell us what you think about information in the Services Edge, e-mails, posters, mar-quees and other media by clicking on the marketing link in ICE.

To use ICE, go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon (right-hand side of the screen).

At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to give a rating or comment. Provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call 78th Services marketing at 926-5492.

Also you can give us your opinion and ideas by filling out a comment card. Comment cards and drop boxes are located in all 78th Services Division facilities.

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

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

**The barber shop located in Bldg. 956 is open Monday through Friday** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call 923-9593.

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

## 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**

**DOA: 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.

**SATURDAY**

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX**

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson

As his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry approaches, 15-year-old Harry Potter is in full-blown adolescence, complete with regular outbursts of rage, a nearly debilitating crush, and the blooming of a powerful sense of rebellion. It's been yet another infuriating and boring summer with the despicable Dursleys, this time with minimal contact from our hero's non-Muggle friends from school. Harry is feeling especially edgy at the lack of news from the magic world, wondering when the freshly revived evil Lord Voldemort will strike. Returning to Hogwarts will be a relief-or will it? Rated PG-13. 138 minutes.

**UPCOMING**

**I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK AND LARRY**

Adam Sandler, Kevin James

Chuck Levine and Larry Valentine are the pride of their fire station: two guys who always side-by-side and willing to do anything for each other. Grateful

Chuck owes Larry for saving his life in a fire, and Larry calls in that favor big time when civic red tape prevents him from naming his own two kids as his life insurance beneficiaries. But when an overzealous, spot-checking bureaucrat becomes suspicious, the couple's arrangement becomes a citywide issue and goes from confidential to front-page news. Rated PG-13. 110 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: Deborah Turner, SGOH, POC is Tammy Holland, 327-8390; Marchelle Glover, 402nd SMXG, POC is Daryl Aikens 926-1507 and Tamaya Spotwood, AFRC, POC is Rob Cruz 327-0273

## Marathon offers four-person relay race

Runners who are interested in participating in the 2007 U.S. Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, but aren't interested in running the full 26.2-mile course, have another option: the four-person relay.

Relay team members each run a specific leg of the marathon with the team's total elapsed time determining the winners.

Leg distances include 5.1 miles for leg one, 8 miles for leg two, 6.5 miles for leg three and 6.6 miles for leg four.

According to Molly Louden, marathon director, the relay team race builds team spirit and

makes the marathon more accessible to those not looking to run a full marathon.

"The relay team race fosters teamwork within a group, organization, company or family," Ms. Louden said. "Training for the relay is not as demanding as the marathon and half marathon."

Team captains decide which leg each team member runs. If a relay team has fewer than four members on race day, one or more runners must run consecutive legs.

Runners can run in either a relay or in the marathon, but they cannot participate in both.

Categories of team competition include coed (at least one

team member from each sex) — men's open, women's open, masters (all members must be at least 40 years old on race day) Reserve Officers' Training Corps and active-duty military.

Registration for the relay race is running approximately 50 percent ahead of last year's pace with 107 teams registered as of July 21, compared to 72 teams at the same date in 2006.

The number of relay teams is limited to 300. Priority is given on a first-come, first-served basis.

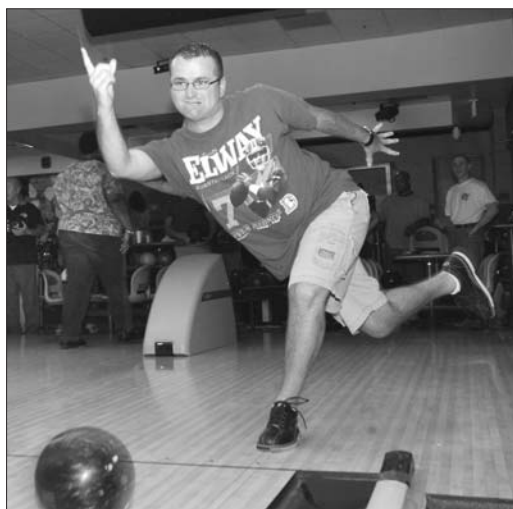
Teams come from many different places to participate in the marathon, according to Louden.

"Teams are from every group of people and from all over the United States," she said. "There are military teams who compete and sometimes will create a competition among their teams." — *Air Force News*

### REV-UP SEEKS MARATHONERS

Are you planning to compete in the 2007 Air Force marathon? If so, contact Kendahl Johnson at 222-0804. The Rev-up is looking to feature runners in anticipation of the big race.

The U.S. Air Force Marathon will take place Sept. 15. To register, visit [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).



## Spares and strikes

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Staff Sgt. Garreth Laney plays on the 116th Maintenance Operations Squadron team in the Robins Commanders tournament Aug. 10 at the bowling center. The tournament was part of the Robins Bowling Festival, a week-long series of bowling events sponsored by the Robins Lanes Bowling Center and Services to show appreciation to their customers.