

402nd MXW wins effectiveness award for depot maintenance

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The 402nd Maintenance Wing was recently recognized as being the top large depot maintenance unit in Air Force Materiel Command, winning a Maintenance Effectiveness Award.

The MEAs are given annually to recognize the most significant weapons systems and equipment maintenance achievements by field-level and depot-level organizations.

One of the most noteworthy accomplishments by the 402nd MXW was the response to the real-world crisis which grounded the entire fleet of F-15 Eagles in November 2007. The 402nd Maintenance Support Group's restructuring of the F-15 program depot maintenance resulted in the production of 69 of 76 F-15s on schedule with a 90.8 percent performance rate.

"This award is a great honor for the wing. We have a superb depot

team here," said Marian Fraley, 402nd MXW vice director. "We know we do great work, but an award like this means others outside the wing recognize our efforts as well. It substantiates all our hard work."

Joe Harrison, 402nd Maintenance Support Group director who led the



team in charge of the award package submission, said the award capped what was an overall stellar performance by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, with warfighter support being the feather in the cap.

"With record accomplishments in a broad spectrum of measurements, from Lean projects to

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Robins earns high marks in EOH CAMP inspection

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Robins had its best performance ever in an external inspection done every three years to assess the environment and occupational health compliance of the base.

The Environmental Management System portion of the report, based on an inspection conducted in January, found the base in "full conformance" with EMS standards. There were no new findings.

"I'm very pleased," said Becky McCoy, chief of the environmental division in the 78th Civil Group. "It's the first time the base has had no new findings."

The environmental portion focused on management of air quality, cultural resources, hazardous materials, natural resources and pesticides, just to name a few.

The Occupational Health portion of the inspection also went well. In fact, it was the best report ever by an Air Logistics Center and the second best ever for an Air Force Materiel Command base, said Lt. Col. Stephen Novac, chief of bioenvironmental engineering. His group identifies safety hazards at worksites throughout the base.

The Occupational Health inspectors looked at 73 shops assessing how effectively safety is communicated and the uses of personal protective equipment.

The inspectors had seven positive findings, which indicated innovative techniques to improve safety. They found no critical findings, six major findings and 49 minor findings.

The 55 total negative findings might sound like a lot, but Colonel Novac said that's only about half of what would be expected at an

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Participants in the Combat Communication Readiness School listen to a message from Lt. Gen. Gary North, Ninth Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander. The general visited the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins to express gratitude and offer encouragement to the unit's members.

Ninth AF commander gives 5th CCG praise, encouragement

"The field work you are doing right here will hone your skills, will sharpen your ability to work as a team and will enable you to go anywhere our Air Force sends you."

That's the message Lt. Gen. Gary North, Ninth Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander, offered to members of the 5th Combat Communications Group. He was specifically speaking to group members in the midst of a four-day field

training exercise at Combat Communications Readiness School.

The general's visit to Robins was in part to offer congratulations to the 5th CCG for winning the Air Combat Command's Outstanding Large Communications Unit Award.

"Thanks for being the absolute best communications unit in ACC," he told members of the unit.

The 5th CCG's deployed unit, the 447th Expeditionary Communication

Squadron at Sather Air Base, Iraq, also won a major ACC award, the Outstanding Small Communications Unit Award.

General North also offered encouragement and support, and expressed his gratitude for the work being done by members of the 5th CCG.

"My very simple message is thank you. We are very proud of what you do and how you do it," the general said. "That is so very important; not

what you train for here but what you are prepared to do wherever we send you."

Col. Jose Rivera, 5th CCG commander, said the general's visit was significant, not just because of the two major awards his unit won, but because the unit is preparing to transition from the Ninth Air Force in ACC to Air Force Space Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. — By Kendahl Johnson

CEG torches 23-acre tract at Robins, controlled burn promotes pine growth

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Controlled burning is a common practice among landowners, but there's only one small spot at Robins where that technique is employed.

With the assistance of the Georgia Forestry Commission, the Environmental Management Division of the 78th Civil Engineer Group torched a 23-acre tract on the end of the base Feb. 9.

Bob Sargent, natural and cultural resources manager at Robins, said the purpose of the burn is to promote the growth of longleaf pines on the tract. At this time of year, he said, the sap is down in the pines and burning would not hurt the trees, but it will eliminate the underbrush and hardwood growth that crowds out the young pines.

"When it's done right, it's an important management tool," he said.

Longleafs were once plentiful in America, he said, with an estimated 60 million of the trees believed to be here when Europeans

first arrived. Today, estimates put that total at three to four million.

Longleaf pines are beneficial to a number of endangered species, including the red cockaded woodpecker. By promoting the growth of the longleaf tract at Robins, Mr. Sargent said, the base is making a contribution to improving the environment.

"Restoring that ecosystem is doing something to enhance the biological diversity of the base," he said.

They generally try to burn off the tract every three years, but the most recent burn was the first in five years. As the fire blazed away, at times a loud cracking sound occurred. That, Mr. Sergeant said, is from blank firearm cartridges left behind during training exercises on the base.

He recalled keeping watch over the fire at night when they burned off the track five years ago.

"Standing out there in the dark with those things going off is quite an experience," he

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Willie Vance, Georgia Forestry commission ranger for Peach and Houston counties, lights some underbrush on fire during the controlled burn of a long-leaf pine forest on the south end of the base.

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For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480, the Civilian Health Promotion Service at 327-8030 or the fitness center at 926-2128, 926-2840.

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WHEN DUTY CALLS

Civilian jobs give Airmen hands-on experience

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Reserve units are often presumed to be less trained than their active-duty counterparts, but that's not the case with the 55th Combat Communications Squadron, according to its commander, Maj. Christopher Marcella.

In fact, he suggested, the Air Force Reserve unit might even be better trained than it would be as an active-duty unit. That, he said, is because most of the members are employed in technical-skill jobs directly related to their work in the 55th CBCS. Therefore, they are likely getting more hands-on experience than they would if they were full-time Airmen.

"A lot of our people have civilian jobs that give them a breadth of experience they might not get from their service," he said. "So they come back to the table and can help facilitate projects and do things that help strengthen our Air Force."

He noted, for example, that the group has generator mechanics who are employed with Caterpillar and Georgia Power, where they work on generators on a regular basis.

"They bring that experience back in here, and bring in new trouble-shooting techniques and different methods of day to day maintenance on generators," he said.

The reserve unit includes 119 reservists and 13 full-timers. About this time last year, the group deployed 36 personnel to Balad Air Base, Iraq. It was the largest deployment of communications positions filled by a Reserve unit in a single rotation.

The group returned in early June after participating in just about every task that could be expected of a combat communications squadron, including construction of a new air traffic control communications operations facility, an alternate air traffic control tower, a new land mobile radio tower, a cell-phone tower, a dining facility and more. The group garnered dozens of awards, and 75 percent of the group were coined by commanders, chiefs and other top Air Force personnel.

All of those deployed volunteered for the assignment. In fact, Major Marcella said, the squadron originally planned to deploy to Afghanistan, but they had so many people volunteer that it was more than was need-



courtesy photo

Master Sgt. James Preston, NCO in charge of telephone systems for the 55th Combat Communications Squadron, troubleshoots phone lines in a communications closet at a deployed location.

ed for that assignment, so they asked for another assignment where everyone could go. He is already assembling volunteers for another deployment later this year, after the unit has its first Operational Readiness Inspection. Major Marcella is hoping the next deployment will be a humanitarian mission for the new U.S. Africa Command.

It was no surprise to him that so many volunteered to go to Iraq.

"We have a group of highly motivated people," he said. "It shows dedication and belief in what we do."

He also noted that members of the group live all around the country and come here on their own dime one weekend per month for training. One of those is Senior Master Sgt. John Temple, who lives in California.

Every month he spends about \$500 on a plane ticket and rental car to come to Warner Robins for training.

"I'm not making any money," Sergeant Temple said in a telephone interview from California. "I pretty much break even."

So why does he do it?

"It's a good group," he said. "Everybody is friendly and it's

more of a family than anything else."

A 26-year Air Force Reserve veteran, he came to the 55th CBCS four years ago after a friend in another unit he was in at the time recommended it. His full-time job, at least for now, involves anti-virus work for Hewlett-Packard. He was among those slated to be laid off by the company, but he is still on the job and has some hope that he may be retained.

He was not among the large group that deployed, but he did deploy to Afghanistan a few weeks earlier to fill a position in another unit. He spent his Thanksgiving and Christmas there working in the Network Control Center.

Major Marcella explained that the difference between a combat communications squadron and a communications squadron is that a communications squadron works primarily in garrison on existing infrastructure. A combat communications squadron is a self-sustaining unit that works in the field setting up communications for planned base camps or where ever needed.

"It's a unique mission," he said. "You take something from nothing and you stand up a communications center."

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said.

Steve Logan, chief ranger of Georgia Forestry Commission's Perry-Houston County office, said now is the ideal time of year to burn off woods. He said the forestry service will provide assistance to landowners for an affordable fee. One key thing the foresters do is plow a break around the perimeter of the burn off area to make sure the fire doesn't escape.

Mr. Logan said that one benefit of burning off woods during winter is it eliminates the underbrush that can fuel dangerous wildfires that may occur during the summer months.

"It promotes growth of the trees and benefits all kinds of wildlife," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Marilyn Rodgers, an environmental scientist with the 78th Civil Engineer Group, labors to keep the controlled burn in check.

EOHCAMP

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industrial operation the size of Robins and with the scope of the inspection that was conducted.

It's also about a 50-percent reduction in the number of findings from the last external EOHCAMP, or Environmental and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program, inspection three years ago.

Colonel Novac credited the improvement to the base's Voluntary Protection Program.

"Our people here in bioen-

vironmental are doing an excellent job of going out and working with the shop supervisors in identifying the hazards," Colonel Novac said. "The work places themselves have bought into VPP. VPP is a huge part."

The reason the inspections typically show many findings is that the same problem found in multiple workplaces on base will result in a finding for each instance.

For example, Colonel Novac said, the inspectors found several instances of latex gloves being used, and each instance resulted in a finding. Latex gloves should not be used because latex is

not considered adequate protection from a hazardous chemical.

Colonel Novac said the problem results from improper ordering of supplies, which he said can be easily fixed. He was also troubled by instances of employees eating in hazardous areas, which isn't supposed to happen because hazardous material can be ingested. That problem is also being addressed, he said.

The base conducts an internal EOHCAMP inspection every year, but every three years a team from Air Force Materiel Command headquarters conducts the study.



To help further promote the Voluntary Protection Program, **Reggie Saunders** of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing designed this VPP graphic. A recent Air Force Materiel Command Wellness Survey showed that VPP awareness throughout the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is 90.8 the highest in AFMC. The Command-wide average was 44 percent.

Commentary

"Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."

— Vince Lombardi

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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Accident cements importance of safety campaign

Working in Public Affairs has given me a unique opportunity to develop and implement public awareness campaigns that are visible across the base and throughout the community. These campaigns are developed to inform the base population about varied subjects.

Our goal is to use these extremely important tools to reach out to the public and get our messages across. Most recently I did a substantial amount of work for our aggressive "See me, Save Me" motorcycle safety campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to bring motorcycle safety to the forefront and to remind drivers to take another look for the motorcyclists with whom we share the roads.

While working on the "See me, Save Me" testimonial video, I met a survivor of a motorcycle accident. His stories of pain and hope, coupled with his efforts to recover, were moving and kept the message of motorcycle safety at the forefront of my mind. His words resonate with me as I drive now. I find myself paying extra attention when driving toward intersections or making turns — being sure to "take a second look."

Several week ago an unfortunate event brought the awareness and work I've done on the "See Me, Save Me" campaign to light and reinforced the importance of this targeted communication effort.

At about 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27, I was driving from the Holiday Inn in Perry. Not being familiar with the area. I found myself on a narrow two-lane stretch of road near an

industrial warehouse of some kind. I remember thinking, even with my son navigating with GPS, I am going to get lost. The sense of being lost made me more aware as I looked for any road signs or indicators to help guide me where I wanted to go. But what I saw next shifted my focus from my situation to the topic at hand.

I saw two or more cars pulled over on the side of the road. There was a woman roughly my age in the road looking as if she had just seen something terrible. Another woman was off on the side of the road leaning over what looked like a body. It didn't take me long to realize that I had just arrived at an accident scene.

I slowed and put my hazard lights on and told my children to sit tight as I pulled off onto the side of the road. I spotted what looked like a motorcycle. The narrow frame of the vehicle was a distinct gray and black collage of metal and plastic against the green grass and brown dirt. I exited my vehicle to render aid and dialed 911 for help.

Looking over the accident scene, I told the dispatcher what I had seen. I told him my name and for some reason I told him my rank. Without skipping a beat, I read off the location on my GPS. That's when I realized just how much all my years of

training can take over when the world around you is dazed and confused.

The Operator confirmed that he received a similar call seconds before and that emergency responders were enroute.

I quickly ran over to the person I saw sprawled out on the ground. As I got closer, I noticed there was another person on the ground about 12 feet

When I noticed that both victims had others attending to them, I directed the rest of the traffic safely through the accident scene.

About a minute later the first emergency responder arrived in a POV. Shortly after that the sheriff arrived.

By this time it was getting dark. People rushed back to their cars to find working flashlights. I approached the sheriff and asked if he wanted me to turn the traffic around. He thanked me and gave me the OK to turn cars away from the scene. I proceeded to do just that until other responders arrived.

Another officer from the sheriff's department arrived and relieved me with an, "I've got it from here."

I then left after checking with the first sheriff to make sure there was nothing else he needed from me.

I got in my car, looked at my kids, and told them to help out when and where you can. Both my sons told me they were proud of me. It made me smile.

I'm sharing this story to remind everyone about the importance of motorcycle safety, but also to let them know that being safe — and keeping others safe — isn't complicated. Often times it involves doing nothing more "taking a second look." — *Commentary by Staff Sgt. Vann Miller, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs*



That dog will hunt



Staff Sgt Shawn Kaup, 78th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, runs MWD Torca through a training course.

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Putting on a fresh coat



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Orlando Infante and Senior Airman Chris Hollingsworth paint the inside of the Airmen's Ministry Feb. 6. Robins' Chiefs Group donated paint, painting supplies and some labor with Airmen volunteers supplying the rest of the labor to give the inside of the building a face-lift.

HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

Win your sweetheart a special prize by guessing the right amount of candy in the sweetheart jar on display at the community center through Feb. 11. One guess per person please. Entries will be reviewed Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Let the Arts & Crafts Center help you make your Valentine's Day a happy one this year. A selection of balloons, mugs, bears and even candy is available for any budget to win anyone's heart. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

FRIDAY

The teen center will hold Keystone meetings Feb. 13, 20 and 27 at 6 p.m., public speaking sessions will be held Feb. 13, 20 and 27 at 7:30 p.m., career launch classes Feb. 20 and 27 at 5:30 p.m., money matters classes Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. and advisory council meetings on Feb. 13 and 20 at 7 p.m. The monthly fine arts and photography submissions are due by Feb. 27. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

SATURDAY

A Valentine's Day Dinner will be held Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Enjoy beef tenderloin with Merlot Demi glaze, duchess potatoes, sautéed Asparagus, spring mix salad with sweet pecans, raspberry vinaigrette salad, chocolate mousse cake and house wine. Cost is \$50 a couple (members) and \$55 a couple (nonmembers). All ranks and grades are welcome.

A special Valentine's Thunder Alley will be held Feb. 14 at the Bowling Center. Pay regular price and your date is half price. Special prices on bowling Feb. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. for \$5 (includes three games and shoes) or enjoy afternoon Thunder Alley on Feb. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$6 per person (shoes included)

A Texas Hold 'Em will be held Feb. 14, 21 and 28 in the Heritage Club. Sign-ups start at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.m. Prizes will be based on customer participation. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. All ranks and grades are welcome. For

more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE "No Way Out" on Feb. 15 in the Heritage Club. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. All ranks and grades welcome. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

Join the community center, outdoor recreation and the youth center during the Give the World A Hand to be held Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Let's help keep Robins beautiful along with the lakes. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

THURSDAY

The table tennis club will meet every Thursday in the Heritage Club ballroom from 4 to 8 p.m. Open to all and sign ups are not necessary. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

An Art Show with exhibits and lectures presenting textile, patterns and communities in celebration of Black History month will be held Feb. 25 and 26 in the Heritage Club ballroom. Exhibits open for viewing at 11 a.m. for lectures and receptions begin at 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person for both days. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

Come to the indoor flea market Feb. 20 starting at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Stop by to see what you can't do without. Cost is \$7 per table if you wish to sell items. Call the community center at 926-2105 to reserve your table.

ONGOING

Registration for spring soccer is being accepted until filled. The Robins Youth Center will also be conducting baseball, softball and T-ball for ages five to 17 years old through Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday noon to 6 p.m. Also, start smart T-ball for 3 to 4 year olds will be held through Feb. 14 for \$55. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Pizza Depot



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Nelia Lewis serves up a slice of pizza at the Pizza Depot. Pizza Depot February specials include: tossed salad, bread sticks and drink for \$6.25; tuna or chicken salad plate for \$5.25; or taco or chicken fajita salads for \$5.75 on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

78th FSS President's Day hours

The following 78th Force Support Squadron facility hours are for Feb. 16 unless otherwise noted:

Open

- ▶ Bowling Center, open 1 to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Fitness Center, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Line Kitchen
- ▶ Golf Course
- ▶ Lodging
- ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility

Closed

- ▶ Aero Club
- ▶ Airman & Family Readiness Center
- ▶ Airman Leadership School, Feb. 13 and 16

- ▶ Arts & Crafts Center
- ▶ Auto Skills Center,
- ▶ Base Library
- ▶ Base Restaurant
- ▶ Snack bars will close at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 and all day Feb. 16
- ▶ CDC East and West
- ▶ Community Center
- ▶ Military Education & Training Office
- ▶ Equipment Rental Center
- ▶ Fairways Grille
- ▶ Family Child Care,
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex
- ▶ Flight Line Dining Facility
- ▶ Food Service Office
- ▶ Heritage Club
- ▶ Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness

- ▶ Horizons
- ▶ Human Resource Office, Feb. 13 and 16
- ▶ Information, Tickets and Travel
- ▶ Marketing, Feb. 13 and 16
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- ▶ Pizza Depot
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Editor's note: Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil.



TOP FIVE GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS

The music industry celebrated its biggest stars Feb. 8 with its annual Grammy Awards ceremony. The Grammy Awards, originally called the Gramophone Awards, are presented annually by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the United States for outstanding achievements in the music industry. Although I am not the biggest music aficionado, I do listen to music occasionally and have my favorite artists. Here is my list of favorite winners from this year's ceremony and ceremonies from years past:

5 Bill Cosby — Best Comedy Album (1987)
Who can forget Cosby's brilliant comedy album "Those of You With or Without Children, You'll Understand." I heard this for the first time more than 20 years ago and can still remember laughing at the jokes. Now that I am a parent, this classic is even funnier.

4 Milli Vanilli — Best New Artist (1990)
Who can forget this infamous duo. The act of Fab Morvan and Rob Pilatus was one of the most popular pop acts in the late 1980s and early 1990s. However, success turned to infamy after it was revealed that the actual vocals on the record were not the voices of Morvan and Pilatus, resulting in their Grammy being revoked.

3 DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince — Best Rap Performance (1989)
The group, which won for the song "Parents Just Don't Understand," won the first-ever Grammy Award in the category of rap, giving credence to a music genre that was rapidly gaining in popularity. While I don't really enjoy the hip hop music of today due to its vulgarity and profanity, I was a big fan back in the day and idolized rappers like Run DMC and the Fresh Prince.

2 George Strait — Best Country Album (2009)
Finally! Strait holds the record for the most Number One hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts with 43 number one singles on that chart. He has 38 hit albums and has been winning awards for 25 years but didn't win a Grammy Award until this year, for his album *Troubadour*. As a country music fan, I can think of no one more deserving of a Grammy.

1 Michael Jackson — Album of the Year (1984)
Jackson won for the album *Thriller*, an album that cemented him as one of the predominant pop stars of the late 20th century. In addition to Album of the Year, Jackson won six other Grammys in 1984. *Thriller* is estimated to have sold more than 65 million copies and is still popular today, with an estimated 130,000 copies sold each year in the United States. I would venture that fans of all ages and all music genres have enjoyed this album at one time or another.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

The following have been approved as leave recipients: **Suzanne McGuire Milbee**, 580th SMXS. POC is Randy Ford 926-0485. **Terri Erica Walden**, 584th CBSS. POC is John McCord 222-3026

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.

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Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 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 (Jumua) 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.



NOW PLAYING



FEB. 13 — 7:30 P.M.
THE UNBORN
RATED PG-13

Plagued by merciless dreams and a tortured ghost that haunts her waking hours, Casey Beldon must turn to the only spiritual advisor, Sendak, who can make it stop. With Sendak's help, Casey uncovers the source of a family curse — a creature with the ability to inhabit anyone or anything.



FEB 14 — 7:30 P.M.
THE SPIRIT
RATED PG-13

A former rookie cop returns mysteriously from the dead as the Spirit to fight crime from the shadows of central city. His arch-enemy, the octopus, has a different mission: wiping out Spirit's beloved city. The Spirit tracks this cold-hearted killer all the while facing a bevy of beautiful women who either want to seduce, love or kill our masked crusader.



FEB. 13 — 7:30 P.M.
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES
RATED PG-13

Lily, a 14-year-old girl, is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Un'bee'lievable



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Steve Nofs, a member of the Georgia Beekeepers Association, assembles his equipment in preparation for removing the bee colony from the wall inside the control tower at the Museum of Aviation Feb. 6. He uses a modified shop vac to vacuum in the bees.

Beehive relocated from museum tower

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The long-retired Cochran Field Control Tower at the Museum of Aviation recently buzzed with activity once again.

Although originally intended to be open so visitors could climb the stairs into the tower, it has mostly been closed due to safety concerns since 1986, when it was relocated from Macon Regional Airport, formerly Cochran Field.

But the tower has been the home of a honey-bee hive for at least a couple of years, said Museum Director Ken Emery. Some thought was given to simply having an exterminator come in and kill the bees, but honey bees are vitally important because they pollinate many food crops.

Yet the bees' numbers have been declining due to what is referred to as "colony collapse disorder." The exact cause is uncertain and may be the result of several factors, said Steve Nofs, a beekeeper who works at Robins as an engineering maintenance supervisor.

For those reasons, Mr. Emery said, he decided rather than exterminate the bees, it would be better to have Mr.

Nofs come in and relocate the hive.

That is why on Feb. 6, Mr. Nofs donned his beekeeping suit, climbed the steps into the tower and retrieved the hive, a process that took



Bees are removed from a nest in a tower at the Museum of Aviation using a modified shop vac.

about two hours. He cut out part of the wall, revealing honeycomb, and shortly thereafter, bees began swarming into the control room. He retrieved over 70 pounds of honey.

"It was five times bigger than I was expecting," he said later. "This one was just going gang busters."

He used a modified shop vac to vacuum the bees, placing the honeycomb into another container. He later put the honeycomb in a hive box and released the bees into the box. The hive is now among 25 other hives he keeps.

The fact the hive has been

able to thrive in the wild without assistance from man makes it important to the improvement of genetics in honey bees, he said.

He didn't take any of the honey for consumption, in part because it was in a plaster wall. But it's also because moving the honeycomb with the beehive eases the stress for the bees because otherwise they would have to make it all over again.

"If you can save them the trouble, that's best," he said.

Mr. Nofs heads the local chapter of the Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Association.

On Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the old courthouse in downtown Perry, he will teach a beekeeping class for beginners. The class is free, he said, and is being held to encourage people to keep bees and help restore the bee population.

Anyone interested in attending can call Mr. Nofs at 396-0712.

Mr. Emery said with the bees removed, he would like to once again explore the possibility of opening the tower. One possibility is to remove the top part and put it in one of the hangers so that it would be safer and easier for people to enter, he said.



A hive of honey bees was removed and relocated from the old Cochran Field control tower, now located at the Museum of Aviation.



Steve Nofs cuts and removes wall board to expose the bee's honeycomb.



Wearing a protective hat and suit, beekeeper Steve Nofs removes the honeycomb with about 70 pounds of honey.

Military Training Instructor opportunity Feb. 27

Have you ever been interested in becoming a Military Training Instructor? If so, the MTI Recruiting Team is offering the opportunity you have been seeking and will host a MTI duty briefing Feb. 27 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Professional Development Center, Bldg 941.

MTI recruiters say there are few jobs in the Air Force more challenging, satisfying and rewarding than that of the MTI.

If you're an Airman 1st Class with at least 24 months Time In Service through Technical Sergeant with less than 16 years Total Active Federal Military Service, the MTI Recruiters invite you to

attend their briefing and learn more about this challenging career field.

Enlisted personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes who meet the previously identified criteria are eligible to apply for positions and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited. Members of the MTI Recruiting Team will conduct the briefing.

"Everyone remembers their MTI," said Tech. Sgt. Danica Eusay, MTI Recruiting Team NCO in charge. "The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new

Airmen. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future enlisted leaders. Along with these intangible benefits, MTIs also are entitled to special duty pay, an annual supplemental clothing allowance and more."

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact Master Sgt. Shondi Morrison at 222-0168.

—*Courtesy MTI Recruiting Team.*

AWARD

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major quality-of-life initiatives, our capstone achievement was providing essential warfighter mission support to four key weapon systems for the Global War on Terrorism," he said.

According to the awards package, the 402nd MXW demonstrated innovation,

versatility and professionalism across the entire spectrum of mission challenges.

Other units that contributed to the award include the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, whose members not only helped restore valuable mission assets such as the F-15, but also found ways to increase production, reduce backorders by more than 20 percent and cut flow days by approx-

imately 51 percent.

The wing also contributed to quality-of-life projects, keeping the "People First, Mission Always" motto in mind. Projects included ergonomic evaluations and training in 220 administrative areas resulting in 716 solutions and eliminated 127 ergo stressors and enrollment of over 2,000 workers in the civilian fitness program.

Fighting the war on terrorism

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

It's time to choose between being a spectator or a participant in our security. Why?

- Security Forces can't be everywhere.
- Terrorism personally affects everyone.
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- It works!

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