

Construction projects to change Robins landscape

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The construction business is hurting outside the gates of Robins, but on the inside it's booming like a fireworks show.

All around the base buildings are either under construction or soon to be under construction. Others are in the planning stages but awaiting final approval for funding.

Those in civil engineering who oversee construction say the number of projects currently going up is not unusual. Bill Deaver III, chief of industrial design in the 78th Civil Engineering Squadron, said the base is at the end of a five-year, \$250 million facility-improvement plan.

"It's pretty much normal for the past five years," Mr. Deaver said of the amount of current construction.

Major construction projects in progress include:

Software Support Facility – This \$19.4 million, multi-story building is 70,000 square feet and will interconnect Bldgs. 226, 227 and 230 on Perry Street just south of Richard Ray Boulevard. The building is about half finished and is

scheduled to open in April 2010.

Aircraft Component Repair Facility – This \$11.7 million building is 61,020 square feet and includes the demolition of Bldgs. 603, 605 and 369. The building is located at Robins Parkway and Richard Ray Boulevard. It is currently about 20-percent complete and scheduled to open by Dec. 30.

Advance Metal Finishing Facility – This \$27.5 million building is 98,100 square feet and the project includes demolition of Bldgs. 128 and 148. It will serve as the new Plating Shop. Construction is about 10-percent complete and is scheduled for completion in March 2012. The building is located behind Bldg. 140 on First Street. The contract also includes construction of a 27,000 square foot Ground Support Equipment Maintenance Facility at the end of First Street.

Cargo Aircraft Hangar – The \$24.1 million facility will house C-130 and C-17 aircraft and is located at the end of Taxiway C. Construction is expected to begin soon.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Work is progressing on the framework of the Aircraft Component Repair Facility at the corner of Richard Ray and Robins Parkway. It's one of 14 construction projects in the works at Robins.

Marshall tours Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Congressman Jim Marshall, 8th District, takes questions from local media following a tour of Robins Tuesday. The congressman was accompanied on the tour by Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; Brenda Romine, WR-ALC executive director; and other base senior leaders. The tour included two aircraft maintenance squadrons, and the 402nd Commodities Group Plating Shop, where General Peyer presented the group with the Voluntary Protection Program Gold award. The tour ended at the construction site of the new software maintenance facility.

2009 Robins Air Show set for May 2 takeoff

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As winter comes to a close, various offices around the base coordinate their efforts in putting together one of the most anticipated events of the spring – the 2009 Robins Air Force Base Air Show.

This year's air show, which is free to the public, will take place May 2-3. The show starts promptly at 10 a.m., with the gates opening at 9 a.m.

As with other air shows, the show at Robins is an opportunity for the community to see the Air Force's capabilities, said Maj. Joseph Speight, the 2009 Air Show director.

"The air show provides an opportunity for the base to give back to the community," Major Speight said. "It allows us to give the taxpayers some insight into what their hard-earned tax dollars

support. We also get a chance to showcase the capability and professionalism of the Air Force."

The Air Force's premier air demonstration squadron, the Thunderbirds, will headline the Robins air show. The Thunderbirds' performance will be one of several prominent acts during the two day air show.

Other acts include: the Army's Golden Knights, an aerial performance parachute team; Cobra Demo Team, a helicopter performance team; the Air Force Reserve Biplane and many more.

Due to space constraints, parking will be provided off base at various locations and transportation will be provided by the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

For more information about the air show, its acts or exhibits, visit the base Web site at <http://www.robins.af.mil/airshow/index.asp>.



Military Saves Week: Lunch and learn series to offer money-saving tips

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After 16 years of counseling Airmen on how to save money, the answer comes quickly when Bill Heaberg is asked to name one of the biggest spending wastes he sees.

"Spinners," Mr. Heaberg replied without hesitation, referring to those gleaming hubcaps that spin even when the car isn't moving. "Those things are up to \$500 each, and it's gotten to the point where they are borrowing money to buy them."

Those kinds of expenses, including buying an expensive new car when a good used economy car would serve just as well, are among the things that Mr. Heaberg cautions Airmen against if they want to save money.

To help promote those concepts,

along with others aimed at improving the financial health of Airmen, the Airmen & Family Readiness Center has organized a week of lunch-and-learn classes that start Monday. It's a part of Military Saves Week, which is a Department of Defense campaign that encourages saving. The classes are free to all base employees, military and

civilian.

Military Saves has been around for several years, but last year was the

first year Robins participated by having a class. This year the local effort is expanding, with classes to be held during the lunch hour Monday through Thursday. A class for teens will be Feb. 27 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

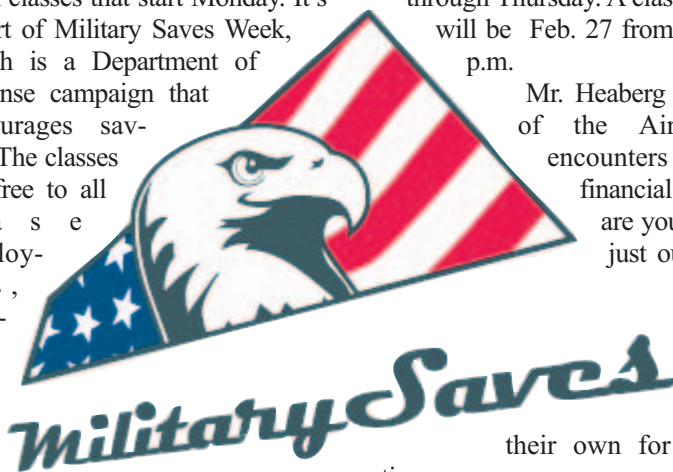
Mr. Heaberg said most of the Airmen he encounters with financial problems are young, either just out of high school or college, and often on their own for the first time.

The problems, he said, are not always the result of big expenses like spinners or vehicles, but are often

small expenses, such as eating out frequently. Numerous other small expenses, such as buying a \$1.25 soft drink out of a vending machine, can put Airmen in a bind if they aren't

careful, he said.

"One of the big things is getting them to realize where the leak is in the dam," he said. "Little things like that add up a lot."



WHAT TO KNOW

All classes will be at the Airmen & Family Readiness Center classroom, Bldg. 794. Classes begin Monday and are taught by leaders in the financial community. Classes run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except for the Feb. 27 class, which runs 4 to 5:30 p.m. To sign up for the classes, call 926-1256. Below is a complete list of the classes:

- ▶ Monday – **Saving Money and Budgeting** (Suntrust)
- ▶ Tuesday – **Financial Survival** (Robins Federal Credit Union)
- ▶ Wednesday – **Investing 101** (A&FRC)
- ▶ Thursday – **Budget for Reduced Debt and Increased Savings** (Consumer Credit Counseling Service)
- ▶ *Friday – **How to Make Your Money Go Farther** (RFCU)

* This class is geared for teens

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Chiefs' recognition ceremony and dinner

The Robins Chiefs' Group will recognize 14 personnel at a ceremony and dinner Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. Former chief master sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray is the guest speaker. Cost is \$30 per person. Dress for military members is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Civilian attire is formal, coat and tie.

NFL players to meet and greet fans at Robins in special "Salute the Troops" event — see page 3 for more details



INSIGHT



Healthy smiles

Robins celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month, 1B

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Robins security officers give base all-terrain protection, 3A

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Robins athlete grapples for spot on Air Force wrestling team, 3B

WEATHER

FRIDAY	54/27
SATURDAY	58/29
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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Lawrence Baker, head of AFRC command weather, explains the evolution of thunderstorm forecasting. Mr. Baker has served his country for a combined total of 50 years in both the U.S. Navy and the civil service. He will conclude his half-century of service by retiring March 2.

Career weatherman forecasts retirement after half century of military, civil service

BY TECH. SGT. DREW NYSTROM

U.S. Air Force Reserve Command

In 1958, Dwight D. Eisenhower served as commander-in-chief, the Baltimore Colts beat the New York Giants in the "Greatest Game Ever Played," and Lawrence Baker took the Oath of Enlistment to serve in the U.S. Navy. Now, after 50 years of Department of Defense service, Mr. Baker will retire March 2.

Mr. Baker, head of command weather services at Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters, developed an extensive resume throughout 29 years of civil service and a 21-year enlistment career.

The weather guru has developed an iconic status as the "go-to guy" in the weather arena. Just ask Senior Master Sgt. Charles Smith, the AFRC command weather manager.

"Everywhere we go, whether it's a base, air staff or MAJCOM, everyone knows and has so much respect for Larry and his abilities," said Sergeant Smith. "When someone calls here with a problem, they don't want to talk to me; they want Larry because they know he has the right answer," he said.

Mr. Baker grew up in Philadelphia in the shadow of Connie Mack Stadium, home to both the Phillies and Athletics major league baseball teams at the time, in Philadelphia. Mr. Baker was heavily influenced by a brother who served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and he enlisted in the sea service June 30, 1958.

After boot camp, Mr. Baker attended a training course in Norman, Okla., and it was there he decided to become an aerographer's mate or weatherman.

"It didn't hurt that the (technical) school for that career was located in Lakehurst, N.J.," said

Mr. Baker. "It was only about 50 miles from home."

When Mr. Baker arrived for duty at Lakehurst, airships were very much still in use and presented some unique dangers.

"Once, during a wind storm, an airship was being blown about and sinking as I was leaving the chow hall. The crew began dumping ballast, which were these huge sandbags. Well, here we are dodging sandbags falling out of the sky running for our lives," Mr. Baker said.

His next assignment found the young Sailor serving in Annapolis, Md., working in a seaplane squadron before landing an assignment at the fleet weather center in Yokosuka, Japan. Mr. Baker said, "This assignment was fascinating for a kid who grew up in the concrete jungle of Philly."

Mr. Baker's Navy career continued with assignments to Washington D.C., another stop in Lakehurst, N.J., Hawaii and Norfolk, Va., before his selection for the Navy's Associate Degree Completion Program culminating in a double associates degree in business management and accounting. His next assignment found Mr. Baker on Guam, an island in the western Pacific Ocean.

It was there, in 1975, that Mr. Baker encountered a weatherman's dream, or perhaps nightmare, as Super Typhoon Pamela, the Pacific Ocean version of a hurricane, struck the tiny island.

"We were in the eye for more than 40 minutes," said Mr. Baker. "A ship in the harbor measured winds up to 168 knots or 193 mph. Eight hours in the eyewall basically just wiped Anderson AFB slick," he said.

While in Guam, Mr. Baker received a promotion to chief petty officer and then took his final military assignment running a Navy weather detachment at

Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan. After retiring in 1979 and a short stint working for a civilian company, Mr. Baker joined the civil service and became an Air Force weather observer for an active-duty weather squadron employing an all-civilian workforce on the same Guard base he worked at earlier. Mr. Baker worked his way up from a weather observer to the official in charge of the detachment in 1987. In 1991, Mr. Baker moved to Air Mobility Command Headquarters, Scott AFB, Ill., and then to Warner Robins, in 1996 to work for the AFRC.

During his 13 years spent here, Mr. Baker also became very involved at the base chapel, where he served as Parish Council member and a lector and eucharistic minister for the Catholic mass. He has also served in an outreach ministry to the sick and shut-in.

"Larry has made a wonderful contribution to the people of the Catholic Parish at Robins and he will always be remembered for his outstanding kindness and support to others," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey, 78th Air Base Wing chaplain.

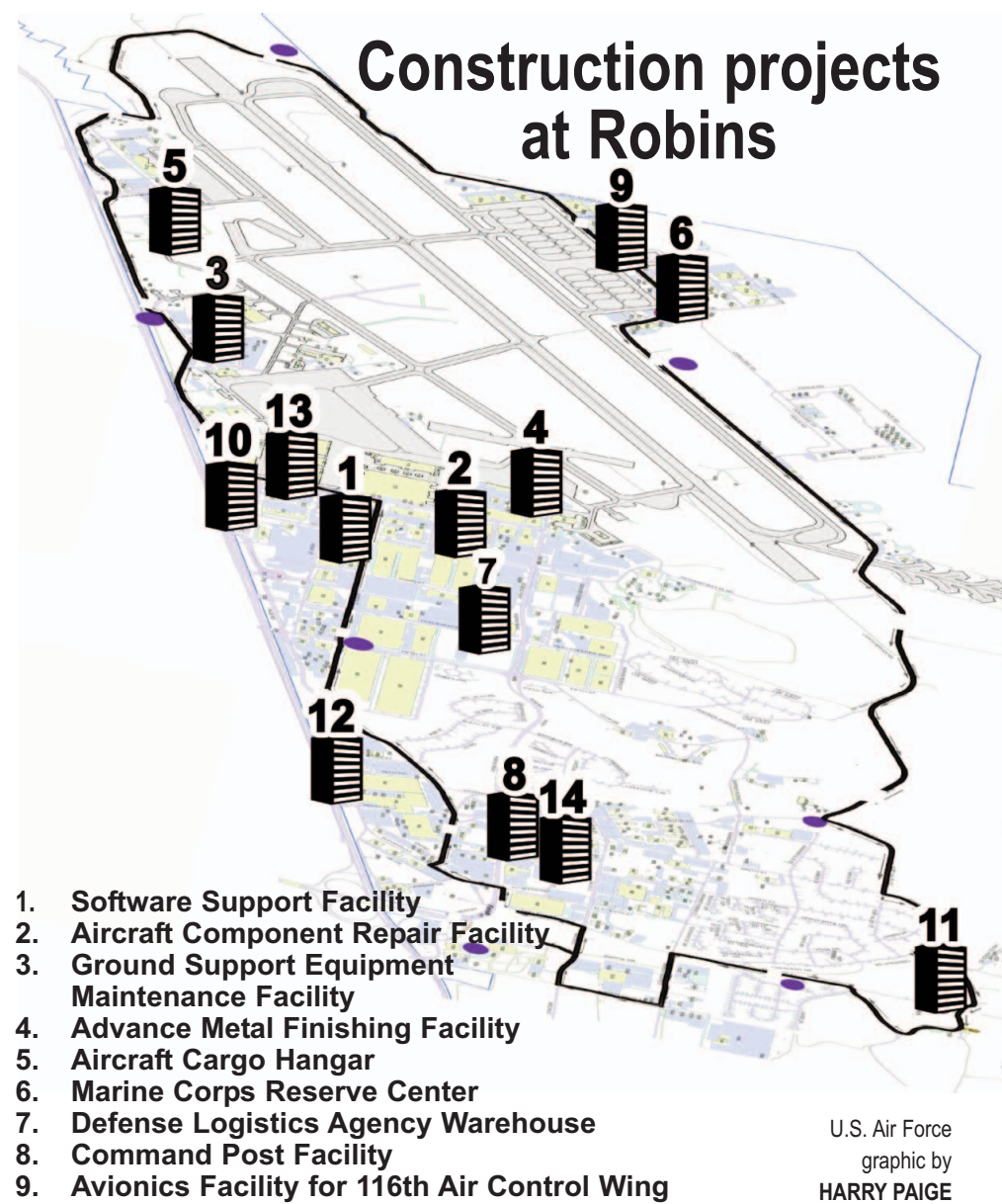
"Warner Robins is a very cosmopolitan town and I've enjoyed my time here," said Mr. Baker. "I think that comes from the heavy military influence with people having traveled and seen a large portion of the world," he said.

"I've felt honored to provide weather support to my country, its military services and, most particularly, its citizen Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers for the last 29 years," the 50-year weather veteran said.

Mr. Baker's retirement plans call for a strong chance of relaxation in the Michigan area and a 100-percent probability of time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Congratulations to Robins promotees

Colonel Select	Ann Hoyniakbecker	Air Force Reserve Command HQ
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1. Software Support Facility
2. Aircraft Component Repair Facility
3. Ground Support Equipment Maintenance Facility
4. Advance Metal Finishing Facility
5. Aircraft Cargo Hangar
6. Marine Corps Reserve Center
7. Defense Logistics Agency Warehouse
8. Command Post Facility
9. Avionics Facility for 116th Air Control Wing
10. Small Business Center
11. Dog Kennel
12. Package Delivery Building
13. Air Force Reserve Command addition
14. Commissary

PROJECTS

Continued from 1A

Marine Corps Reserve Center – This \$20.2 million project is the result of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and will serve as the new location of a Marine Corps Reserve helicopter unit. Construction is 27-percent complete and is scheduled for completion in April 2010. The 40,375 square foot building is adjacent to Taxiway 1 in the Outback area of the base.

Defense Logistics Agency Warehouse – This \$21.6 million building is 167,575 square feet. It is located in the area of Robins Parkway and Martin Luther King Drive. Construction is just getting started and is scheduled for completion in February 2011.

Command Post Facility – This \$4.3 million building is currently in the design phase and is scheduled for completion in August 2010. The

13,800 square-foot building is located near the Burger King on Tenth Street.

Avionics Facility for 116th Air Control Wing – This \$5.25 million facility will be located in the J-STARS area. The construction contract is expected to be awarded in July.

Small Business Center – This \$821,000 building includes 1,800 square feet of new construction plus renovation of the old visitors' center at Ga. Hwy 247 and Richard Ray Boulevard. Completion is expected in April.

Dog Kennel – This \$1.2 million building will serve as the new home of military working dogs on base. It includes renovation of the existing 1,820 square-foot facility plus 2,000 square

feet of new construction. The building is located across from Luna Lake. Completion is expected in July.

Package Delivery Building – This \$306,000 building is 576 square feet and is located on Tech Road near Ga. 247. Completion is expected in May.

Air Force Reserve Command addition – This \$1.3 million project will add 5,800 square feet to the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters on First Street. The addition is expected to be completed in August.

Commissary – This \$15.8 million building is 70,000 square feet and is scheduled to open April 23.

The building is located on Macon Street next to the current commissary.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

L-R, Tech. Sgt. Jessie Wells, 78th Security Forces Squadron, J.B. Toellner and Joe Greene, 78th Air Base Wing anti-terrorism officers, man all terrain vehicles to patrol the perimeter of the base.

Security officers give all-terrain protection

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One day out of the month, J.B. Toellner and Joe Greene have what a lot of people might consider a dream job.

They spend the better part of that day cruising the perimeter of Robins in all-terrain vehicles, motoring through woods and swamp to check security issues.

“Yeah, it’s fun. Sure it is,” said Mr. Toellner, an anti-terrorism officer on base. “I’d be lying if I said different.”

But it’s also serious business. The monthly checks started in October at the direction of Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing com-

mander. Mr. Toellner and Mr. Greene, along with a security forces officer, go out together each month to check the perimeter.

They are looking for breaks in the fence, uncovered manholes and anything else that might indicate potential for a security breach. Mr. Toellner said they have found some problems in their checks, but nothing to indicate that any suspicious activity was afoot.

“It serves that purpose to make sure our areas are secured, but the second purpose is for those who may be watching, they see that we are being a little more proactive,” Mr. Toellner said. “When we are out riding, we wear vests

that say ‘security police’ on them so that it’s obvious who it is.”

Mr. Toellner urges everyone who works at Robins to do their part for base security by keeping an eye out for any suspicious activity. What qualifies as suspicious activity? Basically, anything that’s out of the ordinary. He has an acronym for that – JDLR.

“Just Don’t Look Right,” he explained. “If it just don’t look right, report it. We would rather people report it when it’s nothing rather than not report it when it’s something.”

The number to call to report any suspicious activity on or around the base is 926-EYES.

Suicide awareness walk



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, As part of the Black History Month observance, a suicide awareness walk and balloon release was held Feb. 12. Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, and Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne spoke to participants about suicide awareness and prevention. The walk was to memorialize eight people from Robins and all other family members or friends who were lost to suicide last year. Colonel Bean stressed the need to become good wingmen and get involved with coworkers to become aware if someone has suicidal tendencies.

At right, Al and Angela Hodges wrote a message on their balloons in memory of her brother, Chad Einck, at the suicide awareness walk Feb. 12.



NFL players to sign autographs at BX

As part of a special “Salute to the Troops” event, several National Football League players will make a stop at Robins Saturday to greet fans and sign autographs.

About a dozen NFL players will be at the Base Exchange from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Among the players is Warner Robins native Chansi Stuckey, who played for Northside High School and is now a wide receiver for the New York Jets.

NFL Players Scheduled to Attend:

Jamaal Fudge, Atlanta Falcons
Leroy Hill, Seattle Seahawks
Tye Hill, St. Louis Rams
Calvin Johnson, Detroit Lions
Phillip Merling, Miami Dolphins
Chansi Stuckey, New York Jets
James Butler, New York Giants
Kevin Dockery, New York Giants
R.W. McQuarters, New York Giants
Kenny Phillips, New York Giants
Fred Robbins, New York Giants
Corey Webster, New York Giants
Gerris Wilkinson, New York Giants



Commentary

“Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend - or a meaningful day.”

— Dalai Lama

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The Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

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▶ Housing Office	926-3776
▶ Chaplain	926-2821

FITNESS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

I can't seem to get a straight answer on gym participation from our squadron. We are being told if you go to the gym then you can't work overtime. We are told this is from squadron level but no one can seem to produce a policy letter nor have I found one on the 402nd Maintenance Wing Web site. The MOA states participation for short periods of time may be disallowed by the wing commander or director, or two digit staff director during workload surges to include periods of mandatory overtime. Presently we are working voluntary overtime. Sorry to bother you with such trivial stuff but sometimes we just can't get a straight answer. Thank you.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

First of all, I would like to commend you for

your desire to participate in the civilian fitness and wellness program. This valuable program directly supports our AFMC-wide goal of sustaining a safe, healthy, fit and ready workforce. Generally, first level supervisors and employees work toward mutually agreeable times for participation in the civilian fitness and wellness program during the work week after considering the organization's workload. However, at the supervisor's discretion, civilian fitness and wellness activities may be disapproved on a given day due to mission requirements.

Although participation in civilian fitness and wellness activities is not prohibited on days in which an employee works overtime, it is considered poor scheduling practice to grant an employee administrative leave to participate in fitness or wellness activities then later work overtime to perform

duties that could have been performed by the employee if the administrative leave had not been taken. Management can also revoke participation in the program if abuse is identified. Additionally, participation can be suspended for short periods in the event of a workload surge by the wing commander/director or two digit staff director as you are aware.

Again, those are the general guidelines. If you have a specific issue in your work center, I highly encourage you to use your chain of command and provide them the opportunity to address your concern.

If you have any further questions on the civilian fitness and wellness program, please contact your servicing Human Resources Specialist in Employee Relations at 926-0677 or 926-5802.



Practice makes perfect

U.S. Air Force photo by **SUE SAPP**
Senior Airman Steven Thomas, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, gets into a defensive fighting position during Mob School training Feb. 9 at Gator Air Base. Lt. Gen. Gary North, 9th Air Force commander, visited and observed some of the training.

Center commander answers Commander's Call questions

Editor's Note: The Rev-Up will print questions and answers obtained from comment cards given at the November Commander's Call. Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, will respond to questions.

Q: Are flu shots available for the civilian workforce?

A: Flu shots are funded by the Defense Health Program, which manages health care for active-duty military members, their dependents and activated Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel. As such, they fund enough doses to handle that target active-duty population. With our deployment tempo, we often have

a minor surplus of flu shots, and these are held for other DHP beneficiaries (dependents/retirees) on a first-come, first-served basis.

We did advertise that a small number of doses were available to beneficiaries, and they were dispensed accordingly. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer flu shots to the civilian employee workforce through this DHP-funded program since they do not service that population or provide funding for those doses.

We still encourage civilian employees to receive a flu shot through their medical provider or through many local pharmacies who offer them at a rather low cost.

Q: Why is there so much disparity

within Robins, considering the priority of the Wingman Day concept?

A: Wingman Day activities are intended to reinforce our safety culture. Organizations execute Wingman Day activities within the guidelines provided by the Air Force Materiel Command commander Wingman Day 2008 Concept of Operations letter.

These activities are commander/unit driven, and the duration is at their discretion based on mission and workload requirements.

Q: How do civil service employees volunteer for deployments?

A: Civilian deployment opportuni-

Q&A

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer
WR-ALC
commander



ties and instructions on volunteering are listed at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary>. Interested civil service employees should apply to their Services/Agencies, and submit a current resume, the specific position identification number and the title from the position listing on the Web site to civdeploy@cpms.osd.mil.

Technology encourages information overload

In the span of about four days, I had received links to Web pages to review, invites to official promotion ceremonies, announcements of professional development courses, updates to evaluations, meeting reminders, instructions on multiple assignments, reminders for training, a DFAS Military Pay Newsletter, updates on voice mail and several other e-mails, each of various levels of importance.

In all, the electrons that flowed to fill my inbox reached a capacity of more than several thousand kilobytes. Does there come a time when you have to say enough? What happened to our work places that we've settled into such a self-satisfied form of communication? Our efforts have become so lazy that we have settled for this one sided broadcast of data.

Effective communication involves four parts. First, it starts with the source. This is the origin of the message; look at this part as the person with the story to tell. Next, there is the medium. This part of communication is the format in which the sender delivers his message, whether it is a newspaper or a microphone. Understanding the limits of each medium will improve your attempts at getting your intended message to your target.

Next, there is the audience. This third part of the communication chain receives the story the sender is putting out there.

And finally, there is the feedback. This is perhaps the most important aspect of communication – even more important than the message itself. A communicator must not mistake the

idea of effective feedback for a general response. Feedback is as distinct as an echo. It tells the communicator that the message intended to be delivered actually made it to the audience and was understood. A response can be any sort of reaction to what was said.

For example; if a speaker talks into a microphone and hears his own voice echo throughout an auditorium, he is both the source and the audience. Because he knows his voice when he hears it, the echo would be effective feedback. But now, if he heard static crackles and pops coming from the sound system when he spoke, he would know that just because he received a response, it does not mean that his message was effectively communicated.

When effectively communicating an idea, really analyze who are the mem-

bers of your audience. If you are considering using e-mail as your communication tool, ask yourself from whom do you expect a response? If you don't truly want 100 or more e-mails replying to your mass communication, then I would encourage you to reexamine your intended target. Not everything is for widest dissemination.

One of the great things about the military is that we have a chain of command. Long before there was e-mail, we created an efficient way of getting the right message to the right people. With a prudent look at what truly needs to be expressed to the members of your team or fellow offices, we can save each other from information overload.

— This commentary was written by Staff Sgt. Vann Miller, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

► IN BRIEF

PROMOTION CEREMONY

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the wing's monthly promotion ceremony Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. in the Horizons Ballroom. For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Graham at 327-8299 or Tech. Sgt. Sanjeshni Narayan at 222-0813.

SPREAD THE WORD

An electronic version of the Spread the Word briefing is available online at

<https://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/word/word.asp>.

Briefing topics range from the assignment cycle and tempo banding to upcoming uniform changes and civilian hiring procedures. Questions may be sent to the Spread the Word team at stw.workflow@randolph.af.mil.

NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON

The annual National Prayer Luncheon will be held March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation

Century of Flight Hangar. Guest speaker will be Chaplain (Capt.) Jeff Struecker whose service in Somalia was captured in the best-selling book and award winning movie, "Black Hawk Down."

Individual tickets are on sale through March 10 for \$5. For more information call Chaplain Joshua Payne 955-5577.

YOUNG ASTRONAUTS' DAY

The Museum of Aviation Education Department will hold the annual Young

Astronauts' Day March 28 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. All 3rd through 8th grade students are invited to participate in this fun-filled day of space and exploration.

The cost is \$30 per student, and includes four workshops and lunch. There will also be an opening ceremony with former NASA astronaut Bonnie Dunbar as the guest speaker.

Pre-registration is required. To learn more about Young Astronauts' Day visit www.museumofaviation.org or call 926-5558.

Airman & Family Readiness Center briefs

Airman & Family Readiness Center is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Heritage Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Group pre-separation counseling

Pre-separation counseling, for members separating more than 90 days from separation

date, is Feb. 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 794. Group session includes help completing DD Form 2648.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop is March 2-4, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses

are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: job search skills, resume and cover letters, interviewing skills, career planning, veterans benefits, disabled veterans issues and more.

Reservations are first-come, first-served within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and can not attend, contact the A&FRC to cancel your reservation; there is a waiting list.

VA benefits briefing

The Veterans Benefits Administration and the A&FRC Transition Assistance Program is offering two briefings on veterans benefits Feb. 25, 9 to 11 a.m and 12 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

Participants receive information on medical records review for VA claim filing, the Disabled Transition Assistance Program and veterans' benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration.

New program simplifies household moves; Robins seeks participants

The new state-of-the-art Defense Personal Property Program began live operations at Robins Feb 5. Robins Personal Property Processing Office, one of 18 sites designated for initial roll out of DP3 across the Department of Defense, is now seeking customers to participate in a user test by facilitating their household move through the new system.

Replacing the aging Transportation Operational Personal Property Standard System, DP3 is the automated, end-to-end management system for movement of household goods for members of the armed services and

Department of Defense civilians. The system provides a single, standardized, worldwide, web-based personal property movement system, supporting more than 500,000 shipments annually.

Employing cutting-edge technology, DP3 eases communication between the personal property offices, the contractor and the customer, improving claims procedures and delivery times. Other key customer service features include an automated claims settlement module and a built-in customer satisfaction survey providing customers the opportunity to rate the performance of their transportation service

provider and a mechanism to give feedback on services provided by origin and destination personal property processing/shipping offices.

When the program is totally implemented, DP3 will be available at all Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard sites worldwide. Air Force PPPOs are preparing to support the system roll out and are available to help customers navigate through the DP3 and process their moves. Deployment of DP3 to personal property shipping offices worldwide is scheduled for early 2009.

Instead of attending a mass personal property briefing, cus-

tomers selected will be processed in a one-on-one counseling session. In order to participate, the customer must:

- Be active-duty Air Force
- Have a permanent change of station with an origin and destination to one of the 18 roll out designated sites
- Not have a requirement for multiple shipments or a personally procured move.
- Have a stateside pickup date anytime after mid-December.

To participate, call 222-0119 for an appointment. For more information on DP3, visit www.move.mil.

—*Courtesy of 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron*

LONG-TERM, FULL-TIME ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM

The Civilian Personnel Office's Training and Professional Development Division is sponsoring a call for nominations for its local Long-Term, Full-Time Academic Degree Program. Students will take accredited courses leading to their final year of a masters or undergraduate degree. Normally, civilian tuition assistance is used as the funding source for this program; however, students may elect to use other funding sources, such as the GI Bill or grants, as long as these sources meet civilian tuition assistance and legal criteria.

The program is limited to Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees physically assigned to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins. There are no grade or position restrictions for LTFT. Deadline for submission is April 24. The nomination package can be downloaded from <https://workspace.robins.af.mil>. Under the Main menu, click on "Training Resources," then "Civilian Training." Under the heading "Education and Training Services," click on "Long Term Full-Time Academic Degree Program." Contact your unit training monitor for additional information or application instructions.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Nominee must be able to complete a master's or bachelors program of study within 12 months after the first day of the first enroll-

ment period (August 2009). Degrees from on-line universities are not approved for LTFT.

► Nominee must be accepted into an accredited college degree program (preferably enrolled and completed several courses) and program must be classified as full-time by the accredited local college or university being attended.

► Must possess five consecutive years of federal civilian service (excluding military service), by the first day of the fall semester starting August 2009.

► Nominee cannot have attended another long-term, full-time training opportunity within the past three years.

Those selected for the program will be released from duty while attending class full time for up to 12 consecutive months beginning with the fall session in August 2009. The degree must be applicable to the individual's career field. Funding will not be provided for doctorate, second master's, second undergraduate or associate degrees.

WHAT TO KNOW

Previously, the LTFT opportunity was funded by the local civilian tuition assistance program, which has a limited funding level. Adding the funding source to include the GI Bill will provide more opportunities for employees to take advantage of the LTFT program. This provides the opportunity for employees eligible for the GI Bill to be considered for LTFT program.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Margret James practices brushing on an oversized set of teeth at the National Children's Dental Health Month proclamation signing at the Child Development Center East Feb. 10.



Brianna Podruchny, a Robins Elementary 3rd grade student, gets a hug from Alex the Alligator, 78th Dental Squadron mascot.

CELEBRATING SMILES



Polka Dot the clown, talks to children at Robins Elementary about good dental health Feb. 12. Representatives from the 78th Dental Squadron visited the school as part of National Children's Dental Health Month.



Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, helps Cameron Clemons hold up a sign while visiting with children at the CDC East.

Robins leader celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month



Colonel Berry visited with children at the CDC East, where he signed a proclamation for National Children's Dental Health Month Feb. 10. The children dressed in dental scrubs for the event.



Colby Robertson, 1st grade student at Robins Elementary, looks at some dental x-rays.

78th FSS BRIEFS

FRIDAY

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.

The teen center will hold Keystone meetings Feb. 20 and 27 at 6 p.m., public speaking sessions will be held Feb. 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 Texas Hold 'Em will be held Feb. 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

Super Sunday brunch will be held once a month at Horizons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will always include breakfast items, omelet station, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for guests and \$6.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. Please mark your calendar for the following dates: Super Sunday brunches will be held March 1, April 12 (Easter Sunday), May 10 (Mother's Day), June 21 (Father's Day), July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 (Santa comes early). For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

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 ball-

room. 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.

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

Want to learn new tricks? Join in on the fun and play Bridge at the Heritage Club starting March 11 at 6 p.m. for five weeks. Cost is free. For more information contact Ruth Suggs at 923-4574 or the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

A skeet tournament and steak dinner will be held March 29. The tournament will be from noon to 6 p.m. and the cost is \$20 and includes skeet with 50 challenging clay target and steak dinner with the trimmings or non-shooters for \$12. Dinner will be from 2 to 6 p.m. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001 or the skeet range at 926-4733.

A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 28 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The event package includes golf cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$25 per person AGF and \$30 for guests. Sign up by Feb. 26 at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.

ONGOING

Time to play and win a trip to a final four game during the Air Force March Madness. Pick up a game piece, one per customer per visit at the Base Restaurant, Fairways Grille (Golf Course), Heritage Club, Horizons, On Spot Café (Bowling Center) or Pizza Depot. Go online and for more details go to www.airforcemarchmadness.com to put in your code for the online bracket tournament. Prizes will include first place a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four game for three day/two nights, hotel, air, car rental, game

Stable condition



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The riding stables, near Luna Lake, offers a lighted riding ring, hot and cold wash rack, horse trails, stalls and a horse pasture. Costs include a monthly \$15 family membership fee plus a monthly stable fee of \$97. All base ID cardholders are eligible to use the stables. For more information call the Riding Stables at 926-4001.

tickets and \$1,000 spending money, second place receives \$5,000; third place \$2,500, fourth place \$1,000 and five subsequent winners will win a Coca Cola NCAA Pop-A-Shot arcade home-style basketball game. Sponsored by Coca Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call Marketing at 926-5492.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost 12 years and younger, \$5 and 13 years and older, \$10 and Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Information, Tickets and Travel Bldg. 956 has the tickets for sale for the 9th Annual Explore & Expand

Your Horizons Travel Show March 19 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Visitors will have a chance to win a variety of prizes and gain information to plan their next weekend getaway or vacation. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

The Biggest Loser runs through Feb. 28. Teams and individuals will earn points for each pound they lose. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams and individuals. Open to all base ID card holders. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The 78th Force Support Squadron offers designated driver programs at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please

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 about FSS designated drivers programs, call 926-2670.

Let the 78th Force Support Squadron know how they rate! Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon.

At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to give a rating and/or comment. Please provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call FSS 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 78th FSS facilities.

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 BEST PICTURE OSCAR WINNERS

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will hold its annual Academy Awards ceremony Sunday, where Oscars will be awarded to the best of the best in the movie industry for 2008. The formal ceremony is pretty much a drag, often lasting more than four hours, but it's a big event in Hollywood and a big money maker for the television station that airs it. There are dozens of categories, but I am most interested in what movie wins Best Picture. I haven't been overly excited about the movies picked in the last decade, but here's my all time favorite winners:

5 Rain Man (1988)
This movie tells the story of an abrasive, selfish yuppie, Charlie Babbitt, who discovers his father has left all of his multimillion-dollar estate to his brother, Raymond, an autistic savant. It's the ultimate road trip movie. My favorite scene is where Charlie takes his card-counting brother to Vegas, using him to win millions.

4 Forrest Gump (1994)
The film tells the story of Forrest Gump and his epic journey through life meeting historical figures, influencing popular culture and experiencing first-hand historic events of the late 20th century. Just a feel good movie, where you literally cheer for the intellectually challenged main character.

3 Silence of the Lambs (1991)
What a creepy movie. In the film, Jodie Foster plays an FBI trainee searching for a serial killer. She employs the help of Hannibal Lecter, a cannibalistic psychopath. Foster won a Best Actress Oscar, and Anthony Hopkins won Best Actor for his creepy portrayal of Lecter. If you enjoy psychological thrillers, this movie won't disappoint.

2 The Sting (1973)
This movie is nearly 25 years old, but still sits in my all-time list of favorite movies. It's a caper film that revolves around a complicated plot by two professional grifters out to con a mob boss. Paul Newman and Robert Redford are excellent and in addition to Best Picture, the film won seven Oscars. For those who missed it, I highly recommend it.

1 Braveheart (1995)
"They can take our lives, but they can never take our freedom!" I worked at a one-screen movie theater when this movie was released and consequently have watched it at least 100 times. It might be a little too violent for some, but I never tire of hearing Mel Gibson's impassioned speech to his rag-tag army. A great flick deserving of an Oscar, Braveheart takes the top spot on this week's list.

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.

78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

- ▶ Services 926-5491
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 926-7625
- ▶ Library 327-8761
- ▶ HAWC 327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- ▶ Youth Center 926-2110
- ▶ ITT 926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 926-0188

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 (Jumuah) 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. 20 — 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 her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of bee-keeping.



FEB 21 — 7:30 P.M.
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON
RATED PG-13

"I was born under unusual circumstances." And so begins "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," adapted from the 1920s story by F. Scott Fitzgerald about a man who is born in his eighties and ages backwards: a man, like any of us, who is unable to stop time.



UPCOMING
MY BLOODY VALENTINE
RATED R

Ten years ago Tom Hanniger, an inexperienced coal miner, caused an accident that trapped and killed five men and sent the only survivor, Harry Warden, into a permanent coma. Then, exactly one year later, on Valentine's Day, Harry Warden woke up—and brutally murdered twenty-two people with a pickaxe.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Alex Sielaff of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron lifts weights to stay in physical shape. He was selected to attend the Air Force wrestling training camp, where he will compete for a spot on the Air Force wrestling team.

Robins athlete grapples for spot on Air Force wrestling team

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

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For many, taking part in a month-long training camp – where grueling workouts last 10 to 12 hours a day, seven days a week – sounds excruciatingly painful, but for one Robins Airman, it's a dream come true.

Airman 1st Class Alex Sielaff, a network manager for the 51st Combat Communications Squadron, is one of 29 Airmen invited to attend the training camp and compete for a spot on the Air Force wrestling team.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity. I never thought I would actually have a chance to wrestle again," Airman Sielaff said.

Making the team won't be easy, and not just because of the physical demands of the sport. Four others were invited to camp to compete against

Airman Sielaff at the 121-pound weight class. Two of those were members of last year's team.

Wrestling coach Richard Estrella said it will be tough for Airman Sielaff to make the team, but if he didn't think he could compete and challenge the more experienced wrestlers for a spot, he wouldn't have been invited to camp.

"It's how you get these young wrestlers to grow and learn," he said. "You put them in a position where they will be stretched and challenged. Nothing helps you grow quicker."

Coach Estrella, a 22-year veteran coach of Air Force wrestling and member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team coaching staff, said although only 29 out of more than 200 applicants were officially invited to training camp, many more could show up to camp as walk ons.

Airman Sielaff wrestled in seventh and eighth grades but regretfully lost interest in the sport in high school. It wasn't until his senior year that he rediscovered wrestling. He wishes he'd wrestled his first three years, and is grateful for the second chance to compete on the wrestling mat.

He said he is "looking forward to the challenge" and hopes the weight training and exercising he's been doing to stay in wrestling shape pays off with a spot on the team.

WHAT TO KNOW

Fourteen wrestlers chosen for the Air Force wrestling team will participate in the 2009 Armed Forces Championship at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, March 12-16 followed by the 2009 USA Wrestling National Championships April 7-11 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Workers encouraged to maintain 'healthy' leave

BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE

Leave is one of the most valuable benefits of Air Force civilian employees, and workers are encouraged to take advantage of available annual leave for a scheduled vacation every year.

"Vacations create a better work-life balance and allows employees to recharge their batteries," said Regina Gilchrist, a human resources specialist with Civilian Personnel. "Just remember that this is scheduled leave, which makes it possible to maintain a "healthy" leave balance."

Employees earn annual leave and sick leave based upon the type of appointment and number of hours they work each week. Full-time employees working a 40-hour basic work week earn four, six or eight hours of annual leave each pay period depending on years of federal service. The maximum amount of annual leave most employees may carry forward from one leave

year to another is 240 hours; therefore, employees must schedule and use any leave in excess of that amount.

Full-time employees working 40 hours per week earn four hours of sick leave each pay period regardless of their length of service. Annual and sick leave provides financial protection and entitles an employee to take time off from work for illness, vacation or personal matters, while still receiving pay. There is no maximum sick leave accrual. Sick leave may be accumulated without limits or expiration. Balances are carried forward from year to year.

Without accrued annual or sick leave, compensatory time, or credit hours earned, employees may have to request leave without pay to be absent from work.

"It is important for employees to conserve a comfortable balance of sick leave to cover unexpected situations," Ms. Gilchrist said. "By saving sick leave, you make an investment in your future that can return a financial reward during illness,

accidental injury or when time off is required for bereavement purposes."

What happens to those hours of sick leave when an employee departs? It depends on several factors.

When a Federal Employees Retirement System employee resigns, his or her sick leave is held in abeyance and re-credited if they ever return to federal service. Under FERS, sick leave is forfeited when an employee retires. The only exception is on an employee who transferred to FERS and had at least five years of creditable service under Civil Service Retirement System at the time of transfer. In this case, the employee would receive credit for the lesser of the number of sick leave hours on the date of transfer or the number of hours on the date of retirement.

Ms. Gilchrist said it is the employee's responsibility to ensure a "healthy" leave balance is available. "Schedule and use your annual and sick leave wisely, and the rewards will be yours," she said.

Lending a helping hand



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Karan Hudgens, 78th Force Support Squadron Outdoor Recreation, picks up trash along the edge of Duck Lake Feb. 18 as part of Give the World a Hand Day.

FREE ADVANCE SCREENING

Robins is invited to a free advance screening of “Watchmen” Feb. 28.

Tickets will be available Feb. 26 and 27 at the Base Exchange checkout counters, Burger King, food court, service station and shoppette. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The theater is not responsible for over booking.

Refreshments will be served at the refreshment stand. Doors

open at 6:30 p.m. movies starts at 7:30 p.m.

Synopsis: A complex, multi-layered mystery adventure, “Watchmen” is set in an alternate 1985 America in which costumed superheroes are part of the fabric of everyday society, and the “Doomsday Clock” - which charts the USA’s tension with the Soviet Union - is permanently set at five minutes to midnight.

When one of his former colleagues is murdered, the

washed-up but no less determined masked vigilante Rorschach sets out to uncover a plot to kill and discredit all past and present superheroes.

As he reconnects with his former crime-fighting legion - a ragtag group of retired superheroes, only one of whom has true powers - Rorschach glimpses a wide-ranging and disturbing conspiracy with links to their shared past and catastrophic consequences for the future.