

This week's Rev-Up...

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Safety campaign revs up for second round

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Ride will start rolling at 10 a.m. Thursday and is expected to draw

other motorists, Mr. Johnson said, so that they might make an extra effort to look for motorcycles on the highway.



Motorcycles are normally in the minority on the road, and that's part of the danger, said Donn Johnson, senior motorcycle safety instructor at Robins.

When motorists check for other vehicles, Mr. Johnson said, they are typically looking for a car or truck, not a motorcycle. That's why, he said, motorists often look too quickly and run into a biker, not noticing the smaller vehicle.

But next week motorcyclists will be in a very noticeable majority for a while on the streets both inside the base and out. The second See Me, Save Me Motorcycle Safety Awareness

hundreds of riders.

After a tour through the base under escort by Security Forces, the bikes will head out Russell Parkway Gate into the city for a ride down Russell Parkway, then to Houston Lake Road, then to Watson Boulevard and ending at the Museum of Aviation.

The purpose of the ride is to promote motorcycle awareness to

'We want to alert car drivers and truck drivers that motorcycles are out there and we are small,' he said. 'They have to learn to look twice.'

In the first See Me, Save Me Ride held in August, 305 bikers took part. This year Mr. Johnson is expecting over 400 riders. The second ride is being planned later this year, Mr. Johnson said, to continue to reinforce to motorists that a lot of motorcyclists are on the road. That, he said, is why it's important to have a good turnout for the ride.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Col. Patrick Higby, who will be leaving to become commander of the 75th Air Base Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, said preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection is his fondest memory of his time at Robins.

Group commander reminisces on tenure, bids Robins farewell

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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tastic two years. There is great local community support and I had great support all across Robins."

After nearly two years as 78th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Patrick Higby will soon be moving on to tackle an even greater challenge.

Colonel Higby will be the new commander of the 75th Air Base Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, with Monday being his last day at Robins.

"Being a wing commander is somewhat daunting," Colonel Higby said. "The 75th Air Base Wing is facing many of the same challenges we are facing here at Robins, so it's a fantastic opportunity for me."

Colonel Higby said he learned a lot while working as group commander here and truly enjoyed the opportunity.

"I am very blessed to have been a part of the 78th Air Base Wing, working with lots of talented individuals with lots of experience," the colonel said. "It's been a fan-

He said Robins is such a large base with an active environment, there was always something going on. "I never had any dull moments; that made the time fly by," he said.

Colonel Higby said his fondest time at Robins was preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection.

"It gave me an opportunity to be out in the field with my WABBAs (Warrior Air Base Battlefield Airmen) from all across the Air Logistics Center," he said. "At the time, I didn't realize how significant it would be in the long run, but the teamwork and camaraderie that came out of it was really amazing."

Colonel Higby said he is proud of the work he did at Robins, but more importantly he is proud of the Team Robins employees and

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April brings child abuse prevention to forefront



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Noel Craft, Westfield Middle School seventh grade student, places a pinwheel in front of the Houston County Courthouse on Tuesday at the kick off of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event included Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, signing a proclamation. 209 pinwheels were placed in front of the court house representing the number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Houston County in 2008.

Robins sports best mid-size chapel in Air Force

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at Robins, said it's the first time the Base Chapel had won the honor.

"The critical thing for me is that it's recognition of all the hard work done by all of the chaplains and chaplain assistants at Robins," Chaplain Fey said. "It's an indication that they have done the extra duty and gone the extra mile."

The Base Chapel has five chaplains and seven chaplain assistants. At any given time, Chaplain Fey said, there's usually someone from the chapel deployed. The efforts of Robins chaplains in the war zone - including comfort-

ing victims of a suicide bomber and starting the first flightline ministry program - were cited in the award.

Chaplain Fey and Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Newton, the senior Protestant chaplain on base, both said the development of the Airman Ministry Center as a key contributor to the award.

The center, targeted to young Airmen, offers a place for Airmen to gather socially in a safe, non-alcohol environment. Attendance was up 275 percent last year, with an estimated 700 Airmen per

month visiting the center.

"The increase in attendance says we are doing something right to get them there," Chaplain Fey said.

Both also cited the contributions of numerous other groups on base as a key reason for getting the award. They said mental health professionals on base and other groups work together with the chapel to help Airmen in need.

"There's no way we can do this without all of the other helping organizations," Chaplain Newton said. "When a phone call comes in, we know they are close by."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey leads Catholic Mass Wednesday at noon at the Base Chapel.

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TWO-MINUTE REV

Russell Parkway Gate gets new hours

In an effort to further facilitate safe, timely and more efficient processing of personnel onto the base, beginning Monday, the Russell Parkway Gate will be open from 4:30 a.m. to midnight Mondays through Fridays, and 5 a.m. to midnight on weekends and holidays.

While continuing to function seven days a week, these new duty hours will allow the gate to ease accessibility to the installation while freeing more personnel to provide security for the base population.

INSIGHT



Young Astronauts Day

Local youth get a taste of space at annual Museum event, 1B

SPORTS



Intramural basketball

78th LRS sails through losers bracket to win championship, 3B

ENTERTAINMENT



Ariel and Zoey in concert

Free event celebrates Month of the Child, 2B



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Retired Lt. Col. Marie Berry, wife of Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, speaks at the Robins 2009 Women's History Luncheon March 27.

WHM luncheon speaker gives message of hope, inspiration

BY LANORRIS ASKEW

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Retired Lt. Col. Marie Berry's last assignment in the Air Force is one she will never forget, and now it's one those who heard her speak at the Women's History Luncheon will remember as well.

The soft spoken wife of 78th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Warren Berry, drew a crowd of more than 100 men and women to the Heritage Club on March 27 to hear her tale of life as specialty care nursing section chief at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

The event, which culminated Robins' celebration of Women's History Month, allowed the speaker to pay homage to those nurses and doctors she called "angels on earth" while explaining what life was really like leading personnel from three branches of the military and providing care to 48,000 Americans as well as casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mrs. Berry described her time at the medical center as the most challenging time she has ever experienced – physically, emotionally and spiritually. And while the time tested her to the core, she described it as being one

of the most rewarding and richest times as well.

In her nursing role, she saw first hand the aftermath of Airmen, Soldiers and Marines falling during battle while standing up for America's freedoms.

She said the phrase "take one day at a time," told to her by her husband, became her mantra as she went through days that were all "a little bit different but a little bit the same."

After seeing the wounded, hearing their stories and witnessing some of their triumphs, Mrs. Berry said she has learned an important lesson.

"I believe that life is so worth living, no matter what," she said. "The power of touch is stronger than any spoken word and perspective is everything. I am privileged to have worked beside angels here on Earth."

Tracy Twedell, project officer for the Women's History Month observance, was very pleased to have had such a dynamic guest speaker at the event.

"Mrs. Berry gave a phenomenal speech about her time at Landstuhl and had everyone sitting on the edge of their seats waiting to see what else happened," she said. "The stories about our deployed heroes touched

everyone. By the end of the speech, there were very few dry eyes in the room. It was a great culmination to Women's History Month here at Robins."

Col. Victoria Reed, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, said she looks forward to participating in the events surrounding Women's History Month each year.

"Having participated in several of the events this month, as I have for many years to celebrate Women's History Month, as always it was nice to see how women have contributed to not only making our military but our country and our world a better place."

Her comments were echoed by Col. Tim Freeman, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander.

"What an inspiration to men, women and Americans," he said, before he presented Mrs. Berry with a gift from the wing.

In addition to Mrs. Berry's remarks, the event featured tables adorned by placemats with hand-drawn pictures of famous women in history made by the students from Eagle Springs Elementary School. The students also made bookmarks for luncheon attendees to take home.

HIGBY

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their diligence and hard work. He encourages them to keep persevering.

"The resources we have to handle the mission – the people, the money, the time – will either stay the same or shrink, and that leaves an imbalance. There is a tendency to get overwhelmed and think, 'what's expected of me far exceeds my ability and my resources,'" he said. "The only way to mitigate that gap is to look at our processes, and that's where we succeed. I'd just encourage workers to keep doing what they're doing and what they know is the right thing to do."

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing command-

er, said Colonel Higby will leave here with a long list of accomplishments, with the most lasting and most impacting being his warrior ethos.

"His vision of conducting weekly warrior exercises for our Airmen is a 'game changer' as they deploy downrange," Colonel Berry said. "As a result, they are better prepared, more comfortable, and far more competent in their battlefield Airman skills than ever."

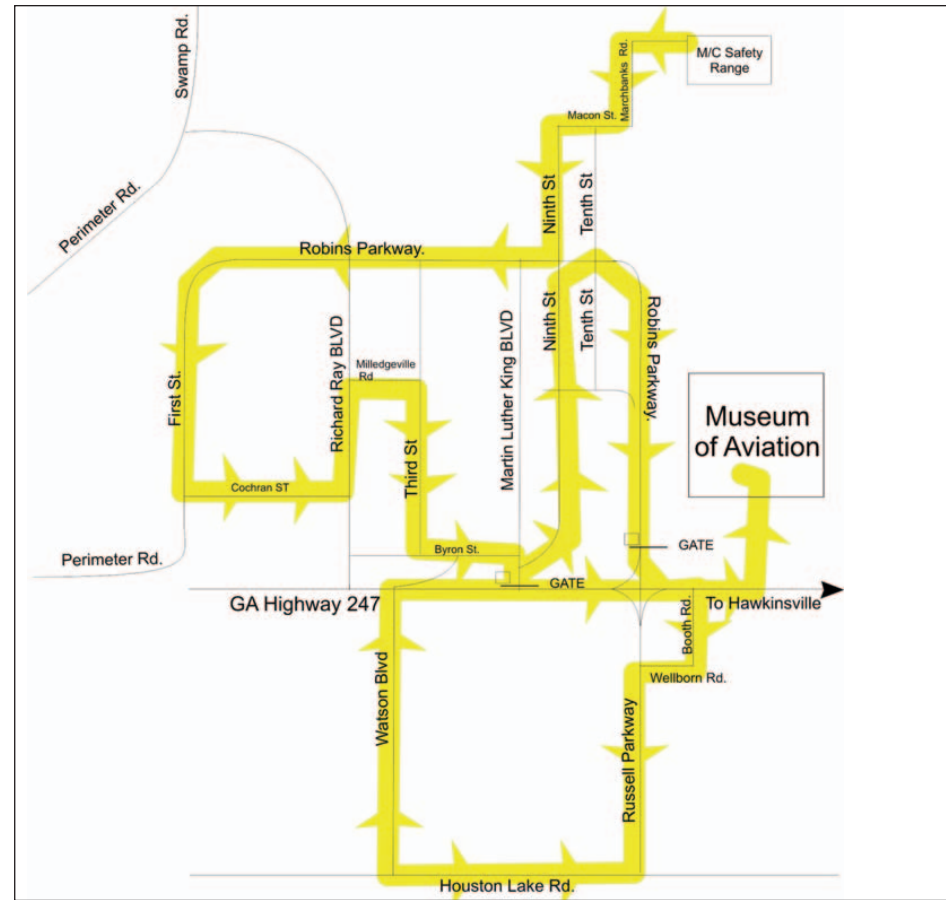
He said thanks to Colonel Higby's efforts, the Airmen at Robins are more prepared to not only survive, but lead in any area of responsibility they may be deployed to.

Colonel Higby encouraged Team Robins members to give the same sup-

port to the new group commander, Col. Lee-Ann Perkins, as was given to him.

"Take care of the new boss," he said. "An air logistics center is somewhat unique; there are only three in the Air Force. The mission is a little different than what you might experience at a regular base, so the challenge is to make sure she is set up for success."

Colonel Higby said his only regret was he never had the chance to get his 1970 BMW 2800CS fixed up and running, but plans to keep working towards that goal at his new base. He also said he looks forward to getting back on the snowy slopes and plans on teaching his children how to ski.



U.S. Air Force graphic by HARRY PAIGE

A motorcycle ride to promote safety awareness will begin Thursday at 10 a.m. in the PAVE PAWS parking lot. Riders without base access can join the ride when the group exits the Russell Parkway Gate. Above is the entire route.

MOTORCYCLE

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With the rising price of gas last year, the base saw a sharp increase in the number of people riding motorcycles. Mr. Johnson said they had to double the amount of safety classes given, which is a requirement to be able to ride a motorcycle on a base. A drop in gas prices has not diminished the growth of riders.

"We see that doubling again," he said. "We see another big influx of folks getting

on bikes."

Anyone who does not have base access can gather at the Museum of Aviation and join the ride as it exits the Russell Parkway gate. Those who are on base are asked to gather starting at 9 a.m. at the Motorcycle Safety Range, which is in the PAVE PAWS parking lot at the end of Marchbanks Drive. There will be a pre-season safety briefing at 9:30 a.m. followed by a safety briefing for the ride itself at 9:45 a.m.

At the end of the ride at the museum there will be a lunchtime cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs.

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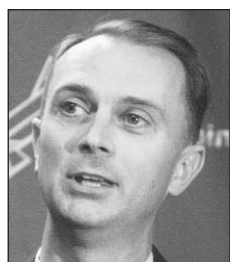
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— Henry David Thoreau

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing
Commander

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FREEZING TEMPERATURES IN THE C-5 WSSC AREA IN BLDG. 125:

We have a problem with freezing temperatures in the C-5 WSSC area in Bldg. 125 and nothing is being done about this problem. At one point it was extremely hot and according to CE there was a problem with the duct putting out heat. They fixed that problem and now it is extremely cold.

We have addressed this problem to our superiors in the area and we are being told that the building is old and we have to bear with the problem. According to my boss's thermometer, it is 67 degrees in his office and 69 degrees in our area. The staff here has to go around wearing winter coats, gloves, scarves, up to three pairs of socks and boots and the majority of us are sick with sore throats, head colds, etc... CE was here the other day making changes to the thermostat and I asked them what the thermostat was set to and they claim it is set on 72. If it is set on 72 why is it so cold in here? They have the air conditioner on even when it is cold outside such as today.

According to Irv Zucker, the building monitor, CE is the only one with the key to the thermostat. If it is set on 72 they need to do something to fix the freezing temperatures in here. It is hard to conduct your daily tasks when it is so cold.

What happened to the fact that we are supposed to be conserving energy.

COLONEL BERRY RESPONDS:

I stopped by your building March 20, almost expecting to see icicles! I certainly didn't see anyone with winter coats, hats or scarves (I chose not to count socks), but the system was indeed pumping out cool air with the room temperature right at 69 degrees. During the heating months, our goal is to keep systems operating to maintain room temperatures much like your house...between 68 and 72 degrees...which is also what's recommended by Department of Energy. Technically, your temperatures were within those parameters.

Ideally, it would operate at the temperature "dialed in" the thermostat. Of course, the prob-

lem we have with many of our buildings is that the HVAC systems are old and tired. So, when we set the thermostat at 72 degrees, we don't always achieve those exact set points. Such is the case in your building (and my on-base house, unfortunately).

The good news is we are investing large portions of our sustainment funding into HVAC systems across the base in order to improve our working environments and to save energy. We won't replace your building's HVAC this year, since we have many more that are in worse shape than yours, but it is on the list to replace when more funding becomes available, perhaps as early as fiscal 2010.

While I suspect this problem will resolve itself now that Spring has sprung, I'll ask CE to come out and check on closing off or deflecting a few of the vents, which should help with getting that direct "cool air" down draft from the vents. As always, please let CE know when your temperatures fall outside the prescribed windows of 65-70 degrees in heating months and 75-80 degrees in cooling months.

Robins sergeant urges leaders to demand more

Demand more from your Airmen. What's going to happen to our Airmen five to 10 years from now? How are they going to lead future Airmen? I'm talking about making your Airmen our future leaders.

Our future leaders aren't just going to show up at our front door and say "I'm here." They are molded, shaped and taught by us, and we lead them to the front door. Many of you know how this is done. I am writing this to reinforce your actions and to let the Airmen know we are there for them. We are there to lead them down a path that will take them to the front door. Now the question is how do we mold and teach these Airmen to be our leaders? Listed are just examples and not all inclusive. Each supervisor will have their own way of accomplishing this.

1. Demand they learn more. Every day, ask them questions; ask them what they learned. What is the future of your career field? Do they know? Make them brief you on it. Talk to them about it. Give an expectation of 90 percent or higher on all end-of-course exams on their CDCs. If they didn't achieve it, find out why. Did they study enough and did they understand the material? Did the supervisor help them out? Demand your Airmen learn.

2. Demand they give you a weekly activity report every week and it contains the real information they accomplished. Have them put in their self improvement items and what they did for the base or community. It is imperative the Airmen be an integral part of the community. If the information is

not in the WAR, ask them why not. The WAR gives them a chance to practice written communication and develop bullet writing styles, and it gives you a chance to teach them how to write.

3. Demand they stop their Web searching and cell phone texting. Yes, I said it and we all know it happens, but it is not giving us or them any long term benefit. It is wasting one of our most valuable resources: time.

4. Demand the lifestyle. Get them to live, eat, drink, and breathe the Air Force life. This is a little tough to demand, but it can happen if we teach them the right way.

One way is to teach them the Air Force core values. Teach your Airmen not only to know these, but to live them. Another important aspect we all should learn is the Airman's Creed. A lot of us already know the Creed, but do we actually live it? Do we teach it? If we do not teach our Airmen the right way, how can they teach our future Airmen 10 years from now? Being an Air Force member isn't a 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. job. It is a full-time lifestyle. Yes, a lifestyle. It is how we walk, talk and live. It's an attitude that makes us the best Air Force in the world.

Demand more from our Airmen. Make them learn, make them write, make them read and make them create. More importantly, make them our future leaders.

—This commentary was written by Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Batten, 78th Communications Group Network Operations Flight superintendent.

High Velocity Maintenance

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of brief articles on High Velocity Maintenance. The series will discuss what HVM is, when it will be implemented, how it will be deployed and why it is right for Robins.

HVM Kitting—Normally we think of kitting as having the required part to accomplish a task such as programmed depot maintenance or an aircraft modification. Under the HVM concept, kitting will have a broader definition. HVM Kitting will include the required parts, tools, personal protective equipment, and standard visual work cards in order to accomplish the scheduled HVM Cycle. The specific tasks to be accomplished during the HVM Cycle will be specifically defined through a look ahead process. In the next article, we will discuss the Standard Visual Work Cards that will be an integral part of the kitting. — Courtesy HVM communications team

VPP benefits everyone

Who benefits from our involvement in the Voluntary Protection Program? Everyone!



We all benefit from WR-ALC's involvement in VPP. At the end of the day, we can go home safe and healthy to our families and return the next day to resume our support of the warfighter.

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more competitive and secure work place.

We benefit from improved relationships between labor and management. With the same goal in mind, labor and management work together to ensure the safety and health of the entire workforce.

We benefit from being recognized as a leader in safety and health, not only in the Middle Georgia area, but throughout the Air Force and Department of Defense. — By Melanie Clearman, VPP office

OFF THE CUFF!

What is your best money-saving tip?



Airman 1st Class
Porsha Cook
78th FSS

"Setting a budget is always the key. Buy things you need first and then get what you want gradually as you work toward the set income you want to have."



Emma Billue
DP

"I bring my lunch and put my extra cash in CDs."



Maj.
Ryan Johnson
560th ACSG

"Eat lots of Raman noodles."



Venus Mansourzadeh
Robins Library

"Use coupons, maintain a budget and keep a reserve of money put aside. The best way is just not to spend."

AFMC no-notice compliance inspections have begun

BY STAFF SGT. VANN MILLER

78thABW Public Affairs

Ready, set, check.

Robins' units and organizations are working diligently to be ready for inspections, according to one self-inspection officer here.

These units and organizations work everyday on their checklists and procedures, according to Glen Haisten, from the 78th Air Base Wing's Plans and Programs office.

But, he says, there are some which still have a way to go before they're routinely in a "steady" or "sustained" state of compliance.

The Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General Team recently conducted a no-notice inspection at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The inspection was a stark reminder of an Air Force charge in early 2009 that every unit and organization needs to be in compliance, every day of the year.

To help units and organizations get into and stay in compliance, Robins has made some changes to the Self Inspection Program here, said Mr. Haisten.

One of the most notable changes is that people are no longer allowed to answer checklist questions with simple "yes" or "no" responses. Instead, "no" responses must now be accompanied with a detailed description of the finding, as well as an explanation of how the finding will be corrected.

Another change is that leaders expect their units and organizations to not be fully compliant, at least not at first.

"In the past we ran our checklists because we were told to, but often we whitewashed the results to paint the best picture," Mr. Haisten said. "Now, the word is out. Leadership wants to know everything that is out of compliance. Only then can we bring findings up to standards."

"Looking at previous inspections, we ramped up for command IG inspections six to nine months in advance — in many cases we hoped the command IG could not find our weaknesses.

"The new culture places the responsibility for identifying our weaknesses and strengths back on us. A robust SIP program—that's the way it should be," added Col. Kenneth Sharpless, Robins' inspector general. "To steal a quote used in the new inspection program — 'Red is the new green.'"

One thing that hasn't changed is the need for people to incorporate the use of checklists in their normal, daily routines.

"Every job has its checklist, so it shouldn't matter when it's inspected," said Airman 1st Class Bryon Mathews, a radar technician in the 54th Combat Communications Squadron. "Whether it (an inspection) is random or announced, you should always be 100 percent."

THIS IS AFSO21 COUNTRY

Robins gets rocked by Max Impact



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Master Sgt. Regina Coonrod, vocalist for Max Impact, sings during a free concert at Robins Theater March 27.



U.S. Air Force photos by GARY CUTRELL
Above, Master Sgt. Ryan Carson, vocalist for Max Impact, an element of the U. S. Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., sings Happy Birthday to Laura Whitehouse, a graphics illustrator in the 78th Force Support Squadron.



At left, Tech. Sgt. Mathew Ascione strikes the right cord with the Robins audience.

Georgia youth shoot for the stars

Young Astronauts Day draws students from around the state

Future astronauts flocked to the Museum of Aviation on Saturday for Young Astronauts Day.

The day of hands-on workshops focused on science, technology, engineering and math. Sixteen workshops ranged from model building and rocketry, to air traffic control and robotics.

An opening ceremony featuring Bonnie Dunbar, former NASA astronaut, as keynote speaker preceded the workshops.

According to Melissa Spalding, MoA's director of education, there was even an opportunity to

examine lunar and meteorite samples brought back from an actual NASA space mission. Star Wars reenactors were in attendance to perform and sign autographs.

"Volunteers from the U-2 were (also) on hand to help out and demonstrate the space suit used by U-2 pilots," Ms. Spalding said.

The students were also treated to a taste of the tube food the pilots eat. Volunteers from the 116th Air Control Wing and the local community were also present and served as group leaders.

- from staff reports



U.S. Air Force photos by GARY CUTRELL
Bonnie Dunbar, former NASA astronaut and guest speaker for the Young Astronaut's Day opening ceremony, talks to participants.



Instructor Mark Swann assists Bobbie Melden with a rocket-building project.



Jordyn Frazer lands the "space shuttle" in the Mission Quest Simulator Lab.

78th FSS BRIEFS

SATURDAY

A base community Easter Egg Hunt and magical-eggstravaganza will be held April 4 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Robins Elementary School playground. Children may participate in an Easter egg hunt as well as other activities to include a magic show, face painting, music, giant slide, gladiator joust, moon walk combo, obstacle course, quad pod, and carnival games. Free hot dogs, sno cones, candy and drinks will be available for the children. Please bring a towel or blanket to watch a magic show, baskets for the egg hunt and a camera to take photos of all the fun activities. This event is presented by the base chapel and community center. For more information call the community center 926-2105 or the chapel at 926-2821.

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 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.

MONDAY

The 78th Military Personnel Section will be minimum manned with limited services and significant delays April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon for an official function. Normal hours of operation will resume after noon April 6. Previously scheduled appointments will be handled. For more information call 327-3429.

Learn a new skill or brush up on an old one starting April 6 in the community center. Piano classes starting April 6 from 7 to 8 p.m., cost \$65 per person; salsa and belly dancing starting April 7 from 5:30 to

6:30 p.m. and belly dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$40 per person when you register for one class, get the other for free. All classes need to be paid in advance. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

WEDNESDAY

An Air Force Chess tournament is scheduled for April 8 starting at 5 p.m. in the community center. All players please register now. This program provides opportunities for families, youth, and other community members to participate. Persons eligible may participate in the base-level and MAJCOM tournaments but only Air Force members may participate in the Inter-Service and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Chess tournaments. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month in Bldg. 794 for active duty, retired, reserve, spouses and family members. A group pre-separation counseling briefings (mandatory) will be held April 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1 to 2 p.m., a Department of Labor TAP employment workshop April 6 – 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (members and spouses who have completed pre-separation action and are leaving the military) and an Air Force spouse employment training to be held May 12 – July 28 (in-person registration April 22 – 24, Bldg. 794). For more information call the A&FRC at 926-1256.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center will be closed April 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. due to an internal Emergency Family Assistance Control Center exercise. Only emergency AF Aid cases that cannot wait till 11:30 a.m. will be accepted during this time. Normal hours of operation will resume at 11:30 a.m. For more information call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

A First Friday has been moved to April 10 at Horizons and Heritage Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with food being served from 5

Ariel and Zoey



courtesy photo

Come out and see the free Ariel and Zoey and Eli too concert at the base theater April 9 at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with concessions on sale. This free event is open to all military and DOD civilian families. CDs will be given away on a first-come first-served basis with an autograph session after the show. This event is in appreciation of the Month of the Military Child. To find out more about Ariel and Zoey visit www.arielandzoey.com. For more information about the concert call the community center at 926-2105.

to 6 p.m. Menu will include pulled barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans and Texas Toast. First Friday means great food, chances to win prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call 926-2670.

Celebrate libraries during National Library Week April 12 – 18 with a fitness cycle contest. The person who rides the most miles while reading on an exercise bike at the base library will win a \$100 ITT gift certificate. Also during this week drop off a completed comment card at the base library for a chance to win one of three \$25 gift certificates to Books-A-Million during National

Library Week.

The highlight of the week will be National Library Worker's Day open house April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Verizon Wireless. For more information call the library at 327-8761.

An electronics recycling event will be held April 25 at the Happy Hour Service Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Happy Hour Service Center is located at 802 Young Avenue, behind the Post Office on Davis Drive. Only non-government items will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include: vacuum cleaners, televisions, refrigerators and freezers, washers and dryers, gas powered equipment and all non-electronic equipment.

Business, schools, hospitals and government may call (678) 566-6666 to schedule a pick-up of large quantities of electronics. This event is sponsored by the 78th CEG Environmental Division, Happy Hour Service Center and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful. For more information, call 929-7258 or 929-6622.

Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Super Speedway April 25 and 26. Cost for April 26 is \$50 for reserved grandstand seating in Gadsden or Lincoln or \$65 for reserved grandstand seating in the Talladega. Tickets are also on sale for Saturday, Sunday and pit pass for \$115. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

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.



RAILROAD THEMED BOARD GAMES

I am an avid board game fan and have recently taken a shine to train games. There are dozens of great titles. Admittedly, I haven't played all of them. In fact, from what I've been told, I haven't even played the best of them. If you believe pundits, the 18xx series packs great fun and tension. Unfortunately, most 18xx games are out of print and costly to find. Perhaps one day, but until then, here's a list of the top five train games I've played:

5 Ticket to Ride

This is a hugely popular game that has spawned numerous additional versions (Ticket to Ride Europe, Ticket to Ride Switzerland, etc.). The draw of this route connection game is it is very easy to learn and play and it's accessible to game players of all ages and abilities. Although as a casual game it doesn't provide a lot of strategic choices, it more than makes up in pure enjoyment.

4 Union Pacific

This is one step above Ticket to Ride in depth and difficulty, and it's also one step above in fun. It's a superb combination of stock shares and trains, with just enough luck mixed in with continuously painful decisions. Unfortunately, it's out of print and hard to find, but worth the effort to look.

3 Age of Steam

This is one of the highest user rated games at my favorite Web site, boardgamegeek.com, and after one play, I can see why. This game is a brain burn, offering a lot of depth for thinking players. It also provides a very intense level of angst on how to manage your railroad with very limited resources. The game was just reprinted, making it widely available, albeit at a hefty price tag (\$60). (There are dozens of additional maps available, which add replayability.)

2 Chicago Express

This new release has quickly become one of my favorites. It's a no luck game, meaning players' choices affect the outcome. At it's heart, it's a stock auction game, but owning stock in a railroad company allows you to develop that company (for better or worse). This is one that fits in the "easy to learn, difficult to master" category, which I truly enjoy when it comes to board games. It plays in under an hour, packing a great punch. Plus, the board is beautiful.

1 Railroad Tycoon

I love the computer game and love the board game. The board itself is gigantic, which might be off putting to some, but the gameplay is stellar. And it's not very difficult to learn. It's basically an economic game with a goods delivery mechanic. Random distribution of goods at the start of the game makes every play unique. It's a sibling of Age of Steam, but it's not as brain burning and easier for casual gamers to learn and enjoy.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

The following have been approved as leave recipients: **Roy Cross**, HQ AFRC. POC is Harvey Rosenmeier, 327-0275; **Kim Baker**, 78th CEG and **Howard Taylor** 78th CEG. POC is Rose Mansfield 926-1295; **Charles Lee**, 778th CS. POC is James Floyd 926-8544.

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.

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 (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.

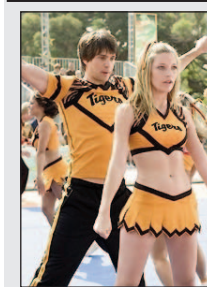
Orthodox Christian

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. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



APRIL 3
7:30 P.M.
FIRED UP

Shawn and Nick, the stars of the Gerald R. Ford High School football team, are dreading the prospect of another summer at football camp. After Nick hatches a scheme for the two to join their school's cheerleaders at cheer camp instead, they find themselves awash in a sea of gorgeous women. Rated PG-13.



APRIL 4
3 P.M.
CONFESSIONS OF
A SHOPAHOLIC

Rebecca Bloomwood is a fun-loving girl who is really good at shopping, a little too good perhaps. She dreams of working for her favorite fashion magazine, but can't quite get her foot in the door until, ironically, she snags a job as an advice columnist for a financial magazine published by the same company. Rated PG.



APRIL 4
HE'S JUST NOT
THAT INTO YOU

A group of interconnected, Baltimore-based twenty and thirty somethings navigate their various relationships from the shallow end of the dating pool through the deep, murky waters of married life, trying to read the signs of the opposite sex and hoping to be the exceptions to the "no-exceptions" rule. Rated PG-13.

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

78th LRS grabs intramural title

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Three times this year the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron faced the 116th Air Control Wing in intramural basketball and three times the 78th LRS lost.

It was a different story when the base championship was on the line Wednesday night. In the double-elimination tournament, the 78th LRS beat the 116th ACW in back-to-back games to take the title.

The 78th LRS had lost to the 116th ACW 50-38 in the first game of the tournament, so the 116th ACW, which hadn't lost since, needed only to win the first game to take the title.

Staff Sgt. George Richardson, who coached the 78th LRS, credited the turnaround to his team's desire.

"These guys decided they wanted it real bad," he said. "They came together and got that team camaraderie going. I think we just wanted it more than they did."

The 116th ACW appeared poised to take care of business in the first game, jumping out to a big lead early after a cold start by both teams. The 116th ACW led 23-13 with 3:51 left in the half, but the 78th LRS went on a 8-0 run, and cut the lead to 29-23 at the half.

The 78th LRS started the second half red hot, led by Senior Airman Khenz Jacinthe, who scored nine points in the first four minutes to give his team a 37-29 lead with 9:47 left. The 116th made it close in the end, but the 78th LRS held on for a 54-48 victory to force a second game for the title.

With only a few minutes of



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Senior Airman Khenz Jacinthe helped lead the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron to back-to-back victories in the intramural basketball championships. The 78th LRS, which had lost all three prior meetings to the 116th ACW, won twice, 54-48 and 55-40, to earn the title.

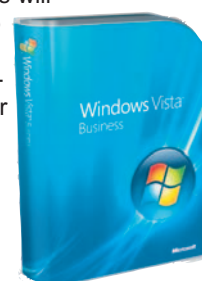
rest between games, the second game was dominated by the 78th LRS. The champions appeared to have more energy in what was the first time either team had played back-to-back games. They won 55-

40.

"My guys played hard the whole season, but they (the 78th LRS) had a little more intensity than we had tonight," said Staff Sgt. Alton Smith, who coached the 116th ACW.

78th CS begins Vista upgrades

Organizations are reviewing desktop software to make sure all software that is loaded is required for the mission, has a valid software license and is authorized to run on Air Force networks. Software not validated will not be reloaded during the upgrade. Once this is complete, a phased implementation of Windows Vista across Robins will begin. When it is time for your desktop to be upgraded, you will be notified by an automated scheduler appearing as a Pop-Up Window when you are signed into your computer. When you select "Yes", the next screen to appear will give you detailed directions on how to prepare for the change. If you select "no," you will receive a Pop-Up with further instructions on how to reschedule.



Robins to migrate financial services

Robins is preparing to migrate its Financial Services Office backshop processing to the Air Force Financial Services Center. The cutover will take place April 17.

The workload migration is part of the Air Force FM changes that include consolidating the backshop processing operations, which are currently provided by 139 active-duty and Reserve locations worldwide, into one operation at the Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.

The migration is part of the Financial Management community's implementation of the new Financial Services Delivery Model. The FSO will continue to serve financial service needs, along with an ever increasing suite of on-line services located on the Air Force Portal.

Airmen are encouraged to make the AF Portal their first stop for financial services, where they can find answers to frequently asked questions and conduct transactions through DTS, myPay, and LeaveWeb.

The Financial Services Transformation Cutover Team and AFFSC personnel are assisting each base in preparation to migrate workload to the new service center. The team visited all the bases in 2007 to brief the 78th Comptroller Squadron as well as wing and base leadership on the

transformation initiative and train workers on the processes and novel technology solutions they will use in the future.

There are several steps to help support a smooth transition and prevent any delays in payment by following these basic rules:

- ▶ Utilize existing automated systems such as Defense Travel System, myPay and LeaveWeb for transactions.

- ▶ Remember to claim all reimbursable expenses and annotate proper modes of transportation.

- ▶ Remember to have a complete set of orders when you file.

- ▶ Have the proper signatures on travel vouchers.

- ▶ Indicate the amount to be disbursed to your Government Travel Card.

Your Unit Agency Program Coordinator is the first place to go for GTC issues—not the AFFSC or local finance office

- ▶ Write clearly and legibly so documents can be easily read.

- ▶ Conduct a quality check before you take the documents to your local finance office – the AFFSC rejects 10 to 15 percent of documents because of incorrect or missing basic information and this can significantly delay the processing time

Stay tuned for more updates on changes and for more information visit the AFFSC Web site on the AF Portal. – Robins FSO

► IN BRIEF

NCO RETRAINING

Phase II of the fiscal 2009 NCO Retraining Program has begun. The involuntary phase, which is for retraining for AFSCs with overages to AFSCs with NCO shortages, runs through May 31. Contact your local MPS at 222-6862 for assistance.

LONGEST DRIVE

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Planning Committee is sponsoring a Longest Drive Competition Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. A \$250 grand prize will be given to the amateur golfer with the longest drive. To register, call Capt. Jesse Herrera at 926-7807.

ROBINS JUNIOR

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Robins Junior Summer Camp registration has been extended for children entering kindergarten in 2009 at Robins CDC-East,

Bldg. 943, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 1. Children entering pre-k will be placed on a waiting list and be offer placement in the program if space is available. For more information, call 926-5805.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

AWARENESS MONTH

There will be numerous activities on base to remind Team Robins members that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Thursday volunteers will be passing out information at the gates and there will be an awareness walk April 15. A Shoot for Hoops contest will take place April 24 at 2 p.m.

There will be self-defense classes April 16, 21 and 27 at 11:30 a.m. and April 23 and 30 at 5:30 p.m. at various locations.

Call the SARC Office at 327-7272 to register for any of the self-defense classes. Call the Fitness Center at 926-2128 to register for the Shoot for the Hoops contest.

Commander Kill A Watt says Conserve Energy



Robins nurse first to receive new incentive pay



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Col. James R. Little (left), 78th Medical Group commander and Lt. Col. Greg Smith (right), 78th Medical Group chief nurse, look on as Lt. Col. Susan F. "Vicki" Ball, center, 78th Medical Operations Squadron commander, is the first at Robins to sign a contract for Nurse Corps Incentive Pay. Historically, specialty pay was only authorized to providers and nurse anesthetists. This is the first time incentive pay has been extended and funded for nurses. It rewards nurses who are nationally certified in an area that is in high demand and where it is difficult to retain nurses.