

Next week's Rev-Up...

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, WR-ALC commander, discusses suicide prevention, You Matter campaign

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Following preflight checks, crew members of the Thunderbirds walk away as the pilot for jet No. 4 prepares to take to the air. The Thunderbirds, the Air Force's premiere aerial demonstration team, headlined the 2009 Robins Air Show. The air show was a huge success, as approximately 150,000 people came out to enjoy the show.

Robins Air Show brings crowd-pleasing aerobatic spectacles, family-friendly fun

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A suspect weather forecast didn't seem to do much to keep people away from the Robins Air Show held last weekend.

An estimated 75,000 people attended each day, which is a little unusual because normally more people attend on Saturday. At the last show in 2006, 90,000 people attended on Saturday and 30,000 on Sunday.

Maj. Dan Badia, who coordinated the performers for the show, said the reason for the increase on Sunday may have something to do with the economy. Air shows, including the Robins Air Show, are usually free.

"Air show attendance is up dramatically nationwide," he said.

The forecast called for a chance of thunderstorms, but while the skies were cloudy for much of the weekend, the rain held off. The clouds did affect some of the performances, which had to be adjusted for the low-altitude visibility, Maj. Badia said. But the crowd didn't appear to notice much difference.

"Everybody we talked to seemed to be happy," he said. "We had great weather. We really lucked out."

Darlene Walls of Woodstock came to the show with her 7-year-old son, Cyrus. He's a Boy Scout and camped out with some other scouts the Friday before Saturday's show.

"They've been having a great

time," she said.

James Strickland, a civilian in the 542nd Combat Sustainment Group at Robins, said he has been to every air show at Robins since he started working here in 1989. He works on aircraft components every day, so it's gratifying to him to watch the planes in action.

"It's nice to see the airplanes you support," he said.

The show began with the Army's Golden Knights skydiving team dropping to the runway in gold and black parachutes as red smoke trailed behind them.

That was followed by a full day of performances that included a spectrum

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Water restrictions continue despite recent heavy rains

BY RUSSELL ADAMS
78 Civil Engineer Group

With the heavy rains in late March and early April, it is easy to forget that Middle Georgia, including Houston County and the immediate surrounding counties, remains under outdoor watering restrictions.

Below average rainfall in 2006 and 2007 resulted in a drought that brought Georgia into the national spotlight last summer, with low lake levels in many north Georgia lakes and reservoirs. To conserve water in times of drought, Georgia, through the Department of Natural Resources, developed state-wide restrictions regarding the use of water outdoors.

Outdoor water use includes watering of lawns, turf grass and ornamental shrubs; washing vehicles; washing structures, pavements and sidewalks; and washing non-mission essential equipment.

The water use restrictions were established in a tiered approach so that as the drought worsens, the use of water for outdoor activities decreases. Middle Georgia is currently in a Level II Drought Response.

Rainfall at the base in 2008 was above average, in large part due to higher than average rainfall during the fourth quarter. However, rainfall in the first quarter of 2009 was still more than four inches below the quar-

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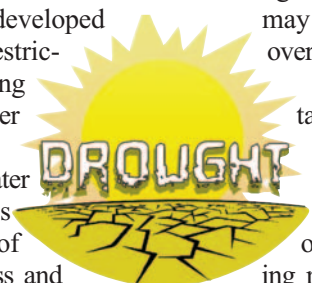
terly historic average, despite some heavy rains in March.

Although the drought may officially be over, according to state rules, it takes four months of improved conditions before outdoor watering restrictions can be eased.

In the interim, base personnel and residents should remember that water conservation efforts are critical to protecting this resource.

In addition to mandatory outdoor watering restrictions, employees are encouraged by the Environmental Protection Division and the base to conserve water use indoors.

Some ways to conserve water include repairing dripping faucets and leaking toilets, installing water-saving shower heads, and turning off the water while brushing teeth, shaving and lathering up in the shower.



Flightline defibrillator installation gives jump start to saving lives

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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In one month last year, the 402nd Maintenance Wing lost two of its team members to heart attacks in the flightline area.

It's no surprise then, that many employees began asking why the flightline didn't have defibrillators. It was the most common comment posted on boards set up as part of the unit's Voluntary Protection Program seeking input on ways to improve health and safety.

If employees ever think their feedback doesn't matter, it does.

As a result of those suggestions, the wing this week began installing 85 automated external defibrillators around the flightline. By June, all are expected to be operational, and hundreds of personnel are already trained to use the life-saving devices. The total cost is esti-

mated at \$150,000.

"It's a small price to pay to save a life," said Linda King, executive program management support specialist in the Commander's Action Group. The group took on the task of getting the defibrillators eight months ago, she said, and while it was a tough road to get to this point, it will be well worth it.

Defibrillators are used in other locations around the base, and have been credited with saving two lives in the past year. Ms. King said defibrillators were not placed on the flightline previously because of its proximity to the fire station.

But the fire station that had been closest to the flightline was torn down and even with another one nearby, it's too difficult for emergency personnel to navigate the huge flightline area and get to the right place in a timely manner, she said.

In the two heart attacks that resulted in fatalities, it took 18 minutes for emergency personnel to respond to one and 12 minutes to the other. Ms. King said that a shock delivered at the four-minute mark increases the chance of survival by 60 percent over one delivered at the 10-minute mark. In other words, with every minute that passes, the chances of survival drops 10 percent, she said.

The defibrillators offer the opportunity to deliver a life-saving shock within four minutes of a heart attack occurring. The battery-powered devices are in a box mounted on walls, and when the box is opened a loud alarm goes off to alert any trained personnel to the emergency.

Even on the flightline, where workers are far away from

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

David Coody, owner of Coody Electric, which is installing all of the defibrillator wall cases in the flightline area, watches as Linda King, Commander's Action Group executive program management support specialist, puts one of the new defibrillators in place in the hallway of Bldg. 125.

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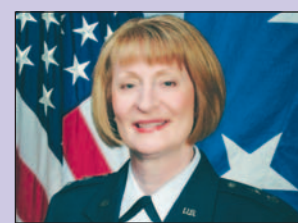
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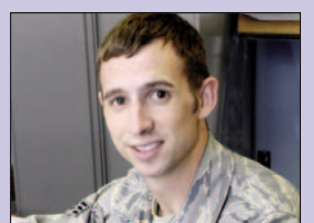
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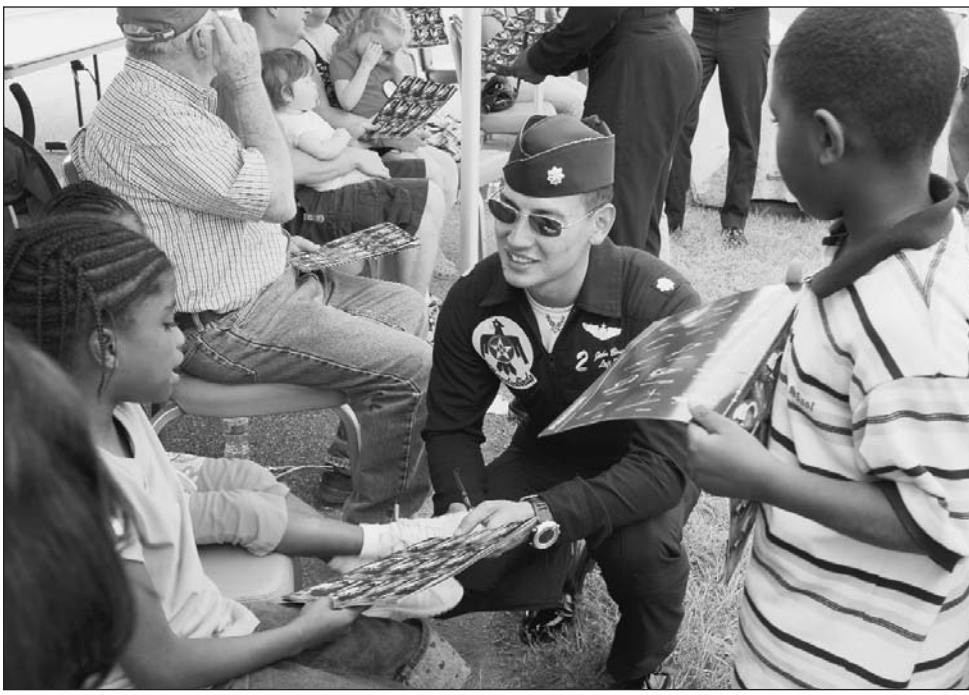
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of military aircraft from World War II to present day. An F-15 Strike Eagle and an F-18 Hornet gave demonstrations of the flight capabilities of two of the military's most advanced jets.

Attendees got a window into the past with flights from World War II-era planes from both the Commemorative Air Force and the Geico Skytypers. The Skytypers demonstrated combat flying techniques with their squadron of six SNJ-2s. The Peachtree City-based Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force reenacted the Battle of Midway with vintage planes that included the B-25 Mitchell bomber, a replica Japanese Zero, a Japanese Kate bomber, an SBD Dauntless and two SNJ's.

Ed Hamill, an F-16 instructor pilot in the Air Force Reserves, wowed the crowd with acrobatics in his Air Force Reserve Dream Machine, a factory-built, unmodified biplane based on a 1950s biplane blueprint.

Also performing was the Army's Sky Soldiers Precision Flight Demonstration Team, which showed off the capabilities of the AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopter.



U.S. Air Force photo by MIKE MALONE

Maj. John Baum, who flies the USAF Thunderbirds No. 2 jet, signs an autograph for TaTonisha Tillman, who is a part of the Make-A-Wish Program, while her cousin looks on.

But the highlight of the show came last with the performance of the Air Force Thunderbirds. The team of six pilots, flying at times with wingtips inches apart, performed numerous acrobatic maneuvers in the F-16s they flew.

The hundreds of people who chose to watch the aerial show from outside the gates missed a lot of popular attractions on the inside. Several planes on static display, including giant C-5 and C-17 cargo aircraft were open for crowds to walk through. Those and other planes maintained at Robins

also did flybys for the crowd.

Very long lines formed as attendees were allowed to walk through other planes, including the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft flown by the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins.

However, the planes on display didn't just come from the Air Force. Larry Kelley of the Disabled American Veterans flew to the show in a B-25 he put on display. He talked with attendees about the group's efforts to help veterans as they examined the plane.

"I always love going back to the South to do air

shows," he said. "The people are so friendly and the staff has just been outstanding. I don't think I've ever been asked so many times 'Is there anything I can do for you?'"

Maj. Badia said it takes hundreds of volunteers to put on the show, along with a momentous effort from base personnel.

"You name the organization and they had a hand in it," he said.

But despite all the work it takes, he said he hopes to return to having the show more often, at least every other year as in the past.

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buildings, the devices are placed in stationary trailers where technical information on the planes is kept. Also, the flightline production superintendent, who is usually the first person to arrive at almost any incident, will have one in his truck.

Approximately 700 of the 3,400 people who work in the flightline area are trained to use the defibrillators and do CPR. About 400 of those were already trained as a part of their jobs, which includes all military personnel and electricians, and another 300 volunteered for the training once word went out that the defibrillators were coming. Another 200 are waiting to get the training.

That means by the time all the devices are installed, nearly one in three workers in the flightline area will be able to use the devices.

One of those is Master Sgt. Darrin Landis, who said

the devices are much needed. He was first trained to use a defibrillator four years ago, and he gets annual refresher courses. He has never had to use it but said he wouldn't hesitate if the need occurs.

"I feel very confident," he said. "It's about time they got them up here. It's very important."

Ms. King said the devices are "100-percent mistake proof." Once the pads are attached, the device begins monitoring the patient and it automatically detects whether a patient really is having a heart attack and needs a shock.

Users are also trained how to recognize whether a victim has a pacemaker, in which case a shock should not be administered. The device also has automated voice commands to help the user.

It also has a data card which records all of the patient's vitals and the actions taken. That can be examined later to determine

exactly what happened, and it's useful information to doctors treating the patient, Ms. King said.

In addition to the two men who suffered heart attacks in the flightline area and died, five other 40 to 50-year old flightline employees have died of heart attacks at home in the past year, Ms. King said. She pointed that out because it illustrates the risk factor in the area, in which 70-percent of flightline employees fall into that age group-- the one at highest risk of having heart attacks.

Seeing a co-worker die on the job is a traumatic experience. Ms. King said a man who performed CPR on one of the heart-attack victims last year was so distraught after the patient died that he missed a week of work. The defibrillators, she hopes, might make that a little easier, even if the victim doesn't make it.

"This allows that person to know he did everything possible," she said.

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Army skydiving demonstration team more than a job, for most it's a dream come true

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Army Sgt. Aaron Figel didn't fulfill his boyhood dream of playing baseball in the Major Leagues, but he makes a living doing something he loves.

Sergeant Figel, an Army Ranger, is one of 12 members of the Golden Knights, the Army's skydiving demonstration team that performed at the Robins Air Show. It was a special performance for the Golden Knights, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

He fell in love with skydiving before he joined the Army shortly after the Sept. 11 attack. As a teenager, he watched the movie "Point Break," which was about a group of live-on-the-edge surfers who skydive and rob banks.

Sergeant Figel and a friend decided they wanted to give it a try — the skydiving, not the bank robbing — and he has been at it ever since. Joining the Army, and the Golden Knights, gave him a way not only to skydive without the rather large expense of doing it recreationally, but to get paid for it as well.

"It's a dream come true," he said, as the team prepared to go up for a practice drop on the Friday before the show.

Sergeant Figel, like most of his teammates, has extensive combat experience, although not as a paratrooper. He is a veteran of numerous deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He described his first jump, at the age of 19, as "pretty scary," but once he



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Sgt. Daniel Cook, a Golden Knights team member, takes a look at the landscape, checking to ensure the team is in the right location before making a practice jump May 1.

got over the anxiety, he enjoyed the feeling of freedom that comes with hurtling to the ground.

"The thing I remember most is jumping out and seeing the plane fly away and you are out there on your own, and you think 'what have I done?'" he said. "It's the coolest thing."

He made the comments just before the team boarded its converted Fokker F-27 for the air show rehearsal. They did a "dirt dive" on the ground, going through their motions in what looked something like a dance.

The plane, with the two rear doors open for the entire flight, flew in a steady upward spiral over the runway until it reached 13,000 feet.

Team members, crouched on their knees at the doors, peered downward and gave the pilot hand signals to

make sure the plane stayed on the right position.

The first to jump was the narrator, who would sail downward with an American flag trailing with him. He would go to the podium during the show and talk to the crowd as the rest of the jumpers came behind him.

Sgt. 1st Class Dan Hendricks, a recruiter liaison for the team, is on the low end of the experience scale with only 150 jumps.

"The first time you jump out an airplane, it's like a sensory overload," he said.

On the high end of the scale is Sgt. Steve Robertson, who has over 5,000 jumps to his credit.

"I'm not really that good though," he shouted over the roar of the plane and the wind rushing in the doors just before he jumped. "Really, I'm not."

Commentary

"Diversity is the greatest strength of our Air Force. We have many capabilities that enable us to project airpower any time, any place. However, the real strength of our service comes from our Airmen who work hard to execute the mission."

— Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley

Commander's Action Line



Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing
Commander

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Air Show 2009: Job Well Done!

An air show gives us the opportunity to demonstrate to the general public our unmatched professionalism and military capabilities. It also provides a venue for us to celebrate our service and remember and honor the sacrifices of those who came before us.



Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer
WR-ALC commander

The 2009 Robins Air Force Base Air Show did that and more!

The show's blend of aerial teams and ground exhibits demonstrated the might and precision of the United States Air Force from its historic beginning to today. It also reminded those in attendance why they trust in us to deliver combat power or humani-

tarian aid at any time, anywhere it's needed around the globe.

It was a true team effort which made the show Robins' best ever.

Everyone from those involved in the more of year of planning to the security forces and emergency responders to the bus drivers who transported our more than 150,000 guests to and from the base was instrumental in its success.

Thank you all for your hard work. Thank you for your dedication.

Most of all, thank you for providing our guests positive and lasting memories of our Air Force.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Air show attendees get a peak at the C-5 Galaxy one of the many aircraft maintained at Robins.

Bicycle commuters could earn cash rewards

When gas prices spiked to more than \$4 per gallon, bicycle commuting became a viable option.

While there are the obvious health benefits, there are a few other motivations for picking up the cycling habit.

Congress recently passed the Transportation Fringe Benefit to Bicycle Commuters Act, which gives monetary incentives to potential bicycle commuters

Under the program, a bicycle commuting reimbursement could be available from the federal government for those who qualify. The program began in January, and as an incentive for potential bike commuters, gives riders cash for commuting. In a nut shell, the government will pay me and other bicycle riders \$20 a month to cycle to work. Other benefits are the gas I'm saving and the obvious benefits to my health.

Another financial program for bicycle commuters is part of the Clean Air Grant and is called Cash for Commuters. It is an incentive program to encourage people to try an alternative form of work commuting for 90 days.

Cash for Commuters has a prerequisite that you enroll prior to beginning the alternative commut-

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH
Since 1956, May has been recognized as National Bike Month. The third week in May is designated Bike to Work Week; and the third Friday of May is Bike to Work Day. The League of American Bicyclists is promoting Bike-to-Work Week from May 11-15 and Bike-to-Work Day May 15.
According to bikeleague.org, although more than half of the U.S. population lives within five miles of their workplace, lack of knowledge and incentive has deterred many from commuting by bike. — www.bikeleague.org

ing method. You will maintain a daily log and get paid \$3 a day for each day you ride over the following 90 days.

To register for the program, visit www.logyourcommute.com/TEAMROBINS.

With more bicycle riders on the streets, there are certain rules people should be aware of in regards to bicycles and sharing the road.

In July 2008, I started to commute regularly to Robins via bicycle. I ride to work in the morning

and use either Watson Boulevard or Russell Parkway. When I ride home in the afternoon I use Russell Parkway. According to the law, bicycles will ride with traffic when no bike path is available. I am surprised by the number of base personnel I have encountered leaving the base who honk and yell, "You are on the wrong side of the road!"

Russell Parkway has been officially designated as a "Share the Road" highway. Beginning at I-75, there is shoulder space set aside as a cycling path and "right of way" all the way to the intersection of Corder Road. From there, the cycling shoulder merges into Russell Parkway and cars are expected to give 24 inches of space from the shoulder for bikes to share the road.

Since the passing of the Georgia Share The Road Law in January 2006, under section 40, a bicycle is a vehicle with the same rights, requirements and respect of a motor vehicle. Bicycle riders must obey all traffic control devices, like stop signs and stop lights, as well as signal all their intent.

On Robins Parkway, the vehicle laws follow the state rules of the road with an additional

requirement: the rider must wear a helmet. Motor vehicle operators also need to be aware of laws which apply to them. Law enforcement can cite drivers for aggressive driving if the driver has intent to annoy, harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person. Aggressive driving is a misdemeanor in Georgia.

There are currently several commuters who bike to work at the Bldg. 640 Complex. I have been approached by several more bicycle riders who want to ride but are afraid of the traffic on Watson Boulevard and Russell Parkway. The only advice I can give them is to be seen (headlights, taillights, reflective vest and bright attire), hold your line, ride defensively, be aware of everything going on around you and know the law.

Speed limits were recently lowered on Russell Parkway, and the highway seems to have more patrol cars on it. Police are aware of cycling laws and the right lane right-of-way, and they will quickly pull over a honking vehicle to explain cycling laws. So there are folks looking out for us.

— This commentary was written by Michael Thomas, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron.



What was your favorite part of the 2009 Robins Air Show?



Debra Goodroe
HQ AFRC/SGS

"I took my granddaughter. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the Thunderbirds. It was good to do things with her that my kids and my parents did with me."



Chris LaFrance
78th ABW/XPO

"The displays were well set up and the amount of aircraft. I liked that they had the air-crews around to talk to the kids and answer questions."



Greg Plummer
AAFES

"It was a great show. I went with friends, and we enjoyed watching all the people. There have got to be a lot of sun-burned people this week."



Sandra Adams
WR-ALC/DPTCA

"The Thunderbirds. They symbolize what America is all about. It's a great show."

Diamond Sharp Award winner

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Senior Airman Zachary Elder

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330th Combat Training Squadron

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Trains and certifies pipeline Airmen to perform flight duties on the E-8C JSTARS aircraft. Operates, maintains, optimizes, troubleshoots and repairs computer and radar equipment on the E-8 during flight and ground operations.



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Senior Airman Zachary Elder

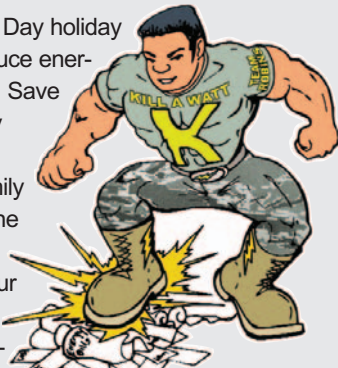
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WHEN NOT IN USE, KILL THE JUICE

The upcoming Memorial Day holiday is a great opportunity to reduce energy "When We're Not Here." Save energy by taking a few easy actions before you leave on Thursday (if you take a Family Day) or Friday (if you take the weekend holiday).

► Switch or turn off all your energy vampires (chargers, coffee pots, computer speakers, etc.) The best way to do this is use a power strip and switch the strip off.

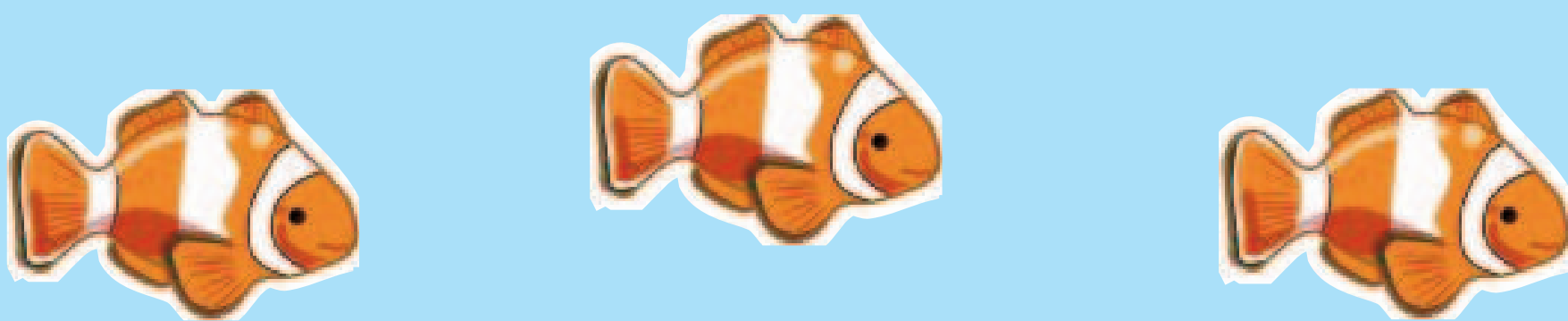


► Turn off overhead and task lights
► Turn off monitors (Leave your computer on for updates. They don't get holidays off.)

► Turn off desktop and network printers
► Turn off copiers, fax machines, data senders, etc.
► If you're the last to leave, turn off lights in conference rooms, bathrooms, etc.

Last Memorial Day, together we made a difference and used less energy. Let's see if we can do even more this year!

Underwater Adventure



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
 Drew Schuler, Robins Elementary 6th grade student, worked on the coral reef of the display that shows a reef and the interactions of plants and animals on the reef.



Connor LaBarge and Kelsey Badgett, Robins Elementary 6th grade students, worked on the land area around the marina to show trees and plant life, beach, sand dunes, seagulls and terns.



Preston Salazar, Robins Elementary 5th grade student, puts his head in the mouth of the Great White Shark displayed in the hallway.

Science studies prompt aquatic makeover, exploration in Robins Elementary hallway

BY SUE SAPP

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Walking along the 5th and 6th grade hallway at Robins Elementary, you enter an underwater world where you feel you could get attacked by a shark or stung by a jelly fish. The students have transformed the area into a 3-D marina display showing land, beach, ocean and the ecology around a coral reef as part of their science studies.

Michael Osborne, 5th grade teacher, said the project allowed the kids to not only work on their design skills, but their research skills as well.

"All the kids had to make a fish (to go in the marina) and do research on their fish," he said. "Actually the whole school was involved with students from all grades making sea creatures or plant life to add to the display."

The 5th and 6th grade

classes had the opportunity to go to Jekyll Island 4-H Center, a University of Georgia Cooperative Extension educational program, April 22-24. They participated in classes on sharks, Herpetology (the study of reptiles and amphibians) a dock study, took a night walk on the beach, visited a forest and a local shrimper who showed them his boat and talked about how he makes his living. The group also visited historical Fort Frederica.

"The trip tied in with our life science standard and gave us the opportunity to get hands on experience while serving as an extension of what we've learned in class," said Brenda Craw, 6th grade teacher. "It was three days packed full of learning adventure, a wonderful education experience."

Getting to hold a live non-venomous snake was a hit with the students.

Salaam Goins also enjoyed the shark class. "I was surprised how big sharks can get. The whale shark can be 46-feet long," he said.

Greg Kingsley, a 5th grader, caught a fish during the dock study.

"We went to the dock, lay on our stomachs and dipped nets in the water and caught fish, crab and it seems like about 2,000 shrimp," he said.

5th grade student Jianna Salas said the best part of the beach walk was seeing jelly fish on the shore, putting their feet in the water and looking for stuff in the water.

Students were able to use all their senses on the night walk to experience their surroundings. Kelsey Badgett said, "It was neat. We learned what animals come out at night. It's important to study animals and plants because everything connects in the food chain and we need to protect the ecology."



Kelsey Badgett and Connor LaBarge, Robins Elementary 6th grade students, walk through the underwater display on their hallway.

78th FSS BRIEFS

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held 9 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SUNDAY

A Mother's Day brunch will be held at Horizons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$15.95 for guests and \$8.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

MONDAY

A cooking camp will be held June 15 – 19 for children ages seven – 18 years old. Camp is limited to the first 15 that sign up. Registration will begin for children of a deployed parent on May 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all others on May 12 starting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until filled. Cost is \$30 per child. For more information call the youth center at 926-1795.

Learn a new skill or brush up on an old one in the community center. Piano classes May 11 and 18 from 7 to 8 p.m., cost \$65 per person; salsa and belly dancing May 5, 12, 19 and 26 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) and free Bridge lessons on May 13, 20 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Every first Tuesday of the month enjoy Texas Hold 'Em at 6 p.m. Prizes will include gifts cards for first place \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25. 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.

THURSDAY

The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month in Bldg. 794 for active duty, retired, reserve, spouses and family members.

►A great opportunity is now available to active-duty spouses. This program, accessed through Military OneSource, provides counseling and funding, up to \$6,000 to assist with licensure, certification or education opportunities leading to employment opportunities. Just call the Military OneSource Center at 1-800-342-9647 to speak with a career and education consultant. For more information call the A&FRC at 926-1256 or visit www.militaryonesource.com.

UPCOMING

An America's Kids Run is slated for May 16 starting at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. at the fitness center track. This event is for children ages five – 13 years old. Each child will receive a free T-shirt for completing their run. For more information or to register call the community center at 926-2105 or go to www.americaskidsrun.org.

The library will be hosting two genealogy classes in May. A "Climbing your Family Tree: Beginning Genealogy and Family History" on May 26 and "Genealogy in America: 20th Century Military Draft and Service Records" on May 27. Both classes will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Bldg. 905. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. on May 22. For more information call Betsy Miller at call 327-8762.

In honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day 2009, a presentation of donated books to the Library will be held May 26 at 11 a.m. This is part of the ongoing celebration of four saplings planted in the Robins Historic Forest. For more information call the base library at 327-8762.

The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play, "The Princess and the Pea" ...everything except a cast. The

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Polynesian dancers perform at the kick-off of APAH month May 1 at the BX. The children are all dependents of military members. Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, and Marian Fraley 402nd Maintenance Wing deputy director, were on hand to cut a cake for the event.

community center will host this week-long program June 8 - 12. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions to be held June 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Be prepared to stay the entire two and a half hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is selling Atlanta Braves VIP ticket packages for only \$50 (a \$300 value). Receive four free game tickets and six buy-one-get-one-free tickets. A limited supply is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information

call the ITT office at 926-2945.

This year's club scholarship essay submissions, titled "The High Cost of Freedom," are due July 1. Robins Heritage Club and Horizons members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded through the Services club membership scholarship program, sponsored by Coca Cola and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words.

Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins top and bottom and one-and-one-quarter inch on left and right sides. Essays must be submitted electronically on a CD

and must have applicants name, date written and word count (do not write SSAN on the CD), entry form (make sure all information marked with an asterisk is provided) and a current college/university acceptance letter for new students or official transcripts for those students already enrolled.

Nominations are due to Sherry Trauth, FSS Marketing, located in Bldg. 983 by July 1. Submissions after this date will not be accepted. For more information, go to www.afclubs.net or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

The vet clinic provides service to cats and dogs of active-duty and retired military. Services include microchip ID system, shots, over-the-counter flea and tick medication, heartworm prevention and more. Call 327-8448 for an appointment.

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.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTGIVING IDEAS

Every year I wait until the last possible moment to purchase my wife a Mother's Day gift. Every year I promise myself I am going to put more thought into buying a gift the following year. Although I failed miserably in the gift buying department, I am lucky that my wife forgives. For those who procrastinated like me, here's a look at five Mother's Day gift ideas:

5 Rest and relaxation

Rise early, pack the gang up and give mom the house to herself. Peace and quiet is always a pleasant surprise. Or better yet, ship mom off for a fabulous makeover at a local health spa. While she's away, fix a nice meal so when she comes home, she can relax and enjoy being with the family.

4 Coupon Book

I always enjoy creating coupon books. Jot down mom's least favorite chores then create book of coupons offering to do these things for her, for a week or month. You might end up doing a lot of extra chores, but it costs less than a box of chocolates and is a lot more thoughtful.

3 Scrapbook

It's probably too late to do it this year, but a great idea (one I've had for years) is to collect a few photos and create a scrapbook of the previous year's most memorable moments. This can be a lot of fun, although probably time consuming. Plus, you'll need to really plan so you can create the scrapbook without her knowledge.

2 Flowers

This might seem like a no-brainer but for me it's a great choice. I never give my wife flowers. They are too impractical. You sit them on the table and they are dead within a week or two. It's money down the drain, in my egocentric opinion. I'd rather buy something that can be used and enjoyed over and over again for years. That being said, occasionally buying a nice bouquet of roses can really be a welcomed gift.

1 Spring clean

This can be tied with No. 5 or No. 4; my wife would nothing more than if I cleaned out our garage, the shed and the attic. I've collected a lot of junk over the years, so much so that our upstairs guest room has become very cluttered. I think the best gift I can give is to get rid of all this junk and make it a fun game room and a nice room for visitors.

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

- Services926-5491
- Community Center926-2105
- Outdoor Rec926-4001
- Arts & Crafts926-5282
- Horizons926-2670
- Heritage Club926-7625
- Library327-8761
- HAWC327-8480
- Fitness Center926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex926-2128
- Youth Center926-2110
- ITT926-2945
- Bowling Center926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- Pizza Depot926-0188

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. 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



**MAY 8
7:30 P.M.
MONSTERS VS.
ALIENS**

When California girl Susan Murphy is unexpectedly clobbered by a meteor full of outer space gunk on her wedding day, she mysteriously turns into a giant and is instantly labeled a "monster" named Ginormica. The military captures and hold Ginormica in a secret government compound with other monsters. Rated PG



**MAY 9
7:30
FAST AND
FURIOUS 2009**

When a crime brings them back to L. A. fugitive ex-con Dom Toretto reignites his feud with agent Brian O'conner. But as they are forced to confront a shared enemy, Dom and Brian must give in to an uncertain new trust if they hope to out-manuever him.



**UPCOMING
12 ROUNDS**

When New Orleans Police Detective Danny Fisher stops a brilliant thief from getting away with a multi-million-dollar heist, the thief's girlfriend is accidentally killed. After escaping from prison, the criminal mastermind enacts his revenge, taunting Danny with a series of near-impossible puzzles and tasks he must complete to save his fiancée's life.

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

Air Force Marathon seeks volunteers

BY SHARON ERLI
AFMC Public Affairs

The 2009 U.S. Air Force Marathon may not be until Sept. 19, but the search for volunteers to help plan and execute the race's many aspects began May 1.

Individuals interested in volunteering can go online to www.usafmarathon.com to see jobs, schedules, dates, times, etc.

All registered volunteers will receive a goody bag, embroidered patch, T-shirt and volunteer certificate.

"Volunteers are extremely important to the success of the marathon," said Allison Frey, the volunteer coordinator for the marathon. "With the possibility of up to 10,000 runners participating, we will rely on volunteers for a variety of jobs, including passing out food and drinks, directing participants along the course and helping with set up for such a huge event."

Marathon officials are also looking for team leads, or "key volunteers," to oversee a team of volunteers in areas including marathon expo logistics, expo and race day volunteer manpower, marathon route logistics, finish line coordination and parking, etc.

"Key volunteers are especially important to us since they cover all of



U.S. Air Force file photo by BEN STRASSER

Last year, a record field of runners -- nearly 7,400 -- participated in U.S. Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Officials expect similar numbers this year and are seeking volunteers to help with the event.

the places that the marathon staff can't be on race day," Ms. Frey said. "We try to prepare them for their specific duties so they can lead the other volunteers; our key volunteers are a tremendous help to us."

According to Ms. Frey, "dedication" is the main characteristic the marathon office seeks in a key volunteer. Key vol-

unteers serve as the point of contact for their respective team, and are asked to attend meetings before their scheduled work dates so they understand their responsibilities, and can prepare and direct their teams, accordingly.

For more information on volunteering, contact Ms. Frey at 937-257-5052, or, visit the marathon Web site at www.usafmarathon.com.



► Sports briefs

RMG CAPTURES RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Air Force Materiel Command's Readiness Management Group bested four other teams to capture first place in the Robins intramural racquetball championships. The team knocked off the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing 2-1 in the finals.

After splitting the first two matches, the RMG team won the third and decisive match 11-5.

SOCCER CAMP

Sign up today for the British Soccer Summer Camp from Aug. 10-14. Cost is \$63 for players 3 to 4 years old and \$86 for players 5 to 16 years old. Participants will receive a free soccer jersey upon sign up. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

PING PONG

A ping pong tournament will be held at the fitness center annex Wednesday starting at 11 a.m. Contact Scott Peavy at 926-2128 to sign up. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 78th Air Base Wing Commander's Golf Tournament will be held June 12 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Door prizes, skill prizes and team prizes awarded. The CC trophy will be awarded for 1st place 78th ABW team.

The event will be a scramble format, four person team \$45 entry fee per person, \$40 E1-E4 or AFG members includes lunch, greens fee, cart, range balls and drinks. Teams must register by June 5.

For more information call Troy Hubbard at 327-8011 or Dave Berry at 327-8012.

► IN BRIEF

CCAF GRADUATION

The Community College of the Air Force graduation will be held today in the Base Theater at 2 p.m. Come out and congratulate the graduates of the Class of 2009. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

AFCEA AND AFA LUNCHEON

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter and the Air Force Association, will host a luncheon with Retired Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, former Air Force Reserve chief and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, May 28 at the Museum of Aviation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The topic will be “21st Century Air Force.” The cost is \$8 for club members and \$10 for non-members and includes a catered lunch. Reservations should be made no later than May 19. For more information, contact Capt. Phil Alvarez at 201-5164 or at phillip.alvarez@ang.af.mil or Ramon Cancilleri at ramonc4@aol.com.

NEW 9/11 GI BILL BRIEFING

The Military Education and Training Office will hold briefings on the new 9/11 GI Bill. Briefing times and locations are: May 12 at Heritage Club from 10 to 11 a.m.; June 4, July 2 and 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, room 248; and June 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg 905, room 244. For more information call customer service at 327-7304.

HEART LINK

A Heart Link seminar will be held today from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 794.

Heart Link is a welcome for spouses who are new to the military lifestyle. This Air Force program is offered quarterly and educates spouses on the 78th Air Base Wing mission, Air Force etiquette, customs and courtesies, finance and benefits briefings, and reinforcement exercises. It appears that newly married spouses and spouses new to Robins have little or no information about the base, the military, the mission, and more importantly their role as a spouse supporting their husbands and wives in this mission. Heartlink is designed to do just that.

For more information call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

CONSERVE ENERGY