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Supporting the warfighter



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Michele Hand, an electronics mechanic in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, assembles a Pavé Penny pod, which is a targeting pod for the weapons targeting system on the A-10 Thunderbolt II. The pod allows troops on the ground to illuminate targets for A-10 pilots to eliminate. The technology used in the pod is from the 1970s, but remains important to the war effort because of its ability to put troops on the ground in charge of target selection.

101 Critical Days of Summer: AF kicks off safety campaign

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Safety officials at Robins are hoping for the same results with the 101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign this year as it had in 2008.

The Air Force campaign, which has the theme "We're Saving Lives This Summer," is aimed at preventing off-duty accidents of base employees during the Memorial Day weekend, starting Friday, to Sept. 8. During the period last year there were 16 fatalities Air Force-wide, but Robins had none.

John Ainsworth of the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said the summer is an emphasis because it's a time when more accidents tend to happen.

"You get a lot of people out and about and traveling during that time," he said. "There's a lot of swimming and a lot of dangers out there that can affect people."

A focus this year is traffic safety, with a particular emphasis on motorcycle safety, as more people are riding motorcycles to save on gas. Most of the Air Force-wide fatalities last year were the result of traffic accidents. Three of those involved automobiles, five were motorcycles and three were pedestrians.

So far this year, the Air Force has already lost 27 people in off-

duty mishaps. Of those, 23 were automobile or motorcycle mishaps, with 17 being single vehicle crashes where the operator lost control of the vehicle.

"We're setting a mishap pace we definitely don't want to sustain," said Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

According to the Air Force Safety Campaign, key factors in the fatalities involved lack of seat-belt use and speeding. Alcohol was a factor in one.

"Obviously, it's the concrete jungle out there that's getting us," Mr. Ainsworth said.

He said the motorcycle safety campaign isn't just targeted at motorcyclists. Through it's See Me, Save Me campaign, the base is also encouraging all motorists to be on the lookout of motorcycles when changing lanes or maneuvering through traffic.

He said the 101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign incorporates many of the principles of the Voluntary Protection Program at Robins, which seeks to improve safety for employees not just when they are at work but when they are off duty also.

Mr. Ainsworth, an occupational safety specialist in the Safety Office, said the office is available upon request to conduct briefings for units, such as during Wingman Day events.

Important safety reminders:

- ▶ Use seatbelts and practice basic traffic safety
- ▶ For long trips, get plenty of rest, take frequent breaks, drive during the day and limit travel to 350 miles a day
- ▶ Inspect your vehicle before taking a trip; check windshield wipers, hoses and belts, lights and tire pressure
- ▶ Motorcycle operators should wear personal protective equipment and obey all traffic laws
- ▶ Boaters must operate at a safe speed, wear life jackets and never operate a boat while drinking
- ▶ Swimmers should never swim alone or swim beyond their ability

Mentoring program aims to plant seeds of interest in minds of future engineers

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Forty students from two local middle schools may have felt like they hit the lottery when they received free laptop computers. But luck played no part in the gift; it was because of the students' involvement in a mentoring program called Area Coalition for Education-Excellence.

The program targets students who have a proficiency in mathematics and science based on standardized test scores. The students are then matched up with mentors, many who are employees of Robins and are already working in the engineering and technical career fields.

"We get volunteer mentors to pair up with students to help them understand careers in the math and science fields," said Kenneth Percell, director of engineering for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. "These mentors help

local school students navigate obstacles in working toward engineering and technical careers, as well as giving them moral support in reaching their full potential."

Mr. Percell is the ACE-E program director for Robins. He brought the mentoring program here as one initiative to help the base gain greater exposure as a strong aviation employer and increase the number of qualified engineers who want to stay in the area and work at Robins.

The 40 students in the program, who were selected from Thomson and Northside middle schools, are identified as "underserved," meaning they don't necessarily have access to the potential of technology or the encouragement to pursue careers in science and mathematics. They were each given a laptop computer to help them stay connected.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP
Steve Pollard, lead test engineer for the AC-130H Gunship, shows Chris Jackson the console for software development. Chris, a sixth grade student at Thomson Middle School, is one of 40 students who toured the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group facility as part of the Area Coalition for Education-Excellence mentoring program.

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TEAM ROBINS QUARTERLY AWARDS

The Team Robins Quarterly Awards will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Base Theater. Come support all of the nominees

TOPS IN BLUE TO PERFORM AT NASCAR RACE

Tops In Blue will sing the National Anthem at the NASCAR Coca Cola 600 in Charlotte on Sunday. The race starts at 5:45 p.m. and will be televised on FOX TV. Airman 1st Class Jennifer Frost, a fitness specialist in the 78th Force Support Squadron, is a singing member of Tops in Blue.

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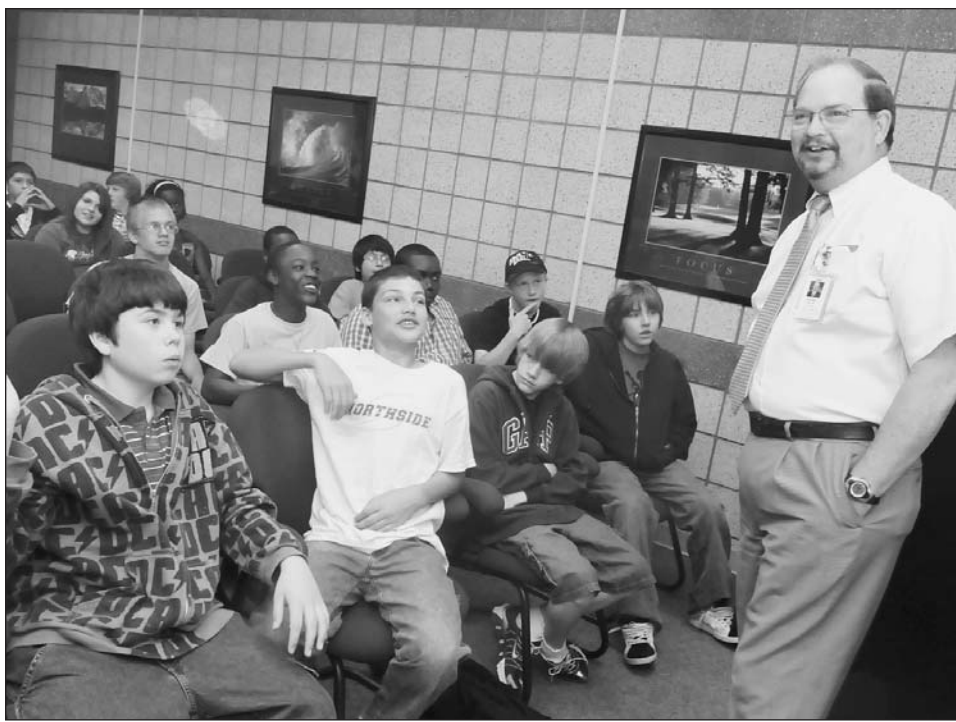
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“The laptops are for doing their homework, but also to help them expand on their interest in math, science and technology and let that interest blossom through the use of computers,” Mr. Percell said.

He said the mentors, who meet with the students weekly at the school, will be able to continue to provide encouragement and support to the students during the summer break via the computers.

MaryLou Medina, who is the special emphasis program manager at Robins, said the program gives students the opportunity to see first-hand what goes on at Robins.

“It’s great to give them the exposure so they can understand how we operate. Hopefully this can encourage them to pursue careers in science and math and come to work at Robins,” she said. “There are so many people out here who are willing to give up their time to share



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Kenneth Percell (right), Warner Robins Air Logistic Center's director of engineering, championed the ACE-E mentoring as a way to increase the visibility of the base among the middle school students and to encourage local youth to embrace technology career fields while considering Robins as a future employer.

with the children. In a few years, we are going to see results. I am certain of it.”

Susan Solis, a program analyst who helped arrange for the students to have a tour of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, said she is excited about the program because it benefits both the stu-

dents and the base.

“Yes, we are promoting the base, but we are also encouraging these students to study hard and continue to have an interest in the fields of math and science so they have the potential to be our future engineers here,” she said.

Chris Jackson, a sixth grader at Thompson Middle School who was one of the 40 students who visited Robins, said visiting the base and seeing what goes on here was a “cool” experience and it sparked some interest in working for the Air Force in the future.

Safety takes center stage at ESOH fair

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Team Robins members flocked to Robins Park on Wednesday for the annual Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Fair.

The fair included dozens of exhibits related to health and safety issues, along with commercial exhibits featuring tools and other workplace supplies.

Lisa King manned a booth for the Al-Anon District 4, which covers most of Middle Georgia. The group is focused on helping friends and family members of alcoholics. She hoped to encourage people who are impacted by an alcoholism to join the group.

“If your life has been bothered by someone’s drinking, then we are for you,” she said. “We do not give advice. We are just sharing what we have been through.”

Anne Huthmance, who leads a Weight Watchers group at Robins, handed out information about the program. Weight Watchers lets people eat whatever they want, she said, but they should limit the amounts and exercise. Currently 23 people on base are in the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Patsy Zoumeris, Houston Healthcare Safe Kids program, demonstrates the proper way to secure a child in a car seat for Angela Ambler, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group sheet metal mechanic, at the ESOH Fair at Robins Park May 20.

program but a new session is starting May 28 and she hoped to recruit some new members at the fair.

“It’s healthy and there are no forbidden foods,” she said. “We stress the importance of exercise.”

In a parking lot just across the street from the fair, motorcycle safety instructors had a course set up for riding demonstra-

tions. The instructors showed how they can maneuver the bikes around cones. Although it was at slow speeds, the same principles apply to riding on the highway, said safety instructor Michael Melanson.

“Hopefully we are showing people the level of proficiency that we have,” he said. “Some of us are better

at it than others.”

They handed out pamphlets on motorcycle safety and on the See Me, Save Me campaign, which encourages all motorists to watch motorcycles on the highway.

About 60 exhibitors were on hand for the event. Civilian employees were allowed two hours to attend, workload permitting.

Small things matter in energy-saving efforts

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A lot of big things are being done at Robins to help meet the goal of reducing energy costs, such as using more energy-efficient lighting and replacing heating and air systems, but it’s the little things where Team Robins members can help.

This Memorial Day weekend, the energy office is reminding workers here to conserve by turning off computer monitors, speakers and other “energy vampires” around the work place.

It might not seem like a lot until you consider that over 25,000 people work on base.

“One won’t make that much difference, but when you multiple it by the number of people who work here, it adds up,” said Jeanne Paris, energy awareness and conservation manager.

If a person at a typical desk at Robins makes sure to turn off the computer monitor, task lighting and speakers before going home, that would save about 1 kilowatt hour per day, said Arthur Howard, also an energy awareness and conservation manager.

He calculated that would save the base \$120,000 per year in energy costs, enough to power about 160 homes. That savings goes even higher when considering that many people have more than one monitor and additional energy sappers such as electric pencil sharpeners and clocks.

The base has a goal of reducing expected energy costs by 10 percent by

Oct. 1. The base is 72 percent toward that goal, which is on track to meet it, Mr. Howard said. A further 10-percent reduction goal is being planned for the upcoming fiscal year, he said.

The current goal requires a reduction of 34.6 million kilowatt hours, and the reduction is now at 26 million kilowatt hours, said Judah Bradley, base energy manager.

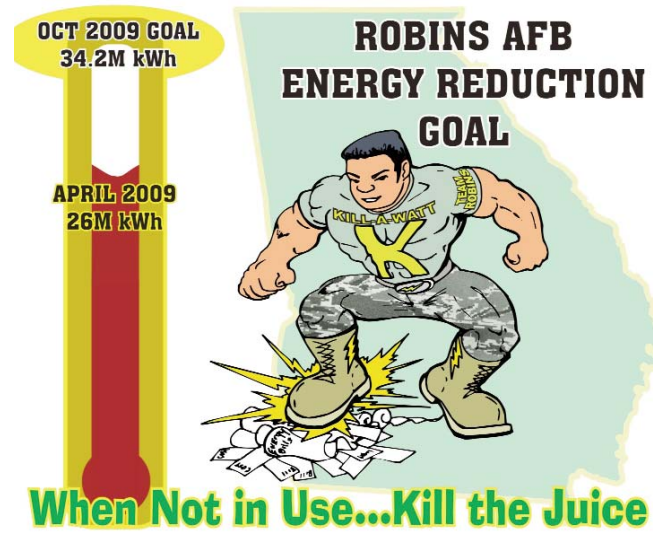
“We are closing on the electric energy reduction goal set by Col. Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander,” Mr. Bradley said. “The example of one cubicle shows how everyone can make a contribution, and how quickly every contribution adds up.”

The base is also participating in the Operation Change Out campaign, which encourages switching from incandescent lighting to more energy-efficient fluorescent lighting. A basic lamp light bulb can now be exchanged for a fluorescent bulb that uses about 75 percent less energy and lasts 10 times longer.

Although originally targeted for base housing, Mr. Howard said Operation Change Out is now being used throughout the base. He said anyone changing incandescent bulbs should now use the fluorescent bulbs.

The base has already been converting to fluorescent lighting in numerous applications other than standard light bulbs, a program that started in 1999, said Paul Kelley, director of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

“We are doing it all over the base,” he said.



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Commentary

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— President John F. Kennedy

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ROBINS AIR SHOW CONCESSIONS:

I would first like to commend everyone involved on the great job done this year for the air show. The set up was very neat and everything was in order. However, I would like to comment on the astronomical prices charged for food and drinks. I know that the purpose of the booths was to make a profit, but this could have been done with prices being a little more reasonable. It appears to me that \$3 for a bottle of water and \$5 for a cheeseburger was a bit ridiculous. This event was

supposed to be for the entire community and their families; however, with these prices, having lunch there was beyond reach for a lot of working families. I would have expected with the economy in the shape it is, Robins would have made this event more affordable.

COLONEL BERRY RESPONDS:

I'm glad you enjoyed the Robins Air Show. By all accounts, we had over 150,000 visitors over the two days, and I'm proud of how our team handled the massive logistical challenges such a crowd presented.

It turned out to be a spectacular show, and if you were there for both days, you actually were privileged to see both the "high" and "low" shows by the Thunderbirds.

I'll be honest...I reviewed the concession prices before the show. When you consider what it takes to bring in the food booths, equipment and food, I didn't find their prices unreasonable. In fact, costs were held down even further by the fact that we used private organizations to man the booths. Some of the proceeds from food sales benefitted our private organiza-

tions and helping agencies across the base, who will then use those funds for various purposes, to include giving back to the community (i.e. First Sergeants and Chiefs' Groups who donate generously to our Airmen during the holidays and beyond).

At the end of the day, I believe the concessionaire's prices, when compared to other large-scale events in the area and when considering how our community benefitted, were reasonable...and the volume of sales seemed to bear that out.

Thanks again for attending.

Remember the real story behind Memorial Day

More than 1.3 million Americans have fought and died on behalf of our country during the past 233 years. Except for Afghanistan and Iraq, those wars and conflicts have receded into the pages of history books. But our country was not built on history books. It was built on the backs of men and women who believed in the fundamental principles of freedom — principles for which they were willing to

put their lives on the line.

I was recently TDY in Europe and had the opportunity to visit the American Cemetery at St. Mihiel, France. Buried there are 4,153 Americans who gave their lives defending the freedom of others. It is just one of many cemeteries around the world where we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Memorial Day, we owe these people more

than a day off of work, a backyard barbecue, or a day at the water park. I plan to stop wherever I am and whatever I'm doing on Memorial Day at 3 p.m. for the National Moment of Remembrance. I hope you will too.

Take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made and the lives lost in the name of freedom.

Our history is full of stories of ordinary people who displayed extraordi-



Gen. Donald Hoffman
AFMC Commander

nary heroism. No doubt our future holds more amazing stories of heartache and heroism. Some of those stories are playing out now in current conflicts around the world.

These are stories that bind us together, as one, under the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America. They're the stories of real people whose loved ones suffered and mourned. Let us never forget to honor them all.

Colonel shares Memorial Day history, meaning

Contrary to popular belief, Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day has a history stretching all the way back to the Civil War and is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

The story of Memorial Day begins almost 150 years ago, in the summer of 1865, when a local druggist, Henry Welles, mentioned to some of his friends at a gathering that while praising the living veterans of the Civil War, "it would be well to remember the patriotic dead by placing flowers on their graves." Nothing

became of this suggestion until he renewed the idea the following spring to Army Gen. John Murray.

General Murray himself was a Civil War hero and intensely patriotic. He supported the idea completely and marshaled veterans' support. Plans were developed for a more complete celebration by a local citizen's committee headed by Mr. Welles and General Murray.

On May 5, 1866, the village was decorated with flags at half staff, draped with evergreens and mourning black. Veterans, civic societies and residents, led by General Murray, marched to the strains of music to the three village cemeteries. One year later, on

May 5, 1867, the ceremonies were repeated.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War Soldiers. Army Gen. John A. Logan, the commander in chief of the veterans' organization, Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day by General Order 11 on May 5, 1868. This was two years after the 1866 commemoration in Waterloo, N.Y. By Congressional proclamation in 1966, Waterloo was cited as the birth-

place, also in 1866, of the observance in the North.

After World War I, the day came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all U.S. wars, it was renamed. Since 1971, Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May. A number of Southern states have continued also to observe a separate day to honor the Confederate dead.

Memorial Day is observed with the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, and by religious services, parades and speeches nationwide. Flags, insignia and flowers are placed on the graves of veterans in local cemeter-

ies.

For many, this day carries no special meaning except perhaps an extra day off from work and school, a barbecue, the start of the summer holiday season, and for stores, the opportunity to hold their annual Memorial Day Weekend sale. In reality, the holiday is observed in honor of our nation's armed service personnel who were killed in wartime. It is tradition to mark the holiday by flying the national flag at half staff until noon and numerous memorial ceremonies held throughout the U.S.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Mitchell Culp, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group.



How are you spending Memorial Day?



Gene Brown
78th SCOSC IT Depot

"I plan to go to Lake Tobesofkee to boat and grill out with friends and family."



Holly Fenrick
402nd EMXG

"I'm going to spend time with my family and just enjoy the weekend and my time off. Maybe take the kids shopping."



Capt. Samuel Hutchins
330th ACSG

"I'll probably travel to Northwest Georgia to see my parents and family."



Brandi Womack
Youth Center

"I'm going to be working all weekend and spending time with the family."

Finishing touches



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Jacqueline Henderson, Robins Commissary grocery manager, examines cash registers in preparation for Thursday's grand opening of the commissary. The commissary will open at 9 a.m. with much fanfare, including giveaways and prizes. The event is open to all authorized commissary patrons.

Units' improvements come to life via story boards

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Team Robins members will be at the Department of Defense's upcoming Continuous Process Improvement Symposium to tell the story of process improvements here.

Out of four "story boards" from the Air Force Materiel Command selected for the symposium, to be held June 1-3, Robins had two of them, said Sherrie Luck, the process transformation lead at Robins.

The storyboards are just that — actual boards with photos and graphics that tell

the story of efforts to improve how things are done at Robins. The boards will be set up as displays along with others throughout the military so that attendees can learn from what others are doing, she said.

"They are all getting together to look at continuous process improvements," Ms. Luck said. "It's primarily higher level leaders."

The two Robins storyboards will feature improvements made in the 78th Communications Group consolidated help desk and in the integrated communications control panel in the 402 Electronics Maintenance

Group. Representatives from Robins will man the storyboards during the symposium, narrating the stories for those in attendance.

Continuous Process Improvement is the term used throughout the military for what the Air Force calls AFISO21, Ms. Luck explained. AFISO21 promotes finding better and more efficient ways to get things done throughout all levels of Air Force operations.

The symposium will be held at the National Conference Center in Lansdown, Va. This is the second year the symposium has been held.

Corporate president shares vision of effective leadership, safety

BY LISA MATHEWS

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Successful and effective leaders will care for the well-being of their workers, both on and off the job.

This was just one of the many messages shared by Tony Charaf, president of Delta Technical Operations, to an audience of approximately 300 people.

Mr. Charaf's lecture, given at the Century of Flight Hangar on May 8, was coordinated through the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Voluntary Protection Program Office. He spoke to those gathered about Delta's journey with VPP, continuous process improvement and the key role of leadership in the success of both.

Mr. Charaf told the audience in addition to caring, he has two other strong beliefs about being an effective leader.

"If I don't change faster than the things are changing outside my own walls I will be bankrupt," he said. He said when using the term bankrupt, he was referring to more than money — that without change, a person can become mentally and emotionally bankrupt as well.

Another belief he has for successful leaders is that, "the higher you go in the ranking, your head should shrink and your heart should become as big as this hangar. We should help people," he said.

He argued that rather than trying to have a wonderful strategy but poor focus, energy and passion, leaders with less dynamic strategies can achieve great things if the focus, energy and passion are higher.

"Leaders will go out and find a way to light a fire in the heart and soul," he said. "They will look for what's right and build on it."

Mr. Charaf stressed his belief that the future will be inherited by the fastest learning organization and when leaders wish to ensure change is implemented, they must be willing to see their message is delivered to every level of an organization and that the change is transparent.

"Leaders are a special breed," he said. "They don't manage, they lead. If they must break the rules they must to take care of their people."

He also said most communication should be face to face, while looking the other person in the eye.

"You've got to see somebody's soul and the only way to see someone's soul is through the eyes," he said.

Relying on e-mails and telephone conversations is not an effective form of communication he said explaining that he believes 55 percent of communication impact comes from body language, he said.

Mr. Charaf said every meeting at Delta begins with a discussion on safety. He encourages his supervisors to always be willing to help their employees.

"Leading with your heart, as Mr. Charaf put it, is key to success in all we do, but especially in our safety and health efforts. To create the desired culture, we must be willing to openly and unashamedly



Tony Charaf
President,
Delta Technical
Operations

care for the well-being of our fellow team members, helping to ensure their safety at work and at home," said Melanie Clearman, lead in the Center's VPP office.

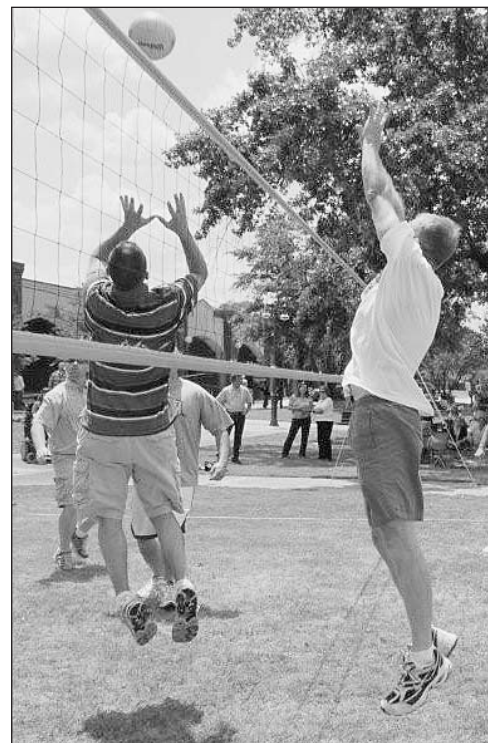
Brenda Romine, WR-ALC executive director, told Mr. Charaf, "I am encouraged to see a leader such as yourself who has the moral courage to stick with your convictions. Thank you for showing it is good to have those con-

542nd CSW holds Commander's Call



The 542 Combat Sustainment Wing recently held a Commander's Call. In addition to award presentations, Col. Joseph Veneziano, commander of the 542nd CSW, addressed employees, delivering several key messages and answering questions.

Following the remarks, there was a singing competition, won by Michael Cheek (above), and a squadron volleyball competition, won by the 542nd CBSG.



Courtesy photos

CONSERVE ENERGY

A TASTE OF AUTHENTICITY



Staff Sgt. Alex Moommala, 78th Medical Group, sets up a display representing Thailand at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Cultural Fair. He is dressed as a traditional soldier. U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Robins cultural fair showcases Asian-Pacific American Heritage

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Organizers of the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Cultural Fair at Robins on Friday were expecting to feed about 75 people, but instead they had twice that many show up.

Some had to be turned away from lines for lunch boxes after the food ran out, said Theresa Chan, who led the group of about 60 people who organized the event. They ended up handing out about 130 bento boxes, she said, which included either teriyaki chicken or bulgogi beef.

The lunch boxes of Asian cuisine were available, but those who attended also got to try free samples from tables representing a wide variety of nations. The cultures featured included Thailand, the Philippines, China, Japan, Vietnam, Samoa, Korea and India.

Ms. Chan said many peo-

ple were surprised to learn that India is a part of Asia. That made her happy, she said, because educating people about Asian culture is part of the purpose of the event.

"I thought it went great," she said of the fair. "A lot of people loved it. They started asking us when we are going to do it again."

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and the group recognizes it each year with a banquet. They had not had the fair in several years and this year the group decided to try it. Ms. Chan said they hope to start having it every year, and next year will plan to feed a lot more people.

Gloria Cisse, a civilian employee at Robins, normally doesn't eat Asian food, she said, but she stopped by to sample some of the offerings.

"I can't tell you what this is but it's delicious," she said as she tried a few bites of a

noodle dish. "I thought this would be a great opportunity to absorb a little bit about someone else's culture."

Ms. Chan said there may be an increased interest in Asian food as people try to eat healthier.

"I think a lot of people are looking for alternatives to fried food and fast food," she said.

The festival wasn't just about food. It featured a program that included Tahitian, Samoan and Philipino dancing.

The banquet is set for May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Base Restaurant. The Lion Dancers of Atlanta will perform.

For tickets call Capt. Jesse Herrera at 926-7807; Iva Gibbs at 926-9845; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Laurine at 201-2346; Rosita Aquino at 222-2497; 1st Lt. Jennifer Fillmore at 327-3429; Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Chan at 327-7989 or Sonia Thompson at 953-5536



(L-R) 1st Lt. Jennifer Fillmore, Senior Airman Maryann Goings, Senior Airman Chrissina Tavake and Maryell Tyrell perform a Samoan Polynesian dance in traditional costumes.



Megumi Bourns (left), Teruyo Mukai and Tamako Harris fold paper into animal shapes while demonstrating the art of origami at the cultural fair.



Tony Mansfield shows off a money lei, which is a tradition from Guam. The money lei is made from various denominations of cash and given as a gift for special occasions.

78th FSS BRIEFS

SUNDAY

Texas Hold 'Em Sundays in the Heritage Club. Sign-ups start at 1:30 p.m. with games beginning at 2 p.m. Prizes will include gift cards for first place \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50 and fourth place \$25 (if 19 players or less, \$75 gift card will be omitted). Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests and includes salsa and chips. All ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

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 teen center will hold money matter classes on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., career launch classes on Wednesdays at 4 p.m., passport to Manhood classes on Thursdays at 4 p.m., Keystone meetings on Thursday at 5 p.m. and advisory council meetings every other Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 327-6831.

UPCOMING

The 78th Military Personnel Section will have limited services with possible delays on May 28 due to the Robins Sports Day participations. Customer Service will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday beginning May 28 for the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System Services.

Normal hours will resume on May 29. Any questions or concerns please call 222-6861.

Take a canoeing trip with outdoor adventure at Panola Mountain State Park in Stockbridge on June 27. Van departs outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. Cost is \$55 per person (children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult) and includes travel, all equipment/gear and four-mile float. Deadline to sign up is June 1. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month in Bldg. 794 for active duty, retired, spouses and family members. Classes for June include: Department of Labor Tap Employment Workshop June 1 – 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Group Pre-Separation Counseling June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 1 to 2 p.m., Bundles for Babies/Passport to Parenthood June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon (call 327-8389 to sign up), Sponsorship Training June 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Veterans Administration Benefits workshop June 24 from noon to 4 p.m. and a VA DTAP briefing June 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. Civilians can also take advantage of these classes being offered: Financial Beginnings (mandatory for first duty station officers) June 4 from 9 to 11 a.m., Federal Job Seminar June 10 from 9 to 11 a.m., Home Buy Seminar June 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., Parent Child Communication June 23 from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information call the A&FRC at 926-1256.

A First Friday "Summer Time Fling" will be held at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 5. Food will include hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and chips. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5.

Scholarship recipient



Photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Maj. Gen. (retired) Cornelius Nugteren (left) and Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer present a check to Tech. Sgt. Richard Sheppard of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Sergeant Sheppard was selected to receive the \$750 award on behalf of the General Nugteren's scholarship fund.

For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

Take time out to "Be Creative @ your library" is the theme for the summer reading program to be held every Monday from June 8 – July 13 starting at 10 a.m. for children in kindergarten – fourth grade. For more information call the library at 327-8761.

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 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 pre-

pared 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

New earlier time to get a freshly brewed cup of coffee! The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and enjoy a May special of Venti Raspberry for 10 percent off. Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

Registration for swim lessons is under way Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place Tuesday – Friday. Cost is \$30 for mommy and me and \$40 for youth and adults. Fees are due at time of registration. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

The summer hours of operation for the youth center are Monday – Friday from noon to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for guests. For more information call Nancy Hinds at 926-1426.

Pizza Depot's 21th birthday party will be June 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 956. Sample new pizza selections and other appetizers and have some birthday cake. Sponsored in part by Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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.



BEST VIDEO GAMES FOR XBOX 360

Last week we looked at the best games for the Wii, perhaps the most popular video gaming system for families. Hardcore gamers, however, seem to prefer either the Xbox 360 or Playstation 3. Both game systems offer great graphical experiences and have strong libraries of games for kids and adults. Here's a look at the top five XBOX 360 games, based on aggregate scores from video game reviewers across the Internet:

5 Elder Scrolls IV: The Oblivion (Metacritic Score - 94)
Oblivion is an open-ended, single-player role-playing game. The story revolves around an escaped prisoner and his or her efforts to thwart a plot masterminded by a fanatical cult—a scheme involving opening gates to a hellish realm and unleashing its horrors on the mortal world.

4 Call of Duty IV: Modern Warfare (94)
This is the fourth in a series of popular first-person shooters. The story takes place in a fictional near-future, where a radical leader has staged a coup d'état in the Middle East, and an "Ultrnationalist" movement has instigated a civil war in Russia.

3 The Orange Box (96)
The Orange Box is a video game compilation containing five games: Half-Life 2 and two expansions, the puzzle game Portal, and the multi-player Team Fortress 2. The Orange Box has received critical acclaim with Portal being recognized as a surprise favorite of the package.

2 BioShock (96)
This first-person shooter video game has received overwhelmingly positive reviews. Set in an alternate history 1960, the game places the player in the role of a plane crash survivor named Jack, who must explore the underwater city of Rapture, and survive attacks by the mutated beings and mechanical drones that populate it. The game incorporates elements found in role-playing and survival horror games

1 Grand Theft Auto IV (98)
While parents probably want to shield their youngsters from this action-adventure that is full of graphic violence, language and mature situations, adults fans have made this one of the top selling video games of all time. The game follows Niko Bellic, a war veteran from an unspecified country in Eastern Europe, who comes to the United States in search of the American Dream, but quickly becomes entangled in a seedy underworld of gangs, crime, and corruption.

Sources: www.wikipedia.org, www.metacritic.com

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

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- ▶ Heritage Club926-7625
- ▶ Library327-8761
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- ▶ 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 22
7:30 P.M.
DRAGONBALL:
EVOLUTION
RATED PG**

Goku's quest begins innocently in the backyard of his grandfather's home where Gohan is training him in some exotic martial arts moves. On Goku's 18th birthday Gohan gives him a small round Dragonball with four stars floating inside. There are only six others like it in the world. The holder of all seven balls will be granted one wish.



**MAY 23
7:30
17 AGAIN
RATED PG-13**

Class of 1989, Mike O'donnell is a star on his high school basketball court with a college scout in the stands and a bright future in his grasp. But instead, he decided to share his life with his girlfriend Scarlett and the baby he just learned they are expecting. 20 years later, Mike is given another chance when he is miraculously transformed back to the age of 17.



**UPCOMING
HANNAH
MONTANA THE
MOVIE
RATED G**

Miley Stewart struggles to juggle school, friends and her secret pop-star persona; when Hannah Montana's soaring popularity threatens to take over her life—she just might let it. So her father takes the teen home to Crowley Corners, Tennessee, for a dose of reality.

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

Three-hour bird walk attracts amateur, expert bird watchers to Robins habitat

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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People came from around the state for a bird-watching expedition at Robins on Saturday, but once they got here they didn't have to go far to see the diversity of avian wildlife.

Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins, brought a group of 16 people to the lodge at Luna Lake to start the bird walk. All they had to do was take a few steps to the woods behind the lodge – greeted by a symphony of cheerful bird calls – before the excitement began.

“Prothonotary!,” called out one watcher. “Downy woodpecker!,” said another. Other identifications came in quick succession, including the Carolina wren, gnat catcher, gold finch and others. Some birds were identified by sight, others by their distinctive call. Wandering only about 100 yards from the lodge, the group identified several dozen species.

One of the most exciting finds was a blue-wing teal duck on Scout Lake. It's a migrating bird that ordinarily isn't here this time of year.

“It's odd,” said Mr. Sargent. “I don't remember seeing one on base in May.”

Some of the birdwatchers were local, but others came from as far away as Savannah, Atlanta and Albany. Most were expert bird watchers, able to quickly identify most any bird without reference to a field guide.

Matt Ryan and his wife, Dot Bambach, came from Savannah just for the



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Bird watchers scan the treetops of the wooded area near Luna Lake during a bird walk Saturday. About 50 species of birds were spotted during the three-hour tour.

tour. They are avid bird watchers and take their binoculars everywhere they go, even to the movies.

“One of the nice things about birding is that you can do it anywhere,” she said.

In all, the group identified 59 different species of birds in about three hours at Robins, and that was all from watching from roadsides. A few were identified by sound only, but those still count toward the list identified. If they had visited some more remote habitats, Mr. Sargent said, they could probably have gotten that number up to about 80.

There are about 50 species on base year round, and during migration periods about 85 can be found.

Juvenile bald eagles have been spotted a few times on base, Mr. Sargent said, including on one bird walk, but there have been no confirmed nests here.

He conducts the bird

watching expeditions a couple of times each spring and he usually has one in the fall.

“It's a good destination,” he said in describing the base as a bird-watching site. “It's attractive to a lot of people because of the presence of certain uncommon species.”

One of those on the tour was 10-year-old Daniel Brown of Warner Robins, who came with his mom. He took up bird watching a couple of years ago and can not only identify most any bird that can be found here, but also does a pretty good job of mimicking certain bird calls.

“I like the fact that you can get up close with wildlife,” he said. “It makes me appreciate the beauty of nature.”

Mr. Sargent has recordings of bird calls that he uses to help draw the birds out of their hiding places in the woods.

Phil Hardy, an avid bird photographer, came

up from Albany with his wife, Myra, and their daughter, Cara Barnes. Ms. Barnes has only recently taken up bird watching.

“I just like being outdoors and seeing the different kinds of birds,” she said.

Avid bird watchers like to keep lists of birds they have spotted, so seeing an uncommon bird is a big deal. One uncommon bird that many on the tour wanted to see is the Kentucky warbler. Mr. Hardy said seeing a Kentucky warbler “would be like hitting the lottery.”

Mr. Sargent took them to a location where he had heard the Kentucky warbler the day before, but there was no sign of it Saturday.

Other sought after birds that can be found at Robins include the prothonotary warbler and the Swainson's warbler. The group heard the call of the Swainson's warbler but never spotted it.

Base prepares for hurricane season

Although not on the coastline, Robins is not immune from tropical weather and the staff in the Robins weather flight are once more preparing for hurricane season.

“Preparedness and situational awareness are crucial during the tropical season,” said Roddy Nixon, senior meteorologist with the 78th Operational Support Squadron. “Our location here in middle Georgia does not shield us from the potential for serious consequences associated with tropical weather.”

With the approaching start of the Atlantic hurricane season June 1, meteorologists and emergency managers across the southeastern United States are preparing for the chance of tropical activity in their areas of concern.

This season's forecast calls for 12 storms. Six of those are expected to become hurricanes, two of which are forecast to become major hurricanes. Though the total number of storms is down from previous years, meteorologists warn that it only takes one storm to create major problems for thousands.

Mr. Nixon, who attended last week's Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference, said there is

still major concern on the part of emergency officials and meteorologists that too much complacency exists when it comes to tropical weather.

“The risk of high winds, tornadoes, heavy rains, and flooding are of primary concern to the weather flight team,” Mr. Nixon said.

He said all personnel should assume the best but be also prepared for the worst.

“Resources, both fiscal and physical, are going to be tight for all concerned,” he said. “Our need to be as self-sufficient as possible is high.”

Capt. Kenneth Chilcoat, weather flight commander, agreed.

“The weather flight will be ready to provide senior Robins leadership and key decision makers with the information needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness,” he said.

Given the many bouts of severe weather that middle Georgia has already seen this year, the weather flight encourages all assigned Robins-affiliated personnel, contractors, and their families to have emergency preparedness plans in place.

— Submitted by the 78th OSS

78th Force Support Squadron — Memorial Day hours

OPEN

- ▶Bowling Center, May 25 from noon to 7 p.m.
- ▶Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation, May 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center, May 22 & 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Flight Line Kitchen
- ▶Golf Course
- ▶Heritage Club & Horizons pools, May 25–29 noon to 7 p.m.
- ▶Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness
- ▶Rasile Indoor Pool, May 22 & 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Lodging

▶Wynn Dining Facility

CLOSED

- ▶Aero Club, May 25
- ▶Airman & Family Readiness Center, May 22 & 25
- ▶Airman Leadership School May 22 & 25
- ▶Arts & Crafts Center, May 25
- ▶Auto Skills Center, May 25
- ▶Base Library, May 25
- ▶Base Restaurant, May 25
- ▶CDC East and West, May 25
- ▶Community Center, May 22 & 25

▶Military Education & Training Office, May 25

- ▶Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation, May 25
- ▶Fairways Grille, May 25
- ▶Family Child Care, May 25
- ▶Fitness Center Annex, May 22 & 25
- ▶Flightline Dining Facility, May 22 & 25
- ▶Food Service Office, May 22 & 25
- ▶Heritage Club, May 25
- ▶Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed May 22 & 25 (answering machine will be on and checked every 2 hours)

▶Horizons, May 25

- ▶Human Resource Office, May 22 & 25
- ▶Information, Tickets and Travel, May 25
- ▶Marketing, May 22 & 25
- ▶Military Personnel Flight, May 25
- ▶Pizza Depot, May 25
- ▶Professional Development Center, May 22 & 25
- ▶Resource Management Office, May 25
- ▶Skeet Range, May 24
- ▶Teen Center, May 25
- ▶US Veterinarian Services, May 22 & 25
- ▶Wood Hobby shop, May 25
- ▶Youth Center, May 25

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Robins worker leads AF team to victory

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The All-Air Force men's basketball team, which has close ties to Robins, won the Armed Forces Basketball Tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

The team held its training camp at Robins, and its entire coaching staff is from Robins, and a key player is stationed here.

The team went 6-0 to win the double round-robin tournament against teams from the Army, Navy and Marines. The tournament was held in Millington, Tenn., May 11-18. Each team played every other team twice, and the team with the best record in the end was the winner.

The Air Force actually

clinched the championship in its fifth game on Saturday with a win over the Marines, said head coach John Bailey. Bailey and his two assistants, Jeff McClain and project officer Eddie Goad are Robins employees.

Bailey credited the Air Force win to a balanced scoring attack and the team's desire.

"It was a will to win," he said. "They just refused to lose. They executed and being a team full of veterans, they were really poised."

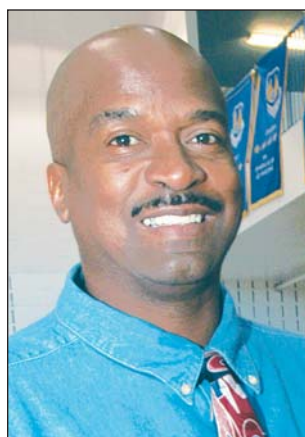
The team's toughest win was in the first game of the tournament against Army. Air Force had handily defeated Army twice in exhibition games during training camp, including a 23-point win at Robins.

Bailey said those wins may have led to some complacency because Army led most of the way in the first game of the tournament before the Air Force pulled out a four-point win.

Center Tysen Pina, a former Air Force Academy player and a captain in the 116th Air Control Wing, was one of five Robins Airmen to try out for the team, but was the only one to make the final cut.

Bailey said Pina played a key role in the tournament success. He said Pina would have been picked for the All-Armed Forces team, made up of the best players from each squad in the tournament, but he couldn't serve because his wife is due to give birth, Bailey said.

As coach of the winning



John Bailey
Head coach,
Air Force basketball team

team in the tournament, Bailey will coach the All-Armed Forces team that will play in a tournament in Lithuania starting June 7. Teams made up of military personnel from 12 other countries will play in the tournament.

► Sports briefs

SUMMER SPORTS DAY

A 78th Air Base Wing Summer Sports Day will be held Thursday. The event is open to all military and civilian members of Team Robins and will kick off at 6:45 a.m. with a formation on the football field.

Sports Day events will include long jump, tug of war, a bed race, splashball and more. The day will end with an awards ceremony on the football field at 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating can sign up through their unit's sports representative. For more information call the Fitness Center at 926-2128.

CHIEFS GROUP ANNUAL 5K RACE

The Robins Chiefs Group will hold its sixth annual 5K run and will be introducing a one-mile fun walk May 29, near the Robins Fitness Center. Same-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. with the run and walk starting shortly after.

There is no entry fee to participate, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors. All proceeds support the Robins Chiefs Group's Enlisted Scholarship program, base-wide quarterly and annual awards programs, NCO/SNCO induction seminars, and other activities and programs.

More information can be found at www.robins-chiefsgroup.org.

