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Flying through the decades

Robins to celebrate AF 62nd birthday with retreat today

While retreat is sounded at Robins every weekday, followed by the playing of the national anthem, it is not often accompanied by a ceremony and celebration. Today is different.

At 5 p.m., the base will be celebrating the Air Force turning 62 years old; officials are inviting members of Teams Robins to join in a birthday celebration at a formal retreat ceremony in front of Bldg. 905.

The theme for the ceremony is "Flying through the Decades."

"We are excited to hold this celebration," said Maj. Zina Crump, the project officer for the event. "The Air Force birthday is significant and should be recognized."

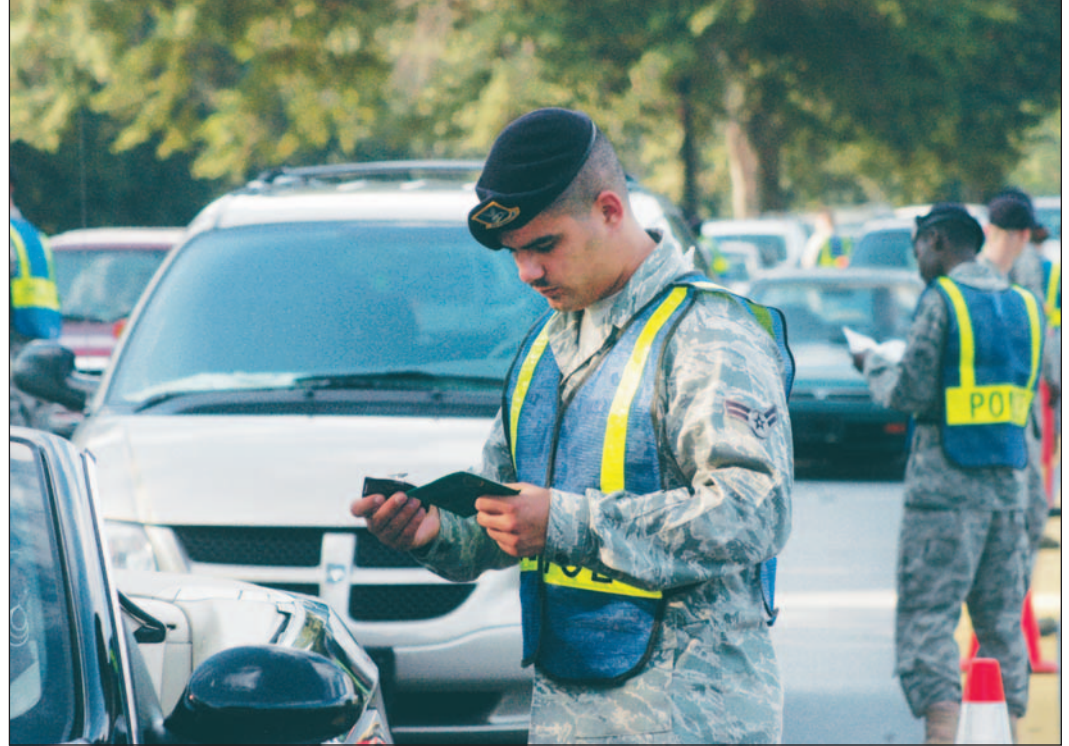
The 78th Air Base Wing, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Air Force Reserve Command are co-hosting the retreat. The ceremony will feature speeches from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Center commander and Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, vice commander AFRC.



The brass quintet ensemble from the Band of the Air Force Reserve will be performing and there will be formations by the WR-ALC, AFRC and the 5th Combat Communications Group.

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Compliance checks



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Airman 1st Class Jarod Alcaraz, 78th Security Forces Squadron, checks to make sure a Robins driver has proper documentation for driving on base during a road block Sept. 10. The road block was part of the base's "Take Back Our Roads" campaign aimed at promoting traffic safety on and off base.

AF improvement plan realigns acquisition wings as directorates

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Team Robins is preparing for a slight restructuring of two of its largest units following an announcement earlier this month by Air Force officials to 'reintegrate previous designations for some organizations.'

Warner Robins Air Logistics planners say the realignment is "manpower neutral," meaning no net gain or loss of jobs will occur here.

"There may be some realignment of individual positions as consolidation frees up previously-duplicated resources, primarily administrative functions supporting the (current) group and squadron structures, to be

deployed to other parts of the wing or Center which have vacancies or staffing imbalances," said Kim Lynn, WR-ALC Plans and Programs director.

"The most visible change at Robins will be that the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing and the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing will consolidate into a single Aerospace Sustainment Wing," she said.

Each of their subordinate groups and squadrons will be designated program-focused divisions and branches with descriptive, organizational labeling, Ms. Lynn added.

"This change primarily affects the

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FREQUENCY NOT QUALITY Levels of service changes to begin Oct. 1

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Starting Oct. 1, employees at Robins will be required to take their personal trash to centralized dumpsters located outside their buildings. In addition, restrooms in most buildings will be cleaned and stocked every other day, as opposed to daily.

The levels of service changes are being implemented primarily as a cost saving effort, but the standardized approach will ensure all Air Force installations receive the same levels of service.

"These standards were carefully developed to meet mission requirements and provide a clean, professional workplace while acknowledging the realities of today's fiscal environment," said Gen. Duncan McNabb, then vice chief of staff, in a memorandum sent to all major commands.

The amount of money Robins will save has not yet been determined.

"The purpose is to save money; we just don't know yet what that exact savings will be for Robins," said Russell Thornbury, 78th Civil Engineer Group's quality assurance manager for service contracts.

While people will be asked to remove trash from their personal areas, trash in local use areas, like break rooms and conference rooms will still be collected. Each organization will create its own policies in regards to purchasing trash bags and other related supplies.

Marshall Wall, Operations Support Flight chief in the 78th CEG, said it may take some time to adjust to the new trash collection procedures, but people are being understanding.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Grounds maintenance is one of the smaller service changes Robins will see.

Robins NCO earns Sijan senior officer leadership award



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Master Sgt. Robert Rose, 78th Security Forces Squadron, won the AFMC 2009 Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award.

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Master Sgt. Robert Rose was awarded the coveted Lance B. Sijan U. S. Air Force Leadership Award, which recognizes accomplishments of the highest quality of leadership.

The award recognized Sergeant Rose's brave service during his recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The deployment was, "the most rewarding deployment I've ever been

involved in," said Sergeant Rose, because of the "outside-the-wire" missions he was involved in to support regional stability.

"Based on my previous experience, the key to our success has been posturing against terrorist's movements based on intelligence - although in most cases we never saw the enemy." But Sergeant Rose, NCO in charge of 78th Air Base Wing Security Forces Training, indicated that this deployment was quite different. "This time we got to see the enemy face to face, and see them face Iraqi justice."

Sergeant Rose is credited with leading hundreds of missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. But he insisted his accomplishments were a team effort.

"As with any leadership award, it wasn't what I did but what my personnel did. They gave me the tools I needed to succeed."

Sergeant Rose was very complementary of the host country nationals he worked with.

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED

The Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon has been rescheduled for Oct. 1 at the Heritage Club at 11 a.m.

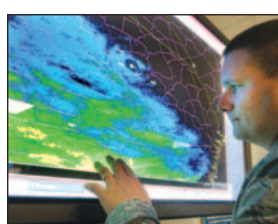
The guest speaker is retired Lt. Col. Alex U. Cruz-Martinez, former chief of the F-15 Production Branch here. For tickets call Senior Airman Steven Flores at 926-5107 or Master Sergeant Josefita Ojeda at 327-0099.

MILITARY APPRECIATION

The PGA Tour and the Tour Championship will offer free admission to the PGA Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta Sept. 24 - 27 to all military members and their dependents with valid military ID.

There will be a Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost hospitality chalet offering free food and beverage to military members. The Tour Championship is the final playoff event of the FedExCup and will feature the top 30 players in the FedExCup race including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. For more information, call the PGA Tour Headquarters at 904-280-4712. No USAF endorsement intended.

AWARD



Forecast for success

Robins weather flight sergeant earns NCO of the year, B1

TOP CREW



Mission success

116th ACW team named AFA Air Battle Crew of the year, A4

TRAINING



Immersion education

638th SCMG puts new spin on workforce training, A9

2009 ROBINS FREEDOM WALK

Members of Team Robins gathered for the 2nd Annual Freedom March Sept. 11. Around 200 people participated in the 5k walk/run that was organized by the Airman and Family Readiness Center and sponsored by Operation Home Front.

Master Sgt. DeWanna McKinney performed the national anthem, followed by a moment of silence and prayer led by Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffrey McMillen. Chief Master Sgt. Harold

“Buddy” Hutchison, 78th Air Base Wing and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center command chief was speaker and official starter for the walk/run.

“It was phenomenal with a good turn out and people wearing lots of red, white and blue to honor and remember 9-11 and our ongoing fight against the war on terror,” said Tech Sgt. Michelle Main, event planner.

—Sue Sapp



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Participants in the 2nd Annual Freedom Walk pause for a moment of silence.

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Colonel Buhler will be the Commander of Troops for the formations.

“It’s a time for all to show their respect. We hope to get a large turnout for this special celebration,” Major Crump said.

In case of inclement weather

the program will be moved inside.

Retreat ceremonies are steeped in history, dating back to the Crusades where they were first used in the French army. Retreat was sounded at sunset to notify sentries to start challenging until sunrise and to tell the rank and file to get to their quarters. Retreat has been a part of the Air Force since 1947 and remains a

tradition today by marking the end of the military day.

The following are guidelines to follow during retreat:

In uniform: Upon hearing the first note of retreat, military members should face the flag if visible or face the music if the flag is not visible and assume the position of parade rest. At the start of the national anthem, military members in uniform should

come to attention and salute until the anthem has ended.

Not in uniform: When not in uniform, service members and veterans can salute. However, it is not mandatory. At a minimum, service members and veterans should come to attention and place their right hand over their heart. They should also remove their hats with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder

while their right hand is over the heart until the anthem has ended.

Drivers: On the first note of the national anthem, drivers should bring their moving vehicle to a complete stop and put it in park. Personnel are required to turn off any music playing in the vehicle. Everyone inside the vehicle, including the driver, should remain seated at attention.

—from staff reports

ALIGNMENT

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personnel in the sustainment wings, but everyone who does business with those organizations should find it easier to locate specific offices once the division name changes are in place,” she said.

An important point of how straightforward this change will be for most of Team Robins was emphasized by the 542nd CSW

vice director.

The positions primary affected will be leadership positions such as group and squadron commanders as they transition and become division and branch chiefs, explained Col. David French.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz announced the changes in a service-wide memo in which they said the changes are driven by one of five goals from the

Acquisition Improvement Plan announced in May.

In the memo, the Air Force's top leaders also said the changes primarily affect Air Force Materiel Command organizations, and the target date for the changes to be implemented is June 30, 2010.

The restructuring from wings to directorates also follows an Air Force senior leader decision to standardize the size of wings, groups and squadrons across the Air Force.

Wings now must have 1,000 or more members; groups, 400; and squadrons, 35.

Along with changing from wings to directorates, Air Force officials also will create several new program executive officer positions to decrease PEO span of control. A greater number of PEOs is needed to oversee execution of major acquisition programs, AFMC planners say.

New PEO positions

will be created at the directorate level and will be filled by both military members and civilians.

Additionally, AFMC officials will institute matrix-management in acquisition organizations. Matrix management brings together, under a single leader, people who report to different functional home offices to complete a particular program or project.

“This restructure embraces the differences

between the acquisition and operational missions in the Air Force,” according to the memo.

AFMC planners don't have answers yet to every question that civilian and military members of the acquisition corps may have about potential impacts, but they said they will keep the information flowing as the change process plays out.

(Adapted from an AFNS new release.)

SIJAN

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“The Kurds I was working with were very supportive of America,” he said. “They crave democracy. They like Western movies. They want to be like us.”

The award is named in honor of the late Capt. Lance P. Sijan, an Air Force Academy graduate and combat pilot, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his evading capture by the North Vietnamese and his subsequent captivity and death as a prisoner of war.

Sergeant Rose, has won many awards in the past few years, including NCO of the Year for 78th ABW Security Forces for both 2006 and

2007, and Flight Level NCO of the Year for AFMC for 2006. He was also awarded the Brave Defender Leadership Award for AFMC Regional Training Center, an honor he is especially proud of since, it was given by his peers.

“It’s a leadership driven award that speaks volumes for the unit, and gives great credit to the base and it’s leadership,” he said.

The Sijan award was also especially satisfying for the sergeant, who missed his first anniversary with his wife, Tonya, who is a fourth grade school teacher at Lake Joy Elementary School.

Sergeant Rose will now advance to the Air Force-level competition for this award.

SERVICE

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“The pushback has not been as severe as we expected,” Mr. Wall said. “People have admitted they don’t like the idea of having to take their own trash outside, but understand it was not our decision.”

In regards to restroom cleaning, he said workers can expect the quality provided by the contractors to

remain the same.

“They will be doing everything they were doing before, just not at the same frequency,” he said.

While nearly all restrooms will be serviced every other day, Robins received a waiver for 13 Depot Maintenance Activity Group areas – high traffic buildings in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. Many of these buildings operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week

and the waiver allows these restrooms to be cleaned daily. Robins is also seeking a waiver for Bldgs. 300 and 301, but no decision has been made.

The 78th CEG is most concerned about keeping up with supplies. Additional paper towel dispensers and larger trash cans will be added in an effort to keep the bathrooms fully stocked. Contractors will also have two hours to respond to bathroom facilities that

run out of supplies.

Other changes to service are in the area of grounds maintenance, but Mr. Wall said the changes are so insignificant, no one will really notice.

The levels of service standards have been under discussion for about a year. Mr. Wall said Robins is one of the last Air Force bases to implement the changes. He expects one benefit from the change is that it will likely drive more people to recycle.

562nd CBSS helps develop, sustain coalition partner relations

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While members working in electronic warfare in the 562nd Combat Sustainment Squadron are primarily focused on keeping our warfighters safe, they are also looking out of the safety and protection of foreign military coalition partners.

The 562nd CBSS is in the business of foreign military sales. About 100 people in the squadron help supply foreign militaries with better technology and equipment for their fighter, cargo and support aircraft. Currently, they have 40 contracts, or cases, involving 28 countries.

The cases comprise about \$730 million in contract face value.

Col. Stan VanderWerf, 562nd Combat Sustainment Group commander, said the money generated through sales is a positive outcome, but it is secondary to the real benefit — developing long-term relationships with coalition partners.

“Helping our partners offers tremendous value,” the colonel said. “We’re able to build and strengthen long-lasting friendships, which is important since these are our

closest allies and they are right there with us when there is conflict.”

He said some of the most challenging EW foreign military sales cases are in direct support of ongoing CENTCOM operations.

“Iraq, one of our newest coalition partners, has a growing Air Force that needs EW self protection and sometimes the requirements are urgent. We are very active in this arena,” Colonel VanderWerf said.

Although foreign military sales do not necessarily generate a profit for the Air Force, they do have a self-sustaining impact. According to Tim Holt, chief engineer for the 562nd CBSS, 100 percent of the salaries of 562nd CBSS employees are paid by case funds.

The process for selling electronic warfare technology to allied countries is fairly involved, with many different organizations playing a role.

Teams work together to negotiate an agreement with foreign military leaders, often from more than one country. Working with multiple countries jointly helps keep costs down.

Another way for foreign

militaries to keep electronic warfare affordable is to look to the Air Force for technology that has already been developed and is being used. Buying items the Air Force has already invested in helps reduce costs dramatically.

“Electronic warfare is important but it’s expensive,” Mr. Holt said. “There is a major cost savings for militaries when they can purchase equipment or technology that has already been developed and tested, and has been proven to be effective.”

Jon Huguley, director of the logistics flight for foreign military sales, said selling equipment and technology to foreign countries is possible due to the great relationships the Air Force has developed within the industry.

“The 562nd has developed exceptional industry relationships over the years with every major electronic warfare defense contractor in the U.S. and this has paid off in helping deliver quality products to our international customers,” Mr. Huguley said.

Not every request made by a foreign country is granted, however. One of the most important elements of



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Emilio Torres, 562nd Combat Sustainment Squadron, investigates a problem on the ALE-47 while deployed to Chile.

the process is measuring any possible risks in providing electronic warfare technology to other countries, which may not have the same safeguards in place as the United States.

“Before we engage in negotiations with another country, requests are fully vetted,” Colonel VanderWerf said. “The Pentagon reviews all requests to determine if they are appropriate and feasible.”

Colonel VanderWerf said sales don’t solely benefit foreign countries.

“It flows in both directions,” he said. “Many times,

in working with foreign countries, especially those with a mature military, we learn of technology that we feel could benefit our military and we work towards acquiring it for the protection of our forces.”

He said by providing coalition partners with self-protection capability keeps them safer in conflict and also enhances the ability to share equipment in joint operations.

In addition to selling equipment and technology, the 562nd CBSS also has the capacity to design unique equipment. Workers recently

developed the Advanced Integrated Defensive Electronic Warfare Suite, or AIDEWS, for several countries.

The system is not used on Air Force aircraft, but was designed specifically for Chile, Poland, Pakistan, Oman and Turkey.

“The men and women of the 562nd are a key part of a large Air Force-wide team that strengthens our coalitions and help keep our nation safe,” Colonel Vanderwerf said. “Those great people are what make this happen; I’m very proud of them.”

IN BRIEF

AFCEA LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will host its monthly luncheon September 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Horizons Ballroom.

Bob Zwitich, 402nd Software

Maintenance Group, will give a briefing covering weapon system software support.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

A portion of the east side parking lot of Bldg. 905 will be closed Sept. 24 through Aug. 4, 2010 to accommodate the construction of the new Command

Post facility.

END-OF-YEAR RETIREMENT PROCESS

If you are planning to retire at the end of December 2009 or the beginning of January 2010, call your servicing Retirement Specialist no later than Oct. 9 in order to have your retirement application prepared in a timely

manner.

This does not apply if you are planning to retire any other time of the year. Once you officially notify your retirement specialist, you will be provided a complete retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session.

You will be expected to bring your completed application

package to this session. Due to a large influx of retirements at this time each year, all retirement group sessions for the end-of-year retirements will be scheduled in the month of November.

Contact your servicing retirement specialist, Cheri Coklow, 327-4484 or Dianne Carroll, 926-2751 for more information on the guidelines.

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Joint STARS Crew 2 was named 2008 Air Battle Crew of the Year by the Air Force Association.

116th ACW team named AFA 2008 Air Battle Crew of the Year

BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER HOLMES
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A Joint STARS crew recently received the Air Battle Crew of the Year Award for 2008.

The award recognized the members of Crew 2 for sustained aerial support in the E-8C while assigned to the 7th Expeditionary Airborne Command and Control Squadron, flying in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The crew flew 24 combat missions and provided command and control intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to Combined Air Operations Center and Army and Marine ground commanders.

As the premier air battle management entity in theater for OIF/OEF, Crew 2 flew more than 250 hours and reported over 300 suspicious activities.

“What sticks out most about this crew is the aggressive way they

‘drummed up business’ while in orbit,” said Lt. Col. Mark Austel, 116th Airborne Combat and Control Chief of Staff. “Instead of contenting themselves with meeting the collection requirements in our orders, they contacted other operational entities in the area of responsibility to determine whether there was some way to support.”

It was the crew’s ability to track multiple movements simultaneously that allowed them to have the impact that they did.

“On one particular mission, Crew 2 traced movement departing the location of a suicide bomb attack at an Army post and maintained surveillance until the movement stopped.

“They called a UAV equipped with a Hellfire missile to the position where Taliban were implanting an IED and destroyed them,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Johnson, 7th EACCS Crew 2 Mission Crew commander. “The crew also reported

movement in a different location to an Apache AH-64 they received from a joint terminal attack controller, who found and destroyed them as well.”

The positive attitude and dedication to the mission contributed to everyone getting the job done.

“I am very proud of every member of Crew 2 for their aggressiveness, positive attitude, and the strong communication lines they established with our brethren on the ground,” said Colonel Johnson, who has deployed five times with the 116th Air Control Wing. “The crew proved to have a special knack at providing the right bit of information to other units to help them succeed in their mission or to foster cooperation from other units to help us succeed in ours.”

The crew was presented with the Air Force Association Air Battle Crew of the Year award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Tuesday.

Commentary

"Think you can, think you can't, either way, you'll be right."

— Henry Ford

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

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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SUPPORTING THE WARFIGHTER Center commander reflects on Robins' contributions to AF story

It's our birthday!
On Sept. 18, 1947, the U.S. Air Force was born as a separate military service. Notably, though our branch of the military has reached the age of 62, we're still the baby of the family — the youngest in the U.S. Armed Forces family tree.

Yet despite our relative youth as a national defense entity, our Air Force has posted an amazing record filled with grand accomplishments and momentous successes at pivotal points in our country's history. No other service in our nation or any other has come so far and done so much in such a short period of a time.

We didn't waste any time showing our mettle, either. In our infancy, the Air Force defeated the Soviet blockade of Berlin with a monumental humanitarian effort. That storied operation, the Berlin Airlift, began in late June of 1948, when our service was a mere 9 months old.

In June 1950, we were still a fledgling force — not yet the age of 3 — when North Korea invaded South Korea. What ensued was the very first "jet war" in history — a conflict that tested not only Air Force might, but also our ability to fight a combined campaign with our sister services. We truly earned our wings by teaming with

the Army and Navy to mount a massive air campaign and dominate the skies.

Since those amazing beginnings, our Airmen have defined key moments of our nation's history. We have served notice time and again of our superiority as an air and space power, displaying our strength from Southeast Asia to the Persian Gulf, and on to today's fronts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We've also repeatedly made our mark in countless humanitarian missions around the world.

Through more than six decades, our Air Force has continually demonstrated its unparalleled ability to control the "high ground." At the forefront of every victory has been generation after generation of outstanding Airmen. Our people have built a proud heritage of ingenuity, courage and resolve, qualities that have defined our Air Force and will continue to serve us well as we face the stern challenges of an



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

ever-changing world.

Robins Air Force Base has been an integral part of this rich history. Since our installation was born of World War II, we've actually been around longer than the Air Force itself. In fact, our efforts in supporting the Army

air arm were a key to the early successes that paved the way for this newest branch of the services.

From the outset, our contribution was huge. Planes departed from Robins to fly in the Berlin Airlift. Robins workers repaired 50,000 spark plugs per month for nearly a year to support that enormous airlift operation. And in response to the start of the Korean War, Robins personnel worked the reclamation of all "cocooned" B-29 aircraft for use in the Far East.

It was the work Robins was born to do, and a mission we continue to excel at to this day. I know every member of Team Robins is fiercely proud of our tradition of support to the warfighter — from

those of you who work on base to the ever-supportive community outside the gates. Your patriotic commitment to the cause is a source of great pride for me as your commander, and a major reason for this center's sterling reputation the world over.

Robins is a proud part of a U.S. Air Force that has made history in a big way. All of us have much to be proud of and much to celebrate. That's why we should — we must — make the Air Force birthday a red letter date on our calendars. It is an excellent time to recognize the accomplishments of past and present Airmen, reinforce pride in those who serve today, and generate excitement for our promising future.

We will observe the Air Force's 62nd birthday today with a formal retreat ceremony at 5 p.m. in front of Bldg. 905. Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, and Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will join me in paying tribute to the greatness of this still young service and the tremendous people who have made it such a grand triumph. Every member of this team has played a role in this legendary success story. Please, join us for the celebration.

Air Force birthday is an opportunity to recognize 62 years of success

On Sept. 18, 1947, our Air Force became a separate branch of the military. Since then our unequalled accomplishments have helped provide a beacon of hope for men, women and children all over the world.

Throughout our command's rich history, we have evolved from Air Transportation Command to Air Mobility Command, which now encompasses airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation and everything required to support these core competencies. During this transition, the United States Air Force and its mobility component have played a vital role in our nation's defense and to providing relief to those in need around the world.

The Air Force's birthday is an ideal time to celebrate this heritage and the people who have made and continue to make it all possible. During the Berlin Airlift, our veteran Airmen delivered 2.2 million tons of cargo to a city desperately in need. Today, our AMC, Air Force Reserve Command, and Air National Guard Airmen continue this honorable tradition as they work together to achieve unprecedented results around the globe.



Gen. Arthur J. Lichte
Commander
Air Mobility Command

Our success does come at a price as evidenced by the many sacrifices of our Airmen and their families. While our people work long hours and endure time away from home, their families

remain steadfast in providing unyielding support and care for our personnel as they make history every day.

Every member is vital to the continued success of the Air

Force and AMC. Commanders and supervisors must continue to promote safety awareness and accident prevention. It is imperative that everyone be a good wingman to family and friends. Many of the Airmen who are no longer with us might still be alive today had a friend or loved one intervened in their time of need.

Take time on Sept. 18 to remember and recognize the superior contributions our Air Force has made to this great nation. Also take time to remember the sacrifices that Airmen and their families have made to found the freedoms that we enjoy today. For that, I am honored and thankful to be among you wearing the Air Force uniform.

OFF THE CUFF!

What makes you proud to be associated with the Air Force?



Brad Adams
WR-ACL/JA

"One of the greatest pleasures about practicing law in the Air Force is the pride I take in serving clients who want to do the right thing in accordance with the rule of law and the Air Force's core values."



Airman 1st Class
Kashedra Logan
5th CCG

"Knowing that I'm providing a great service to the United States."



Sue Gruber
WR-ALC/XP

"I'm proud to support our warfighter and to make sure they have all they need to protect our freedom."



Ed Waller
762nd CBSG

"I also serve as a reserve colonel with WRALC/IG. I'd say the actions we've done for people all over the world, humanitarian relief, training, putting in buildings, digging wells, etc. It just goes on and on."

Industry leader talks rebuilding lean culture during briefs to Robins leaders

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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In an effort to further commit to making lean an integral part of Robins' culture, senior leadership invited to the base one of the foremost experts in leading transformations.

George Koenigsaecker, president of Lean Investments, LLC, spent two days at Robins sharing insight gleaned from 30 years of lean experience in the corporate arena. His focus was on the leadership aspects of an organizational transformation and what it takes to build a lean culture.

"The one essential ingredient in successful lean transformation is active, hands-on involvement by senior leadership," Mr. Koenigsaecker said.

Col. Bob Stambaugh, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said although a transformation won't happen overnight, the senior staff is committed to establishing a lean culture.

"One of the main elements of our strategic plan is to reinstitute lean and really make it a part of our culture," Colonel Stambaugh said. "It's not something that is going to happen next week or next month or even next year, but we are going to start now and with dedication and hard work, we will get there."

Mr. Koenigsaecker first met with the executive council leadership group, followed by a three-hour session with group and squadron leaders and lean core teams. The central theme of his message was that lean transformation may

not be easy, but it is effective and worth the effort.

"Lean is a set of tools and practices that will allow you to improve any kind of work," he said. "If you get maximum results and build a culture that can continue for many years, that's a major transformation and will bring tremendous success."

He said lean principles are not difficult to understand, but it is often hard to change behaviors and habits,

especially when employees have been doing things for the same way for so long.

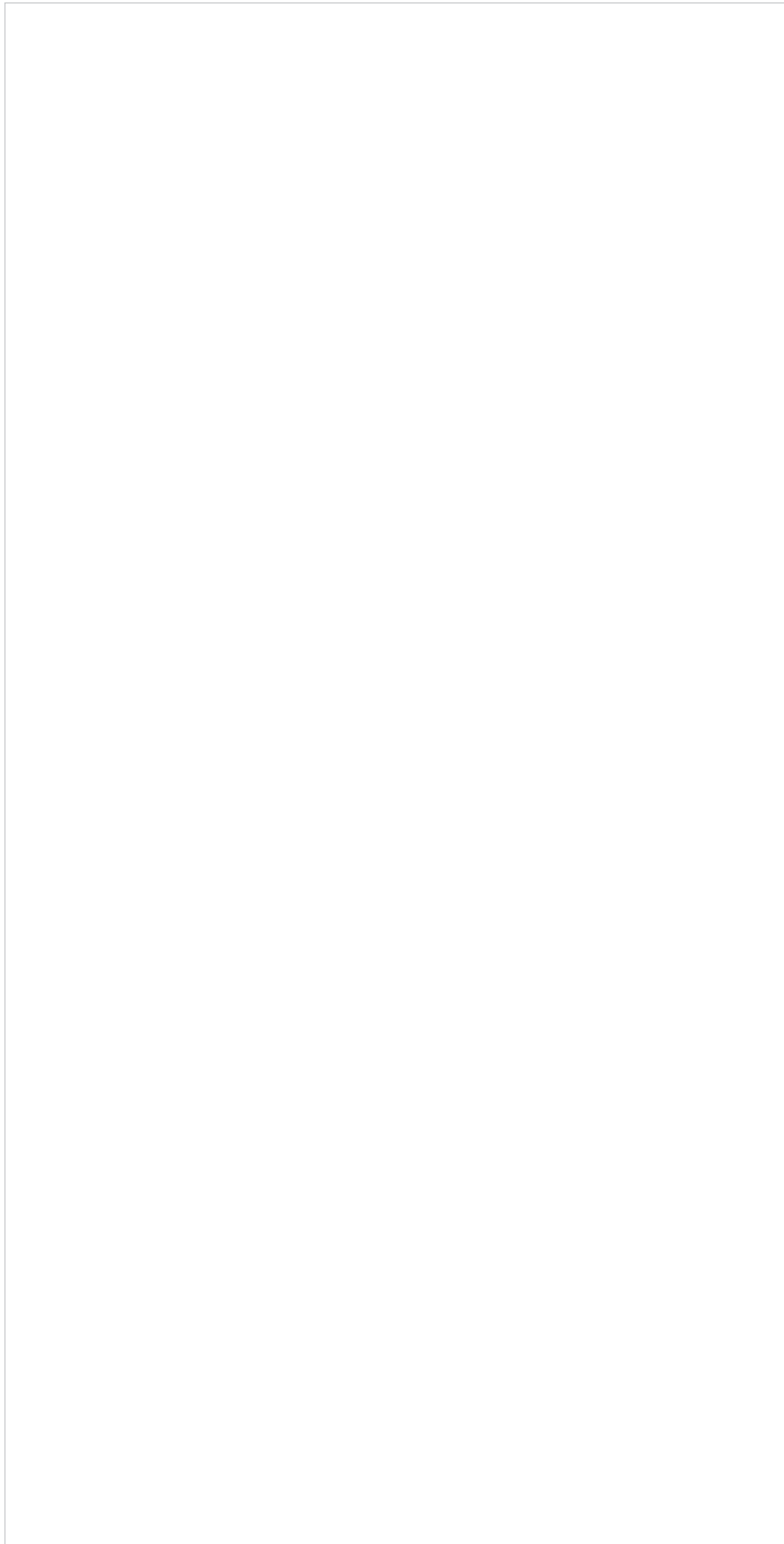
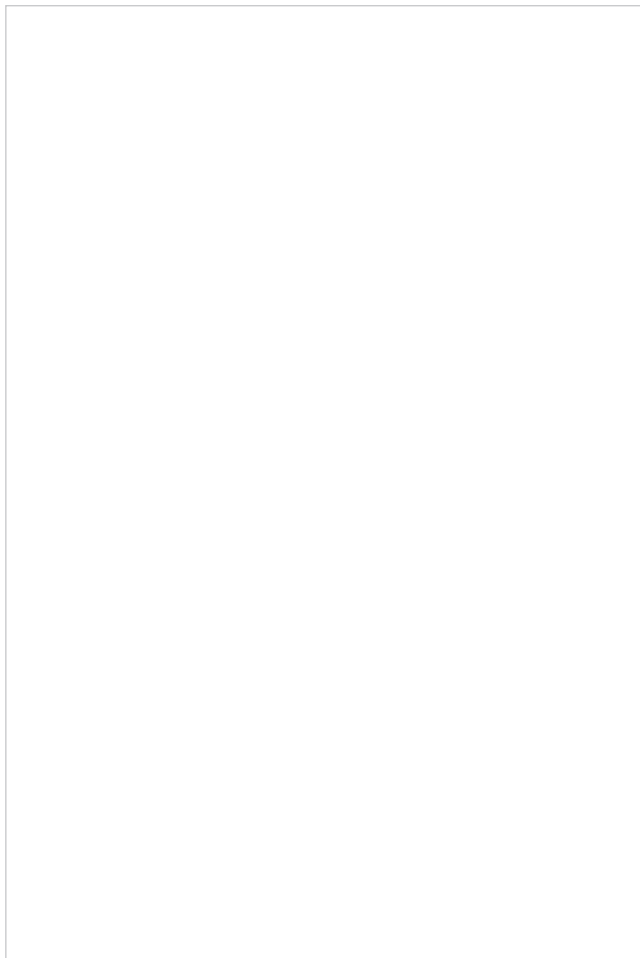
Mr. Koenigsaecker spent time discussing three main areas that will impact the implementation of lean principles: expectations and measurements, lean leadership challenges and organizing for success.

Lt. Col. Tom Ficklin, deputy director of the 78th Mission Support Group, attended the lean session with workers from across the base and said it was "exciting to see this cross-cutting collaboration."

"I fully support lean initiatives," Colonel Ficklin said. "It's great we can get this many people together to discuss these important principles."



George Koenigsaecker



Supply chain grads learn problem solving during immersion training

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Every day, hundreds of people in the 638th Supply Chain Management Group toil away in their cubicles to make sure that vital aircraft parts are available to warfighters around the world.

But over the past four years they have had the opportunity to leave “Cubeville” behind for a few weeks and learn more about how they fit into the big picture of national defense.

Purchasing and supply chain management immersion training began in 2005 as a way to introduce supply chain managers to new methods aimed at improving efficiency and reducing costs. The training began as a nine-week class but eventually became a six-week class, said Patricia Martin, 638th SCMG director.

It also became something bigger than learning new processes. The training taught the students larger concepts such as teamwork, disciplined problem solving and how their jobs fit into the Air Force mission.

“They really came out of there reenergized and motivated,” Ms. Martin said. “The message they got continuously throughout the training is that their job is very important.”

It was a major training initiative and investment by the Air Force that included hiring contractors to fill in for those who were away for training. The training was done at a location off base, and those involved could not come into the office or be contacted about work. That was to make sure they were able to fully focus on the training, Ms. Martin said.

Three classes were held at a time with 25 people in each class. The final class graduated Aug. 11. A total of 1,129 people graduated from the program over four years.



courtesy photo

Purchasing and supply chain management immersion training students participate in a team-building exercise. The students learned teamwork, disciplined problem solving and how their jobs fit into the Air Force mission.

“This is just the beginning,” Ms. Martin said. “It was the first step in the beginning of a vision to give our people the knowledge and the tools they need to become truly professional supply chain managers. Because our jobs are critical to the mission that we serve in terms of the overall support of the war, I think it’s way past due that we are recognizing supply chain managers.”

The 638th SCMG manages repairable aircraft components that are common to all aircraft in the Air Force inventory, plus it manages parts that are unique to the aircraft managed at Robins. Members of the group ensure that those parts are available to users around the world.

Phil Ferguson, Workforce Development Office chief, called the immersion training the most extensive employee training he has seen in his 33 years of experience. He said the students did far more than sit in a classroom listening to experts. They visited the flightline, including the 116th Air Control Wing, to talk to the people who depend on them to

provide the parts.

“Now they know why it’s so important to get that part there,” he said. “They get a much better understanding of their part of the big picture.”

They also visited the Kohl’s Distribution Center in Macon, which Mr. Ferguson said performs a task that is very similar to the 638th, only with different items.

They also visited Boeing, and engaged in team building and problem-solving exercises.

“It causes people to think,” he said. “It causes people to work together as a team. It encourages the mutual respect of one team member for another. When they leave, they realize we are all part of this team and they respect one another and realize the limitations other members of the team have.”

Sheila Taylor, a supply technician in the 638th, was in the last graduating class. She handles purchase requests for a variety of items.

“It gave me a greater impression of what supply chain management was about,” she said. “It really brought point A and point B together.”

AFMC leadership continues focus on nuclear sustainment

BY RON FRY

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

Sustaining the Air Force nuclear arsenal was emphasized by Gen. Donald Hoffman, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, as he led his center and wing commanders along with AFMC headquarters senior staff through two days of in-depth discussions during AFMC’s semi-annual senior leaders conference earlier this month.

General Hoffman used the conference to reinforce AFMC’s vital role as caretaker of the nuclear arsenal.

“Sustaining our nuclear assets remains our number one priority,” the general told attendees. “Every one of us has a role in this responsibility. Our nuclear force must remain a reliable force.”

His views were echoed by Brig. Gen. Everett Thomas, commander of AFMC’s Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M. General Thomas said the Air Force lost focus on management of its nuclear weapons as the service went through organizational transitions in the mid 1990s. Two well-publicized mishandlings of nuclear components in recent years highlighted the need for the Air Force to regain emphasis on the nuclear sustainment mission.

General Thomas said improvements are on-going, including activation of the new Air Force Global Strike Command, the organization responsible for employing the nuclear assets managed and maintained by AFMC. Also, he said his center is almost complete with its third phase of realignments.

“We must not repeat mistakes of the past. We have to ensure seamless transitions without gaps,” General Thomas said. “We have tough challenges that we are going to have to work on for a long time.”

He added that the AFNWC continues to grow and develop plans, programs and processes to sustain the service’s nuclear assets, to include the establishment of an Air Force nuclear management training course that is being hailed as a “big hit.”

General Hoffman emphasized other important priorities for the command, including acquisition improvement and efforts to bolster the size of the command’s civilian workforce. He said a robust workforce will help AFMC better achieve its warfighter-support mission.

Conference attendees heard other updates on issues central to how AFMC improves the way it carries out its mission, including a status report on the Global Logistics Support Center, Centralized Asset

Management and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s initiative known as high velocity maintenance — an initiative to reduce the time aircraft are out of service undergoing programmed depot maintenance.

The center is located at Robins.

During a special “green” session, conferees were updated on current and future ways for AFMC to conserve energy, including the use of several renewable and alternative energy sources.

Topics relating to the command’s “people” priorities included workforce management and an update on the National Security Personnel System.

While a Department of Defense team reviewed NSPS earlier this year and recommended it be restructured, no decisions have been announced on what type of restructuring will take place.

Scott Blanch, president of Council 214 of the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest union representing AFMC civilian workers, spoke to the gathering in what he said was the first time a union official was invited to address an AFMC senior leader conference. He praised the strong relationship AFGE has with the command calling it a “model for the Department of Defense.”

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TODAY'S FORECAST:

Weather Flight member blows away competition, earns Robins NCO of the year

Editor's note: This story is part of a series profiling the 2008 Team Robins annual award winners.

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Master Sgt. Bradford Godwin, NCO in charge of the weather flight here, has a particular reason to be passionate about his job.

He is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina.

He was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi when the deadly storm struck in 2005. He had to evacuate his family from their base home.

When he returned after the storm, he found their home obliterated and nearly everything they owned was lost. With the base heavily damaged, two weeks later he was transferred to Robins with his wife and two children.

"We moved here with one car and the clothes on our backs and started

over," said Sergeant Godwin, Team Robins 2008 Non-commissioned Officer of the Year.

The hurricane experience also gave his job deeper meaning.

"Prior to Katrina, disaster preparedness was not as important to me as it is to me now," he said. "That's something that a lot of people take for granted, the things that you need when you need them."

He said he was shocked when he found out he won the Team Robins annual award. But when asked to talk about his successes, he turns his attention to the other members of the weather flight, made up of 12 people.

"I'm happy I won it for the recognition but, it's not just for me," he said. "I'm one person but we are a team. Any project that I get recognition for, there's always someone helping me out. I wouldn't be able to do what I do if it wasn't for the folks who work

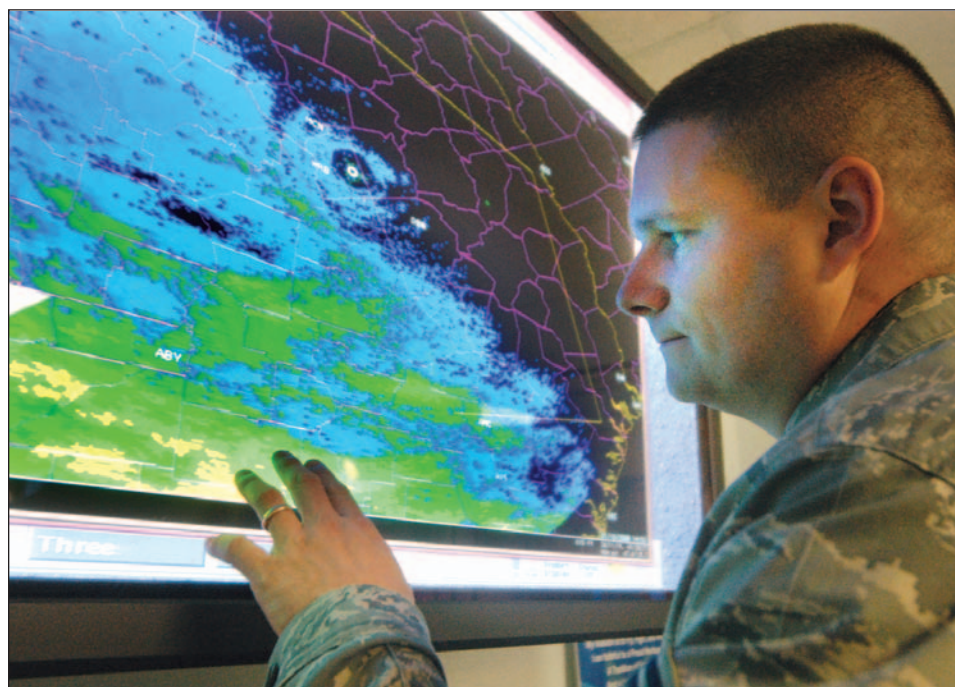
with me."

In addition to monitoring the local weather and issuing warnings for severe weather, the weather flight also looks at the weather along the flight path of all aircraft leaving or coming to Robins. The weather flight gives aircraft crews a briefing on the weather they can expect. And if the weather changes during the flight, they can contact the crew directly in flight to warn them of any dangers.

Sergeant Godwin said he has been fascinated by weather since he was a child. He recalled when a teacher caught him gazing out the window of the classroom one day, and telling him "Boy, you will never make a living staring out a window."

Years later Sergeant Godwin went to a class reunion and that teacher was there, and he made sure to remind the teacher of that comment.

"I told him they pay me



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Brad Godwin, NCO in charge of the Weather Flight here, tracks a weather system moving into the area on local radar. The weather office provides information for resource protection for the base and supports flight missions with up-to-date weather conditions.

to look out a window and look at clouds," he said. "I use that as an example when I talk to high school students. Don't ever let anyone tell you what you can't become."

He was nominated for the award by Capt. Hank Chilcoat, the Weather Flight commander.

"His exemplary dedication and leadership to the weather flight made him

an obvious choice for this award," Captain Chilcoat said. "His diverse accomplishments and widespread contributions to Team Robins solidified his place as the NCO of the year."

Tuesday Night Tunes

Annual museum concert series continues through Sept. 29, free to public

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation kicked off their annual free concert series at the museum's amphitheatre Sept. 8.

According to Steven French, chief of community Relations with Air Force Reserve Command, the feedback has been very positive.

"The audience's gratitude, enjoyment, and appreciation has been overwhelming," he said. "In fact, I've received phone calls asking whether there are any DVDs sold of the Band of the Air Force Reserve performances."

Mr. French said the crowds at each performance so far have topped, 400 doubling last year's attendance rate.

"The people of Middle Georgia are such great supporters of the Air Force Reserve and all of Team Robins," said Maj. Don Schofield, U.S. Air Force Reserve Band commander. "The Museum of Aviation Concert Series is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank everyone in the community for their cooperative spirit."

The series will continue each Tuesday at 7 p.m. through Sept. 29.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or pets are allowed.

—from staff reports



Maj. Donald Schofield, Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve commander/conductor, leads the band Sept. 8 during the first in a series of concerts at the Museum of Aviation.



Audience members clap along to music by the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve's Concert Band at the Museum of Aviation amphitheatre.



Staff Sgt. Frances Kness, vocalist, sings "Hero" with a little help from Taylor Nicole Ivie, daughter of Master Sgt. Justin and Maggie Ivie.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

Sept. 22 - Reserve Generation, the band's popular music group, performs an intriguing mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz and country. They also perform hits from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100.

Sept. 29 -The Concert Band is the largest and most versatile unit of the Reserve Band, with a varied repertoire ranging from classical overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic favorites.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

The Heritage Club and 78th Force Support Squadron presents a "Taste of Robins" at the Heritage Club ballroom, located in Bldg. 956, today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in celebration of the Air Force's 62nd birthday. Free food samples, beverages and birthday cake will be offered to guests while supplies last. A drawing for a 32 inch HDTV, portable DVD player, MP3 player and more will be conducted during the event.

Guests may fill out an entry form for a chance to win and need not be present to win. Jazz and R&B on saxophone will be played by Robin's own Otis Hicks. For more information, call 926-2670.

SUNDAY

A Driven to Cook Recipe Collection is being published for the 4th edition. Have your favorite family recipe published with a short story about it with your name and you will receive a free copy. Collection categories are main street (main dishes), side street (side dishes) and leisure lane (desserts). E-mail your submissions to linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil, sandra.colby@robins.af.mil or sherry.trauth@robins.af.mil by today. This opportunity is open to all grades and ranks and family members. For more information call Sandi Colby at 926-9080.

A Super Sunday 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 \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests and \$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Let's Celebrate end of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park located at the corner of Ninth and Warner Robins Street on Sept. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face paint-

ing, games and prize drawings. Wristbands cost \$5 and gives unlimited access to all rides. Rides will include a carousel, turbo swing, roaring river water slide, wave of fire slide, rock & joust, lane bungee, rock wall, trackless train, space shuttle obstacle, jungle combo, wacky world, jungle playlite, little tykes city and chip shot challenge. Entertainment will feature the Air Force Reserve Generations band and Sugar Creek.

A dodgeball tournament will be held by the fitness center at 6 p.m. on the tennis courts. Participants need to sign up by Sept. 23 at the fitness center.

A "Fit Factor Frenzy" corner, in recognition of Fit Factor's Fifth Birthday, will be held at Summer Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Register for Fit Factor and complete the obstacle course for a free snow cone at Summer Bash.

Prizes will be an HD TV, laptop, inflatable pool, fishing gear, Blue Ray DVD player, Wii and balance board, digital camera and more. Festive food will be on sale by base private organizations. Beverages on sale by Force Support Squadron.

Sponsored in part by Robins Federal Credit Union, Verizon Wireless, USAA, The Home Depot, The Party Store and N.E.T. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Let's Celebrate End of Summer Bash Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Sept. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Register at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984 to reserve a space to display and sell crafts at this well-attended event by Sept. 18. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call 926-5282.

An Operation Kudos (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations) will be held Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Buses will meet promptly at 10 a.m. at the Heritage Club parking lot. This event is open to children ages six – 18 years old (must be accompanied

Detour to business as usual



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A sign in front of Horizons informs visitors to the club of renovations to the front of the building. According to Michael Starkey, Horizons general manager, the front step area is being extended to create new handicap access to the front of the building. The process will take a couple of months to complete. The club is continuing normal operations but patrons need to enter at the rear of the building. Mr. Starkey thanks everyone for their patience and understanding. For more information call Mr. Starkey at 926-2670.

by an adult). Registration has been extended to Sept. 23 as this event is limited to the first 100 sign-ups. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins at 327-7506 or Tech Sgt. Michelle Main at 327-7691.

ONGOING

Youth fall sports registrations are under way through Nov. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday for cheerleading (ages 5 – 12 years old), cost \$90 and basketball (ages 5 – 18 years old), cost \$55. Registration accepted until teams are full. Volunteer coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chill out with the September special of our amazing fruity drinks.

Purchase a Grande for \$3.75 or Venti for \$4.25. The Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. The Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

The Pine Oaks Lodging now offers wireless high speed internet access available in all rooms. Room reservations may be made up to two weeks in advance or you can register online at www.robinservices.com. For more information call lodging at 926-2100.

Fitness center renovations:

►The fitness center outdoor track will be closed through Sept. 28 for resurfacing.

►The women's locker room in the main Fitness Center, Bldg. 826 will undergo a complete renovation

through Nov. 19. For more information, call 926-2128.

For your convenience, the Heritage Club barber shop is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The shop is open to all active duty, reserve, ANG and retired military and family members, DOD civilian and contractors. For more information call 923-9593.

Stalls for horses are available at the riding stables. The stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot & cold wash rack, horse trails, stalls and pasture. Cost includes a monthly \$15 family membership fee & monthly stable fee of \$97. All base ID cardholders – active duty, reserve, ANG, retired military, DOD civilians are eligible. For more information call the riding stables at 447-6905 or 926-4001.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: What do you know about the Air Force?

Do you think you know a little bit about the US Air Force? Take this quiz, and see how much you really know.

QUESTIONS:

Q1: Before becoming a separate entity, the US Air Force existed under this name. A) US Army Air Force B) US Air Reserve Corps C) US Army Air Reserve D) US Army Air Corps

Q2: What was the first big challenge the new USAF was tasked with? A) The San Pebbles incident B) The Copenhagen Kontakt C) The Berlin Airlift D) Invasion of South Korea

Q3: Who was the first Chief Master Sergeant of the US Air Force? A) CMSgt Gerald R. Murray B) CMSgt James M. McCoy C) CMSgt Arthur L. Andrews D) CMSgt Paul W. Airey

Q4: Who was the pilot of the B-29 "Enola Gay" that dropped the Hiroshima bomb? A) Capt. Chuck Yeager B) Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle C) Lt. Buchannon "Buck" Rogers D) Col. Paul Tibbets

Q5: When did the US Air Force officially become activated? A) September 17, 1948 B) September 18, 1947 C) September 17, 1947 D) September 18, 1948

ANSWERS:

A1: A. The National Security Act of 1947 became law on 26 July 1947. The National Security Resources Board.

A2: B. West Berlin occupied by Allied interests and East Berlin occupied by Soviets. In June 1948, the Soviet Union attempted to control all of Berlin by cutting surface traffic to and from the city of West Berlin. Starving out the population and cutting off their business was their method of gaining control.

A3: D. Even though the USAF was established in 1947, it did not have a single Chief of Staff until April 3, 1967.

A4: D. At 2:45 A.M. Aug. 6, the Enola Gay lifted off North Field with Paul Tibbets and his crew en route to Hiroshima. At exactly 9:15 a.m. plus 15 seconds the world's first atomic bomb exploded. The course of history and the nature of warfare was changed forever.

A5: B. The new National Military Establishment, with the new Office of Secretary of Defense, came into being as the secretary of defense James Forrestal was sworn in and the USAF became operational the next day.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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

The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Robyn Mullis**, 402nd AMXS. POC is Cindy Aguilar 222-3436.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumua) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



SEPTEMBER 18
7:30 P.M.
G.I. JOE: RISE OF THE COBRA
RATED PG-13

From the Egyptian desert to deep below the polar ice caps, the elite G.I. JOE team uses the latest in next-generation spy and military equipment to fight the corrupt arms dealer Destro and the growing threat of the mysterious Cobra organization to prevent them from plunging the world into chaos.



SEPTEMBER 19
3 P.M.
G.I. JOE: RISE OF THE COBRA
RATED PG-13

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SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 P.M.
A PERFECT GETAWAY
RATED R

An adventurous young couple celebrates their honeymoon by backpacking to one of the most beautiful, and remote, beaches in Hawaii. Hiking the wild, secluded trails, they believe they've found paradise. But when they come across frightened hikers discussing the murder of another newlywed couple on the islands, they question whether they should turn back.

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

CHPS adds new face to nutrition mission

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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In its continued effort to promote health and wellness among civilians on base, the Civilian Health Promotion Services recently added a new member to its team.

Arielle “Dani” Lebovitz is a registered and licensed dietitian that joined the CHPS staff in June. Her education and experience add depth to an already talented team.

“Dani’s ability to effectively communicate health and nutrition to the civilian population on Robins is unparalleled,” said Kelley Denney, CHPS director. “She has extensive training and experience that gives her a wealth of knowledge. She truly cares about the civilians on this base and enjoys helping them. CHPS is so happy to have such an expert dietitian on staff.”

Mrs. Lebovitz earned a bachelor’s degree in food science and human nutrition from Colorado State University. She later studied at John Hopkins Baby Medical Center to become a dietitian. Because her husband is an active duty pilot in the 116th Air Control Wing, she’s had the opportunity to work several different jobs. So far, this has been her favorite.

“I love Robins. This is the best job I’ve ever had,” she said. “We have a great team; everyone works together to support each other.

We also have a great community where everyone is so appreciative of the services we provide.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dani Lebovitz, center, registered and licensed dietitian, counsels Joe Trussell about some of his test results during a screening.

Mrs. Lebovitz initially wanted to be a doctor, but when she found out she could affect so many lives in the areas of nutrition, health and wellness, that became her “passion and drive.” She loves educating people, saying it’s particularly rewarding here.

“Everyone that comes to the classes is motivated to change; it’s so rewarding to educate people who are trying to improve their lives,” she said. “You have the opportunity to really make a difference.”

She said since she’s been here, she’s personally witnessed numerous success stories and has had several people tell her CHPS has saved their lives.

“They tell us that without our health screenings they wouldn’t have known they were at risk for heart disease,” she said. “We help people, and I take pride in that.”

She also takes pride “charting a new way” with the classes she teaches, bringing fresh and up-to-date information and innovative teaching methods to the classroom. Because of the large civilian popula-

tion at Robins, she does not get many opportunities to work with individuals on a one-on-one basis, but she said she compensates by packing in as much information as possible in her classes to help as many people as possible.

Mrs. Lebovitz said what helps make her a successful educator is her passion for the subject. But it’s also her desire to help people and see them make changes that will improve their quality of life.

She said people think they have to make major changes overnight, but in reality making small changes regularly is just as effective in achieving health and wellness goals.

“To me, diet is a four-letter word. It’s not about following a diet. It’s about becoming healthier through lifestyle changes,” she said. “That’s what I’m trying to promote.”

Mrs. Lebovitz is currently working towards a master’s degree in health communication. She hopes the additional education will provide her greater efficacy in promoting health and wellness.

Congratulations to Robins reenlistees

Senior Master Sgt. Roy Kirwin
Senior Master Sgt. Frank Lowden
Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Lawrence
Senior Master Sgt. Dolores Colella
Senior Master Sgt. John Roberts
Senior Master Sgt. Tina Bise
Master Sgt. Timothy Jones
Master Sgt. Mary Hardy
Master Sgt. Michael Collier
Master Sgt. Jesse Tremer
Master Sgt. Keith Durant
Master Sgt. John Swinford
Master Sgt. Daria Walker
Master Sgt. Troy Wolford
Master Sgt. Christopher Faust

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Staff Sgt. Nicholas Chatham
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Staff Sgt. Kyle Rowe
Tech. Sgt. Latisha Carey
Tech. Sgt. Demetrius Salinas
Tech. Sgt. James Hardy
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bare
Senior Airman Christopher Landis
Staff Sgt. Steven Bergakker
Tech. Sgt. Monica Schleich
Staff Sgt. Sharika Ceasor
Staff Sgt. Curtis Cecil
Senior Airman Alexander Poore
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Swartz

Tech. Sgt. David Knight
Staff Sgt. Douglas Muhly
Senior Airman Jeremy Gephart
Senior Airman Nelson Crowder
Staff Sgt. Michael Middleton
Staff Sgt. Garah Hammack
Staff Sgt. Latoya Miniano
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE AIR FORCE

ReserveNet changes to ARCNet, welcomes Air National Guard members

ReserveNet has a new name and a new mission. After a year of coordination between Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard officials, ARCNet was established Sept. 1 to provide ReserveNet capabilities to Air Guard members.

Until now, only reservists had access to these resources used to train, communicate and prepare for executing their missions. The new name, ARCNet, was chosen to reflect users across the Air Reserve Component spectrum.

“ARCNet will provide a standard ancillary training program for the Air National Guard,” said Chief Master Sgt. Leo Kreifels of the Nebraska Air National Guard. “Prior to ARCNet, each wing created its own way of monitoring ancillary training requirements. The introduction of ARCNet will streamline the process across the Air National Guard.”

The Air Guard community currently is interested in using part of the ARCNet capability: ancillary training, management inspection and volunteer opportunity systems. Air Force reservists will continue to have access to the all of the previous ReserveNet capabilities, including reserve duty planning and participation and status management.

Six Air National Guard units initially will have access to ARCNet. The

National Guard Bureau plans to bring the remaining Air Guard units on board in 2010.

“The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard face similar challenges in maintaining a fighting force of primarily part-time workers,” said Lisa Woodson ARCNet program manager here. “Partnering together to address these challenges provides value for both sides.”

VA officials warn of telephone scam

Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs are warning people not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to be updating VA prescription information.

Kevin Secor, a Veterans Service Organizations liaison with the office of the secretary of Veterans Affairs, sent an e-mail recently that outlined the scam.

“I have received many reports that veterans are being contacted by ‘Patient Care Group’ representing that they are helping administer VA prescriptions and stating that the pharmacy billing procedures have changed and they are therefore requesting veteran credit card numbers for prescription payments in advance of filling their prescriptions,” Mr. Secor wrote. “This is false. VA does not call veterans asking to disclose personal financial information over the phone. VA has not changed its processes for dispensing

prescription medicines.”

Anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to work for the Patient Care Group who is seeking a credit card number should simply hang up.

Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free 877-222-8387.

Air Force officials Twitter from AFA events

It was one year ago this week that Air Force officials here took the first official step into social media when a public affairs team blogged from the 2008 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

This year, in addition to providing daily wrap-ups on the official blog, U.S. Air Force Live at <http://airforcelive.dodlive.mil/>, the team is twittering from the 2009 conference.

“Social media is just another tool in our communication toolkit,” said Capt. Chris Sukach, the Air Force Public Affairs Agency emerging technology chief. “Twitter allows us to provide real-time updates to our audience while receiving immediate feedback from them. It provides the opportunity for more people to engage in conversations about their Air Force.”

Followers of official Air Force Twitter receive live updates from speeches given by the service’s senior leadership as well as industry leaders and academic experts.

Official Air Force Twitter handles include

http://twitter.com/US_Air_Force , @usairforce, @afpaa, @airforce, @airforcelive, @airforcenews and @USAFThunderbird. The team is also posting updates to its Twitter tab on its official Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/USairforce>.

VA officials to begin new efforts to explore health consequences of service in Vietnam

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced plans Sept. 14 to begin additional research to better understand the health consequences of service in Vietnam.

“The National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study will allow VA to pursue another valuable research tool,” Secretary Shinseki said. “The insight we gain from this study will help give us an understanding of how to better serve America’s Veterans.”

The NVVLS will enable researchers to study the Vietnam generation’s physical and psychological health. The new study will supplement research already underway at VA, including studies on post-traumatic stress disorder and on the health of women Vietnam Veterans. This is a follow-up study to a previous one that concluded in 1988.

VA officials have begun work to solicit bids to conduct the study, which is expected to run from 2011 through 2013.

— *From Air Force News*

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THE PINK PICNIC

The 14th Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon, the “Pink Picnic” will be Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Susan Biali, an expert on women’s health, author, speaker and flamenco dancer.

Tickets are \$10, which includes lunch and a gift. Everyone must have a ticket to attend. The event is sponsored by Houston Healthcare, the Robins Health and Wellness

Center, the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Central Ga. Cancer Coalition. Call 923-9771 for more information or to purchase a ticket.

MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE

The munitions operations office will be closed for business Sept. 21-25 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

Robins team member finds niche as Youth Apprentice Program mentor

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For the past two summers Ron Turk has provided mentoring and guidance to young people participating in the Youth Apprentice Program.

Mr. Turk, a logistics management specialist in the Program Management Functional Home Office, became involved with the program last summer because of his former supervisor, Robert Wiggins.

He recognizes the need to take time today to help prepare tomorrow's workforce, said Mr. Wiggins.

"For some reason, they liked my approach, which was more tailored to training Airmen because I am a retired Air Force member," said Mr. Turk. "I took the YAPs on tours and did a show and tell. They liked what they saw and how I presented the information. Now we have a life-long friendship."

Billy Colbert, 17, who is a Perry High School senior, worked with Turk for six weeks this year and last summer.

"It was very encouraging



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Ron Turk, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Plans and Program Directorate, is a logistics management specialist in the Program Management Functional Home Office.

and a learning environment due to the caring personality he had. The first year he took us under his wing and kept in touch with me. The week before I started back we had lunch together. He gave us some really important and unique tools to help us through life," Billy said.

"Right away, he had us reading a lot of material, including information on the Voluntary Protection Program, last year's successes, how to carry yourself in the workplace, and how to keep things safe and clean. The reading helped us know what goes on at the Center. He taught us that listening

was the key to learning."

Mr. Turk said his role was not to keep them busy, but rather help them grow a little bit each day.

"One of their major tasks was to look at the Integrated Defense Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Life Cycle Management System, and relate them to projects at school," Mr. Turk said. "I would always tell them, 'it's like building a car and once the car is built, maintaining that car.' I think they started to catch on. I want them to go on to college and hopefully bring those new-found skills back to the government."

