

When it was known as Robins Field, the base had about 3,000 acres of land valued at \$1 million.

The replacement value for all Robins land – now more than 8,700 acres – and facilities is valued at almost \$5 billion today.

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McMahon urges Airmen to find, suggest better ways

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Robins is not the first base where Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon has served on a team made up largely of civilians.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander said at a military “All Call” last week that in such environments Airmen tend to become civilianized in terms of their behavior ... discipline

degrades and military customs and courtesies begin to disappear. He said it should be the other way around.

While he said the ALC is blessed to have an outstanding civilian work force, he has different expectations for its military members in great part due to the commitments outlined in their oath of service. He urged Airmen to share that attitude with their civilian co-workers.

“In a perfect world, I’d like to be able

to look at all of our civilians and know they understand and embrace our military ethos and core values. You can help make that happen,” he said.

He also said Airmen should be out front.

“No matter what your rank, you are a leader, and I expect you to lead,” he added.

In discussing the Center’s vision to be world class, McMahon had some frank

words about the organization’s current state of operations. He compared it to the view of a sled dog which isn’t the leading pack.

“Of the three air logistics centers we are three of three,” he said. “That’s not the view you want, and that’s not the view I want. I’m pounding on your bosses pretty hard to change some of the things we

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Esther Lee looks away as she donates blood June 17 during an Armed Services Blood Program drive at the Fitness Center Annex. The ASBP provides for service members and their families in peace and war. The American Red Cross also collected blood the same day in support of civilian agencies and national disasters.

Team Robins members bleed for troops

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Fort Gordon’s Armed Services Blood Program team travels as far as West Point, N.Y., to collect blood donations for Soldiers in the field, but Robins is one of their favorite stops.

In a blood drive last week, the Army team stayed busy collecting

blood at the Fitness Center Annex. All the blood it collects is dedicated to U.S. military members, with a priority on those serving in combat areas.

Erin Hawkins, Armed Services Blood Program recruiter, said the team is made up of 23 active-duty Army reservists.

“This is absolutely one of our favorite places to visit,” Hawkins said. “The support here is always

excellent.”

The drive at the Fitness Center collected 210 pints of blood.

Staff Sgt. Eric Longacre, an Army blood technician participating in the drive, knows first-hand how much blood donations mean to troops. He participated as a blood technician during the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi

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Final thoughts

Commander proud of 78th’s progress

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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From parking shortages to budget constraints, the 78th Air Base Wing is grappling with big challenges, but outgoing commander Col. Carl Buhler believes the wing is on the right path.

Buhler, who will hand over command of the unit to Col. Mitchel Butikofer on June 30, said he has witnessed much progress in the wing during his time here.

“It is definitely on an incline,” he said. “I’m very proud of what we’ve done so far.”

One of the biggest improvements he counts is the increase in collaboration. Buhler said many organizations at Robins are now working together to achieve the ultimate mission of effectively and efficiently producing airpower for the warfighter.

“I think the 78th is becoming more collaborative,” he said. “For instance, a maintenance wing employee recently told me, in his 30-plus years here, he has never seen the air base wing so collaborative and ready to lean forward to help. That’s a sign of success.”

He also said he’s pleased with the wing’s record of compliance, based on several outside inspections, regular self inspections and customer feedback.



Col. Carl Buhler

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FUTURE ENERGY STRATEGY

BY LISA DANIEL
American Forces Press Service

Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III released the Defense Department’s new operational energy strategy June 14, saying it is consistent with efforts to adapt the forces to emerging threats.

Lynn said he and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates have been consistent in speaking of the need to “better manage the defense enterprise to adapt our forces to emerging threats, and to sustain a strong and capable military.”

“Our use of energy cuts across each of these issues,” he said during a Pentagon

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U.S. Air Force graphic by JOSHUA HORTMAN

The above graphic was designed by Joshua Hortman, an inventory specialist here, as part of the Energy Office’s energy slogan contest.

news briefing. “It affects military planners, acquisition managers and the warfighters alike. The way we build energy into our operations is a core part of fighting and winning the nation’s wars.”

Lynn released the strategy during a briefing with Sharon Burke, the assistant secretary of defense for

operational energy plans and programs, a position created after the quadrennial defense review in 2010 raised the need for the military’s energy use to be considered in operational strategy. Secretary Gates and President Barack Obama supported the idea,

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Round Robins II ends

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Never let it be said Robins officials failed to give a parking-lot shuttle system a fair chance.

Round Robins Express began earlier this year to help with the parking problem by shuttling people from the Air National Guard parking lot. The shuttle featured two routes, one which ran through the flightline area and the other around the area of buildings 300 and 301. It ended due to low ridership.

However, due to renewed demand, the

shuttle was given a second chance in the form of Round Robins Express II, which started May 12. This time ridership was better but still not enough to keep it going, so on Thursday the service again came to an end.

The most riders RRE II had in one day was 15, and it had as little as four. Part of the drop-off was due to parking spaces being reclaimed which had been cut off for security reasons.

John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, pointed out there are still ways people can help with the

parking problem, including car pooling, van pooling and riding Buses into Robins Daily, or BiRD.

BiRD is the Macon Transit Authority’s bus line from the Macon Centreplex to Robins. Riders pay \$6 round trip, but for most Robins employees the cost is reimbursable through the Transportation Incentive Program.

For more information on BiRD and other transportation incentives, visit the Robins public home page at www.robins.af.mil and click on the transportation link.

THINK SAFETY



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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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Waiting for the bus

BiRD riders are reminded to wait at the shuttle stops rather than in buildings or other areas. That will help ensure there are no delays, and the service will continue to run in an efficient fashion.

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UNIT PROFILE: 116th MID (JSTARS)

What it does

The mission of the Military Intelligence Detachment (JSTARS) and its subordinate unit, the 138th Military Intelligence Company, is to train and provide Soldiers to deploy and work as integrated Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System mission aircrew members. They conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for air component commands and help enhance situational awareness of Ground Component Commanders.

Why it matters

Soldiers from the Military Intelligence Detachment (JSTARS) are the linchpin of all JSTARS radar support to Army warfighters worldwide. The detachment provides exclusive Army interface in centralized wing planning and coordination efforts which enable decentralized execution of E-8C operational missions and Army-wide Common Ground Station / E-8C training.



Capt. David Hulse prepares for a mission aboard the E-8C JSTARS in a Forward Operating Location.

By the numbers

104 Personnel assigned to the unit

55 K + Combat hours flown by 138th Military Intelligence Company

9 Years the 138th Military Intelligence Company has been continuously deployed

3 Major theaters of operation supported by the 138th Military Intelligence Company in the last eight years

What they say



Sue Zuniga
Department of the Army Civilian

"In the 10 years I have been a Department of the Army Civilian, I have seen many changes, but it has always been an absolute pleasure working with Team JSTARS. Helping and working with the Soldiers daily brings joy to my job."



Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Pashia
Army OSS NCOIC

"Working with JSTARS has been very interesting. Being able to work with the air and ground operations has been both challenging and rewarding."

People Spotlight



Dan Zaborac

TITLE: Painter, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group depaint shop.

BACKGROUND: Zaborac has worked at Robins for a year and a half. He previously served 24 years in the Navy where he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a detainee guard. He also served in Operation Noble Eagle following the Sept. 11 attacks.

HOMETOWN: Miami, Fla.

"We do what they call small parts here. We remove the paint, and then send the parts off to the shops for reworking. They then go to the other side, where they are painted. We are basically the first step, and the paint shop is the last step."

"I like supporting the warfighter and turning out a quality product."

"The paint and primer has chemicals in it, so when we remove it, and it goes to the other shops, they don't have to worry about contamination."

"Coming from a military background the transition here was easy because it works along the same lines. Now, seeing it on the civilian side, I have a better understanding of what civilians do to support the active duty."

"I like motorcycle riding. I have a Honda Magna. I just went through the rider safety course to be able to ride on base."

C-5 stab shop leaps forward for fall protection

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON
Robins Public Affairs

Eight months ago it was just an idea. Today, it's a leap forward for fall protection.

The result is a new prototype C-5 horizontal stabilizer stand with wrap-around scaffolding which provides workers better and less cumbersome fall protection.

The Air Force standard for fall protection was recently reduced from 10 feet to 4 feet. The new standard affects maintenance activities

both on the flight line and in hangars, and requires fall protection to be used wherever there is a potential for a worker to fall 4 feet or more to the next lower level or, regardless of height, onto unguarded machinery or dangerous equipment.

Jamerson Parrott and Kyle Moody, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron engineers, teamed with mechanics and safety specialists to develop the new prototype stand.

"The guys love it," said Parrott. "It's easy to move, light weight, and

better from an ergonomic standpoint."

Parrott said with the new system workers don't have to bend as much or wear heavy lanyards and harnesses. He expects less back-, wrist- and arm-strain injuries in the future.

"It's less climbing and less physically demanding," said Chuck Valasky, C-5 stab shop sheet metal mechanic. "It's easier access to the stab, and more sturdy and safe."

Chris Kolmetz, also a sheet metal mechanic, said he likes the maneuverability and the fact it meets OSHA standards.

Congratulations senior airman promotees

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70 YEARS AND COUNTING

Community, base celebrate anniversary

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Today Robins is a sprawling complex employing more than 20,000 people, and it is a vital component of America's military operations, but it all began 70 years ago with a one-page telegram.

On June 16 hundreds of community and Team Robins members celebrated the 70th anniversary of the day a telegram arrived from Washington announcing Wellston, Ga., had been selected as the site of a new Army Air Corps Depot which would become Robins Air Force Base.

The community immediately established what would become long-standing, passionate support for the base by changing the name of the town.

The celebration at the Museum of Aviation included video congratulations from Georgia U.S.



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Members of Robins and the 21st Century Partnership along with other national, state and local leaders and citizens celebrated the 70th anniversary of the base June 16 at the Museum of Aviation. Seventy years ago, a telegram from Washington announced the U.S. War Department had selected a site across the road from Wellston, Georgia, as the location of a new southeastern Army Air maintenance and supply depot, now Robins Air Force Base.

Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, as well as 8th District Congressman Austin Scott.

Several community leaders spoke, including Warner Robins Mayor Chuck Shaheen, whose

father served in the Air Force at Robins.

"If it wasn't for Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins wouldn't be here," Shaheen said. "We just appreciate what has happened."

The final speaker of the

evening was Center Commander Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon.

"Warner Robins is the only city in America named after an Air Force base," McMahon said. "It is a reflection of what we have in this community."



Pediatric clinic changes to improve safety, care

In an effort to improve the care of children visiting the pediatric clinic here, a new policy is being implemented to limit the number of children present during an appointment.

The effort is designed to maintain the safety of children and the integrity of the appointment.

Scheduling appointments for siblings will be limited to two back-to-back appointments per day under the new policy.

Although it is more convenient for parents to bring all children at once, patients deserve privacy during detailed examinations, and the providers need the parent or guardian's full attention.

The policy will also allow more patients an opportunity for appointments. When back-to-back appointments are booked, the arrival time is 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled appointment to ensure adequate screening. Late arrivals may need to be rescheduled or only one patient may be seen.

If one of the patients is under the age of 5, a

second adult needs to be present.

The new policy also dictates that only patients with an appointment will be allowed into exam rooms. It's challenging to manage a visit when the exam room is overcrowded and the parent or guardian, or patient, is distracted by the presence of other children.

Distractions lead to the loss of important communication and the integrity of the appointment. Safety is also of concern as the exam rooms are very small and child-proofed as much as possible, but still have many venues for injury.

If other children must accompany the patient, the parent or guardian is expected to have another adult present to supervise children in the waiting area.

The second person does not need to be a family member, but someone to supervise the other children.

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78th Medical Group

Spice use gets Airmen in big trouble

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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If Robins Airmen weren't sure, the Air Force is serious about enforcing regulations against the use of hallucinogenic substances known as Spice and salvia, all they have to do is look at recent events at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Following an investigation, 30 Airmen at Tinker are facing discharge proceedings due to use of Spice, a synthetic form of marijuana. It had once been legal in many states,



including Georgia.

Georgia and other states have in recent years passed laws making Spice and salvia illegal. However, regardless of state law, the Air Force forbids Airmen from using the sub-

stances, on base or off.

Airmen caught with salvia or Spice face the same consequences as if they were caught with marijuana — which usually means discharge.

Airmen are prohibited from using anabolic and androgenic steroids and any intoxicating substance, other than alcohol, that is inhaled, injected, consumed, or introduced into the body in any manner for purposes of altering mood or function. Other examples include sniffing glue, gasoline or other chemicals for the purposes of achieving intoxication.

ViewPoints

“He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.”
– *Chinese proverb*

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Desert course takes Airman to hell and back

BY STAFF SGT. R.J. BIERMANN

Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa Public Affairs

“Take what you think your body can handle and multiply it by five.”

The words of Tech. Sgt. Joel Mack became my mantra of survival during my field trip to hell and back across 50 miles of barren Djiboutian desert -- a trek for which nothing could have prepared me.

Nearly 40 Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa and Camp Lemonnier service members left camp May 31 with the intent of soaring through a 10-day desert safari. When we arrived in the Bour Ougoul training area, just outside Goubetto, Djibouti, I feared our greatest threat would be an enemy force. Instead, we fought off heat, dehydration, exhaustion, giant flies, knife spiders and dagger-sharp thorns before even switching our weapons off safe.

At the beginning of the course, our 160-person company was divided into four 40-person platoons. Each consisted of 30 French and 10 U.S. service members where each person was required to finish all marches to successfully complete the course.

The seemingly simple requirements proved to be too much for some. By the time we graduated, the number of students had dwindled by nearly 15.

We pushed our bodies beyond their natural limits, and our bodies pushed back. Dehydration and exhaustion victimized the majority of drop-outs. Marching more than nine miles, then 12, then another 12 and finally 20, with anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes of sleep after each march, can do that to you. Trying to catch up on sleep during the heat of the day was a futile endeavor.

“We quickly realized that, in the desert, if you don’t take care of things, they will take care of you,” said my platoon commander, French army Lieutenant Gildas Hellegouarch.

Throughout the first five days of training, we learned to survive in the desert while warring against an enemy force. Every morning at 5:30



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. B.J. BIERMANN

A member of the 5th French Marine Regiment makes goat stew during a desert combat training course.

a.m. we moved our camp to a different location and met for instruction. Here, we learned how to prepare and cook a goat; collect, filter and cool water; provide first aid; and fight.

The most important tactic for many of us was keeping our water cool. Wet a boot sock, wrap it around your water bottle and hang it off a tree branch. These coolers were littered across the camp’s acacia trees.

After the first five days, we marched 12 miles to a new campsite. As with all course marches, we could use night-vision goggles or hope moonlight would lead the way. Red artificial light was only authorized when moving through dangerous areas like a steep, rocky hill.

Moving blindly across a rocky plain, sweat pouring off my brow, my feet blistered and in severe pain, with no visible end in sight, could very well have been the most depressing sensation I’ve ever felt.

It only got worse.

During the second phase of training, the French instructors dialed things up a notch. We were now required to stand guard, gather food and water, prepare meals, build shade structures, and lead offensive attacks against the enemy. Finding time to sleep was on us. I thought sleep

was a sure way to tell what day it was; but when you haven’t slept, 10 days can feel like 30.

After two days, we departed on a 12-mile march to the final camp. The following evening we began our climactic 20-mile hike to the Grand Bara Desert. Walking 20 miles, with 10-minute breaks every 50 minutes, took more than nine hours. During breaks, we would consume what little food we had left in our rucksacks in hopes of a needed boost.

As we neared the finish, one man lost his footing and injured his ankle adding to the casualty count. Another was simply too exhausted to go on after a break. Some were so tired they fell into a deep sleep in the 10 minutes we had to rest.

When we reached the edge of the desert, we knew we had only 4 miles to go. I cranked up my music to spark some motivation. Sixteen miles into the 20-mile march, I was ready to quit, even with the end in sight. With 50 yards left, a handful of us mustered what energy we had to sprint to the finish.

Never have I felt such satisfaction. Running a marathon in comfortable shoes, on paved roads, with water stations and cheering spectators is one thing. Walking an ultra-marathon in combat boots, in the dead of night, through a desert takes the cake.

After the 20-mile hike, we slept for 45 minutes and then forced ourselves awake for the graduation ceremony. We stood in formation with our French allies to receive the coveted completion badge: a pin with the outline of Djibouti surrounded by a large circle which rested under a scorpion. A golden sword passed vertically through it all.

In just 10 days, the course evolved this public affairs photojournalist into a new warfighter. I bled, sweat and oozed across 50 miles of what became the longest trek of my life. We defeated every inch of the course with determination, teamwork and self will. I never want to take this grueling course again. But if forced to, the camaraderie with my brothers-in-arms would make it worth it.

Commander’s Action Line

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 responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its 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 also not be processed.

Commander’s Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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MAIN GATE TRAFFIC FLOW

1. I’ve noticed the civilian gate guards have been absent from the main gate in the morning for the last several weeks.

Since they have been gone, the traffic there has been backed up and dangerous. So, what have they done differently?

Open only two lanes.

When only two lanes are open, traffic backs up through the light. Because of the trees, you can’t tell the right lane is closed until you get around the corner. People in the middle lane get mad watching cars zooming past them because they now have to wait even longer, so they get out of line just to zoom up to the front of the right lane and stop everyone who has been waiting. People in the center lane don’t want to let them in and they start a slow game of chicken. If you are nice and let them in, the people behind you get mad, honk and try to ride your tail. All around it makes for a bad start to the day.

Three guards with three lanes open will move the traffic along much faster than four guards at two gates. Please, open all three gates in the morning.

2. What is going on with the main gate (Watson) at 4:30 p.m.? Lately, the outbound lanes have been necked down to one lane leaving. Is this standard procedure? It sure makes it difficult for

those of us leaving at 4:30 p.m.

3. The main gate has had only two incoming lanes open in the mornings, causing a large traffic jam.

Since the installation of the bulkhead, the left lane must turn left at the first street or merge with the middle lane just past the guard station.

The right lane services cars coming from the south that make a right turn at the light, or merge with the middle lane to go ahead.

With that lane closed, they must merge with the middle lane before entering the guard station, causing a big slow down. I thought the three lanes were all used to move the traffic onto the base in a timely manner.

I asked one of the guards why the right lane was closed and his answer was they were told to only open two lanes. I also asked him who made the decision and was told “higher ups.”

Also, yesterday at 3:45 p.m., the outgoing lanes were not open to allow traffic to flow in both lanes, causing another traffic jam. Will someone please address the issue of why we can’t have all the lanes open at the proper time?

4. Request someone review the process on how the gates are being maintained. It has become a bad experience just trying to get in the

gates in a timely manner. It would seem the main (visitor) gate would be manned in such a way to keep a steady flow of traffic.

The past two mornings the inside lane has had the red light for no traffic use, causing everyone to bottleneck the traffic flow. It would help if there was an additional light located somewhere prior to the guard’s position.

Also, it seems as if there are not enough personnel manning the gate to ensure proper traffic flow.

Since all the gates have recently been modified, and since 9/11, this is the worst I have seen as far as accessing this wonderful base. Please look into finding a better way of allowing a quicker, easier and safer entrance to the base.

Thanks, your time is greatly appreciated. Also, with gas prices so high and with no cost of living adjustment for the next two years, it is very costly just sitting idle wasting precious fuel.

COLONEL BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for your notes. I contacted Lt. Col. Thomas Morea, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander concerning your statements.

You are correct to recognize a change with our civilian Department of the Air Force guards and Augmentee Reserve Component Volunteers at our gates.

The Air Force terminated the ARC-V program due to overall budget constraints, and we currently are at the maximum limit for DAF guards. Those forces provided our installation great continuity in expediting traffic flow onto the installation.

With recent budget cuts, our active duty Security Forces Airmen are flexing to meet the mission with reduced manpower,

to include moving traffic through our gates.

Periodically, we review traffic flow and gate operations to evaluate the best solution(s) for rush hour traffic.

To that end, Security Forces leadership is working with the traffic engineers in the 78th Civil Engineer Group to see if the current configuration for inbound and outbound traffic is the most efficient, or if a change is needed.

Our defenders make every effort to maximize flow during peak times, but they are primarily tasked to secure the base, so there may be times when traffic is routed differently for mission or exercise requirements.

We appreciate your concerns regarding gate congestion. Let me also highlight the many initiatives available for mass transportation such as the existing car and van-pool programs, which can help reduce traffic congestion for all.

There are two programs that provide qualified participants some financial compensation or rewards.

First, the Transportation Incentive Program reimburses riders for the expense of participating in van-pools and for riding the Buses into Robins Daily, or BiRD.

Additional information may be obtained from the TIP program manager at 468-0945.

Second, the Clean Air Campaign helps to find riders close to your residence with whom you can carpool. Riders can benefit from this program by enrolling in the Clean Air Campaign’s rewards program at **www.cleanaircampaign.org**.

Should you have additional questions about the program, contact our local Clean Air Campaign point of contact at 497-8287.

On the Fly

Appointment to command

Lt. Col. Roger Johnson was appointed to command of the 78th Mission Support Group in a ceremony Thursday.

Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, officiated the ceremony.

Johnson replaces Col. Lee-Ann Perkins, who retired in May. His previous assignment was as a student at the National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington D.C.

As commander of the 78th MSG, he will manage and lead 1,360 military and civilian personnel, and operate all mission support functions required to maintain the combat readiness and effectiveness of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, 78th Air Base Wing, and 37 units representing six major commands.

Marine survey planned

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are launching a survey of Marines and civilians who served or lived at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Camp Pendleton, Calif. prior to 1986.

The detailed survey will contain questions about health conditions possibly related to contaminants the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has identified.

The agency is hoping many of those identified will participate in the sur-

vey so the findings will be as accurate as possible. The findings have the potential to provide valuable insights into the health effects of chemical exposures.

— *Courtesy of the CDC*

Upcoming

The 78th Air Base Wing Promotion Celebration will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Neal Thompson at 497-5524.

A section of First Street east of Milledgeville Street will be closed from June 30 to July 5. The closure will begin at 5 p.m. June 30. The road will reopen at 3 a.m. July 5.

All lanes will be closed, so through traffic must detour at Richard Ray Boulevard and Cochran Street. All buildings will remain accessible, including the alley east of Bldg. 180. Access to D-Gate 38 will be from the intersection of the Cochran and First Street intersection.

From D-Gate 38 there will be no access eastbound on First Street. Drivers must turn right and use Cochran Street to reach Robins Parkway.

Access to buildings 149, 150, and 129 will be from Robins Parkway only. From buildings 149, 150, and 129, there will be no access westbound on First Street, so drivers must turn left and use Richard Ray Boulevard to reach First Street.

It is that time of year again. The **78th Medical Group will be providing Healthy Start Screenings** for Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time.

Screenings are for students from pre-k to 12th grade and will be held July 9 and 23 from 9 a.m. - noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary. Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams, all of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record.

Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and may be completed at the event. Only the above services will be performed at the school screenings. If a sports physical is needed, call 497-7850 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Joseph Prunty at 497-8220.

Letters of intent for intramural golf and volleyball are due to the Fitness Center by July 11.

For more information, contact Kenneth Porter at 468-2128.

Et cetera

The Base Chapel has an **opening for a part-time Catholic Religious Education Coordinator.**

The position requires a



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Commander's Call

Maj. Gen. Gary McCoy Air Force Global Logistics Support Center commander, **Scott Air Force Base, Ill.**, speaks with local logistics specialists here last week following a town hall meeting he conducted.

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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working knowledge of Catholic teachings, traditions and practices. Experience in religious education is preferred.

Responsibilities include recruiting and assigning volunteers, ordering materials, preparing a school calendar, performing teacher

and parent meetings, and providing sacramental preparation classes.

Deadline to submit a resume and sealed bid is Monday. Basis for the award is best qualified lowest bidder. Position starts July 1.

For a statement of work,

contact Staff Sgt. Jonathon Torres at 468-2821.

The **following leave recipient has been approved** through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program: *Elmer Carroll* of the 568th EMXS. POC is Kenneth McGrotha at 468-1562.



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Changing hands

Lt. Col. Todd Morgan (left) accepts command of the Military Intelligence Detachment of Joint Stars June 16 from Maj. Gen. Mary Legere, Army Intelligence and Security Command commander, as outgoing Commander Col. Joel Roberts looks on. Roberts, who has commanded the Army detachment since August 2008, is headed to Kandahar, Afghanistan to serve as a brigade commander.

Morgan comes to Robins from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he was the Movement and Maneuver War Fighting Function chief and an observer/trainer in Operations Group Alpha of the Battle Command Training Program, which conducts division-level exercises.

ALL CALL

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are doing. We deserve better ... more importantly, the warfighter deserves better.”

He urged the Airmen to not to be shy about finding and suggesting better ways of doing things. He said sometimes things are not done the best way simply because that’s the way they’ve always been done.

“Our behaviors get so ingrained, and we drink enough Kool-Aid that it starts to taste good.

We’ve got to think differently about how we do business,” McMahon said.

“Accepting there is a



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Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, addresses Airmen during a military all call June 17 in the Heritage Club ballroom.

better way is not a challenge to authority,” he said. “It’s a compliment to

authority, because you want to make the organization better.”

BUHLER

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Additionally, he said the 78th has made significant progress in the area of process improvement.

During his tenure, the wing has faced significant challenges, including parking shortages resulting from the combination of hiring hundreds of new employees and executing several American Restoration and Recovery Act-funded programs.

The wing has also worked to reduce energy consumption base-wide, starting with its own headquarters building, in which numerous measures were taken to reduce night-time energy consumption at a sustained 35 percent rate since last July.

But he said the biggest challenge ahead for the unit is continuing to cope with budget constraints.

“As efficient as we

are now with the resources we have, imagine how efficient we’re going to have to be in the future to keep that same level of service with an even further constrained budget,” he said. “It’s going to take more innovative thinking and, quite frankly, the way we’re doing business now is not going to be good enough, as we strive to overcome further resource cuts in the future.”

He said his best advice to his successor is to be resilient.

“I’ve found many folks don’t fully under-

stand how many tentacles an air base wing has out there, and how an air base wing affects all of the other organizations, both positively and negatively,” he said. “You have to be very thick skinned in this job, because you get a lot of advice and mandates from a lot of different folks.

“If you treat the advice as someone putting things on your radar scope and then follow through and address those issues, then that’s the right approach,” he added. “But if you treat it as people complaining about your organization, things probably won’t improve.”

Butikofer is currently serving as director of communications at Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Buhler knows Butikofer well and recommended him to be his successor.

“I was hoping we would be able to get him, so we could have someone to continue on with the great success of this wing,” Buhler said.

Buhler is headed to the Pentagon to serve as the associate director of program integration (Engine Room), Office of the Deputy Chief of

Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support.

The unit is charged with integrating A4/7’s annual program and budget while also defending logistics resources during program scrutiny.

In his final thoughts, Buhler expressed appreciation to the other Team Robins leaders he has worked with here, as well as the leadership of the installation’s 37 hosted partners on base, especially pointing out his appreciation to his fellow wing commanders, past and present.

“They are some of the sharpest, most mission-focused folks I have ever had the opportunity to work with,” he said.

He also expressed appreciation to those who serve in the 78th.

“At the end of the day – for example – it’s the folks who are fueling up the aircraft, seeing patients in the medical clinic, guarding the gates, fixing the roads, and running our communications networks. Those are the folks making the mission happen each and every day,” Buhler said. “The happiest I am, is when I’m able to go out and see them in action.”

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Instructor Will Hilton explains the next riding maneuver for the class during the Basic Motorcycle Safety class.

Suiting up for safety

Volunteer instructors help growing number of motorcyclists

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Volunteer motorcycle safety instructors at Robins routinely take time away from their regular duties to try to save some lives.

And lately they've been doing it more often.

Due, in part to rising gas prices, Robins has seen a steady increase in the number of motorcyclists on base. But before people can cruise through the gates on their hogs, they must first pass a rider safety course.

A group of 19 volunteers who work in areas across Robins teach the course. This year they doubled the number of classes to meet the growing demand.

Senior Airman Adam Grow started riding in March after buying a Suzuki SV-650. He was taking the basic rider safety course last week, and said he planned to ride his bike to work whenever possible to save on gas. He expects to save \$300 per month.

He also said he learned more from the class than he was expecting.

"I thought I was doing a lot of things right, but it turns out that wasn't really the case," he said.

Senior instructor Will Hilton said the free course is based on the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, which would cost \$250 if taken off base.

He took the class when he started riding his bike to work and learned so much he took the instructor-certification course.

"I've never had a class where I



Lance Chandler puts on his protective equipment before the course.

didn't learn something, and I've never had a class where you couldn't ask any student who wouldn't tell you that on their ride home the first day they took something with them that made them feel safer," he said.

They used to teach one basic rider safety course and one experienced rider safety course monthly. Due to the high demand, they now teach at least two of each per month.

The course is taught on a special layout in a parking lot at Pavé Paws.

Master Sgt. Vincent Dewberry of the 78th Security Forces is a new instructor. He said if riders are stopped on base and have not taken the course, they get a citation and their commander is notified.



Senior Airman Adam Grow maneuvers his bike during the Basic Motorcycle Safety Class.



Riders taking the class line up to run a leg of the course.

Peak summer move season in full swing

Those making a permanent change of station within the continental U.S. this summer should be aware that peak moving season is in full swing, and there are a few things you can do to help offset the impact.

Much like last season, the entire Defense Department is experiencing difficulty getting transportation service providers to pack and pick up personal property shipments.

The DOD attributes that to several factors, including limited carrier capacity, an increase in private-sector moves, completion of mandated Base Realignment and Closure relocations, and the normal large volume of requests for property movement from May 1 to July 31.

The Air Force Joint Personal Property Shipping Offices are using all tools and options to manage shipments and move property on customers' requested pickup dates.

To that end, they are working closely with the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and commercial industry to identify carriers able to service shipments.

The JPPSOs are also placing some shipments in temporary storage at origin locations. Further, military services have been working with industry to add flexibility to business rules with a goal of securing maximum carrier capacity.



Courtesy photo

With so many competing pressures for personal property movement this summer, there are things people can do to offset the impact.

►Review your schedules and work with the assignments team to determine if you can postpone your move, or change your report-no-later-than-date until after summer. That may be asking a lot, especially for those who can't afford to make adjustments (pending home sales, expiration of lease agreements, mission, etc.); however, flexibility affords the JPPSOs an expanded opportunity to move property.

►Personnel may also elect the option to perform a

Personally Procured Move (formerly DITY). This option allows you to control move dates and ensures ready access to property upon arrival at your new location.

►There are several PPM options including one that reimburses up to what the government would have paid for the move and another where you could receive a financial incentive if your move costs less than 95 percent of the government's constructed cost. Factors such as weight limit, actual weight of property moved, and distance between origin and destination determine the amount of money involved.

►In addition to the old "rent-a-truck" PPM option, there is now an option within the commercial industry called portable moving and storage containers. These come in the form of containers dropped at your door that you pack and the company picks up, transports, stores, and then delivers to your destination at your request. Some companies also offer a menu of associated services, including full or partial packing.

Editor's note: To discuss the benefits of PPMs, call the Robins Personal Property Processing Office (formerly TMO) at 472-0100 to get an estimate of cost factors and a list of the program's particulars

— Courtesy 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Fun in the sun can have painful results

The weather is getting warmer, school is out and people are spending more time enjoying the outdoors.

Even during fun activities, it's important to always be aware of heat conditions. Extreme heat conditions allow for potential heat-related illnesses and injuries such as dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The signs of **heat exhaustion** are heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea and fainting.

Heat stroke can lead to death if not treated quickly. The signs of a heat stroke are headache, dizziness, confusion and unconsciousness. Individuals suffering from a heat stroke need immediate medical attention.

Keep these outdoor safety tips in mind to prevent heat exhaustion or stroke and to ensure your summer is a safe and pleasant one:

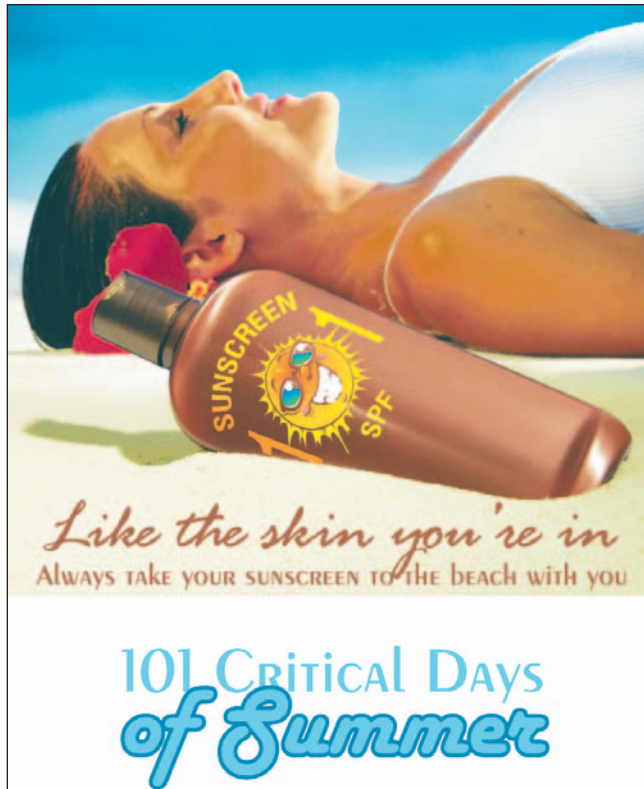
► **The first and probably best line of defense against the harsh sun is wearing proper clothing like a long sleeved shirt or long pants, sunglasses that block 100 percent of ultraviolet rays and a hat with at least a 3-inch brim.**

► **Sunscreen is imperative when out in the sun. Apply and reapply sunscreen, especially during peak hours.**

According to the University of California at San Francisco's School of Medicine, "Sunblock protects your skin by absorbing and reflecting UVA and UVB radiation. All sunblocks have a Sun Protection Factor rating. The SPF rating indicates how long a sunscreen remains effective on the skin. A user can determine how long their sunblock will be effective by multiplying the SPF factor by the length of time it takes to suffer a burn without sunscreen."

The American Association of Dermatology recommends using a broad spectrum sunblock with an SPF of at least 15 and reapplying it every two hours. However, in some recent clinical trials, sunblock with SPF 30 provided significantly better protection than SPF15.

Waterproof sunscreens last a while in the water,



U.S. Air Force graphic by GARY ROGERS

but reapply sunscreen when coming out of the water.

► **Apply a lip balm with at least SPF 15.**

► **Stay in the shade whenever possible and avoid peak hours of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

► **Drink plenty of water to avoid heat-related illnesses.**

► **Be aware of the sun on a cloudy or overcast day. It is easy to think a sunburn won't develop because of cooler temperatures or breezes on a cloudy day while in reality a sunburn is developing on your skin.**

► **Limit exposure to reflective surfaces like water. Ultraviolet rays can be reflected off of water and sand, so continue to practice sun protection even when in shady areas and near reflective surfaces.**

► **Check your medications. Some medications increase sensitivity to light.**

— Courtesy Air Force Safety Center

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and it was signed into law as part of the 2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

The department makes up 80 percent of the federal government's energy use, and 1 percent of the nation as a whole, Lynn said. It spent \$15 billion on energy last year, 75 percent of which was for military operations.

The department's gasoline costs are up 225 percent from a decade ago, he

added.

In releasing the strategy, Lynn and Burke said the plan will reduce costs, and also improve military capabilities.

"Not only does (energy) cost the taxpayers, it costs the warfighters," Lynn said. "Every dollar spent on energy use is a dollar not spent on other warfighting priorities."

Lynn said there is "a clear connection" between innovation and energy technology and the ability to project military power.

"Whether deploying and

sustaining forces at the front, or powering mission-critical facilities they depend on in the rear, everything we do, every mission we perform, requires significant amounts of energy," he said.

But, he added, "Ensuring the forces have the energy they need, when they need it, is not easy."

At least 80 percent of land convoys in Afghanistan are for transporting fuel to warfighters, Lynn said.

The routes are laced

with roadside bombs and prone to ambush, he noted, resulting in 1,100 insurgent attacks last year.

"The less energy we need, the more operationally resilient we will be," he said.

The strategy addresses energy needs as a broad, military challenge and calls for reducing demand, improving efficiency and lowering costs, Lynn said.

"This strategy is good for the taxpayers and the warfighters, and it's long overdue," he said.

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Freedom, and a good friend suffered a severe leg injury from a sniper's bullet.

His friend, Capt. Joshua Martz, required 36 units of blood. He flatlined for 15 minutes but was revived after getting the blood and

made a full recovery. He became a national news story.

Longacre said a ready blood supply saved his friend's life.

"It's a life-changing experience the first time you see an injured Soldier coming out of a helicopter," Longacre said. "It really puts a sense of worth in what we do."



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The drive at the Fitness Center collected 210 pints of blood.

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Above, L-R, James McCullough, dean of the South Region, Defense Acquisition University, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Dr. David Bell, Macon State College president talk after signing a memorandum of understanding establishing an education partnership among the Center, college, DAU and the Aerospace Industry Committee of the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Below, L-R, Dan Penny, Robins Regional Chamber Commerce Aerospace committee chairman, McMahon and McCullough, watch as Bell signs the memorandum.

Robins, Macon State sign new partnership

Macon State College and Robins Air Force Base signed a new partnership agreement Monday.

In a ceremony at the college's Warner Robins campus, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signed the agreement.

Also signing were James McCullough, dean of the South Region, Defense Acquisition University; Dr. David Bell, Macon State College president; and Dan Penny, Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce Aerospace Committee chairman.

The agreement will



allow Macon State to begin offering a concentration in program management in its bachelor of science in business degree program. The classes will be available to Robins employees who already work in program management, as well as to Macon State students in the Robins co-op program

who are working in the same field on base.

Anyone employed in program management at Robins must be certified by the Defense Acquisition University, and the new agreement will also allow the certification to be obtained at the college.

— Wayne Crenshaw



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HAPPENINGS

ON TAP

Heritage Barber Shop
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For details, call 923-9593.

Texas Hold 'Em
Saturday
2 p.m.
Heritage Club
For details, call 472-7864.

Summer Reading Program
A Midsummer Knight's Read
Monday
10 a.m.
Base Library
12 years and younger
For details, call 497-8761.

CNN Studio and World of Coca Cola Tour
July 13
Sign up by Monday
\$35
For details, call 468-4001.

Thunder Alley
Wednesday
2 to 4 p.m.
Bowling Center
\$6 per person
For details, call 468-2112.

UPCOMING

Club Scholarships
Applications due July 1
For details, call 468-5492.

Independence Day Pool Party
July 4
Noon to 7 p.m.
\$2 per person
Heritage Pool
For details, call 468-4001.

Babysitting Class
July 6 and 7
Register by July 5
9 to 11 a.m.
12 years and older
Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

Men's Locker Room Closed for Renovation
Fitness Center
July 7 – Jan. 2
Temporary shower trailer will be available
For details, call 468-2128.

First Friday
July 8
5 to 6 p.m.
Dinner 6 p.m.

Heritage Club and Horizons
For details, call 468-2670.

Interview Preparation
July 18
9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256

Tennessee Rafting and Tubing Trip
July 22- 25
Sign up by Monday
\$150 to \$464
For details, call 468-4001.

ONGOING June Special
Mondays and Tuesdays
Base Restaurant
Hard shell taco, \$1
For details, call 468-6972.

June Golf Special
Sunday through Thursday
18 holes with cart
\$20 after 2 p.m.
For details, call 468-4103.

Lap Swim
Through Aug. 5
8 to 9 a.m.
Heritage Pool
For details, call 468-4001.

Swim Lessons
Tuesday to Thursday
Heritage Club Pool
Prices vary
For details, call 468-4001.

9-Hole Golf Tournament Package
Cost \$13 and includes green fees, cart and range balls.
For details, call 468-4103.

Host a Golf Tournament
Monday through Thursday
Receive \$2 off per person
For details, call 468-4103.



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Ahhh ... refreshing

Jevon Oliver, 8, has a splashing good time at the Heritage Club pool. The pool is open to anyone with base access Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Cost is \$2 per visit. For more information, call 468-4001.



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Safety photo contest

Robins is sponsoring a photo contest focused on worker safety and health.

The contest, sponsored by the Center Occupational Safety and Health Office, seeks to raise awareness about employee safety and health – whether on the job, at home or anywhere else. It is open to employees ages 18 and older and will run through Aug. 12.

The winning photo, which should convey a clear safety and health message, will be published in the Rev-Up and on the base website.

The winning photographer will receive an eagle statue, and a congratulatory letter from Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The photo will also be hung in the general's front office and the winner's work location.

Participants may submit up to three original photographs (in .jpg file format; no larger than 3 MB). Each submission must

include the participant's name, daytime phone and e-mail address.

Photographs must not depict any uncontrolled hazard, or any unsafe procedure or practice. They should also not endorse or be perceived to endorse a commercial product or service; infringe upon any copyright; invade any right of privacy; contain any defamatory, libelous or slanderous material; or violate any other right of any person or entity, and are not otherwise contrary to law.

Photographs in which a person is recognizable must be accompanied by a release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, a release by the subject's parent or guardian.

Photos will be judged by the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office and the Workplace Safety and Health Team.

Photographs will not be returned.

For more information, e-mail wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil.

