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**Security Forces
patrolman foils
downtown crime**

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Being alert is a part of the job description for members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, but Tech Sgt. Darren McConnell, 78th Security Forces patrolman, took it a bit further when he helped local authorities foil a would-be burglar - even before his shift began.

McConnell, a student at Macon State College, said he was on his way to work after class when he drove past an auto parts store on Watson Boulevard and saw something unusual.



McConnell

"There was a huge hole in the front window," he said.

McConnell said thinking that it was strange; he pulled over and noticed a man loading a 55-gallon drum with merchandise.

He called 911 from his cell phone and reported what he was witnessing.

"I think anyone would have done the same thing," he said. "I wouldn't hesitate to do it again."

Watching the suspect until authorities arrived and keeping the 911 operator abreast of the situation, McConnell who is a Reservist activated after Sept. 11, 2001, helped save the day.

He said the police officers thanked him for being a good citizen, and he has received word from the manager at the auto parts store that they are also very appreciative.

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Stop Loss reinstated

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lossed.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche.

"Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet

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other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) for the above career

fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide

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**Nick
of
time**

■ Robins air traffic controller acts to prevent near midair collision

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

Cleared to land, a KC-135 was making its final descent to Robins Air Force Base, ending an uneventful flight from Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Below it, a small civilian plane had taken off, unaware that it was climbing straight into the tanker's landing path. A mid-air collision could have been moments away.

Tech Sgt. Duane Oram, the air traffic control watch supervisor on duty in the Robins tower, was scanning the skies looking for the approaching tanker. He took a second to glance away at the tower's radar monitor and saw an alarming blip on the screen.

Without hesitation Oram called the tanker pilot: "Reach 4401 (the tanker). Traffic just departed off Macon Runway 13 below you to the right."

That call probably saved two planes and perhaps lives. Oram's actions earned him a Lt. Gen. Gordon A. Blake Aircraft Save Award, the first such recognition

given to someone from Robins since 1994, when two others won the honors.

The tanker's instruments were set for landing, and lights from the Robins runway, Middle Georgia Municipal Airport and Highway 247 were clearly visible below. The tanker's co-pilot scanned the night sky below, trying to spot the plane amid the clutter of other ground lights. It didn't take him long to spot the small plane to the right of the tanker's 12 o'clock position and moving in the direction of the

tanker's descent.

The tanker pilot, Maj. Shawn E. Teagan of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, adjusted his landing slope a notch down, avoiding the small plane and bringing the KC-135 home safely. The small plane had passed about 200 feet above and a little to the right of the tanker.

"It just popped up on the screen," the controller said. "As a controller you wonder 'what's happening here?' If they had departed a minute later, the incident would never have happened. I'm glad we don't know

what would have happened if the plane departed a minute sooner."

It was the first time Oram had been involved in such an incident.

"All those years at Edwards Air Force Base prepared me for stuff like this," he said. "I didn't hesitate to make the call."

Oram said he recalled his 11 years of training and a trainer advising him to "listen to that internal voice. It's valid. It's there for a reason. You learn to take in the sounds and

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech Sgt. Duane Oram, an air traffic control watch supervisor, checks the skies around Robins Air Force Base. Oram was recently awarded the Lt. Gen. Gordon A. Blake Aircraft Save Award for preventing a mid-air collision.

**Showing deployed
troops Robins cares**

■ Maintenance Directorate sends care packages to deployed military members

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Allen Sampson, financial analyst for the maintenance directorate, said the care packages his organization sent to troops in Kuwait and Afghanistan are one way Robins is letting troops know they are not forgotten.

The Maintenance Directorate Employee Committee packaged games, books, phone cards, batteries, cookies and other items into 74 or more printer paper-sized boxes bound for the Middle East.

The boxes, weighing 1184 pounds, were mailed from the Robins Post Office beginning in mid-November as a way to warm the hearts and help meet the needs of deployed troops.

"We wanted to find a way to show our troops just how much we really

appreciate them and what they are doing," Sampson said.

Kathryn Wilner, formerly in office automation for the budget division of the Maintenance Directorate, generated the idea for the care packages when she was sending similar packages to her deployed son-in-law, who was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.

"Kathryn would tell us about how much everyone was enjoying the things she was sending to her son-in-law," said Lorraine Reagin, management assistant in the administrative and personnel division of the Maintenance Directorate.

Debbie Hamilton, who works in office automation for the Automatic Test Systems Division, arranged for the care packages to be shared by the troops through her brother, Tech. Sgt. Kenny Meredith, a deployed 202nd Georgia Air National Guardsman.



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Above right, Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of Maintenance, accepts a flag and certificate of appreciation from Tech Sgt. Kenneth Meredith and Master Sgt. Osbin Clark.

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obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center (SLCC) at (210) 565-2374 DSN: 665-2374 or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

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43 officer, 56 enlisted specialties go on Stop Loss list May 2

Officer (applies to PAFSC regardless of prefix/suffix except where indicated):

11AX	Airlift Pilot
11BX	Bomber Pilot
11EX	Test Pilot
11FX	Fighter Pilot
11GX	Generalist Pilot
11HX	Helicopter Pilot
11KX	Trainer Pilot
11RX	Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Pilot
11SX	Special Operations Pilot
11TX	Tanker, C-12 CTP Pilot
12AX	Airlift Navigator
12BX	Bomber Navigator
12EX	Test Navigator
12FX	Fighter Navigator
12GX	Generalist Navigator
12KX	Trainer Navigator
12RX	Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Navigator
12SX	Special Operations Navigator
12TX	Tanker Navigator
13BX	Air Battle Manager
13DXA	Combat Rescue
13DXB	Special Tactics
13MX	Airfield Operations
14NX	Intelligence
31PX	Security Forces
32EX	Civil Engineer
43EX	Bioenvironmental engineer
43HX	Public Health
43TX	Biomedical Laboratory
44EX	Emergency Services Physician
44MX	Internist
45AX	Anesthesiologist
45BX	Orthopedic Surgeon
45SX	Surgeon
46FX	Flight Nurse
46MX	Nurse Anesthetist
46NXX	Critical Care Nurse
46SX	Operating Room Nurse
48AX	Aerospace Medicine Specialist
48GX	General Medical Officer
48RX	residency trained flight Surgeon
51JX	Judge Advocate
71SX	Special Investigator

B. Enlisted (applies to CASF regardless of prefix/suffix except where indicated):

1A0XX	In-Flight Refueling
1A1XX	Flight Engineer
1A2XX	Loadmaster
1A3XX	Airborne Communications & Electronics Systems

1A4XX	Airborne Battle Management
1A5XX	Airborne Mission Systems
1A7XX	Aerial Gunner
1A8XX	Airborne Cryptologic Linguist
1C0X1	Airfield Management
1C1XX	Air Traffic Control
1C2XX	Combat Control
1C3XX	Command Post
1C4XX	Tactical Air Command & Control
1C5XX	Aerospace Control & Warning System
1N0XX	Intelligence Applications
1N1XX	Imagery Analysis
1N200	Signals Intelligence Analysis Manager
X1N2XX	Aircrew Signals Intelligence Production
1N3X4	Far East Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X5	Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X6*	African Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X7*	Turkic Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X8*	Polynesian Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X9*	Indo-Iranian Cryptologic Linguist
1N4XX	Signals Intelligence Analysis
1N5XX	Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation
1N6XX	Electronic System Security Assessment
1S0XX	Safety
1T1XX	Aircrew Life Support
1T2XX	Para rescue
2E2X1	Com, Network, Switching & Crypto Systems
2F0X1	Fuels
2T3X2A	Special Vehicle Maintenance (Fire Trucks)
2T3X2B	Special Vehicle Maintenance (Refueling Vehicles)
3C0X1	Communications - Computer Systems Operations
3C2X1	Communications - Computer Systems Control
3E000	Electrical (CEM)
3E0X2	Electrical Power Production
3E4X1	Utilities Systems
3E4X2	Liquid Fuels Systems Maintenance
3E5X1	Engineering
3E7X1	Fire Protection
3E8X1	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
3E9X1	Readiness
3H0X1	Historian
3N0XX	public affairs & Radio/TV Broadcasting
3P0XX	Security Forces
4A1XX	Medical Material
4A2XX	Biomedical Equipment
4B0XX	Bioenvironmental Engineering
4E0XX	Public Health
4H0XX	Cardiopulmonary Laboratory
5J0X1	Paralegal
7S0X1	Special Investigations
8D000	Linguist Debriefing
9L000	Interpreter/Translator

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Center Small Business Program Receives '02 Secretarial Award

By Fred Anderson
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For the third time in the last ten years, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is the recipient of the Secretary of the Air Force Small and Disadvantaged Business Program Excellence Award.

At a recent ceremony in Destin, Fla., Jim Lovett, director of the Warner Robins ALC Small Business Office, accepted the award from Joe Diamond, director of the Air Force Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

The excellence award recognizes WR-ALC for exemplary performance and outstanding commitment to the Air Force Small Business program for fiscal year 2002.

Lovett accepted the award on behalf of the men and women of the Warner Robins ALC.

"This award acknowledges the superb efforts the center has made in support of the small business program, and I appreciate the

efforts of everyone who worked with us to make this happen," Lovett said.

The center also won the award for fiscal year 1993 and fiscal year 1997 performance.

Nationwide in fiscal 2002, the center awarded \$571.1 million to small businesses – an increase of \$171.7 million over fiscal 2001. This was a record amount for the center as were the totals posted for awards to small disadvantaged businesses, woman-owned small businesses, and historically underutilized business zone firms. Awards to SDBs in fiscal 2002 totaled \$139.9 million, of which \$85.7 million were awarded through the section 8(a) program.

WOSB awards totaled \$45.6 million while HUBZone awards reached \$20 million. The award amounts to SDBs, WOSBs, and HUBZone firms increased by \$65.8 million, \$22.4 million, and \$10 million respectively compared to fiscal year 2001.

The economic impact in Georgia was also significant. During fiscal year 2002, WR-ALC awarded \$39.5 million to small busi-

nesses in Georgia, of which \$36.9 million was awarded to small firms in Middle Georgia.

According to Lovett, early consideration of small business participation in the development of acquisition strategy was key.

"Market research allows all involved to determine whether or not small businesses can meet mission needs. I think there was great cooperation throughout the year among our office and the requirements, technical, and contracting personnel in scrutinizing each requirement," Lovett said.

Concurrent with the focus on boosting small business participation in the center's acquisitions, special Air Force thrust areas were also emphasized.

These included utilization of Native American firms, WOSBs and service-disabled veteran owned firms. In fiscal 2002, WR-ALC awarded 166 actions to Native American firms totaling \$41.6 million. Use of 8(a) indefinite delivery indefinite quantity type contracts with tribally-owned and Alaskan Native firms were instrumental.

In the WOSB area, use of IDIQ contracts for the overhaul of loaders, sweepers, refuelers, and fire trucks as well as the acquisition of bomb lift and serial stores trucks were important factors in reaching this goal.

The SDV category was a new goal area for fiscal year 2002.

"Since there is no set-aside mechanism based only on SDV status, we encouraged leveraging the 8(a) program as the means to reach SDVs," Lovett said.

In fiscal year 2002, WR-ALC awarded \$600,000 in contracts to SDVs.

According to Lovett, teamwork is the difference in making positive strides in the program over the past decade.

"Recognition at the Secretarial level for a third time is truly an honor. None of it is possible without teamwork. I think the center can be very proud of this accomplishment. As we move ahead, I am confident the synergy will continue as we all strive to ensure our acquisition strategies foster keeping opportunities available for small business participation," Lovett said.

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visuals, but when you get hunches - a gut feeling - you listen to it. The more you do it, the more you learn to rely on it."

Oram said he has a passion for his job, acknowledging that air traffic control is not for everybody.

"You have to deal with the stress, with being under pressure, performing and controlling your emotions because other people's lives are depending on you," he said.

Capt. Carolyn Coleman, the 78th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Operations Flight commander, described Oram as "a seasoned air traffic controller" who recently earned Air Force Materiel Command's Watch Supervisor of the Year Award.

"(Tech Sgt.) Oram is cool, calm and collected in his approach to air traffic," she said. "He handles every situation with the authority and composure associated with such a position."

Aircraft arriving at Robins' Runway 15, the tanker's destination, fly over the Middle Georgia Municipal Airport at or above 1,400 feet on the instrument landing system approach, she explained. Planes leaving Macon on Runway 13 must make a hard left or right turn immediately after departure to avoid flying into Robins' air space. The Macon tower was closed when the small plane took off. Oram said a flight service station at the Macon Airport coordinates aircraft movements if they are coming into Robins' Airspace. The night of the incident, he said, "Macon Flight Service Station was



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech Sgt. Duane Oram's vigilance and quick thinking that night, the outcome from the event could have been catastrophic.

on the phone saying the small plane was departing. While he was telling me, it was already happening."

Coleman said the incident report that followed recommended several actions to avert similar incidents in the future. Among the recommendations:

- The Macon airport director add to its facility guide information about the hazards inherent in the close proximity of the Robins and Macon airports

- Macon add procedures to contact Robins Tower before departures on Runway 13 when Macon's tower is closed. (Macon tower hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

- Macon add signs at the "hold short" line of its Runway 13 warning to aircraft

about Robins' airspace. (Pilots are trained not to pass "hold short" lines, which are painted on the pavement, until they talk to the control tower)

- Macon increase awareness through training at fixed base operator pilot safety meetings.

The commander of the 78th Operations Support Squadron, Lt. Col. Timothy Arch, sent Oram a message congratulating him on the award.

"This has to be the premier award any controller can receive," he said. "It is, after all, your primary mission, your duty and what you have spent so many years of your life committed to. We are all very proud of you."

The tanker pilot conveyed his appreciation in a letter that accompanied the Aircraft Save Award nomination.

"We believe that without his (Oram's) vigilance and quick thinking that night, the outcome from the event could have been catastrophic," he said. "If Tech Sgt. Oram had not been monitoring the radar display in the tower, which I understand is not required; I truly believe we would not have seen the conflicting aircraft until too late to evade it. My crew and I are very thankful for the professionalism and watchful eye of Technical Sgt. Oram..."

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"Since my brother was there, it meant a lot more to me to put together these care packages," she said. "It really hit close to home."

According to guardsmen in Meredith's unit, members from more than six military units, crossing eight states benefited from the contents of the care packages.

Master Sgt. Osbin Clark, team chief of the Engineering Installation Squadron for the 202nd Georgia Air National Guard in Macon, Ga., said he and others were impressed with the gesture of appreciation.

"I think most of the guys were surprised," he said. "Kenny let us know the packages were coming, but we had no idea there would be so many."

Staff Sgt. Tony Lee echoed Clark's comments, and said with limited time and resources, obtaining certain personal items were at times difficult.

"Sometimes, we were very limited as to what we could get," he said. "When the packages arrived, I felt like a kid at Christmas. It was great to get the packages."

Sampson and others in the directorate raised money to cover the more than \$1157.95 dollar postage fee for the care package project.

Sampson and others involved in the MA sponsored project said they would like to thank the Frito-Lay Company for their generous contributions of snack items for the care packages.

The Maintenance Directorate sent seven additional care packages Tuesday, and with more packages to be sent as supplies for the boxes are donated.

"We hope people will continue to bring in things we can send," he said. "We plan to continue sending over these packages as long as our troops are over there to let them know we care."

Serving up a 'little taste from home'

Local medical centers present deploying troops with Girl Scout cookies

By Airman 1st Class Tim Beckham
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Members from Medical Center of Central Georgia and the Georgia Heart Center delivered 300 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to the JSTARS wing March 6. The cookies will be sent to deployed troops for a little taste from home.

The group was looking for a way to support the deployed troops of the 116th Air Control Wing, when someone came up with the idea of donating Girl Scout cookies.

"Someone at the heart center had the wonderful idea of doing something to support the deployment of our local base. I was very interested, having been deployed with the Air

Force in the past," said Dr. Walter Rizzoni, a cardiovascular surgeon from the Macon Cardiovascular Institute. "We thought it would be nice for them to have a small token from home. And Girl Scout cookies - what could be better."

"It's just our small way of saying thank you to the men and women of our armed services for serving our country and protecting us through these hard times," said Sylvia Robinson, a registered nurse from the Medical Center of Central Georgia. "We wanted to send a little taste from home to let them know we are thinking of them and appreciate everything they're doing."

The cookies were delivered to the 116th ACW, where a small ceremony took place to give the cookies to the JSTARS commanders.

"The MCGC deserve a lot of thanks," said Col. Tom Moore, 116th Operations Group commander. "They do a wonderful job in our com-



U.S. Air Force image by Ed Aspera

Members of the 116th Air Control Wing load boxes of Girl Scout cookies donated by the Medical Center of Georgia to deliver to deployed service members.

munity as well, and we appreciate everything they do."

Col. Lois Schmidt, 116th Support Group commander, agreed.

"What this means is that people in the local community are supporting what we are doing," he said. "It's just a nice touch of home for them."

The cookies will be sent and distributed amongst the wing's deployed troops. And it seems it's just what the

doctor ordered to help close the distance between here and there.

"It's a nice gesture because anytime we send things to our folks, it lets them know we're thinking about them," said Col. Terry Kinney, 116th Maintenance Group commander.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tim Beckham

Dr. Walter Rizzoni, a cardiovascular surgeon from The Macon Cardiovascular Institute, unloads boxes of Girl Scout cookies March 6 in front of Coats Hall.

F-15 Divisions flexes to repair deployed Eagles

By F-15 System Program Office
International Division

When two F-15 aircraft from Kadena Air Base, Japan experienced massive fuel leaks from the top and bottom of the right wing during a deployment to a Middle Eastern location, a repair request was sent to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's aircraft requirements division, or LFMG, for help.

When the request arrived at LFMG it was forwarded to engineering for a repair disposition. Engineering investigations revealed cracks in the internal wing structure at the pylon ribs. That meant there were two options - either repair or replace the wing.

"Repairing the wing requires extensive depot level work and would ground the aircraft for an extended period of time," said Jerry Lewis from the International Division. "On the other hand, replacing the wing - also a depot level task - would require a minimal amount of aircraft down time."

The decision was made to replace the wing. A depot field team from the center is

required for a wing replacement, and acquiring passports, visas, country and theater clearances, (which are mandatory before going on a tour of duty to the Middle East), would be a time consuming process.

To prevent that time loss, Mike Powell from the WR-ALC aircraft requirements division approached the F-15 International Division or LFI, for assistance.

LFI currently has a contract with a Middle Eastern company providing programmed depot maintenance for foreign customers in the area. Two LFI personnel, Ken Cook and Willie Hargrove, permanently stationed in the Middle East, were asked to approach the PDM company for the wing change and have them provide a cost proposal to do the work.

The company and the foreign customer were very receptive to assisting the Air Force. The cost and time would be a tremendous savings since they have depot level personnel already in the area.

The next step was to get a replacement wing shipped to the area. Dave Currie of the F-15 engineering division, Denise Rogers of F-15

structural logistics and Harold Rutherford, a wing shop technician, went to the wing storage warehouse at the Robins to inspect the item prior to shipment.

The wing they selected had minimal warehouse time and minimal patches and repairs. The intent was to preclude problems once the wing was installed. The wing was then taken from the warehouse to the wing shop for a pressure check to ensure there were no leaks. The wing was expedited through the shop in less than 24 hours.

Because Department of Transportation policies prohibit carrying oversized loads on the highways during a weekend or holiday, the wing didn't leave until Jan. 21, 2003.

Funding for the removal and replacement effort was required before the Middle Eastern company could begin work. So a funding plan to ensure the wing change would happen was initiated. Kadena was contacted for the required funds and requested they instruct the Robins comptroller directorate to load the funds into an account.

Capt. Dave Seitz, 653rd Expeditionary

Aircraft squadron maintenance officer deployed to the area, located all the spare parts and support equipment required to change the wing. Seitz was able to work base passes and security clearances for the team. With the logistics issues in place for everything to begin, transportation for the wing was complete.

Cook, Hargrove and the team began work Feb. 6. The defective wing was removed and work began on installing the replacement wing. With several support equipment malfunctions and an extremely long day, the team was fully successful in completing the depot portion Feb. 7.

"This was a win-win situation for everyone; the teaming or partnering concept was 110 percent effective," said Lewis.

A functional check flight to ensure all systems were operational was performed, and the aircraft was returned to a flying status with no defects.

Cook and Hargrove traveled with the same team Feb. 20, for the second wing change. The change was flawless. The Air Force realized a substantial savings in cost and time.

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Contracting Directorate recognizes award winners

By **Ralph Caraway**

The Contracting Directorate of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center recognized several outstanding civilians and military members at their Director's Call Feb. 25 in the base theater.

The directorate's civilian awards were primarily for the PK Employees of the Year, and this year reflected the organization's direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Citations were read by PK Executive Officer Capt. Andre Prude as civilian employees received plaques from the Director of Contracting, Mrs. Patsy J. Reeves, SES and Deputy Director Col. Mary M. May.

The first award was for the PK Administrative Support Employee of the Year, Esther Crowe, who was cited for her performance as a procurement technician supporting the U-2 Contracting Division.

The next to be recognized was Bill Downs as the PK GS-11 Employee of the Year. Downs is a contract negotiator for the Space and Special Systems Contracting Division, and was the driving force behind the manifolds repair contract for AC-130 aircraft deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The PK Employee of the Year in the GS-12 category is Michelle Idone. Idone is the contract specialist in the F-15 Contracting Division responsible for the Digital Maps System, the first of eight F-15 Depot Avionics Partnering Initiatives between WR-ALC and industry.

James Woodham, Chief of the Services Branch of the Operational Contracting Division, was named PK Supervisor of the Year. Woodham is directly involved in supporting many of Robins' daily operations, and was recognized for his single-handed award of the critical Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratories acquisition that services the base.

Two outstanding teams were also recognized, one civilian and one

Contracting's civilian and military 2002 award recipients

- Esther Crowe, PK Administrative Support Employee of the Year
- Bill Downs, PK GS-11 Employee of the Year
- Michelle Idone, PK GS-12 Employee of the Year
- James Woodham, PK Supervisor of the Year
- Administration Team of the Contracting Support Branch: Patricia Bazemore, Susan Carey, Bernice Winn, Billie Ann Brooks, Leica Mitchell, Peggy Dismuke, Jennifer Lipke, Judy Howard, Mildred Baker, Marie Robinson, Gerrie Evans, Laverne Tyson, Sammatha Davis, Teresa Roberts, and Cathy Schoonover; PK Team of the Year
- Deployed Contracting Contingency Team: Tech Sgt. Joseph Candelaria and Tech Sgt. George Brown of the Operational Contracting Division; PK Team of the Year
- Kathryn Canady, PK Trainer of the Year
- ICE2 team: Deb Hall, Stephen Moss, Oneida Sims, and Darryl Turner; PK Star Performer Award
- Tech Sgt. George Brown, PK Outstanding Enlisted Member in Contracting
- Maj. Geoffrey S. Ellazar, Jr., Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Capt. Andre Prude, Air Force Commendation Medal (Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Master Sgt. Louis P. Hendricks, Air Force Achievement Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Tech Sgt. Joseph Candelaria., Air Force Achievement Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Staff Sgt. Scott Larson and Senior Airman Jason Porter, PK Team of the Quarter

military. The civilian PK Team of the Year is the Administration Team of the Contracting Support Branch, consisting of Patricia Bazemore, Susan Carey, Bernice Winn, Billie Ann Brooks, Leica Mitchell, Peggy Dismuke, Jennifer Lipke, Judy Howard, Mildred Baker, Marie Robinson, Gerrie Evans, Laverne Tyson, Sammatha Davis, Teresa Roberts, and Cathy Schoonover. Their team is responsible for the thousands of contract document actions required to keep the directorate in operation, and so to ensure

that materiel and services keep flowing to the warfighter.

The second team recognized as a PK Team of the Year is the Deployed Contracting Contingency Team. Team members Tech Sgt. Joseph Candelaria and Tech Sgt. George Brown of the Operational Contracting Division were cited for their outstanding support of 2,000 deployed Air Force active duty and National Guard personnel assigned to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait.

The PK Trainer of the Year is Kathryn Canady. Canady is a con-

tract specialist in the F-15 Contracting Division. She is a star performer in her own field, and recognized as a masterful trainer of future contracting officers.

Next on the agenda was the PK Star Performer Award given by the Contracting Policy and Competition Advocacy Division to recognize excellence and quality in contracting documents. The award went to the ICE2 team responsible for the \$2B agency source selection for the intelligence communication systems of 1,195 major activities. The team members are Deb Hall, Stephen Moss, Oneida Sims, and Darryl Turner.

The final award given by the directorate went to Tech Sgt. George Brown as the PK Outstanding Enlisted Member in Contracting. As a contingency contracting officer deployed to Kuwait, Brown provided exemplary support for Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

At this point in the proceedings, the audience in the base theater heard a briefing from Staff Sgt. Scott Larson of the Operational Contracting Division. Larson has just returned from a 90-day deployment to Masirah Island off the coast of Oman, and he showed slides and vividly described the many difficult conditions faced by our personnel on the barren island.

As a result of his superb service there, Larson and Senior Airman Jason Porter, currently assigned to Turkey, were selected as the PK Team of the Quarter and were recognized in a separate ceremony later in the week. At the conclusion of his briefing, Larson received a standing ovation in gratitude for this service to the Air Force and to the nation.

Following Larson's briefing, Capt. Jeff Lancour called Attention to Orders, and Deputy Director of Contracting, Col. Mary M. May, presented four medals to Air force members serving in the directorate.

The first to be recognized was Maj. Geoffrey S. Ellazar, Jr. who was awarded the Defense

Meritorious Service Medal for his distinguished service as Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency Honeywell Torrance, Defense Management Agency West, from November 1999 to August 2002.

May next presented the Air Force Commendation Medal (Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster) to Capt. Andre Prude for his outstanding achievement as Commander, 379th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Group, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

Master Sgt. Louis P. Hendricks was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for his outstanding achievement while assigned as Chief, Business Operations Branch, 363rd Expeditionary Squadron, 363rd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The last award of a program that saluted many dedicated contracting personnel, civilian and military, was presented by Col. May to Tech Sgt. Joseph Candelaria.

Candelaria received the Air Force Achievement Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for his outstanding achievement as Contracting Officer, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Group, Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait.

Capt. Lancour read from the citation that, "Tech Sgt. Candelaria was directly responsible for procuring mission critical supplies, services, and construction needs valued in excess of 3.1 million dollars."

At the conclusion of the awards ceremonies, the almost 500 civilian employees and military members of the WR-ALC Contracting Directorate left the base theater with a renewed sense of pride in the dedication shown by so many of their co-workers in the ongoing mission of the United States Air Force.

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Mentoring ... Yeah, sure!

By Col. Greg Postulka
C-130 System Program Director

Listen up, and think about this! This is my emotional challenge for WR-ALC bosses, especially you colonels and GS-15s, to mentor our deserving workforce and champion mentoring in your organization. I'm passionate about it! Yet I'm disappointed that we talk about it, but aren't very good at it.

The Air Force has a clear expectation. Do you meet it?

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche: "...personnel are our largest investment and most critical asset."

Gen. Lester Lyles, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command: "Every leader and supervisor has the responsibility to mentor their people focusing on career long development."

Ma. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center: "Workforce Development is one of my top three priorities." Make mentoring a priority in your leadership job jar!



Postulka

No more excuses! I believe too many of us don't get much beyond paying lip service to the mantra of people being our most important resource. Why do I think that? Just look at the feedback we're getting. It tells me we come up short, almost always. Just review the latest CSAF Survey results. Ask people for candid opinions. Or, ask your supervisors for their who, what, when, and how of mentoring. I don't think you'll feel warm and fuzzy about what you learn, either.

There's nothing more rewarding than to hear an employee say, "Thanks, that was really valuable." But there's nothing scarier than to hear that same employee add, "But it's the first time anyone has ever done that for me." Too many of us are hearing that last one too often.

Think of the "Peanuts" comic character "Charlie Brown" sitting in his classroom while the monotone teacher blathers on. Charlie only hears, "Wah, wah, waah, waah, wah." That's what I imagine the Air Force too often sounds like to our workforce who are thirsting for training, specific improvement suggestions, more responsibility, and career help.

No more excuses! Carry the mentoring message directly to your people and mean it!

For bosses: Your people already make you a hero by performing our mission effectively every day. Be a mentoring hero to them and watch them grow. You know how - Confirm strengths; give candid advice on areas to improve;

and help build a career path. Coach Phil Jackson built NBA dynasties with the Bulls and Lakers by mentoring great supporting casts as well as superstars Michael Jordan, Shaq, and Kobe. Everyone counts.

For workers: We appreciate that you make a great effort every day supporting our Air Force mission. You often do it year after year while needing, but not getting, enough help from bosses to win more responsibility or to be promoted. Take responsibility for your own career! Expect, even demand, to be mentored but be objective, be a little thick skinned, be ready to be told what you need to do to improve, and then work on it. No one cares more about your career than you do.

Colin Powell's Leadership Primer, Lesson 8: "...your best assets are people. But how many leaders really 'walk the talk' with this stuff? We create the environment where our best people are unleashed." I would add that our active mentoring will create an ALC wherein virtually every employee can be better tomorrow than they are today, and even better next year." More Powell: "Good leadership encourages everyone's evolution."

Let's make the mentoring element of our Workforce Development initiative just as powerful, comprehensive, and visible as we've made the WR-ALC Lean journey. Let the people take care of the mission. Leaders take care of people!

Serving your country makes a tremendous career

By Col. A.J. Stewart
71st Flying Training
Wing commander

VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — I read the news every day and it occurs to me I have been fairly disconnected from the current financial cloudy days. For 22 years, I've never wondered about my paycheck. I've never actually seen one since they have been direct-deposited to the exact same account number since I was a cadet.

I've never worried about affording health care for my family. Most of the time, health care was free. My kids were all born in military hospitals and received the very best of care.

Truthfully, I've always made enough money to live comfortably, and today very comfortably. Every year I've earned 30 days of paid vacation and lived in "gated" communities among my very good friends and colleagues.

The opportunities for education, experience and career

advancement have been nearly boundless. I have received, free of charge, training in an array of courses from small arms, unarmed combat, survival, CPR, chemical warfare defense, navigation, leadership and too many more to begin to name.

Help for anything I needed was never more than a phone call away to a first sergeant or commander at worst, and at best right next door.

Commissary, base exchange, my very own club, a world-class fitness center, a

bowling center, golf course, child care facility, library, auto skills center, wood hobby shop, youth center, swimming pools — I can use them all for nominal fees or for free.

My retirement system is outstanding. Don't believe me? Ask some of your civilian friends or family members with company-funded retirement funds based in the stock market. The news is not good. Some folks who planned to retire, can't.

Best of all, I get the

immeasurable satisfaction that comes from honorably and proudly serving our country. I have the respect of the American public. Check the polling data and you'll find uniformed military men and women are at the top of the list of respected professions.

So, what has this great life cost me? Family separations, early mornings and late nights, hard work, and missed holidays and birthdays, among others. But that list applies to most profes-

sions today.

I left out the fact I might be put in harm's way or even die for my service to the country. So did thousands on Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center.

What's my point? Serving the country in the Air Force is a tremendous career when you take into account all the tangible and intangible benefits. Knowing what I know now, I'd start over and do it all again. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that 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. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins



Commanders' Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot, Jr.
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander,
Warner Robins
Air Logistics Center



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Can we tighten up the barriers around some buildings?

With the Homeland Defense folks going to a lesser degree of threat this past weekend, I was wondering if I would see a bit more available parking when I came to work today. Alas, I did not see any changes whatsoever. Can I attribute that lack of change to the mere fact that it takes us a week or so to react to changes announced by the Homeland Defense folk? And please don't tell me that the security procedures taken on this installation are not connected in any way to the pronouncements of the Homeland Defense folk or any other national leaders. Although I might have thought that several weeks ago, one of my fellow attorneys was told that our recent change to less parking was a direct result of the president instituting a higher level of threat alert. Now that the threat level has been reduced, is it possible for our legal assistance clients and some of our employees to once again park a bit closer to building 215? I look forward to a shrinking of the barriers at 215 and our Base Restaurant.

Col. Smoot replies: Protection of the people and resources on our installation is of top concern. The Department of Air Force directed the current implementation of Force Protection Condition (FPCON) Bravo. One of the FPCON Bravo measures requires the placement of barriers around some of our base facilities. When directed by higher headquarters, local commanders must adhere to the direction for implementation of FPCONs. We can increase the level of protection but not lessen it. Your assumption about the link between the Homeland Defense coding and FPCONs implemented at a military installation is incorrect. They are not

associated in any way. The military leadership at higher headquarters or at the local level will make a decision on which level of protection is warranted at military installations based on many factors, some of which may or may not affect the civilian populace outside the installation. Just a few factors considered are the importance of the resource being protected in relation to national defense, vulnerabilities that may or may not be present, and local threat information concerning an installation or its people. For now, we will remain in FPCON Bravo and the barriers will remain in place.

Help with sending care packages to Robins deployed troops

The Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate (LR) is sending care packages to different locations for our deployed troops. At the present time we're sending packages to six people at different locations. There has been an overwhelming response to items donated; however, postage is very expensive and we wanted to know if there is any way to get assistance in sharing this expense. Postage cost was \$175 to send four boxes last week. Any help or guidance that you can give will be appreciated.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your efforts to lift the spirits of our deployed men and women. Unfortunately, using aircraft deploying to areas where our troops are assigned is not a viable alternative. The Robins AFB mailroom does mail "morale packages" to our deployed personnel as part of this base's health and welfare program to maintain morale of our assigned personnel. Packages must use the organization's official mail address in the return address ele-

ment and must include the "Official Business" statement below the address. To keep costs down, organizations should mail only essential items and keep mailings to a minimum; for example, about every three months, and around 5 pounds. We cannot mail "morale packages" for spouses or items donated by off-base organizations. If every unit works within these guidelines, we can better reach more of our deployed Team Robins members.

Thanks to CE and Services for bringing steam room back up

I would like to pass on a word of praise and thanks to all the folks who worked on the steam room in the base fitness center to bring it back to excellent working order. A special thanks goes to Roger Braner and Leslie Lee of the Services group for their outstanding customer attitude and "stick-to-itiveness" in seeing a job to completion. Now all that needs to be done is to keep it (the steam room) in working order and all the "steamers" will be happy. Thanks again.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your praise of our Services and CE folks. The old adage, "You can't spell SERVICES without CE" is definitely reflected in this case. Services and CE have established a successful working relationship to prioritize and expedite work orders to minimize inconveniencing our valuable Robins beneficiaries. I am glad this situation was resolved before too many individuals became "steamed off." The CE HVAC shop is currently in the process of developing a spare parts inventory and will soon maintain hard to acquire parts on hand in the event of future requirements. We look forward to your continued patronage of our Services facilities.



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Air Force extends current, upcoming deployments

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Currently and soon-to-be deployed airmen will remain deployed longer than the previously-targeted three-month rotation in order to meet the needs of combatant commanders, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced recently.

Specifically, active duty and mobilized reserve component airmen deployed from Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 and those deploying as part of new taskings ordered by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will be affected.

Airmen in some “stressed” career fields have already been extended beyond three months. The need for additional forces are part of a build up of air power in Southwest Asia, ready to achieve national security objectives if directed by the president.

“We must interrupt our normal three-month AEF rotation cycle because the resources in a single AEF pair can no longer satisfy the

needs of our combatant commands,” Jumper said.

The general said that the change would likely increase the amount of time many airmen are forward deployed. But, he added, it is a necessary move, and one he feels will be taken in stride by airmen everywhere.

“I know this is a lot to ask, and I am confident that every airman understands we have been called upon once again by our nation,” he said. “Our success as an Air Force depends on how we prepare for and execute operations.”

Jumper’s words echoed those in a message sent by Rumsfeld the same day to all members of the Department of Defense.

“In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world’s attention to Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq,” Rumsfeld said. “He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime’s disarmament.”

In light of these developments, DOD leaders recognize the uncertainty longer

deployments may create for those in uniform, the civilians who work beside them, and their families, Rumsfeld said.

“Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort,” Rumsfeld said. “Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.”

Jumper said every effort will be made to relieve those deployed in a feasible way that accommodates mission requirements.

“I assure you that we will continue to assess the evolving situation and develop rotation plans which seek to relieve our forces in the most equitable fashion while still meeting combatant commanders’ war-fighting requirements,” he said. “Although AEF rotation timing will change, we will make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence which will give us the ability to sustain our operations over the long term.

“When able, we will return to a more normalized three-

month AEF battle rhythm.”

Although that rhythm is intended to provide airmen and their families with a predictable schedule for deployments, resulting in a more normal lifestyle, an implicit understanding is that increased operations tempo changes everything, Jumper said.

“Sustaining on-going requirements with three-month rotations has become part of our Air Force culture,” Jumper said. “But we need to remember that the AEF structure also allows us to posture for a full range of combat operations, including major theater contingencies that require more forces than can be provided by one AEF pair on a three-month rotation.”

It is a national security matter, he said, one in which the combined efforts of the entire Air Force team will be needed.

“I have never been prouder of our Air Force and of the great men and women that bring America’s resolve to the doorsteps of those who would seek to inflict harm upon us and our allies,” he said.

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Teaching children not to play with fire

Robins Fire Department

In Rochester, N.Y., a 2-year-old playing with matches started a fire that took his life and the lives of five family members.

In Roanoke, Va., a 7-year-old set fire to a chair in an abandoned building. The fire spread to an adjacent house and trapped an elderly woman.

In Passaic, N.J., a firefighter was killed, and hundreds of people lost their homes in a fire started by a group of teenagers.

These tragic events occur at an alarming rate. In the United States alone, 300 people are killed and more than \$300 million in property is damaged or destroyed in fires set by children. And all too often, the children are the victims of these fires.

Most experts will agree that the best way to understand firesetting behavior is to look at where and why children set fires. Generally, there are two basic types of children who start fires.

1. Curiosity Firesetters: They are usually between the ages of 2-7 whose fascination with fire leads them to play with matches and lighters to find out how it burns and what it does. It is at this curiosity stage that they cannot understand the fire's destructive potential. However, curiosity is a normal part of a child's growth and development. It is at this stage that parents and other adults who discover that a child is playing with fire should take this very seriously.

2. Problem Firesetters: Can also be young, but generally are between the ages of 7-17 years old. The difference between the curious firesetter, and the problem firesetter is these youngsters light fires because of emotional or mental disturbances ranging from mild to severe. Usually a crisis in their life, such as a divorce, moving away from an

area to a new one, a death to a loved one or friend or a more serious disturbance could be the cause of the behavior. Chronic behavior such a poor relationship with parents or other children, cruelty to animals or other children, and extreme mood changes are a few of the traits that data on juvenile firesetters has revealed.

What Can We Do?

It is a problem that needs the attention of parents, teachers, counselors and community leaders, in corporation with fire and law enforcement personnel. We can help prevent needless injury and death to children by locking-up matches and lighters and educating everyone about their dangers. One fire prevention poster in the U.S. poses the question; "Do you know where your matches and lighter are?" with the chilling response: "Your children do, just ask them."

Parents: Teach your children about fire

- Teach your children about the dangers of lighters and matches. Remind them, that fire is a tool we use to heat our homes or cook our food.

- Make sure that all lighters are child resistant with a bilingual label. Remind them, that lighters and matches are not toys.

- Keep your matches and lighters secured, remember even a 2 year old can operate a cigarette lighter. Remind them, fire is dangerous and can kill.

- Always remember, fires, even small ones, can spread quickly.

- Even adults must follow special safety rules when using matches or lighters.

- Never allow anyone to use lighters or matches in an unsafe manner in your home or when outdoors.

- Never leave the stove/oven, fireplace, or any candles burning unattended.

- Never leave your children or other

children alone and unattended.

- Teach children to bring to your attention any unattended matches or lighters they find.

- Ensure your smoke detector operates properly; this can be accomplished by testing the smoke detector once a month.

- Practice a home escapes plan with your children and know where your children are at all times.

- Always use "Safety Sense"

Teachers, Counselors and Community Leaders: Take Responsibility for Fire Safety

- Teach fire safety in pre-school through high-school programs.

- Participate in training to learn about juvenile firesetters.

- Help to raise awareness in your community about juvenile firesetters.

- Know the resources in your community to help juvenile firesetters.

These simple guidelines may save a child, family member, or someone close from serious injury or death.

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Invitation to 48th Joint Electronic Warfare Conference

The United States Navy will host the 48th Annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., May 6 through 8. The conference is for U.S. Government personnel only. This conference is unique in that it is the only Electronic Warfare conference where the barriers to complete communication are removed by limiting attendance to active duty military and civilian representatives of U.S. Government agencies with a need-to-know. For more

information on the 48th JEWEC, visit our web site at <https://jewc.mugu.navy.mil>.

The conference theme is "EW in Transformation - An Evolving Foundation of U.S. Security." Topic areas include: Network Centric Applications; Information Operations and Technology; Vulnerability; Electronic Countermeasures; Electronic Support Measures and Test and Evaluation.

This conference is not

considered a training session. A DD Form 1556 may not be used in lieu of check or money order to pay the registration fee.

The points of contact for the conference are Susan Hynds, Naval Air Weapons Division, (805) 989-4018 (DSN 351) and Melody Dates, (805) 989-7832 (DSN 351). We can also be contacted via e-mail at susan.hynds@navy.mil or melody.dates@navy.mil.

Airmen take top 2002 WR-ALC awards

By **Holly J. Logan**
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Four airmen at Robins Air Force Base strove for excellence, and achieved their goal, earning top Warner Robins Air Logistics Center honors for 2002.

Master Sgt. John N. Petain earned the title of 2002 WR-ALC Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. Master Sgt. Rodney E. Ebach was named WR-ALC Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. WR-ALC Company Grade Officer for 2002 went to Capt. Andre Prude. First Class Airman Erika Y. Fisher was deemed the 2002 WR-ALC Airman of the Year.

Maj. Gen. Wetekam presented the ALC awards Feb. 20 during a small ceremony held in the ALC office.

"The competition field for this singular honor is always tight and this year was no exception," he said. "To those nominated, I say well done; you are all winners. To those recognized winners, my heartiest congratulations. You're the very best of an elite team, day in and day out."

Whether a first-time award winner or a recipient with a trail of honors, these airmen said they know the road to their success was not a solo mission.

Petain, also named Robins Air Force Base Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year - Unit Level Superintendent for three consecutive years, as well as Robins Air Force Base Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter for 4th quarter 2002, said he owes much of his achievement to the men and women of the 653rd CLSS for making this recognition a reality.

"It was a great honor knowing that I have a supervisor and commander who believes in me to this degree," he said. "I know I didn't get to this point alone. My squadron members were very supportive throughout the year. It's because of them

that I was able to achieve this prestigious recognition."

The 38-year-old flight chief and commander of the support staff for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron said a majority of his achievement is attributed to his 'God for spiritual strength', but also to his commitment to duty and pride in his work.

Ebach, depot level aircraft structural maintenance craftsman in the 653rd CLSS OL in Kadena Air Base, Japan, agreed that true success comes from team work.

"It's an honor that my peers think so highly of me," he said. "My dedication to duty and also the dedication of the people I work with attributed to my earning this award. If it were not for my unit working together on all levels, and giving me the support and guidance when I needed it, I would not have been able to accomplish all the things that I have."

A past Craftsman of the Quarter recipient, Ebach said he credits his drive for excellence to his family and the experience of having great-bosses and colleagues.

"I see what my family has in life, and I saw whatever you put in life is what you get out of it," he said.

Prude, executive officer for the Contracting Directorate, said he considers his win a blessing.

"It's always a great pleasure to be recognized for the work I do," he said. "There's a lot of great people doing great things on this base."

Although Prude is proud of his achievement, he said he realizes he could not have reached this point in his career alone.

"I'm not a one-man-band," he said. "I'm only one part of the orchestra that makes things happen."

Prude said along with his strong belief in God, his wife, Valerie, has served as a great source of support for him.

"I really believe that life is too short to do things

halfway," he said. "I know I can't always be the best; but as long as I am doing my best, I know that is what God requires of me."

While some attribute their success and attainment of excellence to hard work, Fisher, information manager for the 653rd CLSS, said her strong desire for excellence has family ties.

"My husband, Staff Sgt. Aaron Fisher is very supportive of me with everything I do - including my work," she said. "Both of my grandfathers were officers in the military. My paternal grandfather was a major in the U.S Army, and my maternal grandfather was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S Navy. This inspired me to want to become an officer."

Fisher said her desire to be in the military was evident to her mother when she marched around her house as a baby in diapers, parading the American Flag.

Lt. Col. Stacy Boudreaux, commander of the 653rd CLSS, said he considers it a blessing to head an organization that is filled with so many top performers.

"To have these individuals stand out is truly a remarkable achievement," he said. "I can't say enough about them. Day in and day out they live and work the core element of the Air Force values."

Patsy Reeves, director of the Contracting Directorate, said Prude's recent award comes as no surprise.

"We're very proud of Andre," she said. "Since he has been at Robins, he has served in two contracting capacities, operational contracting and contracting for the U2 Directorate."

No matter what your military rank or career status, Ebach said with hard work, people could achieve what they want out of life.

"Don't sit back and hope things will change," he said. "Become a leader and make things happen. Great things happen when you put forth the effort."

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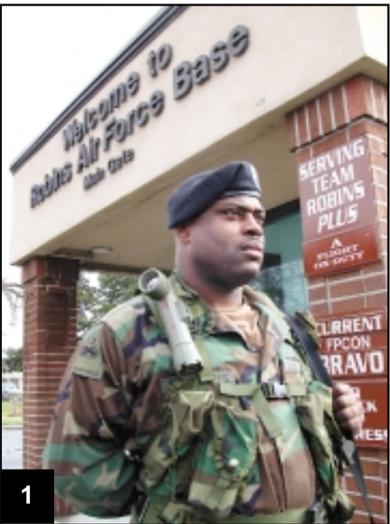
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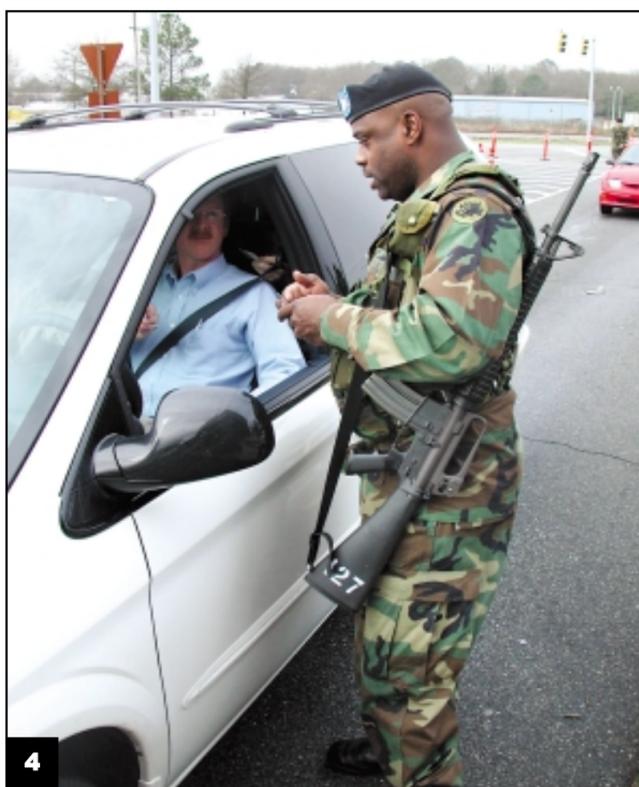
1 Army Spec. Luther Stephens stands guard at the main gate.

2 Army Pvt. Erin Talley returns an identification card to a motorist.

3 Army Spec. Alfred Pride does a security sweep on a C-5 on the flightline at Robins.



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4 Stephens checks an identification card at the main gate.

5 Pride meets with IMA Tech Sgt. Charles Baynard and Air Force Master Sgt. Myles Arnold.

6 Pride and Army Sgt. McCaskey patrol the C-5 area on the flight line.



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TV SCHEDULE



Friday
Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.
Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – This week's show highlight the Mouse Pad, the new computer room in Smith Community Center. There will also be scenes from the Lean video as well as a segment on Air Force Aid.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week's show is the Opportunity Showcase with Col. Ed Mims. The show highlights exporting and importing practices.

Sunday
 1:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
 2 p.m. - **Around Robins**
 2:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday
 Noon - **Robins Report**
 12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**
 1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**



MOVIE SCHEDULE

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.
 Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Friday
7:30 p.m. – Final Destination 2 – Ali Larter, A.J. Cook



Kimberly watches helplessly as a logging truck careens out of control and loses its deadly payload, setting off a horrifying chain reaction. A moment later, she finds herself still stuck in on-ramp traffic, with a line of commuters she saw die moments before trailing behind her. It was only a vision. But was it also a warning? Rated R (strong violent/gruesome accidents, language, drug content and some nudity) 90 minutes

Saturday
2 p.m. – Kangaroo Jack - Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson

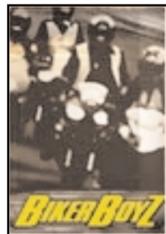
Two friends from Brooklyn are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. When one of them places his red jacket on a kangaroo and the kangaroo bounces off, they realize the mob money is in the jacket - and are forced to give chase through the Outback.

Rated PG (language, crude humor, sensuality & minor violence) 94 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Biker Boyz - Laurence Fishburne, Tyson Beckford

An undefeated racer known as Smoke is the undisputed King of Cali. But Smoke's dominance of the set is about to be threatened by a young motorcycle racing prodigy called Kid, who is determined to win Smoke's helmet and earn the coveted title.

Rated PG-13 (gang violence, language & some drug reference) 108 minutes



March 21
7:30 p.m. – Shanghai Nights - Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson

Chon Wang and Roy O'Bannon head to London, England, after Chon's estranged father is murdered by a Chinese rebel. Chon's sister, Lin, also arrives and uncovers a plot to murder the royal family.

Rated PG-13 (action violence and sexual content) 107 minutes

March 22
7:30 p.m. – The Recruit - Al Pacino, Colin Farrell

Set at the "secret" CIA training facility called Farm at Camp Peary in Virginia, a young agent trainee suspects his instructor of being a double agent for the Chinese government.

Rated PG-13 (violence, sexuality and language) 105 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

OSC historic war flags now available

An American tradition dating back to World War II, the military Service Flag, is gradually making a come back. Families with military members can be seen hanging the flag from front windows in their homes to honor their service member serving proudly in the United States of America.

Immediately following the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, the Department of the Army reinstated the military Service Flag to be displayed during the current war on terrorism. The flag is hung for all branches of the military, active and reserve, deployed or serving at home. According to Federal law, immediate family members allowed to display the flag are defined in the Defense



Department's Awards Manual as the wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, foster parents who stand or stood in loco paren-

tis, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters, half brothers and half sisters of the armed forces member.

The flag itself has remained the same as previous generations. A white center star field holds from one to five stars. The blue star represents a family member serving in the Armed Forces. The blue star is replaced (or covered) with a gold star when a member is killed or dies while serving their country during a war or hostilities. The red border proudly surrounds the white star field, finishing the flag at 8 inches by 16 inches. A golden tassel is used to suspend the flag in the window of the home.

During the month of

March the Officer's Spouses Club will be selling these wonderful flags. All profits go to the OSC Welfare Fund for Scholarships and other assistance given to the Robins AFB community.

When and where to buy them:

- Today at the Robins Air Force Base Officer's Club
- Saturday at the Robins Base Exchange from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

- The Museum of Aviation all of March

The cost is \$20 for the kit to make it yourself, and \$30 for the ready-made flag. The OSC will be selling the Service Flags through March 31 with a delivery date the end of April. For more information, contact Angela at 929-9908.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs. The next federal jobs class is, Thursday, 9 - 11 a.m., in Bldg. 905. Advanced registration is required.

Jr. Smooth move

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program has a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps

and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Resume research & writing

A workshop on Resume Research & Writing will be conducted on March 21, 1 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137. This class is designed to cover resume writing beyond the basic mechanics by dissecting the various parts of a resume.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class March 26, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bldg. 825, HAWC class room. This class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy Educational Development Intervention Specialist. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. For more information, call the Family Support Center.

Robins Air Force Base Officers' Spouses' Club

The Robins Air Force Base Officers' Spouses' Club will be hosting a Luck of the Irish – Bunko & Trivia Luncheon March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Make your reservation today. You must call by noon March 17 to make or cancel your reservation.

For reservations: A-M reservations, contact Angie Calderon at 923-3772

For N-Z reservations and permanent reservations, contact Melody Ashton@ 322-3647 or RudyAF@aol.com

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

It's electrifying...

Col. Tom Smoot, Air Base Wing commander, presented Roy E. and Merle Wallace with the Electrified Membership Drive contest first prize Feb. 28, at the Officer's club. They received a 32" Sony TV Theater worth \$8,500. The drive resulted in 392 new Officers' Club members at Robins. Left to right are: Marty Martinez, Officers Club manager, Roy E. and Merle Wallace, John R. Flood, Jr., Services director, and Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

Aero Club 926-4867

An approximately six-week private pilot ground school will begin March 24. Classes will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Applicants must register March 17 - 21 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Aero Club, Bldg. 186. Cost is \$500 per student and 100 percent tuition is available to active duty military upon completion of the course.

Base Restaurant 926-6972

Wednesdays are now Steak day. Get a steak, baked potato, green beans, roll and tea for \$5.50

Child Development Center CDC West - 926-3080, CDC East - 926-5805,

Kite Day will be held March 21 at both CDC East and West at 3 p.m. All

parents with children enrolled in the CDC program are invited to attend.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Play bingo with Civilian Recreation Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. at the base restaurant, Bldg. 166. Win big money March 16 during St. Patrick's bingo with larger payouts and three jackpots for regular prices.

Civilian Recreation will host the 13th Annual DoD Team Bass tournament March 30 - April 4 at Lake Gunterville, Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, Ala. The cost for a two-man team is \$160. The tournament is sponsored in part by Storm Boats, Triton Boat Co. and Yamaha Motor Corp. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call Civilian Recreation or Hugh Jones,

tournament director at 953-9314.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Membership night will be held March 19 from 5 - 7 p.m. Members may dine for free, guests are \$5 and nonmembers are \$10.

Dine at the enlisted club for a chance to win a squadron party during the Monthly Squadron Appreciation Contest. Each time members dine at the club, they may submit an entry form. At the end of the month the squadron or unit with the most entry forms will be awarded a complimentary squadron appreciation party at the club. Call Al Urolia, club manager for details.

Equipment Rental 926-4001

Equipment Rental is holding a half-price sale now through March 23 on all rental items. Items include campers, boats, tents, camping, sports and yard equipment, barbecue pits, turkey fryers and more. Call ahead or visit the center in its new location in Bldg. 914.

Expressions 926-0304

Expressions, located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, is holding a spring-cleaning sale throughout March. Many items will be at cost during the event, which ends March 28. Expressions is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CORRECTION:

What a difference a letter makes. A story printed in the Feb. 28 edition of the Rev up reported that the EC-135 going on display at the Museum of Aviation, which is an N model, flew what is known as the Looking Glass Mission. A different model however flew the Looking Glass Mission. Look for a future article on the history of the EC-135N.

The Retired Enlisted Association is looking for new members

Just what is TREA, and who is eligible to join? How can I join and how much does it cost? What can they do for me? We are hoping you are asking these questions to yourself if you already don't know the answers. If you don't...read on.

What is TREA? TREA was founded in 1963 by two former Air Force Noncommissioned Officers, Master Sgt. George Skonce and Master Sgt. Dean Sorell.

They were looking for an organization to speak the collective voice of all retired enlisted regardless of what branch of service they served.

Today, TREA is larger than that original vision. TREA headquarters is located in Aurora, Colo., and has a Legislative Affairs Office located in Washington DC.

TREA is broken into eight regions across the country. Georgia along with Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, North Carolina and Tennessee make up Region 2. Chapter 94 serves Middle Georgia, including Robins Air Force Base.

Who is eligible to join TREA? You don't need to be retired to be a member.

All you need is 10 years of service or equivalent time in the Reserve or Guard. Bottom line – if you plan on retiring,

plan on joining TREA now.

How do you join TREA? Contact either John Mobley, Chapter 94 President, at 923-8195 or e-mail him at jmobley111@aol.com or Dan Toma, Chapter 94 Vice President, at 757-2525 or e-mail at dtoma2@cox.net. Chapter 94 meets the second Thursday of every month at the American Legion hall on Watson Boulevard. Meetings begin at 7 pm. and last about an hour.

How much does it cost to join? Less than a nickel a day....that's right \$15 per year. And it gets better...you can join for 3 years for \$30. If you want to become a life member, it will only cost \$250 which you can pay in 10 quarterly payments if you choose. Your membership includes subscription to the monthly magazine "The Voice" and a free \$1,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy.

What can TREA do for me? It's a two-way street. We need you to increase our membership and support our objectives. You need organizations like TREA that will fight for your rights when it comes to issues that effect you – not only today, but more importantly down the road after you retire from the service. TREA is an organization that does that.

The key to the success in any organization is its members. The more members you have, the more voice you have. The more voice you have, the more you can accomplish at all levels.

TREA supports several important legislative issues such as restoration of retired pay to enable eligible members to receive VA disability concurrently with retired pay. TREA also supports a change to the Survivor Benefit Plan. This change would improve the SBP amount to 55 percent of military retiree pay regardless of age – 62 or higher.

In addition, TREA supports TRICARE for Life, Unlimited Commissary access for National Guard and Reserve (active and retired), and the Flag Amendment, which will prohibit physical desecration of the U.S. Flag. Those are just some of the many issues TREA takes on from a national level.

You also get the benefit of comaraderie with people who have served in WWII, Vietnam, Korea, the Persian Gulf or are currently serving today.

Do I have to get involved in every activity that TREA supports? Of course we would like people to stay actively involved in what the local chapter does; however, we understand that people

have other commitments and that you can not participate all the time. We occasionally do fund raisers, and we support Warner Robins in hosting Veteran's Day and Memorial Day celebrations. Our fundraisers have helped our

Chapter support "Toys for Tots," "Kids Yule Love," the 116th Bomb Wing Family Support Fund, and we also support the Annual Outstanding Airman, NCO, SNCO and First Sergeant of the Year program at Robins.

"We don't ask for much from our members," said Dan Toma, Vice President of Chapter 94. "Just come to our meetings and support a great organization that has the ear of Congress on key issues that affect all of us."

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FITNESS BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Register for spring tennis at civilian recreation, BuilDing. 767 for \$10 per person. Single or doubles will be offered. League play begins April 14.

Fitness Center 926-2128

A basketball skills competition will be held tomorrow with a co-ed shoot-out. To sign up, call or visit the fitness center.

Golf Course 926-4103

A Farewell Golf Greens scramble will be held March 22 with a shotgun start 9 a.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Annual Green Fee players

cost is \$25 and guests are \$35.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

Wear green and bowl three games for \$4.50 on St. Patrick's Day at Robins Lanes.

Practice for upcoming tournaments during Robins Lanes lunch-time special. Bowl three games for \$3, Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plan your next fundraiser or office party at Robins Lanes. Groups can bowl three games, including shoes for \$4.50 each. Call the bowling center for details.

Be the sole survivor and win. Bowl a three game 9-pin no tap set for \$6 per week for six weeks. At the end of each of each week the lowest score will be voted out. After six weeks, the last survivor takes all the winnings. A new round begins every six weeks.

Skeet Range 926-4733

The Cherry Blossom skeet shoot will be held today through Sunday for Georgia and National Skeet Shooting Association members from 1 - 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per 25 targets.

A Scrap Fun Shoot will be held March 29 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per 25 targets.

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Museum foundation offers coupon book worth more than \$3,100

By **Bob Dubiel**
Museum of Aviation

People who join the Museum of Aviation Foundation Society of Eagles or renew their annual membership between March 1 and April 15, 2003 are being offered a "Centennial of Flight" Community Coupon Book worth more than \$3,100 and will be eligible to win a Hewlett Packard

Printer-Scanner-Fax-Copier from Staples in Warner Robins.

For \$50, members get a full family membership (worth \$35) and the coupon book, which includes 83 discount offers from Warner Robins, Perry and Macon restaurants, golf courses, auto service centers and other merchants.

The book has discounts of up to 50 percent off or savings of up to \$100 or more,

good until Dec. 31.

A full list of participating merchants and their offers can be found on the Museum of Aviation Web site at www.museumofaviation.org.

Everyone joining the society at any level (from \$25 to \$500 per year) will be entered into a late-April drawing for the Staples printer model HP2210.

A Museum of Aviation Foundation Society of Eagles

membership of \$35 or above now includes a free round of golf (with cart) at Houston Lake Country Club and Waterford Golf Course - a \$65 value in itself.

The coupon book has another \$40 in golf discounts.

Membership benefits at all levels include Delta Air Line SkyMiles, a 15 percent discount on Georgia Youth Science Center classes and

purchases in the Museum Gift Shop, Museum theater tickets and other gifts and special offerings.

Starting May 1, all memberships will include free admission to 260 other science and technology museums worldwide such as Fernbank and Sci-Trek in Atlanta and Fort Discovery in Augusta, Ga.

The cost of membership is also tax deductible as a char-

itable donation.

Proceeds from the sale of the books support development and education programs at the Museum of Aviation, now the fourth largest aviation museum in the United States.

People may purchase memberships and coupon books from the Museum of Aviation Foundation by calling (478) 923-6600 or at the Museum of Aviation Gift Shop.

NEWS BRIEFS

Career focus program

The Career Focus Program provides ways for military spouses, military family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interests, plan careers, improve job search skills, increase opportunities for employment or a career change.

For more information call Doug Jones, Career Focus Manager, at the Family Support Center, Ext. 6-1256.

Lean logistics is paying off for the F-15 horizontal stabilator shop

The F-15 System Program Office recently recognized WR ALC/MANRSF with their Notable Achievement Award.

Through the application of Lean principles and the systematic approach to eliminating waste, this team made significant improvements within the shop reducing repair cycle times, reducing assets in-work and returning horizontal stabilator to service in a shorter amount of time and at less costs.

Implementing Lean within the horizontal stabilator repair shop resulted in workflow days being decreased from 90 to 18 days, a 75 percent improvement. The shop was also able to reduce the work in process from 190 to 60 stabs.

The 75 percent increase in productivity, which resulted from the implementation of Lean, has generated a first year savings of \$2.3 million.

Through the continued efforts of this team, the horizontal stabilator shop also achieved a condition of zero backorders for F-15 horizontal stabilators during the months of November and December 2002.

Base finance customer service window to close

The base finance customer service window will close at 12:30 p.m. on March 21 for Commander's call. If there are emergencies, please call 926-4462.

Reminder: No parking on grass

With spring approaching, the grounds maintenance crews will begin mowing soon. It's important everyone comply with the Base Parking Plan to protect personal safety and vehicles.

This is a reminder that vehicles parked on the grass are subject to ticketing. Your help is important in ensuring vehicles are kept off the grass and parked within designated, marked spaces. This measure must be enforced to ensure a proper growing season of the grounds. Security Forces, parking monitors and civil engineer grounds inspectors are authorized to issue tickets for parking on the grass.

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All in a day's work



■ Sandra Kitchens
 ■ Computer Specialist Support
 ■ DAPS - Document Automation and Production Service

"I download files from the database and convert technical orders into a printable form. I mostly do digital files, the ones the customers bring in on CDs. I do the manuals that are used in the field for military vehicles and all types of planes. We also provide manuals in a digital form. They have laptops in the field that they can just drop in a CD and have immediate access to the page they need. They also have the paper copies of the manuals too.

I enjoy my work. It keeps me busy. Each day brings new challenges so I never get bored."

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Touring the center

Ed Montana, C-5 section chief for the dock cell, gives Pam Wallace and Kathy Bawel a tour of a C-5 in the maintenance process. Bawel is the wife of Doug Bawel, President and CEO of Jasper Engines & Transmission, a company that overhauls engines and transmissions in addition to developing engines and drive trains for NASCAR Winston Cup cars. Doug is also principle owner of the #77 Winston Cup racing team. Dave Blaney is the #77 driver.



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