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Aircrew wins award for bird-strike actions



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer

Emergency hazardous material response teams crews work to stop the fuel leak on a B-1 caused by a bird-strike Sept. 25. For their efforts during the incident, the aircrew aboard that B-1 recently received the Air Combat Command Safety Award of Distinction for December.

By Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess B-1 flight crew with the 28th Bomb Squadron was recently awarded the Air Combat Command Safety Award of Distinction for December.

Lt. Col. John O'Connor, Capt. Kent Payne, and student pilots 1st Lt. Shalin Turner and 2nd Lt. Michael Fessler earned the award for their actions after their B-1 collided with a bird during a low-level training mission September 25.

"The award is given monthly by the ACC safety staff to recognize flight crews for significant accomplishments with regard to handling an in-flight emergency," said Lt. Col. Davis Walette, 7th Bomb Wing safety chief.

"Winning this award is a great testament to the quality of aircrew training conducted at the 28th Bomb Squadron and the high quality of the students," Captain Payne said.

During their mission, the crew saw a bird fly past the right side of the jet before they felt the impact. Following the impact, the crew declared an in-flight emergency after smelling fuel fumes in the cockpit and inside their oxygen masks. Then, they headed back to Dyess.

"The incapacitating fuel

fumes would have led to a loss of aircraft and crew had the crew not reacted expeditiously and accurately to the problem," Captain Payne said. "The students' initial reactions were spot on and at no time did they get flustered during the in-flight emergency."

Upon landing, the air traffic control tower alerted the crew that their aircraft was trailing a significant amount of smoke, which was later discovered to be fuel by the emergency hazardous material response teams and fire department crews who responded.

"In all, the aircraft had lost 10,000 pounds of fuel due to the bird-strike dislodging a piece of sheet metal which penetrated a main fuel tank," said Colonel Walette.

Though the crew went by the book in handling the emergency in the air, Captain Payne credits everyone involved in the incident.

"Once on the ground the appropriate support agencies performed fabulously in dealing with the emergency situation and the potential environmental impacts caused by the post-landing fuel spill," Captain Payne said. "It was a great team achievement for Dyess."

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Capt. Kent Payne
28th Bomb Squadron

'Force shaping' allows some to leave active duty early

By Maj. John Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

There is good news for thousands of airmen considering leaving active duty who thought they could not because of existing service obligations.

An effort dubbed "force shaping" is opening the exit doors to officers and enlisted servicemembers in select career fields and year groups by waiving some active-duty service commitments.

Force shaping also includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, and can relieve some people of their active-duty service commitments.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program.

Applications for any of the force-shaping early release programs must be made by March 12.

A Web site has been set up at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm, and additional details and career counseling are available from unit career assistance advisors at each base.

People can also call the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or toll-free (800) 616-3775 for more information.

(Editor's note: Complete details of the new program, including a list of excluded career fields, will be published in next week's Peacemaker.)

Wing commander lauds ORI performance, confident shortfalls will be overcome

By Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter
Dyess Public Affairs

"It's great to walk into an auditorium filled with winners," said 7th Bomb Wing Commander Col. Jonathan George, as he walked down the center aisle of the base theater Jan. 28.

"I am impressed with the dedication, hard work and great performance you've all displayed during the last six months culminating in the Air Combat Command Inspector General Operation Readiness Inspection," added the colonel. "I said when this all began that we would be looked at based on the seniority on our sleeves and the size of our hearts. The size of your hearts is un-questioned, and I know for a fact that there isn't a group of professionals anywhere in the

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Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

Air Force with more heart than you."

The Air Combat Command Inspector General Team spent seven days evaluating the 7th Bomb Wing's ability to generate B-1 aircraft to support a simulated Pacific Theater contingency tasking. The wing deployed assets from the 9th Bomb Squadron for possible contingency operations.

In addition to aircraft, 716 personnel and more than 438 short tons of cargo were deployed using 14 notional charter and military airlift chalks to support simulated wartime missions.

The 7th Bomb Wing successfully passed almost all of the 35 inspected areas, received the highest marks -- outstanding -- in 13 of those areas and was rated

excellent or satisfactory in 18 others.

"The wing came up short in only four areas," said Colonel George. "We received a grade of marginal in some of our mobility and deployment actions. Those ratings require a re-make of that part of the inspection within 90 to 150 days."

"The root causes for the ratings we received were limited training and experience. However, I know our battle-hardened troops will overcome in the end," said Lt. Col. Calvin Reid, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander. "We're taking full advantage of available classes, as well as mobility training teams to re-double our efforts. Our attitude remains positive, our spirit is unbroken and we'll be ready for the re-exam whenever it happens."

"We showed the inspectors that we are fully mission capable in nearly 90 percent of our graded areas," said Colonel George, "And, we received top marks in the area of putting bombs on target. That is a huge kudo for everyone who plays an integral role in getting our planes in the air safely, efficiently and effectively."

"My hands almost ache from applauding all your accomplishments," he added, "And, I'll go on championing each and every one of you. I couldn't be more proud to serve with you."

Weekend Weather



SATURDAY
Mostly sunny
High 47°F
Low 29°F



SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy
High 49°F
Low 31°F

Weather courtesy of 7th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

Dyess Air Force Base welcomes

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander and his wife, Sue
and
The Air Force Hennessey Evaluation Team

7th Bomb Wing



Monthly Flown Status
67 3 -1



DYESS SORTIE BOARD

Monthly Flown Status
43 3 +1



Monthly Flown Status
70 4 +1

317th Airlift Group



Goal Current Rate
78% 73.3%

Believe in yourself

Leadership begins inside each person

By Lt. Col. Mary Harney
7th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Everyday, we encounter people with potential who are capable of achieving great things if given a chance. That's what we need to do... We owe it to them. They deserve it from us.

Lt. Col. Mary Harney
7th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate

was now concerned. The trial would start in less than an hour.

Suddenly, my boss appeared in the doorway.

"You're going to have to try the case by yourself, Mary Beth," he said. "Captain Jones' brother was murdered over the weekend and he won't be back to work for two weeks."

The news was a jolt. In the fog, I recall my boss telling me: "There's nobody else who can try this case, so I'm counting on you."

After the trial was over, my boss pulled me aside.

"I told you that you could do it. I had absolute confidence in you," he said.

This event marked a defining moment in my Air Force career. Out of someone else's tragedy, I learned important

lessons in achieving potential and maintaining perspective.

Potential. Most of us can recall a time when somebody spotted opportunity for us, took a risk and then allowed us to flourish. My boss recognized potential in me, and gave me a chance to shine under difficult circumstances.

He knew better than me what I was capable of accomplishing. He also knew exactly how to motivate me. He was counting on me; I was determined to come through in the clutch.

My co-worker and I had worked too hard preparing the case for me to fumble the ball during the big game and disappoint either Captain Jones or my boss.

Perspective. With the court-martial, I totally fixated on the

task at hand. At the time, I had no job more important than giving my all to advocate the Air Force interests.

When all was said and done however, I stepped back and took stock of what had really happened. After all, Captain Jones suffered a terrible, personal loss.

Sure, the court-martial was serious business and deserved my undivided attention. but I knew that the well-being of my co-worker was more important than any victory in the courtroom.

Not everything is as clear cut as comparing the outcome of a court-martial to someone's family or personal tragedy. As supervisors, however, we need to help our troops keep things in perspective.

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PUMA'S VECTOR



It's been an eventful couple of weeks for the wing. The good news is that we finished up the ORI and got the ACC/IG team on their way home.

The bad news is that the team will be back sooner than we had hoped, in just 90 to 150 days.

Just like with the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl, time ran out on us before we could win the game. We passed the inspection, which is good, but it's not the performance our team is capable of showing.

We had a lot of penalties and it cost us. Some were small penalties, but when you put them all together, it added up to kicking a football out of bounds with 68 seconds to go in a tied game. It didn't work for the Panthers and it doesn't make us look like the winners we are.

Looking at the stats, we did have a lot of MVPs in the ORI and I am proud of the effort put forth by our Superior Performers and members of our team who did a great job. You do credit to Dyess with your hard work and pursuit of excellence.

Now, fast forward to the future where we have a chance to recover the ball. The team has been tasked with a real world commitment in addition to the ORI re-make. We can't lose sight of the goal this time. We have a mission to accomplish and we need our starting line to stay strong. Instead of passing with just a field goal, let's strive for a blow-out game and show them what we're made of.

This week in Dyess History



February 11 1994:

Air Combat Command named the 7th Operations Support Squadron weather flight as the winner of the Grimes Award.

The award was presented to the weather unit exhibiting the highest state of readiness in

support of a tactical Air Force or Army mission. Under the command of Capt. Alan D. Robinson, one of the flight's home-station achievements was installing Doppler radar which was predicted to significantly improve local weather forecasting capabilities.

Mentoring is 'an investment' -- invest today

By Maj. David Sherman
7th Comptroller Squadron commander

A Comptroller by trade, I tend to relate to issues in financial terms and relationships. Before I explain how this fits into mentoring, let me first share a short story with you.

My first officer assignment was to Misawa Air Base, Japan, as a cost analyst. Shortly after I arrived, the wing went into a quarterly Phase I / II exercise. My officer in-charge was assigned the additional duty of manning the Resource Management hotline in the Command Post. He told me to come work by his side.

On the second day, Col. Stephen Hall, the resource manager, came to the desk and said, "L.T., grab your hat and let's go for a ride."

I thought I had arrived -- the boss was taking an interest in me. We quickly hit the flightline and as we slowly drove each sector he would stop and point out various items. My thoughts continued to center around the boss taking a liking to me. While it was interesting to know the exact type of each bomb, where the wing had fuel bladders stored and how many

Our goal should be to seek out mentors, analyze daily interaction with folks from all walks of life and continue to invest in ourselves.

Maj. David Sherman
7th Comptroller Squadron commander



gallons each bladder held, but none of it mattered to me -- I was a cost analyst. We completed the ride and I went back to the Command Post to finish out the exercise.

Before I knew it, the next quarter was upon us and my OIC again decided I should accompany him to the Command Post. This time the same scenario started to play out and Colonel Hall came to the desk and said, "L.T., lets go for another ride."

Shortly after coming to the first stop on the flightline I knew I was in for a twisted lesson in life. Colonel Hall proceeded to ask me question after question on the exact items he had carefully explained to me during the prior exercise. I couldn't answer a single one.

After a couple of stops Colonel Hall

shoved the gearshift into park, turned towards me and in no uncertain words explained to me that it was not every day that a colonel took a lieutenant out for train-ing.

I knew immediately by the shade of red in Colonel Hall's face that he meant business, and I later came to understand that it was not necessarily red from anger but from disappointment -- I had failed him. He finished his lesson by telling me that he better never catch me out around base without a notebook and plenty of scribbling.

By now you might be asking yourself how this story ties into the title of my article, "an investment." The easy answer is that mentors are trusted counselors and coaches investing valuable time and energy

into ensuring they leave the future in capable hands, not just to keep the status quo but to make it better -- to add interest to the principal.

In my case, Colonel Hall was going above board to fulfill a mentor's role and he was investing himself in this endeavor.

But, does the investment by the mentor really complete the picture?

I challenge that you as a mentoree have an even greater investment responsibility than that of the mentor.

You wouldn't take your hard earned money to any stockbroker. You would research risk, rates of return, accessibility to the funds -- and it would not be a one-time deal, you would continuously analyze your portfolio.

In my case, I did not bring the same commitment as Colonel Hall. I've learned that if I don't invest in others, I can't expect anyone to invest in me.

We should not accept less for our personal growth and career. We shouldn't get caught in a pitfall where we are waiting for someone to say, "I'm going to mentor you." Our goal should be to seek out mentors, analyze daily interaction with folks from all walks of life and continue to invest in ourselves.

Action Line

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first, however, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message.

Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone. The Peacemaker staff reserves the right to edit all incoming Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines may be published.

Digital Doctors?

I would like to submit a solution for the mess of trying to get an appointment at the Dyess clinic. I believe the answer is right here at our fingertips -- an e-mail or other online user interface similar to finance or the education office where customers either email their request for an appointment, or else go to a web portal and "sign in" from their home or office, then wait for an email confirmation or phone call as required. Perhaps this would help expedite the appointments process and take some of the load off our clinic professionals.

Your suggestion is timely and on target. Within the next four to six months, we hope to begin using TRICARE Online, which will allow patients to schedule appointments using their computer. Once some details have been ironed out, we will notify everyone of the start date.



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Dyess aims for Hennessy repeat

By Master Sgt.
Dan Carpenter
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess' dining facilities and in-flight kitchen hope for a repeat victory as they vie to bring home the Air Force John L. Hennessy Trophy for the second time in four years.

An evaluation team from Headquarters Air Force Services arrives Wednesday and will spend three days looking at food quality, sanitation, customer service, contract management and readiness.

"Getting to this level is a reflection of the total team effort it takes to have a quality food service operation," said Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Bush, 7th Services Squadron food service superintendent. "There are a lot of motivated people who make sure we give the best possible service to every one of our customers, and it shows in our customer service satisfaction..."

currently at 98.8 percent."

Air Force and Air Combat Command evaluators alike continually applaud Dyess' food service team on their relationship with civilian contractors and command support of food operations.

"Our partnership with our contractors is our shining jewel, in my opinion," added Sergeant Bush. "They do more than just fill in when we deploy. They're an integral part of the total team effort that makes us the best of the best."

To prepare for the upcoming evaluation, the food services team has been fine-tuning all aspects of their operation.

One of their newer bragging points is the Quick Stop Flight Kitchen.

"The folks at the Quick Stop Kitchen received a superior performance (team) award from the ACC inspector general," said Constance Delamater, 7th SVS deputy commander. "We're very proud of them and of every-

one who has contributed to the excellence our customers see each and every day in our facilities.

"Awards make us all better," she added. "We believe we are number one in the Air Force and in the world, and that's because we're a total team -- from our senior leaders all the way to the lowest-ranking airman -- that's what sets us apart."

The Air Force and the National Restaurant Association, Society for Foodservice Management and International Food Service Executives Association established the Hennessy Trophy Program in 1956.

The award is designed to improve food service operations and recognize the best food service operations in the Air Force.

The winner of the Hennessy trophy will be announced later this year. If the base wins, the 7th SVS will be presented the trophy at the NRA's convention.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Airmen enjoy a meal at the Longhorn Dining Facility. The Dyess dining facilities and in-flight kitchen are being evaluated beginning next week for another chance at the Air Force John L. Hennessy Trophy. If Dyess wins this year it will be the second time in four years.

Air Force One Source live helpline gives airmen vital information

By Master Sgt. Eddie Riley
Air Force Print News

The Air Force expanded efforts to take care of its own Sunday with the 24-hour-a-day "Air Force One Source" live helpline for airmen and their families.

The "beyond-the-gate" support and referral service is intended to help address personal and family support needs for active-duty airmen, reservists and Guardsmen.

Some airmen are not always near agencies that offer support with child care, finances, legal matters, deployment and other related issues. Certified counselors will be available year-round to answer questions, provide information or guide

airmen and their family members to the appropriate resources.

The intent is to ensure all airmen and their families have the right resources they need, said Linda Smith, chief of Air Force family matters at the Pentagon.

"Air Force One Source will give them access to support at all times by telephone, the Internet and e-mail," Ms. Smith said.

Most base family-support resources are only staffed to help the 20 percent of the population who typically require assistance at a given time, Ms. Smith said.

The Air Force One Source staff will provide access to these kinds of resources to those serving remotely, while augmenting the traditional on-base services, she said.

"This new program is really amazing,"

said Senior Master Sgt. Donna Biddle, Dyess Family Support Center superintendent. "It is an extension of our staff, and we're very excited to see it come online."

The Air Force One Source staff, contracted through Titan/Ceridian Corp, has nearly 30 years of experience handling geographically dispersed employee calls from Fortune 100 companies. Counselors with licensed clinical social work and employee-assistance certifications, as well as advanced counseling degrees, will respond to Air Force One Source users.

All airmen and their families with an identification card can use the helpline to get help with a range of concerns, Ms. Smith said.

Some concerns that may be addressed

include making plans to deploy or coming home from a deployment, resolving personal problems or coping with challenges that come up during the course of a day, she said.

Air Force One Source will be available anytime by phone in the United States at (800) 707-5784, internationally at (800) 7075-7844, internationally collect at (484) 530-5913 or at www.airforceonesource.com. The Web site will require customers to log on by using "airforce" as the user ID and "ready" as the password.

According to Sergeant Biddle, materials are available at the center to assist interested individuals in taking advantage of this new service. Call them at 696-5999 for more information.

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Staff Sgt. Brian Nunley

TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week
Senior Airman Michelle Cazares

Unit: 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Job description: Supply System Analyst
Time in the Air Force: Three years, 5 months
Time at Dyess: Three years
Hometown: Cicero, Ill.
Job impact on the mission: I maintain the Standard Base Supply System and Supply Asset Tracking System connectivity to over 200 users enabling them to order parts for their respective organizations.
Career goal: Finish my Community College of the Air Force degree and make staff sergeant on my first try
Most rewarding job aspect: Knowing that my customers are satisfied
What motivates your winning attitude: Support and encouragement from my family
Favorite thing about Dyess: The small town atmosphere
Favorite thing about the Air Force: Job stability and quality of life
Favorite Air Force memory: Going on a temporary duty assignment to Diego Garcia

Editor's note: *The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.*

Force shaping

Fiscal year 2004 Air Force "Force Shaping" program question and answer briefings will be Tuesday and Wednesday at the base theater.

Briefings will be given by group. Tuesday briefings are:

7th Bomb Wing staff and 7th Mission Support Group at noon. 7th Operations Group at 1 p.m. 317th Airlift Group at 2 p.m. 7th Medical Group at 3 p.m. 7th Maintenance Group at 4 p.m.

The 8 a.m. Wednesday briefing is for mid-shifters and all other people interested.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Miller at 696-2383 or Master Sgt. Scott Davis at 696-2957.

PALACE Envoy position

The military personnel flight is seeking a captain to become the operations officer for the Bilateral Affairs Office of the Office of Defense Cooperation in Georgia, Asia.

Officers must also meet all physical and mental standards of the Air Force. The tour length is 179 days. Any active-duty, Guard or Reserve captain interested must apply by March 14.

For more information, call Ginny Basl at DSN 314-480-8944 or email at virginia.basl@ramstein.af.mil.

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January Memphis Belle Award recipients

Editor's Note: The Memphis Belle Award is a monthly wing safety award that recognizes all aircrew members who successfully resolve an in-flight or ground aircraft emergency in the course of daily flight activity.

<p>Engine shutdown Jan. 6 Maj. Quinten Miklos, pilot 2nd Lt. David Cook, co-pilot 1st Lt. Daniel Alford, OSO Capt. Ken Boillot, DSO</p> <p>Engine shutdown Jan. 7 Maj. James Denton, pilot Maj. John Nichols, co-</p>	<p>pilot Maj. Joe Reidy, OSO Capt. Steven Graham, DSO</p> <p>Hydraulic failure Jan. 9 Capt. Kent Payne, pilot Capt. Norman Shelton, co-pilot 1st Lt. Diego Uribe, OSO Maj. Wayne Catanzaro, DSO</p> <p>Flight control</p>	<p>malfuction Jan. 13 Maj. Quinten Miklos, pilot 2nd Lt. David Cook, co-pilot 1st Lt. Daniel Alford, OSO Capt. Ken Boillot, DSO</p> <p>Flight control malfuction Jan. 16 Maj. Patrick Klinger, pilot</p>	<p>Maj. Dean Maud, copilot Capt. Christian Senn, OSO Capt. Brian Ferrari, DSO</p> <p>Engine shutdown Jan. 26 Lt. Col. David Whittemore, pilot Maj. Steven Dantzler, co-pilot Maj. Wayne Catanzaro, OSO Capt. Janette Ho, DSO</p>
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Lead

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Our folks do a great job accomplishing the mission. Often, this means focus-

ing so intensely on the job that they lose focus and balance.

The mission is important. That's our job. But, when the mission is achieved, it is just as important to step back and

regain perspective.

Everyday, we encounter people with potential who are capable of achieving great things if given a chance. That's what we need to do. Spot potential in our troops. Keep them

motivated. Then, when necessary, help them keep their perspective and balance. We owe it to them. They deserve it from us.

The challenge to mentor and lead is awesome. The rewards are humbling.

All of us know and work with people who are just waiting for a chance to shine.

Find those people. Focus their energies. Take a risk. Then, step away and watch them grow.

Local Advertisement

February promotees sew on new stripes



To Master Sergeant:
Marlin Hill, 7th Comptroller Squadron
Joe Redd, Jr., 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Harold Turner, Jr., 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

To Technical Sergeant
Jeff Blackman, 7th Munitions Squadron
Gregory Carr, Detachment 2
Jason Hummel, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Bonita Johnson, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
Rebecca Lynn, 7th Medical Support Squadron
Matthew Missel, 7th EMS
Eric Nelson, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Steven Olivas, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Mark Petersen, 7th EMS
Walter Rossi, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Tristan Ward, 7th AMXS
James Webb, 7th EMS
Frank Wisnieski, 7th EMS

To Staff Sergeant
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Francisco Hernandez, 7th Operations Support Squadron
Kaishla Holloway, 7th OSS

Monica Nottingham, 7th OSS
Jennifer Schwartz, 7th EMS
Barbara Stoner, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Mary Lynn Wilson, 7 Operations Support Squadron
Zachary Wilson, 7th Bomb Wing

To Senior Airman
Timothy Barrett, 7th EMS
Jaime Beltran, 7th Munitions Squadron
Jesse Beneventi, 7 OSS
Paul Block, 7th AMXS
Heather Boyd, 317th AMXS
Walter Bridges, 7th CMS
James Butler, 7th CES
Anthony Chapa, 7th AMXS
Jason Cobb, 7 MUNS
Ashley Crosby, 7 CMS
Bobby Eller, 7th AMXS
Warren Gaiennie, 7th AMXS
Edgar Gallego, 7th CMS
Walker Grant, 7th AMXS
Christopher Green, 317th AMXS
Christopher Hanson, 7th EMS
Dustin Hanson, 40th Airlift Squadron
Phillip Hendrickson, 7th EMS
Patrick Hissom, 7th AMXS
Shane Hutcherson, 7th EMS
Cherame Jones, 7th AMXS

Don King, 7th EMS
Gerald Kelley, 7th OSS
Dominic Kimbrough, 7 SFS
Dwayne Leonguerrero, 317th AMXS
Michael Manchin, 7th Communications Squadron
Ryan Millican, 7th MUNS
Peter Moats, 317th AMXS
Joshua Moore, 7th AMXS
Gregg Moseley, 7th SFS
Brandon Neitz, 7 MOS
Matthew Nethken, 7th CS
Raquel Pasion, 7th LRS
Ryan Popescu, 7th OSS
Marcus Randel, 7th CMS
Katherine Rippe, 7th EMS
Matthew Schuyler, 7th AMXS
Riley Smith, 317th AMXS
Ryan Stone, 7th AMXS
Eric Taylor, 7th Security Forces Squadron
Marchand Theus, 7th AMXS

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Baltazar Alfaro, 7th CMS
Steve Bauer, 317 MXS
Jeffrey Chilton, 317th AMXS
Quenton Clarke Jr., 7th MDOS
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Daniel First, 317th AMXS
Robert Garner, 7th AMXS
Bryan Helm, 7th LRS

Michael James, 7th EMS
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Timothy Maher, 7th LRS
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Roger Martinez, 317th AMXS
Stephanie Matthews, 7th CMS

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Christopher McShan, 7th CES
Elisa Nikolic, 317th AMXS
Brian Rogers, 9 BS
Brian Roush, 7th CES
David Rowett, 7th AMXS
Zahir Sahad, 7th LRS
Jordan Scheller, 7th LRS
Kevin Spano, 7th EMS
Daniel Sullivan, 317th MXS
Kingsley Swanson, 317th AMXS
Rudolfo Villa Jr., 7 MOS
Jerome Wald, 40th AS
Natasha Wakefield, 9th BS
John Waterhouse, 7th EMS
Kevin Waxman Jr., 7 AMXS
Kimberly Wright, 7 MSS
Marques Wynn, 7th LRS

To Airman
Bryan Boklund, 7th AMXS
Justin Castleman, 7th CMS
Mallory Dixonreese, 7th LRS
Elizabeth Moultray, 7th CS

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Tax center

The Dyess Tax Center is now open.

The center's hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays for appointments only; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays for appointments only; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays for walk-ins; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays for walk-ins; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays for walk-ins; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays for appointments only.

Customers coming to the tax center need to have: military ID cards, social security cards for all individuals claimed on the return, all copies of W-2s, a checkbook if filing electronically and seeking a refund through direct deposit, interest statements, child-care information and the Adjusted Gross Income from last years tax return (this can be found on line 4 of the 1040EZ, line 19 of the 1040A, or line 33 of the 1040).

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sarah Countryman at 696-2232.

Loadmaster gathering

The Professional Loadmaster Association's 2004 Gathering of Loadmasters is May 23 to 27.

For more information, visit www.loadmasters.com.

Officials outline rules for base scooter use

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
 Dyess Public Affairs

With the increased popularity of both motorized gas and electric scooters on base, safety officials would like to remind riders that riding safely ensures a good time.

Many of the rules that apply to bicycle riding on base also work for scooters.

"Generally most scooters travel at speeds comparable to the speeds at which a bike rider would travel," said Charles Carson, Dyess ground safety. "Both bike and scooter rid-

ers are riding a machine that affords them little natural protection from impact in the event of a collision. Most of the equipment that is used by the bike riders is helpful for the scooter rider."

Because of the similarities, safety officials stress that the most important safety consideration to avoid injury is to wear a helmet. Elbow and knee pads are also suggested along with high visibility-clothing so that vehicle operators can see riders.

Safety officials point out that safe riding practices are also important when riding scooters.

"Obviously engaging in risky riding behavior can increase your chances of getting in an accident or of getting hurt," Mr. Carson said. "Often, if a rider does something that drivers or pedestrians do not expect, they can get into trouble."

Parents are asked to ensure their child can safely handle riding a scooter and are familiar with riding rules.

Scooter riders must also be aware of all applicable traffic rules and regulations. For example, skate boards, motorized skateboards, scooters, motorized scooters, roller skates/blades and other

play vehicles can not be used on paved roadways on Dyess.

These items can only be used on sidewalks in the base housing area and the Dyess Linear Air Park. Base parking lots can be used during non-duty hours.

Most scooters do not come with lights and reflectors that would equip the scooter for night driving. This makes driving at night dangerous, said base safety officials.

For more information about scooter safety or proper riding procedures call ground safety at 696-5574 or security forces at 696-2131.

Local Advertisement

Local dependent trains dogs for blind

**Story and photo by
Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs**

Teaching a dog new tricks can be challenging for anyone, but teaching a dog to guide and assist the visually impaired is a whole other ball game.

Dyess will get a chance to see this training up close beginning next week.

"A guide dog to the blind is more than just a companion," said Sandy Griffin, a puppy trainer for the Lions' National Leader Dogs for the Blind training program. "It gives them increased mobility and makes day-to-day tasks much safer and more convenient."

Ivy Green, a light brown, droopy-eyed Labrador retriever is the fourth puppy Sandy has raised to be assist the blind, since 1999. She has trained Ivy since she was seven weeks old to

be a leader dog. All four of her dogs have been named Ivy Green after the plantation where the renowned Helen Keller grew up in Alabama.

"Raising the dogs has been one of the most challenging experiences in my life," Sandy said. "It is a large sacrifice that consumes your life, but is well rewarding."

"It is the greatest gift I can give to someone I do not know. It is definitely a labor of love."

Though veterinarians often offer discounted care to support the program, Mrs. Griffin and her husband Hal, a retired Navy commander, pay for all expenses to raise the dog and spend an enormous amount of time caring for the pup.

As an animal lover, Sandy first decided to volunteer as a puppy trainer in 1999 and has continued to do so each

year ever since.

The training process begins the moment a trainer receives the puppy, said Mrs. Griffin.

As a trainer, Sandy said that she first adopts the dog from a Leader Dog school when it is about six to eight weeks old. She raises it for 12 to 15 months then later returns it to the school to be evaluated in the formal training program.

"When I first get the pup, they are hole digging, shoe chewing and carpet ripping, typical little pups," Sandy said. "In as little as three weeks when I first receive them, I teach them three valuable things. I teach the pup their name, the word 'no' and to go to the bathroom on command."

According to Mrs. Griffin, one of the most challenging obstacles is training the dog not to

be distracted or afraid of loud noise and moving vehicles.

"For 12 months, Ivy will travel with me everywhere, as if I were blind," Sandy said. "I would take her to music shows and go downtown to get Ivy Green used to the various sounds and surroundings."

She also takes Ivy Green to numerous other locations, such as Dyess, in order to familiarize her with various situations of daily living she might encounter.

Sandy brings Ivy along with her when visiting the base, to utilize base facilities for personal use, such as the pharmacy and also as an additional training opportunity for Ivy.

"Although there are various elements on the base that are good for training, the roaring sound of the B-1 planes in particular is great

exposure," Sandy said. "If Ivy can get used to the sounds of the planes on base, it would help familiarize her with commercial airplanes."

Although the financial burden and the training process can be difficult, the heartache of losing the dog afterwards is probably the most challenging part of the process, Sandy said.

"It's absolutely devastating to give them up after becoming so attached to them," Mrs. Griffin said. "I cry myself to the point of exhaustion when I lose my pup. But, knowing the difference it will make in another person's life somewhat eases the pain."

At seven months of age, Ivy Green will be leaving Sandy in August to attend the Leader Dogs for the Blind school for more intensive training.



Sandy Griffin and her seeing-eye dog in training, Ivy Green, visit with a customer at the Base Exchange Monday.



Photos by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Oops

Above: A local civilian woman crashed her car through the Dyess perimeter fence Monday. Dyess emergency crews responded immediately. After suffering from severe neck pains the woman was rushed to a medical facility minutes after the incident. The fence was fully repaired later that day. Right: Ed Daley, O'Bar Wrecking Service, a local contractor, locks down the steering wheel of the woman's car before towing the vehicle.



Local Advertisement

Service hours

Medical

Dyess Clinic -- 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Dining facilities

Longhorn -- Breakfast -- 6 to 8 a.m.; Lunch -- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner -- 4 to 7 p.m., Midnight -- 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Weekends: Breakfast -- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dinner -- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Midnight -- 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Fitness

Dyess Fitness Center -- 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Customer service

Finance -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Legal -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays.

Notaries, powers of attorney walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays.

Supply -- 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Dyess Clinic -- 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

To post hours in the *Peacemaker*, e-mail peacemaker@dyess.af.mil or call 696-4375.

CALENDAR



Today, Feb. 6, 2004

Land and sea buffet, at The Heritage Club
Friday night social hour, 5 p.m. at The Heritage Club and Hangar Center.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 696-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 696-2405.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004

Sunday brunch, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 696-2405.

Monday, Feb. 9, 2004

Mexican buffet, at The Heritage Club
Intramural bowling, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 696-4166 or your unit sports rep.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

Fried chicken buffet, at The Heritage Club
Tiny Tots reading program, 10 a.m. at the library. For more info, call 696-2618.

Airman Leadership School graduation, at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2960.

Bingo, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 696-2405.

Dyess Toastmasters Club meets at 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004

Barbecue Lunch buffet, at The Heritage Club
Military Retiree Luncheon, 12 to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 696-4980.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004

Quarterly Airmen's Birthday Meal, at the Longhorn dining facility.

Asian Buffet, at The Heritage Club.

Upcoming events

Feb 16 -- Tops in Blue at Abilene Civic Center

Feb 18 -- Annual Awards at the Abilene Civic Center

Feb. 20 -- National Prayer Breakfast

Dyess Chapel



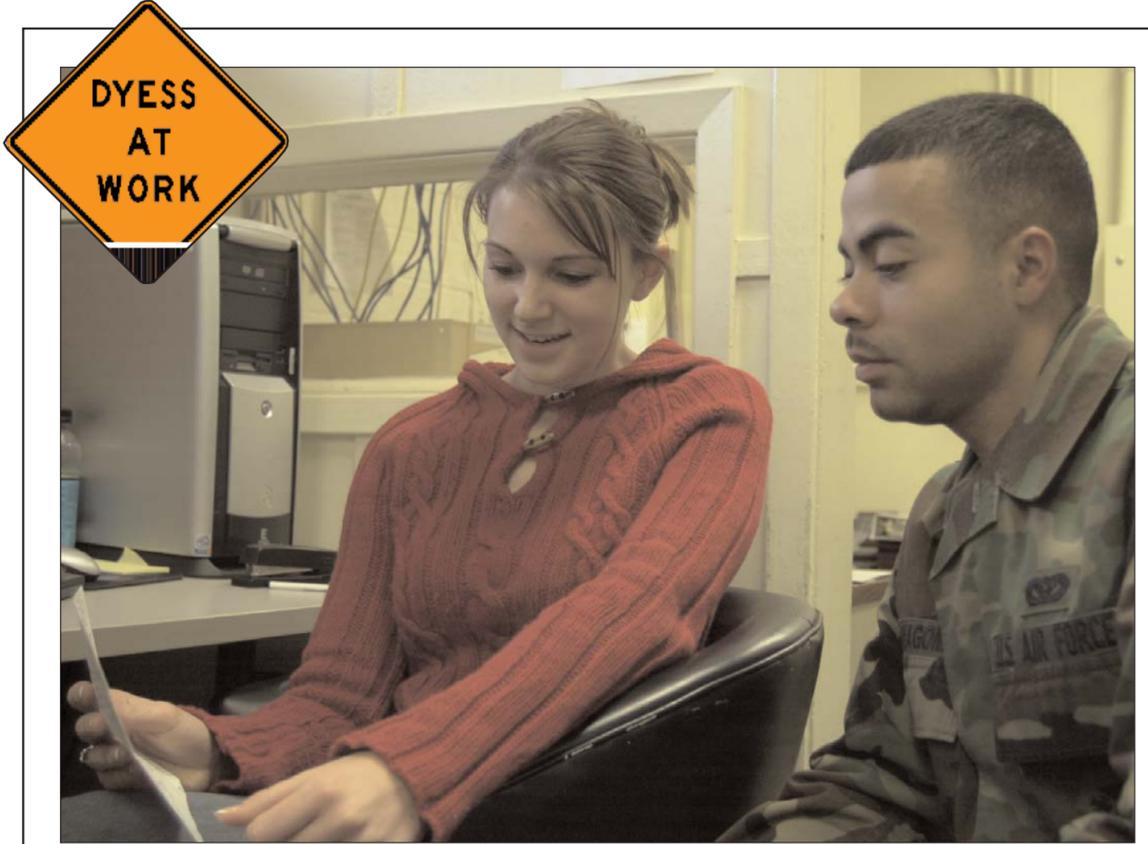
Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Protestant: Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Shared faith worship begins 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts 1 p.m. Sunday. Sunday Night Worship Service begins 4 p.m. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Jewish: For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149. For more information, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Community



'Tax'ing work

Courtney Roberts, Dyess Tax Center part-time volunteer helps Airman 1st Class Luis Molina-Gomez, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, with his taxes. The tax center had its ribbon cutting ceremony, Monday.

Airman James Kang

Community Briefs

Retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Bishop's retirement ceremony is at 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at The 7th Mission Support Group conference room.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Louis Martucci at 696-1932.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 696-8203.

Observance committees

The military equal opportunity office is looking for volunteers to join committees for upcoming observance months.

The upcoming months are Black History Month in February, Irish History Month in March, Jewish Observance Month in April and Asian-

Pacific Islander Month in May.

They are actively seeking a diversified group of volunteers interested in any or all of the observances.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Edwards at 696-4226.

Dyess Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters club's next meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

The club focuses on developing better speaking and presentation skills, leadership abilities and quick thinking.

For more information, call Patrick Clancy at 696-1046.

OSC scholarship

The Dyess Officers' Spouses Club is currently accepting college scholarship applications.

Eligible applicants must be a spouse of an active duty military member or a graduating senior in high

school who is a dependent of an active-duty military member or a dependent of a retired or deceased military member.

The OSC will be accepting applications until March 12.

For more information, call Dawn Willis at 698-4018 or Annette Macler at 660-9150.

DeCA scholarship

The Defense Commissary Agency is accepting applications for \$1,500 scholarships until Feb. 18 at the Dyess commissary.

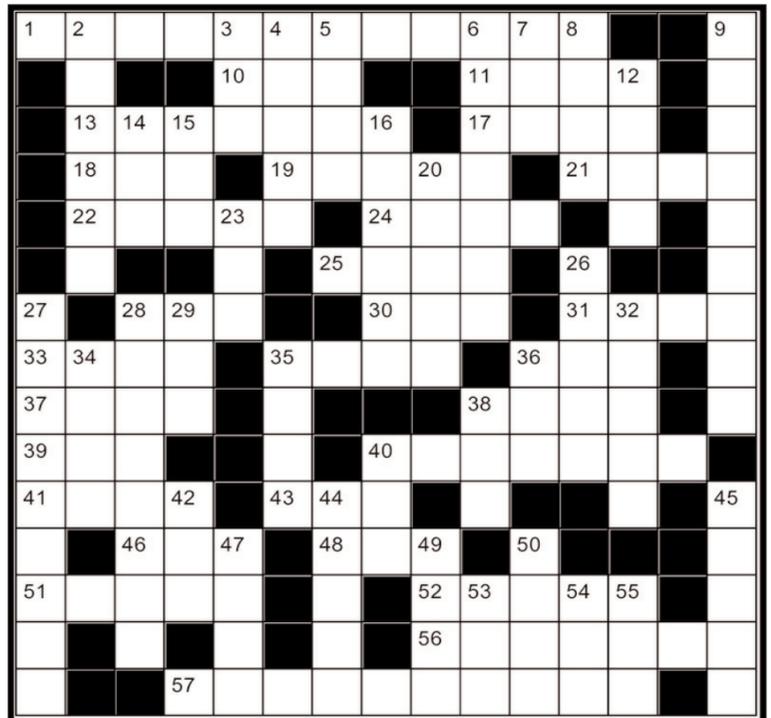
At least one scholarship will be awarded to Dyess. The application can be downloaded from www.commissaries.com.

After March 29, applicants can visit www.militaryscholar.org and click on "Verification of Receipt" to send a manager an e-mail. Managers will respond to those e-mails until June 15.

For more information, call Alex Herbert at 696-4805.

Hometown USAF

1. Arizona Air Force Base home to 355th Wing; aircraft tail marking of DM 10. ___ Alamos, N.M. 11. Russian river 13. Crayon brand 17. Aged 18. Earthlink competitor 19. Delaware Air Force Base home to 436th AW 21. Foot covering 22. "Hot in Here" rapper 24. Egyptian nature goddess 25. Body of water 28. Catch 30. Homer's neighbor on The Simpsons 31. Event 33. '80s USAF missile used to shoot down a satellite 35. Fragrance maker 36. Type of nurse (abbrev.) 37. Arizona AFB home to 56th Fighter Wing; aircraft tail marking of LF 38. Even 39. French woman (abbrev.) 40. Conductor 41. Drink 43. Compass point 46. Stomach 48. Ancient 51. Awaken 52. Single plant beginning (two words) 56. Florida AFB home to 6th Airlift Wing 57. South Carolina AFB home to 437th Airlift Wing DOWN 2. Mysterious 3. Nickname for Stallone 4. Georgia AFB home to 347th Rescue Wing; aircraft tail marking of MY 5. Capital of Norway 6. Rushed 7. Former White House spokesman ___ Fleischer 8. Sleeps 9. Louisiana AFB home to 2nd BW; aircraft tail marking of LA 12. Former boxing champion Spinks 14. Term for how US forces conduct themselves in combat (abbrev.) 15. Everything 16. Italy Air Base home to 31st Fighter



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iday 40. Singer Torme 42. Country known as "The Land Down Under" (abbrev.) 44. Type of energy 45. California AFB home to 9th Reconnaissance Wing; aircraft tail marking of BB 47. Type of United States Air Force sergeant. 49. Lady 50. Cult 53. UK version of SEALs 54. Tokyo formerly 55. Clamor

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Lifestyles

Entertaining Briefs



Social Hour

◆ The Heritage Club and Hangar Center host a social hour every Friday night for club members. Complimentary snacks and bar bingo are available.

For more information, call 696-2405.

Tickets

◆ The information, tickets and travel office now has Dallas Stars and San Antonio Spurs tickets available.

Special rates are now being offered for cruises. Dates and prices may vary.

For more information, call 696-5207.

Junior members

◆ The Heritage Club now has junior memberships available.

Open to children 10 years old and younger. It features a kiddie brunch on the second and last Sunday of each month.

For more information, call 696-2405.

Tops in Blue

◆ Tops in Blue will be performing Feb. 16 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 696-4305.

Library

◆ The Dyess Library offers a tiny tots reading program at 10 a.m. every Tuesday.

For more information, call 696-2618.

Skills Development Center

◆ A children's valentine class will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Tuesday.

◆ A President's Day sale will be held Tuesday to Feb. 17. All retail items will be 10 percent off.

◆ Entrees for the Annual Air Force Artist Craftsman Contest will be accepted between March 2 to March 5.

◆ Dyess' giant flea market "Shoppin' in the Park" is scheduled for April 17. The Crafter's Haven is now taking sign-ups for booth space.

For more information, call 696-4175.

Valentine's Day brunch

◆ The Heritage Club will be holding a Valentine's Day themed Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Feb. 15.

Club members who bring a spouse will receive an additional \$2 off the member's discounted price.

The cost is \$11.95 for non club members and \$3 for a club member and \$2 for their spouse.

For more information, call 696-2405.

CAPTION Contest

This week's photo (No. 1)



The rules:

1. Write a creative, printable caption for photo no. 1 related to Dyess or the Air Force.
2. Email your entry to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil. Entries are limited to three for each photo.
3. To be eligible, you must include the photo number and your name with your duty phone number.
4. Contest winners are announced weekly.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12. For more information, call 696-4320.

Friday evening

7 p.m.

Something's Gotta Give -- Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton -- Harry (Jack Nicholson) is a New York music mogul with a libido much younger than his years.

During a romantic rendezvous with his newest girlfriend, Marin, at her mother's Hamptons' beach house, Harry develops chest pains and winds up being nursed by Marin's mother, Erica (Diane Keaton).

Erica is right for him in every way but old habits die hard.

When he is reluctant to pursue Erica, a young doctor (Keanu Reeves) becomes smitten with her

and Harry fights to win her back. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, brief nudity and strong language)

Rated PG (action adventure sequences and peril)

Saturday matinee

2 p.m.

Peter Pan -- Jason Isaacs, Jeremy Sumpter -- The classic tale of the boy who can fly is retold in this faithful live-action adaptation.

Peter Pan (Jeremy Sumpter) whisks the three Darling children off to Neverland, where they embark on many adventures and fight the evil Captain Hook (Jason Isaacs) alongside Peter and his lovely friend, Tinker Bell (Ludvine Sagnier).

Saturday evening

7 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen -- Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt -- Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt star in this family comedy as the patriarchs of a clan of 12 children.

When the couple moves the tribe to Chicago, it takes awhile for them to adjust to big city life.

Rated PG (language and some thematic elements)

Sunday matinee

2 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen

Dyess celebrates Black History Month

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Robert Scarlett
Dyess Black History Month committee member

February is Black History Month in America. Carter Woodson created Black History Month in 1926. Mr. Woodson wanted America and the world to know about and come to appreciate the contributions of African-Americans.

Some people debate the need for Black History Month. Some go so far as to say Black History Month is a divisive observance obstructing America's efforts to unify. To all Americans, I ask you to realize that when you take the word African out of African-American history, you are left with the words American history. As long as we view it as profitable to study the exploits of great men like Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, we should appreciate the equally courageous efforts of

African Americans like Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and El Haji Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X).

This important part of American culture is in full swing at Dyess. Local groups in Abilene and on-base are ensuring the knowledge of African-American history is not relegated to the limited exposure found in most public school history books. Although it is important to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is no less important to learn about Harriet Tubman, Toussaint Louverture, Nat Turner and Stokely Carmichael.

African-American history also includes the efforts of many European-Americans. Abolitionists like John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison and the Quakers of Pennsylvania are prominently celebrated in the history of the African-American struggle for freedom and later equality.

The Dyess Black

Heritage Committee is at the forefront of the Dyess movement to educate the community. To unify efforts on Dyess, a base ad hoc committee was formed to coordinate Black History Month activities and ensure inclusiveness.

Community events include a cultural foods tasting, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a gospel music festival and a luncheon. The committee is also planning to visit local schools to conduct book readings and discuss life in the Air Force.

The end goal is to unify Americans by illustrating the contributions we have all made to make America the great nation it has become. Everyone should desire to learn more about the history of America's minority groups because in America diversity equals strength.

For more information about Black Heritage events, contact Lt. Col. Calvin Reid, committee chairman, at 696-2267.

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JDAM : GPS- guided munitions CINCs choice in modern-day combat

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

In August of 2001, a Joint Direct Attack Munition, or JDAM as it is commonly known, was dropped from a Dyess B-1 for the first time on a range in Utah.

Little did Dyess munitions experts know just how much the new precision weapon would literally change the face of the Air Force's bombing mission and impact the Dyess-based B-1s role in future warfare.

When the B-1 first started dropping JDAMs, commanders-in-chiefs were given a powerful new tool to fight wars, said Capt. Jason Combs, a veteran B-1 offensive weapons systems officer.

"B-1s offer the combatant commander an airframe that can strike from long distances and carry a tremendous payload which can be tailored for most any mission," Captain Combs said. "We knew it would be a giant leap in lethality when we upgraded to 'Block D' aircraft. JDAMs gave the B-1 the ability to deliver numerous guided weapons on multiple targets on a single bomb run."

A JDAM kit contains an inertial navigation system and a guidance unit that uses the Global Positioning System of satellite signals to guide the weapon to its target. The part of the bomb that gives it this ability is a guidance tail kit that converts unguided "dumb bombs" into guided "smart" munitions, according to Air Force officials.

B-1 crews at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., first tested the munition in 1998.

The JDAM was developed when Desert Storm highlighted a shortfall in air-to-surface weapon capability, according to the Air Force's JDAM fact sheet. Adverse weather conditions limited employment of precision guided munitions. Unguided weapon accuracy was also degraded when delivered from medium and high altitudes. Research and development of an "adverse weather precision guided munition" began in 1992. The first JDAMs were delivered in 1997 with operational testing conducted in 1998 and 1999.

JDAMs come in two different



A set of Joint Direct Attack Munitions is loaded onto a conventional rotary launcher on a B-52 at a deployed location. The Global Position Satellite-controlled JDAM offer commanders the opportunity to attack several targets on a single bomb run and eliminates difficulties posed by weather. The JDAM also is a precision guided weapon that utilizes regular "dumb bombs" and makes them "smart."

U.S. Air Force photo

sizes -- the MK-83 1,000-pound bomb and the MK-84 2,000 pound bomb. The "Mark"-84 is the weapon of choice for the B-1 community, said Staff Sgt. Ralph Yeakel, 7th Munitions Squadron. "A Mark-84 not only weighs 2,000 pounds, but also contains over 945 pounds of highly explosive tritonal, which we call 'the crowd pleaser.'"

Tritonal is a silvery solid that contains 80 percent TNT and 20 percent of atomized aluminum powder.

Another bonus the Mark-84 has is its ease of construction compared to other bombs in the

Dyess inventory, Sergeant Yeakel said.

"With a good crew, we can put together a bomb in about six to 10 minutes," Sergeant Yeakel said. "And, we definitely have some very good crews here."

The precision weapon can strike within six feet of almost any target from 35,000 feet in the air, Sergeant Yeakel said. "The tail kit increases the accuracy of regular bomb amazingly -- this is the most accurate bomb ever made."

JDAMs can be dropped at low altitudes as well. This

"When it comes to dropping bombs on target, this is the weapon of choice... This is the most accurate bomb ever made"

Staff Sgt. Ralph Yeakel
7th Munitions Squadron

allows the weapon to be used with the B-1's low-level, terrain-following capabilities, Captain Combs said.

The JDAM has only been in service at Dyess for three years, but has already been put to extensive use in two conflicts and now has become the top weapon among the bombing community, Captain Combs said.

An advantage the JDAM has over laser guided munitions is it can be dropped and guided regardless of weather conditions, Captain Combs said.

Another huge bonus the JDAM has over laser guided munitions is its price. While some Laser Guided Munitions can cost more than \$80,000, the JDAM currently runs at about \$25,000 a bomb, which is a huge value to the Air Force compared to the prices of many of its other munitions. B-1s can carry up to 24 of the highly precise, yet affordable weapons.

"When it comes to dropping

bombs on target, this is the weapon of choice," said Sergeant Yeakel. Sergeant Yeakel was deployed as a member of the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing along with other members of the 7th MUNS during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was one of many munitions troops responsible for building thousands of the JDAMs needed for the war. "(When I was working with the 405th AEW,) we put together over 1,500 bombs in one week, not including the 600 bomb (surplus) we were required to maintain throughout the war's duration."

While the JDAM has only been around for relatively brief amount of time, the results have already shown the Air Force made a good investment, Captain Combs said.

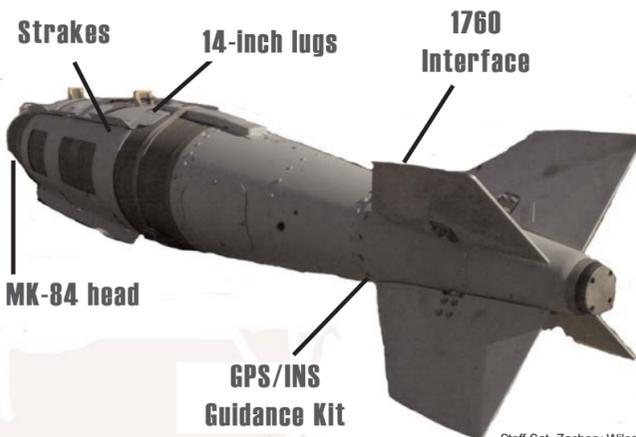
"This bomb allows us to be extremely effective when it comes to us putting bombs on target," Captain Combs said. "And that is what we do."



Airmen 1st Class Mike Ascher (left) and Anthony Meyerhoffer, 7th Munitions Squadron munitions systems apprentices, prepare to load a 2,000 pound Joint Direct Attack Munition onto a trailer. With a skilled crew, weapons troops can build a JDAM in six to 10 minutes. The JDAM comes in two types -- the 2,000 pound MK-84/BLU 109 and the 1,000 pound MK-83/BLU-110.

Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson

MK-84/BLU-109 JDAM Joint Direct Attack Munition



Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson

Scoreboard

Basketball

National League
(Tuesday/Thursday)

Team	W-L-For#
7 SFS	1-0
7 CES	1-0
39 AS	1-0
Varsity	1-0
7 AMXS #2	1-0
7 BW/MSS	1-1
7 LRS	1-1
7 CMS #2	1-1
7 CS #2	0-1
7 MOS	0-1
7 SVS	0-1
317 MXS	0-1

Over-30 League

Team	W-L-For#
7 AMXS	1-0
7 LRS	1-0
317 AMXS	0-0
7 EMS	0-0
7 CES	0-0
7 MUNS	0-0
7 BW/MSS/CPTS	0-0
7 MDG	0-1
7 SFS	0-1-1

Bowling

National
(Week 16)

Team	W-L
7 MOS	84-44
Beer Time	83-45
7 SVS	81-47
7 EMS	76-52
7 SVS Command	75-53
317 AMXS	66-62
7 AMXS #2	63-65
7 MDG	62-66
7 MSS	57-71
Fire Wire	44-84
7 LRS	42-86

American
(Week 10)

Team	W-L
7 OSS	56-24
7 SVS #2	54-26
7 SFS	50-30
7 CES #2	48-32
7 EMS	46-26
317 OSS	42-38
7 CPTS	38-42
7 MOS	38-34
7 CES #1	36-44
7 AMXS #1	34-30
7 CMS	32-40
Credit Union	32-40
7 AMXS #3	28-52

Dyess OSC
(Week 19)

Team	W-L
Honey Kats	48-28
Hot Little Mamas	46-30
Consistently Inc	46-30
Wicked Women	44.5-31.5
Herk Hotties	44-32
Still Clueless	44-32
Pin Pals	40.5-35.5
Kingpins	39.5-36.5
The Niners	36-40
Bowling Impaired	33.5-42.5
Pin Heads	33-39

Dyess Friday Night Mixed
(Week 19)

Team	W-L
Five	126-26
HMO	98-54
Got B	92-60
If I Know	81-71
D & D	70-82
Mixed Nuts	65-87
Six	56-96

Dyess Preps
(Week 16)

Team	W-L
Spinnerz	50-14
Thunder Pins	33-31
Team Inferno	32.5-31.5

Juniors/Majors
(Week 16)

Team	W-L
The Dominators	55-9
Kingpins	47-17
New-Bees	14-18

Don't see your standings here? Call 696-2862 for more information.

Sports Shorts

Martial arts classes

The fitness center will be offering Kuk Sool Won classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 696-4306.

Intramural sports

The intramural basketball and bowling seasons are now underway. Intramural bowling teams begin rolling at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Dyess Lanes at 696-4166. The intramural basketball games begin at 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, call 696-4306.

Single? Play golf?

If you are single (unmarried, divorced, widowed, legally separated), 21 or older, enjoy playing golf and meeting other singles, the American Singles Golf Association invites your participation. Call 1-888-GOLFMATE, or visit them on the Web at www.singlesgolf.com.

Fitness center

◆ Massages are available at the fitness center. There are four choices of massages offered: full body (one hour) \$35, 30 minutes \$17.50, 15 minutes \$12; and chair massage \$25 for 20 minutes. Purchase massages at the health and wellness center desk and bring receipt to appointment. For more information, call 672-6565.

◆ There's a Love and Basketball 3 on 3 tournament at 9 a.m. Feb. 14.

◆ The President's Day Wallyball tournament is at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 17.

For more information, call 696-4306.

Dyess Lanes

◆ Kids birthday special - on their birthday, kids can get one game, shoe rental and a meal for only \$3.50.

◆ The Dyess youth bowling league is open to children age 5 to 18.

Interested kids can still sign up to bowl in the 10 a.m. Saturday Youth League.

◆ Bowl three games for the price of two during the Tuesday Night Special.

◆ At Music Thursday Rock while you Roll, games are 50 cents after 5 p.m.

◆ Sundays are Family Days -- Family Day special \$1 per game all day.

◆ Thunder Alley is every Saturday from 8 p.m. until closing, \$8 per person or \$2 per game (including shoes).

No one younger than 13 allowed unless accompanied by an adult.

◆ The Air Combat Command Base Level Championship Bowling Tournament is March 6 and 7, and March 13 and 14.

Cost is \$20 to enter. Male &

Female bowlers will compete in two categories: Scratch and handicap division for personnel who have an established average starting August 2003 through February 2004. The scratch division is open to active duty only with averages of 180 for males and 150 for females. The handicap division is open to all active duty, dependants, DoD and NAF employees meeting.

Active duty can only bowl in one category. Each male and female winner at the base level will go to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., to compete for the ACC championship tournament April 6-10. For more information, call 696-2936

Golf course

◆ The Winter Series Golf Tournament continue Feb. 7 and 21

◆ Airmen's Golf Day, where E1-through E4 can golf for half price, is Feb. 22.

◆ Putters on the Run is now offering delivery service on selected menu items Thursdays through Sundays.

Delivery times are from 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from noon to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The last delivery call must be made 30 prior to closing. For orders of \$7 or more the delivery is free (50-cent charge if less than \$7). They have also added wings to their menu items.

◆ Mesquite Grove Golf Course now has an all-new Curbside Café "Canos Cacina" that will stop at your work area, call 696-4384 to get your work area on the schedule.

◆ Say "I Love You" with a personalized cookie from Putter's. You will have the choice of a heart shape or nine-inch round cookie and delivery for only \$7. Deliveries (on base only) will be Feb. 13 and 14. For more information, call 696-4384.

Outdoor recreation

◆ Reserve the Paintball Field for unit Stressbuster Challenges. The field is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. -- reservations accepted until 5 p.m. Friday and must be a group of 10 or more. For more information or reservations, call 696-2402.

◆ Outdoor Recreation has paintball guns for sale. Stop in to see the selection or they can special order for your convenience.

◆ Winter Park Ski Trip - Outdoor Recreation has a trip scheduled for Feb 16 to 20 to Winter Park Mountain Lodge in Colorado. Call today for details, cost and itinerary.

◆ Sweetheart Paintball Special - Feb 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rent one rental package or Field fee and get the second free.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris
Kenneth Nelson, 7 LRS, takes one to the hoop during intramural action against the 7 MDG.

LRS slam dunks MDG in 83-33 blowout

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

Even before the opening tip-off, the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron had a considerable advantage over the 7th Medical Group, in an 83-33 blow-out victory over the Medics, Jan. 29 at the Dyess Fitness Center.

The 7th MDG had no substitute players for the entire game while the 7th LRS had three additional players to relieve their starting-five.

"We knew that we had a disadvantage to begin with, being short-handed," said Jeffrey Cook, Medics team captain. "But, we were going to give it our best."

The Medics looked intent to keep the game close, raining jump shots in, matching point for point early in the game.

With 4:37 left on the clock in the first half, LRS' Leiva Edison picked off a pass and streaked down to the opposite end of the court, floating the ball in for an easy lay-up. This sparked a 10-0 run giving the LRS a controlling 29-13 lead over the Medics, which they were able to stretch to 38-14 by the half.

Both sides had a slow start in the second half, not scoring a single basket for the first five minutes. Until the Medics' Jeffrey Wong broke the ice, making back-to-back jump shots, including a 3-pointer. But LRS' defense would hold Medics scoreless for the next six minutes of the second half.

After shutting down the Medics brief surge, LRS continued their onslaught as Wade Parks racked up 12 of his 18 points in the second and Nathaniel Franklin nailed multiple three-pointers. Edison continued to be successful on both sides of the court, rejecting couple of shots and finishing the game with 12 rebounds and 24 points.

Stamina proved to be a key factor in the game, with LRS dominating the boards with 37 rebounds, to Medics' 21.

"We felt that we played really well for our first game and hope that we continue to have a successful season," said Edison.

While the game was far from close, the score did not discourage the Medics, who played hard to the end, Edison said.

"We feel very confident that we will do much better once we get some more players," said Cook.



Super Bowl food, fun

The Hangar Center hosted permanent party and temporary duty personnel alike for a Super Bowl Party Sunday. (far left) Chief Master Sgt. Michael Williams, TDY from Langley AFB, Va., loads up from the buffet. (left) Airman 1st Class Johnnie LaCombe, 7th Air-craft Maintenance Squadron, lines up a pool shot during halftime. The New England Patriots defeated the Carolina Panthers, 32-29, to claim the world title.