



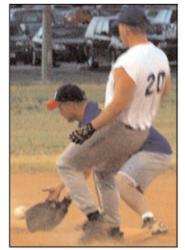
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AF wins for energy management efforts

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess member was part of the Air Force Renewable Energy Team that recently won the 2004 Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management.

Tom Denslow, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron base energy manager, was chosen as an AFRET member for his leadership in the

field of energy management along with his many accomplishments as Dyess' energy manager. Denslow was honored with others of the team during a July 15 ceremony at the U.S. Department of State in Washington.



Denslow

"Remarkably, this is the second time in less than two years that the Air Force has won a presidential award," Denslow said. "This award helps recognize the efforts of Dyess in utilizing renewable energy and in energy conservation."

The Leadership in Federal Energy Management Awards honors teams of federal employees who exemplify leadership in

efficient energy management.

Under Denslow's management, Dyess became the largest retail wind power purchaser in the United States when the base converted entirely to wind energy last year.

Dyess was also the first in the United States to convert to 100-percent renewable energy, earning the base the 2003 Green Power Partner of the Year Award.

According to Denslow, the Air Force's renewable energy program makes up about 40 percent of the federal government's entire renewable energy acquisition. Dyess alone accounts for nearly 20 percent of that renewable energy.

By procuring 207 million kilowatt hours of "green power" in 2003, the Air Force reduced harmful air emissions, equating to the removal of about 20,000

cars from the road for a full year.

Several other Air Force bases were recognized for leadership in federal energy and environmental management during the ceremony. They included Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., Robins AFB, Ga., Tinker AFB, Okla., and Vandenberg AFB, Calif., all for their efforts in recycling and reduction of hazardous materials.

Deployed Dyess Airmen avert disaster

By Capt. David May
Dyess Public Affairs

Two 7th Munitions Squadron Airmen recently received recognition for their actions in an explosive situation while they were deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Bradley Downey, a line delivery crew chief, and Airman 1st Class Paul Albert, line delivery, received the Air Combat Command Weapons Safety Award of Distinction for July for safely extinguishing a trailer fire that could have set off up to eight 2,000 pound Joint Direct Attack Munitions they were towing.

As they were transporting munitions to the flightline from the munitions storage area, Sergeant Downey was driving one of the middle trucks in a six-truck convoy when he heard a loud "pop" from one of his two trailers. He immediately stopped the truck and jumped out to see what was going on.

"I saw thick smoke and said, 'That's not good,'" said Sergeant Downey. "My initial instinct was to grab a fire extinguisher and start trying to put it out."

But, as the acting supervisor, Sergeant Downey was responsible for mobilizing the initial response for all players at the

scene. After notifying munitions control, he began to organize Airmen, but said there was really little to do.

"Everyone took the initiative on their own," he said. "Everyone did a really good job."

One of those people was Airman Albert.

"We grabbed fire extinguishers and began emptying them on the trailer," said Airman Albert. "If one (of the JDAMs) would have gone off, all eight would probably have gone off."

The members later found out that the trailer brakes had locked up and had continued to heat up until blowing out one of the tires, setting it on fire. The locked brakes weren't initially noticed because the cargo weight along with the sporadic nature of the lock didn't noticeably change the trailer handling characteristics, said Sergeant Downey.

Airman Albert said he had never experienced anything like that before.

"It was a weird situation," he said. "I'm just glad we were able to get it put out safely."

After the fire was out, the fire department and munitions senior supervision arrived on the scene. Senior Master Sgt. Chris McCullough and Master Sgt. Kenneth Gibson, both 7



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Airman 1st Class Paul Albert and Staff Sgt. Bradley Downey, both 7th Munitions Squadron line delivery specialists, ensure a Mark 84 bomb is properly tied down before towing it to the flightline. The two Airmen received the July Air Combat Command Weapons Safety Award of Distinction for their actions while deployed to an undisclosed location.

MUNS, made an initial analysis and were able to get the brakes released so the mission could be completed and the weapons delivered safely.

"It was an exciting night, but we didn't think it was that big of a deal," Sergeant Downey said. "It's just part of the job."

PME courses implement Fit-to-Fight program

By Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter
Dyess Public Affairs

Professional Military Education students will exercise under a more formal structure beginning in August as part of the Fit-to-Fight initiative.

Students will perform physical conditioning three days a week to reinforce the school's new focus, said Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk, vice commandant of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education.

Even though many schools have moved toward this, it is not officially a part of the curriculum until August for the non-commissioned officer academies and November for airman leadership schools, she said.

According to the commandant of Dyess' Airman Leadership School, students who attend their course are required to participate in an established physical training program.

"We do formal PT every Monday, Wednesday and Friday," said Senior Master Sgt. Stephanie Powell. "We incorporate cardiovascular and strength training into a 60- to 70-minute workout."

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Dyess shows combat capability with successful 'surge'

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Bomb Wing demonstrated its airpower combat capability as the Dyess bomber force flew 77 sorties as part of a three-day "surge" in flying July 20 to 22.

A surge is defined as producing at least 50-percent more flying for a given period than is normally conducted, according to Air Force guidelines.

"We planned 90 sorties during the surge. In order to be successful, we needed to have 77 (effective) sorties flown," said Maj. Gordon Greaney, 13th Bomb Squadron director of operations.

An effective mission was defined

as a B-1 successfully reaching the target.

The 7th BW air crews achieved their goal by flying 77 sorties in 68 hours, out of 81 total missions launched, earning Dyess members a down day Aug. 6.

"The performance of all involved was outstanding, Major Greaney said. "It came down to the final hours of the third day (July 22), where 14 of the last 15 scheduled sorties had to be effective to reach our goal of 77."

Dyess dropped 266,500 pounds of inert BDU-56 2,000 pound and 500-pound training munitions over various ranges in the continental United States, base officials said.

"Team Dyess came together in a crunch and put bombs on target,"

Major Greaney said.

Surges are conducted to simulate actual combat taskings. The capabilities of air crews, maintainers and logistics systems must be determined before they are tested in a combat environment. The surge is designed to stress the entire wing and keep everyone at peak performance, according to Dyess officials.

"Once again the 7th BW demonstrated outstanding simulated combat capability," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th BW commander. "This is our fourth bomber surge and each one has had different stresses. In all four cases, our troops figured out how to win. This is a classic example of pushing ourselves harder and making us better."



Airman Shawn Baldauf

A Dyess B-1 takes off during a three-day sortie "surge" July 20-22.

DYESS 7th Bomb Wing as of Monday				317th Airlift Group as of Monday						
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	83	62	-15	95%	701.3	87.9%	701.3	590.7	-110.6	

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COACH'S CORNER



“On a roll”

So far we've had a great summer. We've accomplished many mission impacting events-deployments and redeployments, surges, inspections, high-level visits and more. And fortunately we've had a very safe summer. On-duty and off-duty mishap rates are low. Accidents involving automobiles and motorcycles have been almost non-existent. Recreational and sports related accidents for Team Dyess are also low.

Unfortunately, even though the 7th and 317th are having good fortune, the rest of the Air Force is having a shocking number of tragedies. Typically, alcohol abuse and excessive speed are contributors to the great number of accidents we see throughout our service.

We still have several more weeks of summer to go. Let's continue winning by keeping our safety record a strong record.

Change, learning constants in our AF

By Col. Paul Montgomery
 317th Airlift Group commander

My experience tells me that there are two constants in our Air Force.



The first is change. We've all heard the old wisdom that if you don't like the way something is now, wait until tomorrow because it will change.

Sometimes organizations, command policies and yes, even uniforms are changed for changes' sake.

Many believe that this is wasted effort.

However, I believe that change in virtually any area should be dealt with as a progressive force.

Changing superficially and programmatically allows us to capitalize on present circumstances, the changing methods of warfare and the efforts of our foes to resist our political objectives through violent conflict.

The bottom line is we change to accomplish our objectives. Change has the additional effect of conditioning all of us to keep our situational awareness high. In a service that prides itself on the tenets of technology and flexibility, it is in our Air Force's insti-

tutional nature to embrace change.

The second constant is, the Air Force is a learning organization. As circumstances change, people in our service change behaviors.

Another way of thinking about this concept is that the Air Force is adaptive.

How we accomplish this miracle of adaptation is by observing events around us, responding to the event, and finally teaching others about our successful response strategies -- this is Boyd's Observation, Orientation, Decision, Action Loop writ large.

The key is not in developing the response, but teaching others in our organization what worked. I emphasize teaching because that is the root of mentoring. In Greek mythology, Mentor was the friend Odysseus trusted to educate his son in his absence.

This task implied more than just teaching -- it entailed providing the guidance and counsel that a father gives to a son. In reality, Odysseus gave Mentor the duty to raise his son.

It's the same task that America's fathers and mothers give to us as Air Force leaders to develop their sons and daughters. This brings me back to change, OODA Loops, and learning organizations.

Anyone who has a few years in our great service has lived through some remarkable changes. Organizationally we've had three different Wing structures in my 23 years. Each was suited for its time.

We're about to see another change in utility uniforms, which will be the third variation in my 23 years.

We've gone from a forward basing strategy to an

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Col. Paul Montgomery
 317th Airlift Group commander

expeditionary strategy, and we're transforming numbered air forces to warfighting headquarters -- all done as a response to changed conditions.

However, despite dramatic change, most vets still heed the famous verse from Ecclesiastes that there is nothing new under the sun. They've lived through lots of changes and have developed strategies to adapt.

Boyd's OODA model is predicated on understanding the environment.

If the environment is new, as it is to anyone who is new to either the Air Force or to Dyess AFB, then there's no historical context from which to observe change. This is where leaders have the most profound impact as mentors. They know the environment even if they haven't yet developed a response to the changes.

By mentoring, leaders orient their charges so that they can decide and act. In doing this, they continue the two Air Force constants: change and adaptation.

Leaders mold troops who will accomplish missions that make victory possible

By Chief Master Sgt. John Clark
 7th Operations Group first sergeant

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, George Patton and Colin Powell. These are just four of our nation's great leaders.

All of us have heard and read about these men and their deeds and we are as familiar with their lives and actions as we are our own.

Many of us aspire to be just as great as these men. We display their photos, study their lives and try to emulate their accomplishments.

The truth is, for most of us this just isn't going to happen. We will never have the opportunity to lead an infantry division in a decisive battle or lead a nation through troubled times.

Yet, we can still be great leaders.

Our arena is not the battlefield or beachhead, but the workplace and installation where we're assigned.

We won't lead the 8th Air Force to victory over the skies of Europe, but we do lead Airmen everyday in



accomplishing our mission here or at deployed locations.

And, like our great military and political leaders, our words and deeds can have a lasting impact on our Air Force.

Leaders achieve that impact by taking the time to lead our people.

Live the example you preach, provide your troops with the best training available.

Evaluate openly and give honest feedback.

Enforce standards and take the time to get to know the troops you're responsible for.

These are just a few of our supervisory responsibilities we've studied in the promotion fitness examination or through professional military and off-duty education.

Day-to-day supervision of troops is not glamorous. It won't be something you read about in the history books. Day-to-day supervision is just as important in our Air Force today as D-Day was in June 1944.

Supervisors must never forget that every word and deed has a lasting impact on the troops they come into contact with; not just those we directly supervise, but every troop who sees what we do or hears what we say.

You cannot trivialize or ignore how important you are as a supervisor. You are molding the senior leaders of the world's premier Air Force. While we may not lead an expeditionary force to victory, we are molding the troops who will accomplish the missions that make victory possible.

This week in Air Force History



July 26, 1947 -- President Harry S. Truman had approved the National Security Act of 1947. He also issued Executive Order 9877 which by presidential directive outlined the duties of the three services. Each was responsible for the area in which it operated -- ground, sea and air, although the Navy retained an air arm and the Marine Corps.



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The race is on for most on-time takeoffs in July ...

...for the 7th Bomb Wing

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NEWS Briefs

Official function

The 7th Comptroller Squadron is closing at 1 p.m. today for an official squadron function.

Change of command

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron change of command is Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the 3-Bay Hangar. Lt. Col. Kevin Taylor will assume command of the squadron from Lt. Col. James Green.

ANG recruiter

The new Air National Guard In-Service Recruiter, stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is available to assist active-duty members from all bases located in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas to apply for the Palace Chase and Palace Front programs. For more information, Master Sgt. Jim Jeter can be reached at DSN 487-5202, or via e-mail at james.jeter@randolph.af.mil.

Safety kit

◆ According to 7th Bomb Wing Safety officials, every Dyess airman should have a vehicle safety kit. The minimum kit must have a "Wingman Card" or equivalent, flashlight or two light sticks, reflective belt or four feet of reflective tape. Details on a recommended kit may be found at <https://wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7se/dmground/roadside%20safety%20kits.ppt>.

For more information, call Lt. Col. John Touchton at 696-5395, or e-mail at john.touchton@dyess.af.mil.

FITNESS

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Course attendees will also notice a focus on combat leadership throughout enlisted PME with lessons such as national security strategy, joint-force components, expeditionary Airman, terrorism and force protection, force packaging and joint perspectives.

"The major difference in our curriculum today compared to before is that we are focusing on the combat environment verses a business environment," Chief Turk said.

These changes will be implemented at all levels of PME starting with airman leadership schools, with added intensity as the level increases.

"Fit-to-Fight is an area where we need everyone's support because of the way it is performed while attending PME," she said.

Students will perform physical conditioning before, during or after the duty day, which lasts from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, schools have the flexibility to schedule exercise time since constraints such as shower facilities, physical training access areas, and graduation schedules will affect each school differently. Each school will design its own physical-conditioning program ensuring programs consist of proper

warm up, push-ups, sit-ups, running and cool down.

Every program will comply with guidance provided in Air Force Instruction 10-248.

All students, no matter what fitness category, are allowed to attend PME. Instructors will perform an unofficial fitness assessment to determine students' fitness level. Based on their fitness level, they will be paired up with students in a similar category. If someone is not physically fit, the instructors will support their individual fitness regimen to ensure safe work-out activities.

"Because of differing levels of fitness, we do an initial assessment of our students, and then flight the class based on run times, so each student is getting the maximum workout benefit, while still meeting the standards," said Sergeant Powell.

If no fitness profile is received and the assessment indicates that the Airman is not physically fit, officials will work with and monitor his or her involvement in the program.

"The bottom line is that students must participate to the fullest extent possible in our fitness program," Chief Turk said.

Sergeant Powell added that with the opening of the new fitness center, ALS students have many more options when it comes to getting variety in their physical training.



Courtesy photo

Members of the 39th Airlift Squadron run in formation during an early morning fun run. All Professional Military Education students will start exercising in August under a formal structure as part of the Fit-to-Fight initiative.

"With all the machines in the cardio room and the myriad of strength-training equipment, we can get our entire class on cardio machines at the same time, and they can then get their weight training, push-ups, or sit-ups in a state-of-the-art facility,"

(Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski contributed to this report.)

Airpower critical to OEF's first 1,000 days

By Maj. David Honchul
Combined Air Operations Center
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- As millions of Americans celebrated Independence Day, a milestone in the country's war against terrorism quietly passed earlier this month.

July 3 marked the 1,000th day since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. From the beginning, airpower had been involved in the fight against Taliban and anti-coalition forces fighting in Afghanistan. Now the air component is helping coalition partners protect the country's election process and the presidential elections scheduled for the fall.

"With the dedicated service of the 18,000-plus Airmen currently deployed to Southwest Asia, we have removed Afghanistan from the grips of the Taliban and as an effective refuge for Al Qaeda, restored the country to the Afghan people, and helped place them on a course toward freedom and a representative-style government," said Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, Combined Forces Air Component commander and commander of U.S. Central Command Air Forces. "But it's important to note it's not just U.S. Air Force people making this happen. It's experienced, trained Airmen from all services and our coalition partners who have created the success we have enjoyed over the past 1,000 days."

From Bagram Air Base and lesser-known airfields around the country, to locations within nearby former Soviet republics and other locations throughout Southwest Asia, Airmen continue to bring the fight to Al Qaeda and its supporters, he added.

Since the first strikes Oct. 7, 2001, U.S. Central Command Air Forces and coalition partners have flown more than 94,000 strike sorties against pre-planned targets or in close air support for coalition



Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM -- An Air Force munitions loader preps munitions to be loaded onto a B-1 Lancer at an operating location in support of the U.S. Central Command execution of Operation Enduring Freedom. B-1 bombers have dropped more than 3.8 million pounds of weapons and more than 60 percent of all munitions during OEF.

ground forces in Afghanistan.

The way USCENTAF fights has changed during these 1,000 days, changes which have greatly enhanced airpower's effect and flexibility. Two examples are time sensitive targeting and extended close air support, or CAS. In the "old days," aircrews stuck strictly to a well-developed plan to attack specific targets defined before they took off. The aircrews would fly the missions, hit their targets and return home.

Today, USCENTAF air planners work closely with ground commanders and intelligence agencies to build a flexible air plan that meets the ground commander's requirement for on-call close air support and allows quick access to potential time-sensitive strike areas. This persistent and unpredictable presence of airpower often times deters or prevents hostile action by the enemy. When deterrence fails and friendly

troops require air support, or when a specific "high-value" time-sensitive target is identified, USCENTAF airpower can quickly and with precision, deliver decisive force.

ISR -- intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance -- missions continue to play a big role in supporting operations in Afghanistan, General Buchanan said.

Air Force, Army, Navy, Guard, Reserve and coalition aircrews have flown more than 3,000 ISR sorties -- demonstrating the now well-established joint and combined approach to ISR operations.

In the last 1,000 days, cross-cueing -- where information from multiple sensors on varied platforms are fused into one "picture" -- has allowed the Combined Air Operations Center to develop a more complete, precise and timely awareness of the battlespace in OEF and OIF.

Officials say the speed of this

process is accelerating, resulting in even greater coalition capability to apply precision airpower at the time and place needed.

"Our greatest effort in supporting forces on the ground is in conducting CAS and ISR," the general said.

"Our strike and ISR assets patrol routes requested by or coordinated with our ground forces to enhance our ability to protect them, conduct offensive operations, or defend them when they're attacked by anti-coalition forces. Our ISR assets play a key role in identifying enemy operating areas, and trends in the activities of anti-coalition forces. They have saved untold numbers of Soldiers and Airmen by providing threat warning and situational awareness during combat operations."

CENTAF's mobility mission -- which includes airlift, aerial refueling, and aeromedical evacuation

-- continues to be a high-demand part of coalition operations.

In the 1,000 days since the start of the war, CENTAF and coalition airlift aircraft have flown more than 30,000 sorties, carrying troops and critical military supplies to locations throughout the entire theater of operations. These operations ranged from delivering people, equipment, and supplies needed to sustain operations, to evacuating medical patients and air-dropping humanitarian supplies. Extending the reach of coalition forces in the air, air refueling units across the theater have flown more than 12,500 sorties and downloaded over 2.1 million pounds of fuel to coalition aircraft supporting operations in Afghanistan.

"Mobility operations have allowed coalition forces to project power halfway across the globe and sustain our military and support personnel in this ongoing effort," General Buchanan said. "They are the 'unsung' heroes in the fight. Attention naturally gravitates to bombs dropped on target. But without the Herculean efforts of our mobility forces, we would not have the people or resources available to make that happen."

No one knows for sure what the next 1,000 days will bring, but CENTAF leaders know airpower will be a key player.

"We will remain engaged in this operation as long as we're needed to help the Afghan government and security forces prevent remnants of the Taliban regime and other terrorist elements that may try to hinder the establishment of an elected Afghanistan national government," General Buchanan said. "All our airpower partners, across the services and the coalition, are integrated to provide a historic array of airpower options to the joint force commander in Afghanistan -- those capabilities are available now, and for however long they're needed."

New civilian personnel system to add efficiency, satisfaction

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The new National Security Personnel System will improve the working environment within the Defense Department while creating a more satisfied, more productive work force, Navy Secretary Gordon England said July 7.

"That's what this is about: great job satisfaction," Secretary England said. "We want everybody to go home every night and brag about the great job they accomplished that day. That is what we are trying to accomplish."

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. It will introduce sweeping changes to the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires its 700,000 civilian workers, doing away with antiquated practices Secretary England said have bogged down the department for decades.

For example, it will consolidate nine separate personnel systems that now govern DoD civilian workers.

Streamlining these systems into one "will make it easier to manage and certainly (will be) better for our employees," Secretary England said.

The system will include faster procedures for hiring new workers, pay based on performance rather than tenure and "pay bands" to replace the current general-service pay scale, he said.

Details are still being worked out, said Secretary England, who was tapped by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to put NSPS into place.

He said valuable input has come from a variety of pilot projects, which he called "learning exercises to make sure we've got it right before we start."

By the year's end, Secretary England said he expects to publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations for the new civilian human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals and grievance systems.

The first DoD civilians are expected to come under the new system in summer 2005, and DoD will phase in the system through late 2008, Secretary England said.

Despite these projected timetables, Secretary England said the implementation will be "event-driven, not time-driven. When we are ready we will do it, and not before."

In the meantime, officials are seeking input from people throughout DoD to make sure they come up with the best civilian personnel system possible, Secretary England said.

"It's a collaborative process; it's not negotiating to an answer," he said. "It is getting input from literally thousands of people around the country and around the world so we can understand their views."

Putting the new system into place while continuing DoD's mission will be a bit of a challenge, the secretary said.

"It's a little like maintaining an airplane while it's flying," he said. "The process has to be thoughtful and reasonably measured."

The new system, when fully in place, will benefit employees while making the department better able to respond to the challenges ahead, including the terrorism threat, Secretary England said.

"The whole premise is to have a highly effective work force ... that dearly loves to work for the Department of Defense, is well-trained and highly competitive," he said.

The result, he said, will be "a system that best represents our most valuable asset: our people."

Rules restrict political activity

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials remind servicemembers and Defense Department civilians that they are subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Gone are the days when the military posted troops at the polls after the Civil War, an act that Steve Epstein, director of the DoD's general counsel's standards of conduct office, said intimidated many southerners into not voting.

Today, Epstein said two sets of rules help protect the integrity of the political process: a DoD directive for active-duty servicemembers and the Hatch Act for federal civilians.

These rules keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure that the workplace remains politically neutral, he said.

That is not to imply that they cannot participate in politics. Epstein said DoD encourages both groups to register to vote and vote

as they choose, and to urge others to vote.

Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues -- but only if they do not do so as representatives of the armed forces.

Also, all federal employees can make contributions to political organizations or candidates.

Beyond that, the list of restrictions differs widely, depending on whether the employee is an active-duty servicemember, a rank-and-file civil service employee, a political appointee or a member of the career senior executive service, Epstein said.

Of all DoD employees, uniformed servicemembers have the most restrictions regarding political activity, he explained.

A 1993 revision to the Hatch Act freed most civil service employees to engage in political activities outside the workplace that were once forbidden, although many restrictions still apply.

For example, servicemembers

as well as government civilians can attend political meetings or rallies.

Servicemembers can attend only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups, or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

On the other hand, civilian employees governed by the Hatch Act may be active in and speak before political gatherings or serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups. They also are permitted to manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

Servicemembers generally are not permitted to campaign for a political office. Civilian employees are, as long as it is a nonpartisan election.

More details about restrictions on DoD military and civilian employees' political activities are posted on the DoD Web site.

Promotion video 'demystifies' board process

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Officials from the Air Force selection board secretariat and the enlisted promotions branch at the Air Force Personnel Center have a new video to help shed light on the inner workings of the selection board process.

The video is an effort to educate all Airmen about senior enlisted promotion boards.

A copy of the video, titled "How Senior NCOs Are Promoted to Senior and Chief," will be distributed to each Air Force installation public affairs office, military personnel flight, command chief master sergeant, as well as to all non-commissioned officer academies and the Senior NCO Academy.

The video provides an insider's view of boardroom activity, including how records are scored and

what board members actually do when evaluating candidates for promotion.

"It's important for all enlisted personnel, as well as officers and civil service employees who supervise them, to know how the Air Force promotes senior NCOs to the top two grades," said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher, video production coordinator.

"The career path to chief master sergeant begins early in an enlisted member's career," Sergeant Swisher said. "This video will stress the essence of how Airmen can take control of their careers early, and how supervisors can assist in helping them reach their goal."

The video explains the process from the way board members are chosen to sit on selection boards

to how board members affect the final promotion list.

One point of emphasis is the importance of each master and senior master sergeant keeping his or her records current and correct.

"We have a great promotion system. There are numerous safeguards in our promotion process to make sure it remains so, while ensuring Air Force members receive fair and equitable consideration," said Col. R.J. Rouse, chief of the selection board secretariat. "The video highlights those safeguards as well as other important promotion topics."

The video should be available by early September. For more information contact the military personnel flight. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Airman Shawn Baldauf

TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week Airman Sarah Kavaky

Unit: 7th Contracting Squadron

Job title: Contract Administrator

Job description: I purchase commodities and services for Dyess.

Time in the Air Force: 11 months

Time at Dyess: Seven months

Hometown: Fairfield, Calif.

Career goal: My short-term goals are to acquire a five skill level, then make senior airman "below the zone."

Most rewarding job aspect: Contracting squadrons are the go-to-guys for all bases. As long as there is commerce, we will always be needed.

Favorite thing about Dyess: The size of Dyess allows leadership to convey their gratitude, stress and concerns to all troops, letting us know how important we are to the 7th Bomb Wing. It makes for better camaraderie.

Favorite thing about the Air Force: I can relate to plenty of people who are far from home, love to travel, who've dreamed of being in the Air Force and want to support their country.

Favorite Air Force memory: My best memory is sewing on my first set of stripes. Beyond the bruising, I liked climbing the echelon and the need for creasing my sleeves.

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

Getting the fighters to the fire

Driver/operators important cog in 'wheel'

Senior Airman Patrick Tompkins hooks up a water supply hose to the P-24 structural firefighting vehicle. The P-24 a four-wheel drive pumper that carries more than 655 gallons of firefighting agent, 2,300 feet of hose and can pump at a rate of 1,000 gallons per minute.

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter
Dyess Public Affairs

"He snapped his fingers and said, 'It can happen just like that,'" said Brian Slaughter, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department driver/operator, as he quoted veteran Dyess firefighter Jack Walsh.

Those words underscore the seriousness Slaughter places on his job, and the importance he feels about being proficient in the operation of firefighting vehicles.

"Any delays in getting your vehicle positioned and operating at a fire scene can make the difference between life and death," he said. Slaughter has been an Air Force civilian driver/operator for more than six years. He also served for 11 years on active duty before becoming a civil servant.

"The most challenging part of the job is going from zero to 60 (mentally) in a matter of seconds," he added. "When an alarm comes in, we may be doing station details, training or having lunch. When you make this transition, you have to know where you're going, you have to watch other drivers on the road and listen for radio instructions."

Becoming a qualified driver/operator is no easy task. And with specialized vehicles -- all with a "P" in front of their numbers -- designed for fighting specific fires, that task can be even loftier.

For Nic Martinez, civilian driver/operator, the desire to be completely proficient before getting certified translated into numerous hours of study and practice.

"I didn't just want to get 'signed off' on vehicles," said the 25-year-old San Angelo, Texas, native. "I wanted to know that, in any situation, I could get my vehicle to the fire and operate it in a manner that would ensure our success. The toughest vehicle for me was the old P-10 rescue vehicle, primarily because it was more than just a pickup truck ... it was a pickup truck that was loaded with specialized equipment our rescue teams needed to function in many different scenarios."

Martinez' favorite vehicle is the P-24, a four-wheel drive, structural firefighting pumper that carries more than 655 gallons of firefighting agent, 2,300 feet of hose and can pump at a rate of 1,000 gallons per minute.

"The P-24 is a go-anywhere, do-anything giant four-wheeler with a water tank," said Martinez. "It's one of our most versatile vehicles, and fun to drive too."

Meeting the demands of the assistant fire chief, the crew chief of your vehicle and the guys actually fighting the fire can be pretty daunting.

"Keeping up with everyone who relies on you is the toughest part of the job," said Senior Airman Patrick Tompkins, 7 CES driver/operator. "That's why it's absolutely critical that we know exactly what our vehicle can do, and how to make it do what it needs to during a fire."

Airman Tompkins, a four-year Air Force veteran, credits camaraderie with his fellow firefighters to success as a driver/operator.

"We have times when we give each other a hard time, and play practical jokes -- typical fire department stuff -- but when it comes right down to it, we all owe our lives to each other, and there isn't one person here who wouldn't give whatever it takes to make sure you're properly trained and proficient," said the Miami native.

Tompkins' favorite vehicle is the P-19 crash firefighting truck, which has been in service nearly 20 years, but still performs as a workhorse. "The P-19 is the fire department's C-130," he added. "It just keeps going and going."

"When there has been an incident, knowing you have done everything possible to mitigate it and that you and your equipment have performed flawlessly is the most rewarding aspect of this job," said Slaughter.

"This is the best job in the world," added Martinez. "I don't know why anyone would want to do anything else."



Senior Airman Patrick Tompkins and Nic Martinez show off HAZMAT 31, one of the fire department's newest vehicles. HAZMAT 31 comes equipped with a myriad of equipment and resources to assist Dyess firefighters in dealing with weapons of mass destruction, bioterrorism and chemical contamination hazards.

(Above) Nic Martinez maneuvers the P-19 firefighting vehicle around a B-1 mockup in the fire department's training area. The vehicle (right) has "pump and roll" capability, and can dispense water and firefighting agent from its roof and bumper turrets at more than 700 gallons per minute.





Airman Shawn Baldauf

Surge success

Senior Airman James Green watches as Airman Matthew Tidd installs a hydraulic pump on a B-1 engine during a surge exercise at Dyess July 22. The 7th Bomb Wing air crews achieved their goal by flying 77 out of 90 sorties in 70 hours, earning all Dyess people a down day Aug. 6.

Community Briefs

Beach Bash

The Dyess Top-3, Air Force Sergeant's Association and Airman's Advisory Council is sponsoring the 2004 Beach Bash event Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pavilion Area behind Campanale Hall. There will be free barbeque, a three-on-three basketball tournament and a four-on-four volleyball tournament. There will also be additional contests, a disc jockey and karaoke available. All E-4s and below are invited. In order to participate in a tournament, people must have pre-registered by Thursday, but open slots may be available on the day of the event.

AAC meeting

The next Airman Advisory Council meeting is Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club meeting room at The Hangar Center. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Rachel Trevino at 696-1407.

Wrestling Pay-Per-View

The Hangar Center is broadcasting World Wrestling Entertainment's "Summer Slam," Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

WCT recognition banquet

The annual recognition banquet for members of the We Care Team is Aug. 7 at the Hendricks Home for Children, 2758 Jeanette in Abilene. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 696-7663.

Information, Tickets and Travel

◆ The ITT office has Texas Rangers baseball tickets available as well as special rates for Carnival Cruises. Dates, ports and costs vary for each travel package.

◆ Hurricane Harbor tickets are available for \$16. For more information on these and other activities available through ITT, call 696-5207.

Summer reading program

The Dyess Library is featuring a variety of different activities for its summer reading program. The program runs until Thursday. The program features activities from the Abilene Zoo, a butterfly release, Dyess Honor Guard, Dyess Fire Department, the Boy Scouts, a local weather program, artist Teddy Trodgen, Buffalo Gap Village, a remote control airplane event and an awards program at the end of the year. The program is for children ages 4 to 8, 10 a.m. every Tuesday. For children ages 9 and older, 2 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 696-1508.

Embry-Riddle

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University semesters are under way. ERAU's Fall term dates are Aug. 9 to Oct. 9. Registration for the Dyess Fall 2004 residential term runs through Aug. 9. The Dyess ERAU office is located in the Base Training Education Services Flight, 425 Third Street, Suite 318. Dyess personnel interested in DL courses can register on an ongoing basis. DL courses begin on the 15th of each month. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact the Dyess Embry-Riddle office at 696-1785 or 692-2007, or via e-mail at dyess.center@erau.edu.

Voting registration

General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials are reminding everyone to register to vote. Deadlines and state-specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov. The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure a person's vote counts. For more information about voting at Dyess, call Capt. Frank Fischer at 696-2301.

August youth activities

- ◆ Wednesday -- Canoe Trip for ages 10 to 18. The trip runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The trip is free for members; \$10 for non-members.
 - ◆ Aug. 6 -- Spinners trip for ages 10 to 12. The trip runs from 1-5 p.m. The trip is free for members; \$10 for non-members. Sign-ups are required by Monday.
 - ◆ Aug. 11 -- Trip to Texas Rangers versus New York Yankees game for ages 10-18. Trip runs from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. Signups are required by Wednesday.
 - ◆ Aug. 12 -- Trip to the Skating Place for all ages. The trip runs from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for all. Signups are required by Aug. 9.
 - ◆ Aug. 14 -- Paintball outing for all ages. The outing runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The outing is free for members; \$10 for non-members. Signups are required by Aug. 13.
- For more information, call 696-4797.

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 are 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, 7 p.m.

The Notebook -- James Garner, Gena Rowlands, Joan Allen -- A young woman comes to the coastal town of Seabrook, North Carolina in the 1940s to spend the summer with her family. Still in her teens, Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams) meets local boy Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) at a carnival. On the spot, Noah senses that he and Allie are meant to be together. Though she is a wealthy debutante and he a mill worker, over the course of one passionate and carefree summer in the South, the two fall deeply in love.

PG-13 (some sexuality)

Saturday, 2 p.m.

White Chicks -- Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King -- Shawn and Marlon Wayans play two ambitious but unlucky FBI agents who go deep undercover as female, high society debutantes to infiltrate the sophisticated world of the Hamptons to investigate a kidnapping ring.

PG-13 (crude and sexual humor, language, and some drug content)

Saturday, 7 p.m.

The Notebook

Sunday, 2 p.m.

White Chicks

Coming Attractions

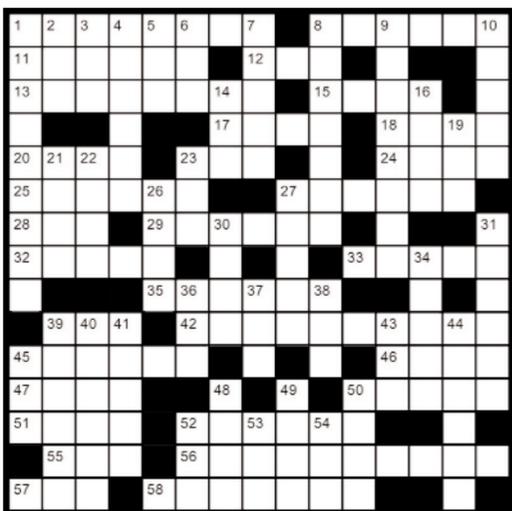
- ◆ Aug. 14, 2 p.m. -- Sleep Over
- ◆ Aug. 14, 7 p.m. -- Spider-Man 2
- ◆ Aug. 15, 2 p.m. -- Spider-Man 2

Dyess Chapel

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 is from 4-7 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.



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5. Vietnamese currency
6. Swiss mount
7. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
8. General of the Army
9. General of The Armies of the United States
10. Endure
14. Frozen water
16. Mets home
19. Sick
21. Spoken
22. Wheeze
23. Federal org. concerned with drugs
26. Thailand river formed by Nan and Ping rivers; ___ Phraya
27. Canadian birds?
30. California town
31. Enthusiasm
34. Heavyweight champion Lennox
36. Zodiac sign
37. USAF SFS quick reaction team
38. Explosive
39. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
40. A desperate attack by Japanese troops in World War II
41. Person from the Orient
43. Approves
44. Captivate
45. Haze
48. Grouch
49. An apostle
50. American Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
52. Pointed tool for making holes
53. Federal org. concerned with security
54. 52 in old Rome

Among the stars... 5 stars

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8. Detour
11. Articulated with the tip of the tongue
12. USAF enlisted report
13. North American silkworm moth
15. Televises
17. African country
18. Part of the leg
20. Lasso
23. Actress Susan
24. Supported
25. Meditation
27. Affable
28. Star Wars character Solo
29. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
32. Fanatic

33. USAF base home to Air Armament Center
35. Most senior
39. Professional b-ball league
42. General of the Army
45. Disaster
46. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
47. Hotel chain
50. Editorial
51. Great Pyramid home
52. General of the Air Force
55. Beige
56. First among all Officers of the United States Armed Forces
57. Israeli machinegun
58. Country of southeast Europe on the Adriatic Sea

DOWN

1. General of the Army
2. Emulate

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Caption Contest

This week's photo (No. 21)

The rules:

1. Write a creative, printable caption for the above photo.
2. Email your entry by close of business Monday to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil. Entries are limited to three per photo.
3. Entries must include the photo number and your name with your duty phone number.
4. Contest winners are announced weekly.
5. All entries become the property of *The Peacemaker*.



"What have I told you about drinking out of this stuff? I have to try it first to make sure it's safe. As a wingman, it's my duty."

The winner of the caption contest for the July 23 issue of *The Peacemaker* is Airman 1st Class Mirtha Lewis, 7th Medical Group.

The runner up was:
"And for today's training: How to fish a wedding ring out of a gas tank..."
Senior Airman Matthew Nethken, 7th Communications Squadron.

Softball smackdown

Varsity topples 317 OSS, 21-6 in intramural action

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

Varsity's Robert Luna and Mark Kuhar each blasted three-run homers in the top of the second inning, setting the tone for their team's 21-6 victory over the 317th Operations Support Squadron in National League intramural baseball Thursday.

Varsity made their offensive presence felt early, slugging hit after hit with runners in scoring position.

Continuing the hitting pattern of Luna and Kuhar, David Summers, Varsity, knocked a two-run homer to further their second inning lead to 9-2.

"We've been hitting well since the tournament last weekend, and it feels like our winning streak has carried over to this game," said Luna, Varsity team captain.

Determined to make a comeback, the 317th answered back, making a few scores of their own late in the second. Brian Choate hit a hard line drive up the middle, just out of a defenders reach, scoring in Mark Clark.

They also managed to squeeze in a few more runs past Varsity in the bottom of the third, with a double by Joel Salazar and a right-field blooper by Ryan Pawelek, bringing the score within four, 6-10.

But Varsity's defense proved to be dominant, smothering the support squadron's offense, and keeping them scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Putting on an offensive display, the rampage continued in the fifth inning, when Luna and Kuhar put on a two-man show, each slugging multi-run homers once again, and contributing more RBI hits in the same inning.

The rest of the team followed in their footsteps, continuing to beat the support squadron into submission until the end of regulation.

"As the base Varsity team, it is expected of us to play well," said Luna. "But despite the score, we still need to work on our defense if we want to do well in future tournaments."



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Jason Aznaran, Varsity, slides into second base before Mark Clark, 317th OSS, can tag him out. The Varsity team put on an offensive show against the 317th, and came away with the late-season victory, 21-6.

Standings —

Softball

American
(Current as of July 22)

Team	Win-Loss
317 AMXS	9-2
7 LRS	9-2
Varsity	8-1
7 MDG	8-3
7 EMS	7-4
7 AMXS #3	7-5
7 AMXS #1	4-7
7 CMS #2	3-8
7 CS	2-9
317 MXS	2-9
372 TRS	0-9

National
(Current as of July 22)

Team	Win-Loss
317 OSS	9-1
7 CMS #1	9-2
7 SFS	9-3
7 CES	8-4
7 MUNS	7-3
Varsity	5-0
7 MOS/OSS	5-6
7 CES #2	5-7
7 SVS	4-7
7 AMXS #2	2-10
28 BS	2-10
7 CPTS	0-12

Womens
(Current as of July 22)

Team	Win-Loss
7 MDG	6-1
7 CES	5-1
317 AG	4-3
7 CMS	1-6
7 SFS	1-6

Volleyball

American
(Final Standings)

Team	Win-Loss
7 EMS	17-4
7 CES	15-6
Shirts	10-11
7 AMXS	9-12
7 LRS #2	9-12
OPS #2	9-12
7 MDG	3-18
317 MXS	0-21

National
(Final Standings)

Team	Win-Loss
7 LRS #1	20-1
317 AG	16-5
7 SFS	11-10
7 OSS	11-10
7 CMS	10-11
OPS #1	7-14
7 CS	6-15
436 TS	0-21

Golf

American
(Current as of July 22)

Team	Win-Loss
7 MDG	39.5-8.5
7 LRS	36.5-11.5
7 SFS	24-18
436 TRS	18.5-17.5
7 MOS	15.5-20.5
7 BW	12-24
7 MUNS	10-32
7 OSS	7-17
7 CMS "C"	5-19

National
(Current as of July 22)

Team	Win-Loss
7 CMS "B"	46.5-7.5
7 CES	43-11
317 AMXS	34.5-19.5
7 CMS "A"	31-11
7 SVS	29.5-24.5
7 EMS	18.5-29.5
7 CS "B"	15-39
7 AMXS	14-28
7 CS "A"	14-34
317 MXS	0-36

Summer Series
(Standings after two events)

Last Name	Points
Penrod	28
Bishop	27
O'Neil	27
Williams, D	23
Booker	22
Wiggers	21
Castillo	18
Prosser	16
Morris	15
Moon	15
Horton	14
Cook	13
Martucci	12
Core	12
West	12
Aston	10
Smith	10
Dumas	9
Bowles	9



Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter

Championship form

(Left to right) Dwight Williams, John Tarseiwicz and Guadalupe Garcia practice at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. The three men won their respective divisions July 16 and 17 to advance to the Air Combat Command Golf Championships at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., in September. Williams captured the 1st Flight (handicap 18 and below) title with a net score of 136.4 for 36 holes. Tarseiwicz was the 2nd Flight (handicap 19 and higher) winner with a net score of 144, and Garcia captured the Championship Flight (active-duty only, scratch) with a score of 151.

Sports Shorts

Sand volleyball

The sand volleyball court at The Hangar Center is open every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for open play. There is no cost to use the court. Teams can enter a weekly tournament every Friday starting at 5 p.m. For more information, call 696-4305.

Base golf championship tournament

The Dyess Air Force Base golf championship tournament is Aug. 14 and 15 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. The first tee time is at 10 a.m., but all golfers must be checked in by 9:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 and does not include green fees or cart. There will be three flights -- championship, for golfers with a handicap of zero to five; first, for handicaps six to 18; and second, for handicaps of 19 and higher. In addition, there will be a special flight for juniors, age 18 and younger. For more information, call 696-4384.

Dyess Sports Day

The next Sports Day is set for Aug. 17. Events to be held include a home-run derby, two-person, three-point hot shot basketball, a biathlon, a bench press competition, nine-pin, no-tap bowling, nine-hole, four-person golf scramble, sand volleyball and paintball.

Points of contact for each event will be sent in advance through the first sergeants, along with sign-up sheets. For more information, call 696-4140.

Fitness center, health club

◆ The hours of operation for the new fitness center are Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

◆ The health club has returned to regular operating hours, which are 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 696-5910.

◆ The following classes are all free and held at the new fitness center: Abs -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.; Step aerobics -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:05 to 7:05 a.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Kickboxing and sparring -- Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Power Yoga -- Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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

◆ Kuk Sool Won Tae Kwon Do classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the health club. The cost is \$35 a month. Family rates are available.

For more information on these and other happenings at

the fitness center, call 696-4140; for the health club, call 696-5910.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

The Dyess Company Grade Officers Council, in conjunction with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Abilene, host Bowl for Kids' Sake from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at Dyess Lanes. For more information, call Capt. Julio Hernandez at 696-5527, or 2nd Lt. Richard Partain at 696-3500.

Mesquite Grove

◆ Cosmic Golf is Saturday. The tee time is at sunset. Cost is \$25 and includes green fees and cart.

◆ Ladies golf day is at 9 a.m. every Friday. The cost is \$12 and includes nine holes of golf with cart and a 15-minute tip from the pro. Signups are required 24 hours in advance.

◆ The Mesquite Grove Summer Tournament Series continues Saturday. The start time is 10 a.m., and the cost is \$15 entry fee per event. Cart and green fees are not included. Players will be given points for participation and points for how they finish. The individual with most points after the series is over will win a set of name-brand irons. Gift certificates will be awarded at each event and there will also be a cash "skins" pot. The format for Saturday is a three-person net ball; Aug. 28 is an individual three club; and Sept. 11 -- the final day of the series -- the format will be individual low net. Tee times are consecutive.

◆ Putters on the Run offers delivery service on selected menu items from 5-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. The last delivery call must be made 30 minutes prior to closing. Orders of \$7 or more receive free delivery. Orders less than \$7 will have an additional 50-cent charge. Wings have also been added to the menu.

◆ There is a nine-hole scramble every Wednesday night with a 6 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$5.

◆ The golf course has an all new Curbside Café Canos Cacina that will stop at work areas. Call for details.

For more information on these and other happenings at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course, call 696-4384.

Dyess Lanes

◆ Interested people can participate in the Air Force "Bowl for the Stars and Stripes" for chances to win free games and prizes.

◆ On their birthday, kids can get one game, shoe rental and a meal for \$3.50.

◆ Games are 50 cents after 5 p.m. during Music Thursday Rock While You Roll.

◆ Sundays are Family Days at Dyess Lanes. Games are \$1 all day.

◆ Thunder Alley is every Saturday from 8 p.m. until closing. The cost is \$8 per person or \$2 per game including shoes. No one younger than 13 is allowed unless accompanied by an adult.

For more information on these and other happenings at Dyess Lanes, call 696-4166.

Outdoor recreation

◆ The paintball field can be reserved for unit stress buster challenges. The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Saturday and Sunday reservations must be made before 5 p.m. the preceding Friday and must be a group of 10 or more.

◆ Outdoor recreation has paintball guns for sale. Customers can see the current selection or place a special order.

For more information on these and other happenings at Outdoor Recreation, call 696-2402.

Air Force Marathon

The 8th Annual Air Force Marathon is Sept. 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The marathon will include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, four-person relay and five-kilometer race. All entries must be in by Sept. 7.

The race is open to the public. Besides traditional awards for top finishers of each race, marathon committee officials will present awards to the top finishers from each major command, as well as to the command with greatest participation. For more information about marathon events, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

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