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7th BW undergoes three-part local UCI

By Airman 1st Class James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Bomb Wing and tenant units will undergo a three-part local Unit Compliance Inspection Monday through Sept 24. Inspection of unit Compliance and Standardization Requirements Lists will be held the entire week.

The C&SRLs, otherwise known as self-inspection checklists, help commanders assess their unit's health, performance and compliance with local and command directives. Wing commander certified programs and current Air Force and Air Combat Command special interest items are included.

"This exercise evaluates on- and off-base emergency responders, mass casualty handling and decontamination, terrorist and hostage situations and various Force Protection Condition implementations," said Maj. Patrick Klingler, 7th Bomb Wing, inspection chief. "Base personnel, active duty or civilians, finding themselves in the immediate 'play area' of the simulated terrorist activity are expected to act with a sense of urgency."

The Abilene Fire Department and Abilene Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics unit will be on base Wednesday to assist with a Full-Scale Threat Response exercise.

"This is important to Dyess because it helps us respond correctly to terrorist threats," Major Klingler

said.

Due to standard procedures, all 7th BW units will be affected temporarily for personnel accountability of their people and will exercise Force Protection Condition changes for the exercise situation. According to Major Klingler, flight line activities will not be disrupted.

For the last portion of the UCI, a simulated B-1 crash and recovery exercise is scheduled for Sept. 24.

"These exercises allow flight line emergency responders to receive their certifications," Major Klingler said.

For more information on UCI activities, visit the 7th BW inspector general Web site at <https://wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7ig/> or call 7 BW Inspections, at 696-3246.

World War II Veteran awarded Purple Heart medal for sacrifice on D-Day



Senior Airman Robert Morris

Col. Michael Moschella, 7th Maintenance Group commander, pins the Purple Heart medal on Wallace Hailey Sept. 9 in Granbury, Texas, for injuries sustained over Europe more than 60 years ago on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

By 1st Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

A veteran of the Second World War was awarded a Purple Heart medal on his 82nd birthday for injuries sustained in combat sixty years ago on D-Day -- June 6, 1944 -- in an 11 a.m. ceremony

in Granbury, Texas, Sept. 9.

Former 1st Lt. Wallace Hailey, an ex-pilot with the Army-Air Force, was injured en-route to a combat mission when he was forced down after a strafing attack on his 15th combat mission. His airplane received substantial damage, which caused Hailey to bail out at

1,800 feet and sustain injuries to his head and foot. Hailey has also received the Air Medal and European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars.

"I had flown for miles with a hole in my wing I could see the sky through. Some way across the English Channel, it became clear I was going to have to get out and walk," Hailey said. "I bailed out and struck my head against the cross fin (on the tail of the aircraft), which knocked me out cold. I came to right before I hit the water."

Hailey then managed to inflate a portable life raft in the middle of the frigid North Atlantic waters in the complete darkness of night.

"At that point I set off my first flare. It just sort of fizzled, but the second worked and I held onto the last one," Hailey said. "Then I passed out again. They tell me I was found about 45 minutes later, but they must have been working on government time. Sure seemed like a lot longer to me."

Hailey was then transported to a British hospital, where he made a speedy recovery. Sixty years later in June 2004, Hailey filed for the Purple Heart medal.

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Degree awarded posthumously to Dyess NCO

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announced the presentation of a bachelor's of science in professional aeronautics degree posthumously Sept. 13 to a Dyess NCO who drowned May 9.

They awarded the degree to Staff Sgt. Alan Sacks', formerly of the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron defensive avionics systems technician. Sergeant Sacks' mother, Karen Howard of Spokane, Wash., will accept the award on his behalf at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., later this month.

Sergeant Sacks' wife died in an auto accident, leaving him alone with his three-week old daughter in June 2002. In August 2002, he received a humanitarian assignment to Fairchild where he enrolled in classes at ERAU to earn a private pilot's license.

He returned to Dyess in Jan. 2004 and continued toward earning his degree.

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Dyess pushes to meet new fitness standards

By 1st Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

Ever since the new Air Force fitness standards became effective in January 2004, Airmen across the globe have been working to exceed the new goals.

Dyess is no exception, and physical training leaders around the base are working hard to meet the Air Combat Command goal of having 100 percent of all ACC Airmen tested by the end of the calendar year.

"We've tested 60 percent of the base population," said Byron Black, Dyess fitness program manager. "We still have 1,986 people left to test, so we're pushing pretty hard."

According to Air Force Instructions, the new fitness

test consists of an abdominal waist measurement, push-ups, sit-ups and a 1.5-mile run. The grading scale ranges from 1 to 100 with those who score less than 70 rating as poor, between 70 and 75 as marginal, between 75 and 90 as good, and 90 and above as excellent.

Currently, Dyess is enjoying some good statistics with regards to passing the new fitness test, Black said. The pass rate -- those with a score above 75 -- stands at 76 percent. That number jumps to 84 percent if all marginal scores are included.

Of the nearly 3,000 people that have tested to date, 494 scored in the excellent category, 2,444 scored in the good category, 310 scored a marginal, and 266 scored as poor.

"The 'poor' category contains

our lowest number of people," Black said. "There has also been marked improvement in our pass rates since we began testing with the new standards at the beginning of the year. This is something we're very proud of."

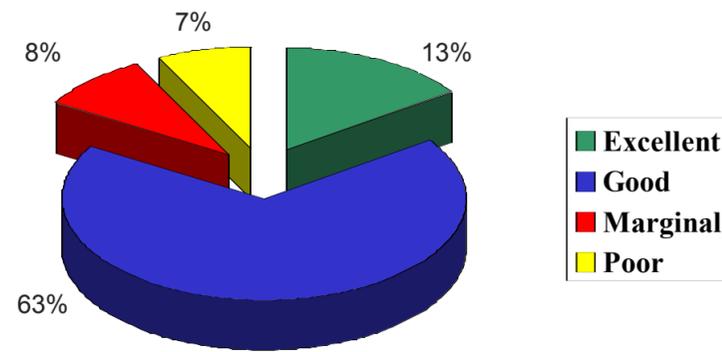
People who score below a 75 may be enrolled in the Fitness Improvement Program. The FIP consists of health and wellness education and a supervised exercise regimen. Members on the FIP will be required to retest in 90 days for a poor standing or within 180 for a marginal score, according to base fitness officials.

"If a member does not reach a marginal standing within 12 months, administrative action could be taken," Black said.

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How Dyess is doing...

Team Dyess members' scores by percentage



Graphic by Dyess Public Affairs

(Above) A graphic representation of the scores of Team Dyess members on the new Air Force fitness test to date. Of the 5,390 people who need to be tested, 3,404 have completed the test and 1,986 remain to take the test. Air Combat Command mandates all Air Force personnel will test before January 2005.

DYESS 7th Bomb Wing as of Tuesday				317th Airlift Group as of Tuesday							
SORTIE BOARD	Monthly Flown Status	Monthly Flown Status	Monthly Flown Status	WORLDWIDE DEPARTURE RELIABILITY	Goal	Current Rate	FLYING (TRAINING) HOURS	Goal	Flown	Status	
	57	22	+6	61	27	+7	95%	83.2%	487.5	487.7	+0.2

Action Line

696-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil. Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Peacemaker staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

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 Detachment 222, AFOSI -- 696-2296

Education office -- 696-5544
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 Family support center -- 696-5999
 Finance -- 696-2274
 Inspector General -- 696-3898
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 Military personnel flight -- 696-5722
 Public Affairs -- 696-2864
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 TRICARE -- (800) 406-2832

Our history, origins

Commentary by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli
 7th Bomb Wing historian

The Air Force celebrates its 57th birthday Saturday. A lot of things have happened since its creation, such as the establishment of the 7th Bomb Wing and the beginnings of Dyess Air Force Base. Together, our Air Force, our wing, and our base have seen a lot of miles together. They shared and continue to share many proud moments.

With the stroke of a pen in Washington D.C., Sept. 18, 1947 became the day the Department of Defense was born and, along with it, a new military service -- The United States Air Force. This fledgling service was to be trained and organized to conduct "offensive and defensive air operations."

As simple a charter as that sounds, it would take an awful lot of planning and restructuring to make it happen. Air Force planners developed a streamlined structure to make the new force more efficient than past models. Organizational layers that bogged down the old Army system were pared away and the wing became the new nucleus that combat and support units organized around.

On the Nov. 3, 1947, our wing was established and later organized Nov. 17 that same year as the 7th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy. We were under the purview of the "Mighty" Eighth Air Force and we made a fine team.

Back then we were stationed at what was formerly called Fort Worth Army Air Field -- later Griffis Air Force Base and then Carswell Air Force Base. We started out with a global bombardment mission flying the B-29 Superfortress and later moved up to the giant B-36 Peacemaker. As time passed, we truly moved into the jet age as we flew and fought in many aircraft from the venerable B-52 Stratofortress. During the mid-1960s, while flying and maintaining the B-52, we were called away from our nonconventional mission and sent to drop iron bombs on an enemy in the far away jungles of Vietnam. When the wing completed its conventional mission over Southeast Asia in the early 1970s, it again resumed its nuclear alert mission at home.

On Oct. 1, 1993, the 7th was inactivated at Carswell AFB and reactivated as the 7th Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas. And, with this new location, came a new bomber. In an aircraft type previously belonging to the 96th Bomb Wing at Dyess, the 7th found itself flying the B-1B Lancer along with C-130 Hercules aircraft, the workhorse of the airlift community. The B-1 kept the peace during the Cold War and the 7th was glad to get it. The new aircraft was fast, high and low flying, and lethal.

Later, Dyess' C-130s would be reassigned to Air Mobility Command's 317th Airlift Group and the Lancers would be under the umbrella of the newly-organized Air Combat Command as part of the 7th Bomb Wing.

A few years later, after its nuclear alert mission had been changed to a conventional mission, the Lancer drew blood

for the first time in December 1998 in the distant deserts of Iraq. The operation, called Desert Fox, was the bomber's combat debut. In it, Dyess and Ellsworth B-1 bombers and crews delivered telling blows to a stubborn enemy.

Dyess Air Force Base actually started its life as Abilene Air Force Base. It was a fitting name because, if it were not for the people of Abilene, Texas, we would not be here today.

In 1951, Abilene had a population of 45,000. This small community raised \$893,000 with the expressed intention of opening an Air Force base. With numerous exhausting trips to Washington D.C., the National Defense Committee of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce met at the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a result, in May 1952, the Defense Department included a figure of \$32,273,000 in its budget request to Congress for an Air Force base to be located at Abilene, Texas. Congress approved and a grateful Senator Lyndon B. Johnson broke the happy news.

On Sept. 24, 1953, the initial groundbreaking took place. In January 1955, the first units began to arrive and build up the installation. Finally on Apr. 14, 1956, at the conclusion of Abilene's Diamond Jubilee celebration, Abilene Air Force Base was dedicated. Then, on Dec. 6 that year, the base was rededicated and renamed in honor of a local World War II hero, hailing from Albany Texas, named William E. Dyess.

After being captured by the Japanese in the Philippines, Lt. Col. Dyess, a P-40 pilot, survived the Bataan Death March and suffered capture for 361 days. Dyess and nine others escaped and he fought alongside Philippine guerillas against our adversaries. The Japanese recognized his leadership and called him "the one man scourge." After six months of ground fighting, he left the Philippines via the submarine Trout and was taken to Australia. Later, after returning home, he died in Burbank, California, on Dec. 22, 1943, while diverting his stricken P-38 aircraft from a populated area. He was buried in Albany. And so, appropriately, the new "Big Country" air base was called Dyess Air Force Base.

The new installation was the pride of Strategic Air Command with its red brick buildings and its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. The community was warm, hospitable and welcoming. And, to make things even better, the local area had plenty of offerings. To give an idea of how things were in the past: in 1963, a person could live downtown for \$60 a month in a single bedroom house or apartment, a two bedroom for \$75, or a three bedroom for \$90. Today, prices may have gone up, but the warmth and enthusiasm of Abilenians for their base and their Airmen have never wavered.

And so, on the anniversary of our Air Force, we remember its honorable origin, our wing's proud beginning, and our base's wonderful start. We salute those who have gone before us and praise those who still serve at freedom's gate. And in gratitude, we also take our hats off to "Sister Wing Abilene" for being there the whole time supporting us.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AIR FORCE!

On this 57th anniversary of our U.S. Air Force, I want to take the time to have you look at the heritage of our mighty 7th Bomb Wing.

The 7th was formed back in the days of Abilene Army Airfield and our squadrons -- the 28th, 13th and the 9th bomb squadrons -- trace our lineage back to World War I. Throughout the years, Air Force warriors have left their mark on history in the name of freedom. We have won time after time in campaigns from both world wars to the global war on terrorism. And, as you deploy away from your families in defense of this great nation, you are making history every day.

Our installation has undergone many facelifts and our aircraft and technology have been upgraded, but the real weapon that makes the U.S. Air Force the greatest on Earth -- the Airman -- has never been upgraded.

Those heroes and legends of the great conflicts are not distant figures that made history in some forgotten time.

They were Airmen.

They were Americans -- just like each of you.

They were warriors who did their duty and made history in the process. Their deeds are not things to simply admire, but to emulate.

We stand now at a critical juncture in American history. I charge you to do what Airmen throughout the generations have always done -- take the fight to the enemy and make history.



Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander

A slice of lemon to help us remember



Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

A slice of lemon with salt on a plate next to an overturned glass at an empty seat reminds Airmen everywhere of the bitter fate suffered by those who did not return home to America in past conflicts. National POW/MIA Day was Sept. 14 this year, when Americans pause to remember our nation's missing heroes.

Commentary by Maj. Tony Clavenna
 43rd Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) -- Several times throughout the year, we gather to honor those who fight for freedom. We honor our fallen Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines in May and our veterans in November. We honor their sacrifices and sometimes even thank our veterans personally. Perhaps we even reflect on the impact of their sacrifices on their families and pass along our thanks to them as well. But how often do we consider and remember those missing in action and our prisoners of war?

Today there are some 88,000 American service members still identified as missing in action from all conflicts. This includes 126 from the Cold War, 1,854 from Vietnam, 8,186 from Korea and one from the Gulf War. Of these missing, more than 1,600 are fellow Air Force members.

It is hard to imagine what they experienced and what some may still be experiencing. It is even more difficult to imagine what it must be like for their loved ones. How do they sustain hope for a reunion? If they convince themselves that their servicemember died, how do they find closure when there are no remains and there is still some hope? The uncertainty must weigh heavy on the minds and hearts of loved ones. These families and our MIAs need our prayers, support and hope.

Another group in need of our support is our POWs. I find it incredible to think of the

stress, loneliness and torture American POWs have experienced, some of whom spent several years in captivity. What tremendous strength of character and purpose it must take to survive such an environment. Our POWs' selflessness, faith in country and perseverance are all examples we should learn from and strive to emulate. We should thank them and their families for their sacrifice and service.

So what can you and I do for our POWs and missing? First, join in honoring them on National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 14. Reflect upon their plight and include them and their families in your prayers. Encourage others to continue to honor these great Americans at military ceremonies. Embrace their example of steadfastness of purpose and never rest until all are found and identified.

Our commander-in-chief stated during a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, "We must remember a special group of veterans, Americans still missing and unaccounted for from Vietnam, Korea, the Cold War and World War II. We honor them today. They deserve and will have our best efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting and, alive or dead, to return them home to America." That is part of our mission as military members.

As we have often heard in military ceremonies, "A slice of lemon on the bread plate reminds us of their bitter fate." Each year on this special day, we have the opportunity to reflect on that bitter fate and honor our POWs and MIAs. It is the least we can do for them, considering all they have done for us.



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August Memphis Belle Award winners

(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 during daily flight activity.)

Aug. 4 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Capt. Jeffrey Strommer
Capt. Stephen Sturm
Maj. Jeffrey Aldridge
1st Lt. Kelly Brekke

Aug. 4 — Landing gear malfunction

Maj. Matthew Glenn
1st Lt. David Macvoy
Capt. Michael Miller
Capt. Carrie Register

Aug. 4 — Fire detection malfunction

Lt. Col. Jack Caszatt
1st Lt. Samuel Friend
Capt. Jose Sumangil
1st Lt. Nicholas Pederson

Aug. 5 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Maj. Rodney Stephan
1st Lt. Jason Pflug
Capt. Jeremy Wellmon
Capt. Steve Blevins

Aug. 5 — Bleed air malfunction

Capt. Steven England
Capt. Seth Graham
Capt. David Doss
Capt. Allen Griffis

Aug. 7 — Hung weapons

Lt. Col. Karl Shawhan
Maj. Dave Kivioja
1st Lt. Matthew Grimes
1st Lt. Robert Mathis

Aug. 9 — Flight controls malfunction

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roetzel
Maj. Darin Defendorf
Maj. Chad Rubino
Capt. Robert Sarlay

Aug. 10 — Flight controls malfunction

Capt. Jeffrey Haynes
Capt. Seth Graham
Capt. Ty Neuman
Capt. Jason Yeatts

Aug. 12 — Hung weapons

Capt. Steven England

Capt. Christopher Wachter
Capt. David Doss
Capt. Jason Yeatts

Aug. 17 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Maj. Blenus Green
Capt. Timothy Bolen
Capt. William Dobbs
Capt. David Wheelock

Aug. 18 — Hung weapons

Capt. Brian Golden
2nd Lt. David Cook
1st Lt. Edward Rivera
Capt. Danny Slifer

Aug. 18 — Landing gear malfunction

Maj. Matthew Glenn
1st Lt. Daniel King
Maj. James Green
1st Lt. Jack Skiles

Aug. 18 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Lt. Col. David Thomson
1st Lt. Seth Spanier
Lt. Col. Brian Oakeley
1st Lt. Cora Seidler

Aug. 19 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Lt. Col. James Weigle
Capt. Seth Graham
Capt. David Doss
Capt. Kenneth Boillot

Aug. 19 — Engine shutdown in-flight

Maj. Joseph McLaughlin
Maj. Devin Martin
Maj. Wayne Catanzaro
Col. William Redmond

Aug. 26 — Landing gear malfunction

Capt. Jason Wierzbanski
1st Lt. James Ashlock
Capt. Jeremy Wellmon
1st Lt. Dominic Ross

Aug. 26 — Windscreen malfunction

Col. Jeffrey Beene
Lt. Col. Mick Guthals
Lt. Col. Steven Reeves
Col. William Redmond

Aug. 26 — Landing gear malfunction

Maj. Rodney Stephan
1st Lt. Shawn Bock
Maj. Daemon Hobbs
Maj. Robert Davidson

NEWS Briefs

Traffic detour

Beginning Sept. 18 at 8 a.m., traffic at the intersection of Arnold Blvd. and Louisiana Dr. will be detoured to allow for the construction of a vehicle denial barrier system.

People traveling east on Arnold Blvd. will be forced to turn left to access the 7th Medical Group or right to exit the base.

Arnold Gate inbound traffic will be channeled to one lane and drivers will be allowed to turn left into housing, right to the Medical Treatment Facility, or pass through the intersection, continuing on Arnold Blvd. Traffic continuing on Arnold Blvd. will be directed back to the normal two inbound traffic lanes once through the Arnold Gate intersection at Louisiana Dr.

Drivers departing from the Medical Treatment Facility will be required to turn right onto Arnold Blvd to prevent traffic congestion and vehicle accidents at the intersection.

Traffic departing military family hous-

ing on Louisiana will be detoured to the by-pass road to depart the installation. Those wishing to reach the base from housing must follow Texas Avenue.

Chief's CFC golf tournament

The Dyess Chief's Group will be holding a golf tournament to raise money for the Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 1 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

Sign-in begins at 7 a.m. with an entry fee of \$45 per person. The fee covers green fees, cart, range balls and lunch.

Entries are limited to 32 teams on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. David Vinson at 696-8474.

Range trespass notice

Dyess has two small arm firing ranges and a grenade range. The small arms ranges are located at 497 and 525 Ave. E, while the grenade range is located south of the combat arms ranges at the termination point of Grenade Range Road.

Trespassing on these ranges is illegal and dangerous due to the small arms range conducting live fire training, while the grenade range is used for non-explosive grenades. A red steamer will be flown when the ranges are in use.

For more information, call 696-2413.



Senior Airman Robert Morris

Fleeing Ivan's Fury

An F-15 Eagle fighter taxis down the Dyess runway Tuesday. More than 60 F-15 and F-16 fighters evacuated to Dyess from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in advance of Hurricane Ivan this week. The aircraft are expected to remain at Dyess until it is safe for them to return to their home station.

New AF campaign returns to television

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The secretary of the Air Force unveiled a new Air Force television advertising campaign Sept. 13 at the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here.

The four 30-second ads are a continuation of the 'We've Been Waiting for You' theme, showing how young people can relate their interests and passions to a career in the Air Force.

"We tried to create storylines around different positions," said Brian Born, creative director for the commercials. "People tend to think each time it's going to be a pilot. But only a small percentage of Airmen are pilots, so what do the rest do? We're trying to show it's about teamwork. No one does anything alone."

The storylines for this set of ads highlight a variety of careers. In one, a group of young men lose the trail while snowboarding during heavy flurries. They are guided out of trouble by one who later becomes a B-1 Lancer pilot leading a strike operation.

In another television spot, a teenager collects food from his peers in an urban high school. But he is no bully -- he collects the food for needy people in his neighborhood. He goes on to become a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster, preparing for a humanitarian relief mission.

Another ad, involving a career in

space, is scheduled to air in movie theaters across the country in October.

"We feel the ads accurately show how various attributes such as leadership, confidence, compassion and bravery translate into careers in the Air Force, careers that today's youth with those attributes would aspire to," said Col. Chris Geisel, director of the Air Force's integrated marketing division. "The ads also reinforce the Air Force's image as the world's greatest air and space power, especially in the areas of air dominance, space, information superiority and humanitarian missions."

Some people currently serving were selected as actors for the spots.

"It was an excellent opportunity to do something really different," said Capt. Morgan Johnson, from Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. "It is the perfect California 'L.A.' experience."

Captain Johnson is the "star" of the space commercial and auditioned for the role when a request for volunteers went out on base.

"It's an incredible process," she said. "It's fascinating to see and work with all the professionals it takes to make this come together."

Members of the production company that created the television spots were just as thrilled to be working with Airmen.

"Air Force people are the nicest clients," said Delores Stark, a co-writer for one of the television spots.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. -- Capt. Johnny Erwin plays an astronaut during filming of one of four new Air Force commercials at Universal Studios in May. Captain Erwin is an acquisitions officer for space-based infrared systems at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

"Everyone is really professional, and their interest in their jobs is sincere. I honestly feel really privileged to work on this campaign."

The ads are scheduled to run primarily during programming targeting young adults, ages 18 to 24, on network, syndicated and cable TV, Colonel Geisel said.

Medal

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"The simple fact is World War II was on such a massive scale, it was impossible to properly track and properly award many decorations in the heat of war," said Ed Townsend, National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. "We see this type of thing every day here -- and we work very

hard to make sure every veteran gets the recognition they rightly deserve."

Hailey was awarded the medal by Col. Michael Moschella, 7th Maintenance Group commander.

"This is a proud day for every American," Colonel Moschella said. "We must never forget the sacrifices of (Hailey's) generation, especially those of (his) unit who did not return home."

Degree

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"Sergeant Sacks had nearly three-quarters of his credits accomplished toward earning his degree," Chapman said. "The fact that he was able to accomplish so much while raising a young daughter by himself was pretty remarkable."

"Sergeant Sacks understood the value of education in achieving his

dreams," said Stephen Kniffen, Dyess Center faculty chair. "He was an outstanding student who was named to Dean's list in 2003 and 2004. He personified the best qualities of extended campus students: hard work, dedication to education, and love of aviation."

The NCO drowned in a swimming accident in Elm Creek Reservoir while boating with family and friends.

Fitness

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Additionally, males who measure above 40 on their abdominal circumference or 35 for females will be enrolled in the Body Composition Improvement Program. This program involves supervised exercise and personal nutrition-

al education.

Overall, Dyess is making good progress toward 100 percent testing and passing of the new Air Force fitness test.

"We're doing a good job," Black said. "I'd like to say thanks to all the physical training leaders and unit fitness program managers. We're definitely on track to meet the ACC goal."

Survey will measure personnel services delivery

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Airmen can help make their personnel services delivery system better through survey feedback beginning Sept. 20.

Air Force officials said

they are transforming the way personnel services are delivered to make them more effective, efficient and timely. This PSD transformation uses technology to place the capability for conducting routine personnel and pay transactions into the hands of Airmen via a Web-based system and con-

tact centers, while minimizing the need for face-to-face dealings in an office.

"We must provide commanders the right people they need to accomplish the mission," said Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel.

Examples of this transformation are the "myPay"

and "LeaveWeb" applications many Airmen are already using.

An important element of the PSD transformation effort is measuring customer perspectives as a baseline for the future improvement of service delivery methods, officials said.

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Unit: 29th Training Support Squadron

Job title: Software specialist

Job description: I maintain the 29th TSS software systems and write new software when needed. I also work as a software evaluator for the B-1 simulator.

Time in the Air Force: Five years, nine months

Time at Dyess: One year, three months

Hometown: Norfolk, Va.

Family: Wife, Jacqueline.

Career goal: To be a first sergeant.

Most rewarding job aspect: From building computers, to writing code, I'm constantly getting to exercise the training I've been given by the Air Force.

Favorite thing about Dyess: I'm very impressed with Dyess' constant striving to improve itself, especially its services. The new gym is the highlight of these efforts and the best facility I've ever seen.

Favorite thing about the Air Force: My favorite thing about the Air Force is that it recognizes its enlisted people as technical experts.

Favorite Air Force memory: Being given a commander's coin during Airman Leadership School graduation because I had caught the commander without his coin during a coin check earlier during ALS.

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



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Local Advertisement

Stars and Stripes Forever



Taking no chances, the mysterious “grog” attendant pours in a fresh batch at the 2004 Enlisted Dining Out Sept. 11 in the Abilene Civic Center. Anyone who disobeyed the lengthy “Rules of the Mess” were sent to partake of the noxious mixture.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

ENLISTED DINING OUT 2004



Maj. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, guest speaker at the dining out, and Col. Gary Harencaak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, accept their honorary enlisted stripes after having their “enlisted knowledge” tested at the 2004 Enlisted Dining Out Sept. 11 at the Abilene Civic Center. General Lorenz was awarded chief master sergeant stripes and Colonel Harencaak rated senior master sergeant stripes.



(Left) The grog attendant, in full protective HAZMAT gear, prepares two smoking buckets of unknown ingredients to mix the “grog.” (Below) Members of the Dyess Honor Guard present the colors at the 2004 Enlisted Dining Out Sept. 11 at the Abilene Civic Center.



(Above) Several Dyess first sergeants stand ready to dip into the “grog.” The grog is a military tradition consisting of a wide variety of unknown substances, and drinking from it is punishment levied by the president of the mess, Chief Master Sgt. Bobbi Bryant, 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, for breaking any of the many rules of the mess. Some rules include “talking shop,” failure to properly wear the Air Force uniform, failure to properly address the president of the mess and a large range of other offenses. The president of the mess also reserves the right to add or remove rules at their discretion. The dining out was attended by Maj. Gen. Lorenz, deputy assistant secretary for budget, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller, and Col. Gary Harencaak, 7th Bomb Wing commander. General Lorenz was the guest speaker for the evening and has been selected for promotion to lieutenant general and is set to become the commander, Alaskan Command, United States Pacific Command; commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and commander, Alaskan North American Defense Region, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. (Right) Dyess members render a sustained salute in honor of American prisoners of war and service members missing in action. The POW/MIA ceremony is routinely performed at dining out gatherings and is used to honor the memory of soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces throughout the years.



Community Briefs

Closure

The 7th Medical Group will be closed today from noon to 6 p.m. for an official function. For non-emergency matters contact the Medical Information Center at 696-2334. For on-base and off-base emergencies call 911.

Space-A flights

The following flights are available on a space-available basis:

- ◆ 7 a.m. Monday to Lawson Air Army Field, Ga.
- ◆ 9 a.m. Monday to Peterson AFB, Colo.
- ◆ 8 a.m. Sept. 24 to Kelly AFB, Texas

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for flights is two hours prior to the scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military ID card plus one additional form of identification. Active-duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the passenger terminal to ensure it will be open.

For more information, call 696-4505.

Football Frenzy

The Hangar Center hosts "Football Frenzy" National Football League kick off Sundays at 12 p.m. and Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Hangar Lounge. Doors open 30 minutes prior to game time. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

AAC meeting

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

Physician Assistant Program

The Physician Assistant program selection board will begin March 22. Only active duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. Applicants must submit their applications, through the local Military Personnel Flight, to HQ AFPC/DPAMW, no earlier than Oct. 1 and no later than Jan 28. Send applications to: 550 C Street West STE 27, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4729. For more information on the program, call William Phillips at 696-5545.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Dyess Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Base Chapel Annex. Active duty and their spouses and retired members are welcome. The club will also be selling cookbooks at the commissary Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit spouse scholarships, Dyess Harvest Sharing and other Abilene non-profit organizations. For more information, call Dee Dee Orsak at 793-2879.

Dyess Thrift Shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open to all Dyess personnel and family members. Store hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located at 382 4th Ave. For more information, call 696-8203.

Outdoor recreation

◆ Outdoor recreation has a dunking booth available for rent. The cost is \$50 per day.

◆ Oct. 30 Sky Diving -- Outdoor recreation is taking sign ups now for the sky diving trip on Oct. 30. The cost is \$200 which includes transportation, a professional jump instructor, the jump from 10,000 feet and a commemorative video of the actual jump.

For more information on these and other activities at outdoor recreation, call 696-2402.

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.

◆ Trip to October Fest in Fredericksburg, Texas Oct. 2. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. A bus will leave the Hangar Center at 6 a.m. and will return around 11 p.m.

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

Auto skills center

◆ Auto skills is offering a special fuel injection cleaning in September. The cost is \$49.95 and includes parts and labor.

For more information on this and other activities at the auto skills center, call 696-4179.



Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

Burger Burn

Col. Bud Redmond, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, and 2nd Lt. Andrea Slattery, 7th Munitions Squadron executive officer, grill burgers at the Combined Federal Campaign Burger Burn kickoff at the base parade grounds Sept. 10. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees on behalf of charitable organizations and continues through Dec. 15. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Jesse Dubberly at 696-1435.

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 at 7 p.m.

The Village -- Joaquin Phoenix, Sigourney Weaver, Adrien Brody -- Set in Pennsylvania during 1897, the film revolves around a close-knit community that lives with the frightening knowledge that a mythical race of creatures resides in the woods around them.

PG-13 (a scene of violence and frightening situations)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Village

Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Manchurian Candidate -- Denzel Washington, Liev Schreiber, Meryl Streep -- Denzel Washington stars as Captain Bennett Marco, a Gulf War veteran who was captured along with his platoon and eventually released. Years later, one of his soldiers, Sergeant Raymond Shaw (Liev Schreiber), has become a budding politician. But Marco has slowly figured out that during the Gulf conflict, their unit was brainwashed by the enemy. He's now determined to reach the presidential candidate before the sleeper is awakened by his handlers.

R (violence and language)

Sunday at 2 p.m.

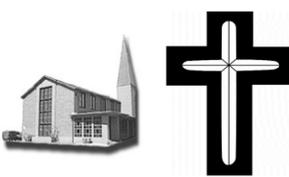
The Manchurian Candidate

Coming Attractions

- ◆ Sept. 24, 7 p.m. -- The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
- ◆ Sept. 25, 2 p.m. -- Yu-Gi-Oh The Movie
- ◆ Sept. 25, 7 p.m. -- Collateral
- ◆ Sept. 26, 2 p.m. -- The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement



Dyess Chapel

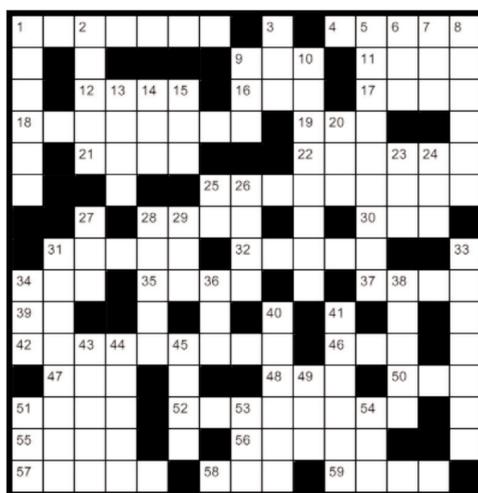


Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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 370-1052.

For more information, call the chapel at 696-4224.



Happy Birthday, USAF!

ACROSS

1. First USAF officer to serve as CJCS
4. Basilica
9. Actress ___ Marie Saint
11. Shrek was one
12. Ship
16. Aloha gift
17. Bill Parcell nickname
18. Year of USAF independence (on Air Force Seal)
19. abc...ghi...
21. Places
22. Singer/songwriter King
25. Sport reporter (2 words)
28. War in South Africa
30. Dine
31. What combat aircrews "sat" during Cold War
32. Central Asia country
34. Org. that secures federal

- products, services
35. Capital of Norway
37. Tardy
39. America, informally
42. First SECAF of the USAF
46. Golf score
47. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Henry E. Erwin's nickname
48. SE regional power provider
50. Snake-like fish
51. Location
52. Only three-time recipient of Mackay Trophy
55. Seat of Irish kings in ancient times
56. Type of Navy officer?
57. USAF plane that dropped first atomic weapon; ___ Gay
58. Actress West
59. Ambition

DOWN

1. President who signed EO 9877 to create separate USAF
2. Long-range nuclear missiles controlled by USAF
3. St. alternative
5. Airman who made first free back-type parachute jump
6. School located in Be'er Sheva, Israel (abbrev.)
7. Sea bird
8. USAF pilot to first break sound barrier
9. Inventor Whitney
10. Name prior to USAF: Army ___
13. Steers
14. Model Carol
15. Boob-tubes
20. Actor Mineo
23. Gametes of animals
24. Allow
25. Gym class
26. River in Tuscany
27. Pie ___ mode (two words)
28. 8th SECAF of the USAF
29. USAF commissioning source
31. Person from ancient empire
33. First airman to receive Medal of Honor after USAF established
34. First USAF astronaut to fly; Virgil I. "___" Grissom
36. Object used in making choice at random
38. First CMSAF of the USAF
40. Main dish
41. First CSAF of the USAF
43. Subway system
44. Model
45. Prey
49. Airman in service during time of war, briefly
51. Sault ___ Marie
53. Accountant, in brief
54. Stain

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Caption Contest

This week's photo (No. 25)

The rules:

1. Write a creative, printable caption for this week's 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*.



"Fred and Frank take the annual Easter Egg hunt very seriously. They've been looking for that last egg since April."

The winner of the caption contest for the Sept. 10 issue of *The Peacemaker* is Patrick Clancy, 317th Operations Support Squadron.



Sports Shorts

Youth swim team tryouts

A youth swim team is forming on Dyess.

A skill assessment will be held at the fitness center pool Saturday. Children ages 10 and younger meet at 11 a.m., while children between 11 and 18-years-old meet at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Dyess Youth Center at 696-4797.

Busted Putter

The "Busted Putter," an annual golf tournament that pairs members of Team Dyess with Abilene community and

business leaders, is Sept. 27 at Fairway Oaks Country Club.

Organizers will put together four-person teams, two from Dyess and two from the local community, to compete in a scramble format. Interested people can sign up with Lt. Col. Louis Martucci at 696-1932.

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.



Senior Airman Mike Meares

Falcon football fury

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Air Force Academy sophomore halfback Justin Handley dives into the end zone after catching a pass from freshman quarterback Shaun Carney. Carney completed 10 of 15 passes for 139 yards and rushed for 62 yards. The Falcons beat Eastern Washington University, 42-20, and travel to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on Saturday.

7th OSS shuts out 7th MUNS



Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

Orias Apuleyo, 7th Munitions Squadron team, tries to drive past 7th Operations Support Squadron defense. The 7th OSS beat 7th MUNS, 4-0.

By Airman 1st Class James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The offensive tag team duo of Jason Pflug and Geoff Steeves proved to be more than the 7th Munitions Squadron could handle, scoring in all four of the 7th Operations Support Squadron's goals leading to the 4-0 victory Monday in intramural soccer.

Steeves, 7th OSS, put points on the board early, when he knocked a mid-range kick into the right corner of the goal off an assist from Mark Wass.

Soon after the 7th OSS' first score, Pflug managed to add to their lead when he put the ball in on an outlet pass over the middle from

Todd Patterson.

Down by two with only minutes remaining in the first half, the 7th MUNS began showing signs of life after an aggressive steal and better ball handling led to a near goal by Hugo Stelvez.

With seconds winding down in the first half, the 7th OSS' solid defense would prevail, putting a stop to another scoring attempt by the 7th MUNS.

Steeves' second goal of the game came mid-way through the second half when he successfully converted Dan Healy's throw-in from the side of the 7th OSS net into a goal, continuing the 7th OSS' offensive run.

"I was just at the right place at the right time and

was lucky enough to get a great throw-in from my teammate," Steeves said.

The 7th MUNS were not as fortunate and were unable to convert several potential scoring opportunities, remaining scoreless late into the second half.

With about a minute remaining in the game, the 7th OSS managed to squeeze in another goal with the help of Pflug once again, and seal their victory 4-0.

"Despite a few mistakes, we were satisfied with our overall performance tonight," said Dave Cook, 7th OSS team captain. "We've improved physically over time and our ball-handling skills have gone up 100 percent."

