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Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Dyess family members await the return of their deployed service members May 15 at the base washrack. More than 90 Dyess airmen redeployed home after serving in the Central Command Area of Responsibility supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dyess airmen return from supporting OEF

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 90 Dyess airmen from the 317th Airlift Group and 7th Bomb Wing returned to Dyess May 15.

The airmen returned from a forward operating location in the Central Command Area of

Responsibility where they were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It was wonderful to get our folks home," said Lt. Col. D.B. Chandler, 317th Airlift Group commander. "Seeing the faces of the families as the aircraft arrived was special. Many of our airmen have been deployed a long time and some are on their second or

third deployment in a year. The support by the families, our community leaders from Abilene and Team Dyess ensured a very special homecoming."

As a way of greeting their families, the four returning Dyess C-130s did a formation flyover.

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FSC reopens at new locale

By 1st Lt. Saje Park
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Family Support Center officially opened the doors to its new facility on Fifth Avenue after a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday.

The center, which moved from its old location in base housing back in March, has been operating at the new location for the past three months.

"The biggest change with this new move is we are now located centrally within the base," said Ed Hollyfield, family support center director. "This new location makes us easier to find so that everyone can access our services and now we have more room to do more things with our Dyess family."

The renovated building offers key new features to the family support center. While the old location only had one room for classes, the new center has two -- a conference room and a larger briefing room.

The center still offers all the programs from its old location, including some new equipment. The center boasts more computers for people to use, bringing their total of network-accessible computers to five. People who want to use the equipment can call the center for an appointment.

"We want people to know that having a family is not a pre-requisite to use the family support center," said Hollyfield. "Any active-duty person, including single airmen, can take advantage of our services."

For more information on the services and programs that the family support center offers, call the center at 6-5999.



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It's that time of year

101 Critical Days of Summer requires focus on safety by all AF members and families

By General Hal M. Hornburg

Air Combat Command commander

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- The past 18 months were busier than usual for Air Combat Command people. I am extremely proud of the job each of you has done in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As we bring our people home, this summer will offer great opportunities for us to relax, recharge our batteries and reconstitute our forces.

On Memorial Day, we enter the "101 Critical Days of Summer," a time when off-duty mishaps typically increase. Over the past two years, ACC's off-duty fatality rate during the "101 Critical Days" increased from six to eight. We need each and every one of you to help reverse this trend this summer. Our goal this year

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Air Combat Command commander

is no fatalities, and we need your help to make this happen.

We must all pay attention to on- and off-duty risks we face during the summer months including heat-related effects, highway safety, water sports, motorcycle safety, and any other risks unique to the local environment.

Commanders, supervisors and peers have an obligation to prevent accidents by being aware of what their co-workers, friends, and family members are doing. We must make safety our number one priority. If

you see someone taking unnecessary risks -- do something about it. Immediately intervene and break the chain of events that may lead to an accident. Your actions can mean the difference between life and death.

Mishap prevention directly contributes to ACC's mission readiness and combat effectiveness. Let's make this year's "101 Critical Days of Summer" our safest summer ever by minimizing risks and keeping safety on our scope. Have fun, but most important, be safe.



With proper planning and through the use of sound judgment, I'm confident that all of us will be present for duty in September when the 15-week "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign ends. These critical 101 Days have traditionally been less than friendly to military members. In 2002, the Air Force lost 30 people during this time frame. Of the 30 fatalities, 16 were the result of vehicular mishaps and seven involved motorcycles. Alcohol was a factor in five. Fortunately, none of these involved Team Dyess members.

As summer approaches, vacations are planned and outdoor activities increase. Applying personal risk management principles is the cornerstone of mishap prevention and must be practiced if we are to reverse the upward trend in fatalities. Proper trip planning, including allowing ample time to reach your destination and vehicle preparation should be an integral part of that planning process. This is especially true this year following deployments, where we may be tempted to "make up for lost time." If you find yourself in a situation that prevents you from being able to return as scheduled, we have established a toll free number (1-800-699-5169) that Dyess personnel may use to contact the base operator who, in turn, will notify your first sergeant or commander. I obviously want you to plan to be back at work on-time, safe and fully rested. In the event you can't be on time, I want you back safe and fully rested. Use this toll free number if you find yourself in this situation.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of supervisory involvement in mishap prevention. Knowing what your subordinates are doing, both on- and off-duty, is a vital part of your job. Simply talking with your troops about their weekend plans and the risks involved can avert a catastrophe. Don't be hesitant to ask the hard questions or make the hard decisions. You are a supervisor.

We all have a moral responsibility to ensure the safety of ourselves and our peers. Think about what you are about to do and consider the consequences of those actions. It may save your life or the life of a loved one. Your safety... my safety... our responsibility. Enjoy your holiday and be safe.

ACTION LINE



Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

Speeding

Comment: I am not free to let my kids go out and play because there is so much speeding in base housing. There is no reason for this. I care about the safety of my kids and all the others on this stretch of road.

Response: Let me stress that I expect everyone driving on base to obey the speed limits and watch for children. I've asked our security forces personnel to increase their efforts in housing, to

include enforcing the speed limits with their speed trailers, radar enforcement and walking patrols. Residents can also help by identifying people not driving in a responsible manner and contacting the security forces control center at 6-2131.

Let me be clear -- we cannot allow a child to be injured from a vehicular accident on Dyess, so let no one say they were not aware.

Our security forces will do their part, but safety in housing is not just their responsibility. Parents need to monitor their children's play and teach them about the dangers of roadways. Also, our middle and high school age dependents need to obey the rules of the road when riding bicycles and using skate boards.

We each have a role in ensuring safety on this base. As we approach the "101 Critical Days of Summer," I ask everyone to increase their attention and make this the safest year yet.



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CMSAF sends Memorial Day message

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON -- America remembers. We remember the names and faces of fallen heroes of past and current wars, and we honor them by setting aside a day to memorialize their sacrifice. This sacred tradition binds us together as a nation that lives in freedom today because of those who died in battle yesterday.

This Memorial Day, many Americans will visit the graves of loved ones who died for their country -- a father, husband, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife. The flowers they bring and the thoughts they think will bring back joyful memories and the pain of loss.

Others will attend Memorial Day services not

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Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

because they lost a loved one but in gratitude for the freedom they enjoy because of the heroes willing to fight and die to preserve it.

As airmen in the U.S. Air Force, take time this

Memorial Day to remember your recently fallen brethren who laid down their lives in the global war on terrorism and in Operation Iraqi Freedom:

- Maj. William Watkins
- Maj. Gregory Stone
- Capt. Eric Das
- Tech. Sgt. John Chapman
- Staff Sgt. Scott Sather
- Staff Sgt. Patrick Griffin
- Staff Sgt. Jacob Frazier
- Senior Airman Jason Cunningham
- Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano

You carry the torch these brave Americans lit. Continue to carry it proudly. As a nation and as comrades in arms, it's important that we remember.

Making time for family is vital for strong relationships

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Gardner
355th Wing Chaplain

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. -- As we prepare to enter the 101 Critical Days of Summer, we will be reminded to be safe out there. Let me encourage you to also take the opportunity to spend some quality and quantity time with your family during the days ahead.

As the summer progresses, if you have children, you will certainly hear the words “Mom, Dad, there is nothing to do.” I encourage you to plan a response.

In his book “His Needs, Her Needs,” psychologist Willard Harley writes of the top five needs of men and women. One of those needs is based upon family commitment.

My wife and I have three children who need to be aware of our commitment to them. They need to see it, hear it, feel it and smell it (and children can smell out fake promises in a second). I realized that during a remote tour to Thule, Greenland.

While talking to the children on one of our morale calls I promised to get them a dog upon my return. The day of my return arrived, and so did the dog. My children decided to name the dog “Promise” as a reminder of a promise kept.

In our days of ever-increasing military deployments, family commitment is vital. We often take our relationships with our spouses and children for granted. What can we do to strengthen our family ties? Here are some proven steps to stronger families.

It is said that children ask more than 500,000 questions by the time they are 15. Parents have literally thousands of opportunities to pass on strong morals -- as long

as we see those questions as blessings and not curses. Look up from the e-mail, put down the remote and listen.

A wise person once said that it takes 10 encouragements to counter the negative work of one criticism. Let that sink in. Praise them, don't haze them.

There are plenty of opportunities in our busy world to receive just, as well as unjust, criticism. We need to be coaches of encouragement, and we need to be our family's biggest fans.

Make time for family vacations, walks, meals, wrestling (my son loves to think he can beat up on Dad), prayer times -- just time spent together.

Often I hear parents say that while they don't have much time with their children, at least the time they do have is quality time.

I hear that and so do our children, but do they understand the concept?

Quality time to them is knowing you are available when they need you. A recent survey suggested the average time a dad spends with his child on a weekly basis is less than eight minutes.

We need to be good examples for our children. One of my professors was fond of saying, “Don't allow anything in your life that you don't want reproduced in the lives of your children.”

We, as parents or guardians, are the role models of our children for better or for best.

God bless each of you as you serve this great nation, as you take care of your families and of each other.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



Staff Sgt. Tracy Reisinger

Then-seven year old Kelsey Lay rides her bike while her mother, Tonja, looks on at the Dyess youth center last summer. Spending time with families is important for all military members, according to Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Scott Gardner, 355th Wing Chaplain.

Home

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After landing, the four Dyess aircraft taxied down the runway with flags flying from their top hatches. Once the planes were safely parked, the family members and friends who had been waiting welcomed home the returning troops and ran out onto the flightline to meet their returning heroes.

Staff Sgt. Heath Marinello, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was welcomed home by his wife and two sons.

“We are so glad to have him come home,” said Staff Sgt. Michelle Marinello, 7th Mission Support Squadron. “He had a job to do -- we are proud of him for that -- but we are glad he is home.”

Marinello’s husband, Heath agreed.

“I’m so glad to be home,” he said. “I just couldn’t wait to get home to my lovely wife and my boys.”

While Dyess’ returning warriors are now settling in for some well-deserved rest, they remain ready to deploy if needed again.

“(Many of our troops) have been deployed since July to numerous austere

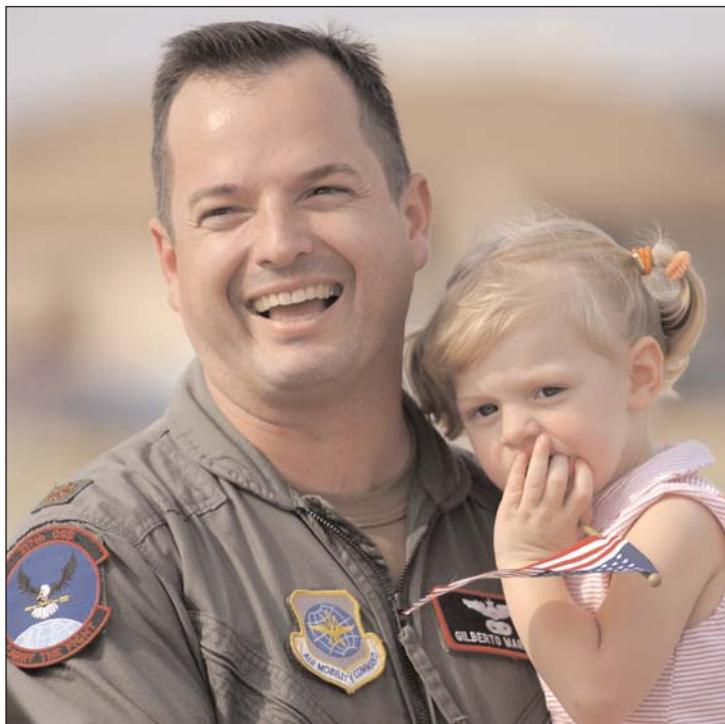
locations,” Chandler said. “They have flown missions into harm’s way providing direct support to the warfighter. They have and continue to execute safely everyday in spite of challenging weather, terrain and (possible) threats. The entire team maintenance, ops, and support of family and friends -- deployed and at home -- has been critical to our mission success.

“(But,) we still have many members of the 317th AG and 7th BW deployed supporting ongoing operations around the world,” Chandler added. “My thoughts and prayers are with them and their families. I look forward to the next homecoming.”



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Ken (left), Leilani, and John welcome home their father, Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Angell. Warriors from the 317th Operations Group returned home May 15 after being deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Maj. Gilberto Martinez gets welcomed home May 15 by a family friend, Faith Andrews. Faith’s father, Capt. Mark Andrews, is currently deployed.

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Safety brief

Dyess is holding a mandatory safety briefing today.

The focus of the briefing is to prepare Dyess people for the upcoming 101 Critical Days of Safety.

All base personnel must attend one of the four briefings held at the base theater.

Briefing times are:

- 6 a.m.
- 8 a.m.
- 10 a.m.
- 1 p.m.

For more information about the 101 Critical Days of Safety, call the base safety office.

Peacemaker correction:

In the May 16th issue of the *Peacemaker*, a photo appeared of a girl riding her bicycle without a helmet. The *Peacemaker* did not intend to promote unsafe riding activities and does not recommend anyone ride their bicycles without the proper safety equipment.

The *Peacemaker* regrets the error.

If an error appears in the *Peacemaker*, please contact the *Peacemaker* editor, Senior Airman Matthew Rosine at 6-4300.

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TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class

Anthony Dickerson

Unit: 39th Airlift Squadron

Job description: Loadmaster

Time in the Air Force: One year and eight months

Time at Dyess: Eight months

Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.

Family: Single

Job impact on the mission: As an aircrew member on a C-130, I am responsible for supervising cargo loading and tie-down, weight and balance calculations, passenger handling, transporting and airdropping supplies to troops in combat.

Career goals: Earn a degree in aerospace engineering.

Best Air Force memory: Returning from overseas and realizing how good we have it as Americans.

Editor's notes: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

TEAM DYESS

39th AS profile

Leaders:**Commander:**

Lt. Col. Keith Kaiser

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. George Spindler

Personnel:

- Officers: 94
- Enlisted: 299
- Civilians: One

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Dyess members earn CCAF and other degrees for '03

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincome
Dyess Public Affairs

161 Dyess members shared a bit of pomp and circumstance May 14 when they received degrees from the Community College of the Air Force and local area colleges and universities during a ceremony at The Heritage Club.

The CCAF graduates are:

Staff Sgt. Deotha Akins, 7th Communications Squadron,
Master Sgt. James Albert, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Dorka Alvarez, 317th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Belinda Amaro, 7th Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Armendariz, 7th Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Michael Bailey, 7th CMS

Staff Sgt. David Bales Jr., 7th CS

Staff Sgt. Charles Ballard Jr., 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Traci Bauder, 7th Mission Support Squadron,
Senior Airman Brian Beardsley, 7th CS,

Tech. Sgt. Thaddeus Beasley, 7th SVS

Master Sgt. Jason Bell, 39th Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Denise Bennett, 436th Training Squadron,

Master Sgt. John Berryman, 7th CS

Staff Sgt. Jesse Bien, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Alan Blaylock, 9th Bomb Squadron
Staff Sgt. Esther Blinn, 436th TS
Senior Airman Armin Blueggel, 7th CS
Tech. Sgt. Alrone Boatwright, 7th Maintenance Group
Master Sgt. Jon Borseth, 7th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Mark Bourgojn, 317th AMXS
Senior Airman Adrian Bridge, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Melissa Bridges, 7th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Martha Bucher, 7th AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Bush, 7th SVS

Tech. Sgt. Mark Calandra, 7th MSS

Airman 1st Class Dwayne Cameron, 7th LRS

Tech. Sgt. Edgar Cann III, 7th CMS

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Cano, 317th AG

Staff Sgt. John Carew Jr., 40th AS

Master Sgt. Antonio Carter, 712th ASOS

Senior Master Sgt. Ken Charfauros, 7th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Duane Clapp, 39th AS

Staff Sgt. Michael Clement, 7th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Christopher Cole

Senior Airman Leigh Collins, 7th LRS

Master Sgt. Carla Conway, 7th Bomb Wing

Master Sgt. Richard Cornelius, 7th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jerry DeJesus-Gonzalez, 7th CS

Master Sgt. William Delperdange, 7th AMXS

Master Sgt. Karen Downing, 7th LRS

Master Sgt. Scott Droese, 7th LRS

Airman 1st Class Rick Ellerbe, 7th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Michael English, 7th CES

Master Sgt. Paul Evans II, 7th CMS

Staff Sgt. Jason Evatt, 28th BS

Tech. Sgt. William Fletcher, 317th MXS

Master Sgt. Roger Forstner, 7th EMS

Master Sgt. Michael Fowler, 7th SFS

Master Sgt. Owen Fry, 13th BS

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Fulce, 7th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Michael Gee, 7th EMS

Master Sgt. Ronnie Giles, 7th LRS

Staff Sgt. Shawn Gillespie, 7th AMXS

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 Master Sgt. Willie Johnson, 13th BS
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 Master Sgt. Joey Lowery, 7th MUNS
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 Senior Airman Lance Pigott, 7th MOS
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 Staff Sgt. Daniel Webb, 77th WPNS
 Staff Sgt. Mari Wilson, 7th MXG
 Master Sgt. Nancy Wilson, 317th MXS
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 Brandy Renken
 April Shearer
 Staff Sgt. Julian Thomas, 7th CMS

Alana Sims
 Cynthia Licon

Abilene Christian University
Master of Science Degree
 Maj. Andrew Boyd, 7th CS
 Staff Sgt. Georgette Watson, 7 AMXS

McMurry University
McMurry-Dyess Air Force Base Program
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 Michelle Morris
Bachelor of Science
 Mildred Pena
 Peggy Rutcosky
Bachelor of Business Administration
 Stacie Ferguson
 Tabatha Ferguson
 Staff Sgt. Juan Hernandez, 372nd TRS Det. 20
 Katie Middleton
 Brandy Okey
 Master Sgt. Robert Palmer, 7th LRS
 Carmen Valis
 Elizabeth Vazquez-Velez
Bachelor of Music Education

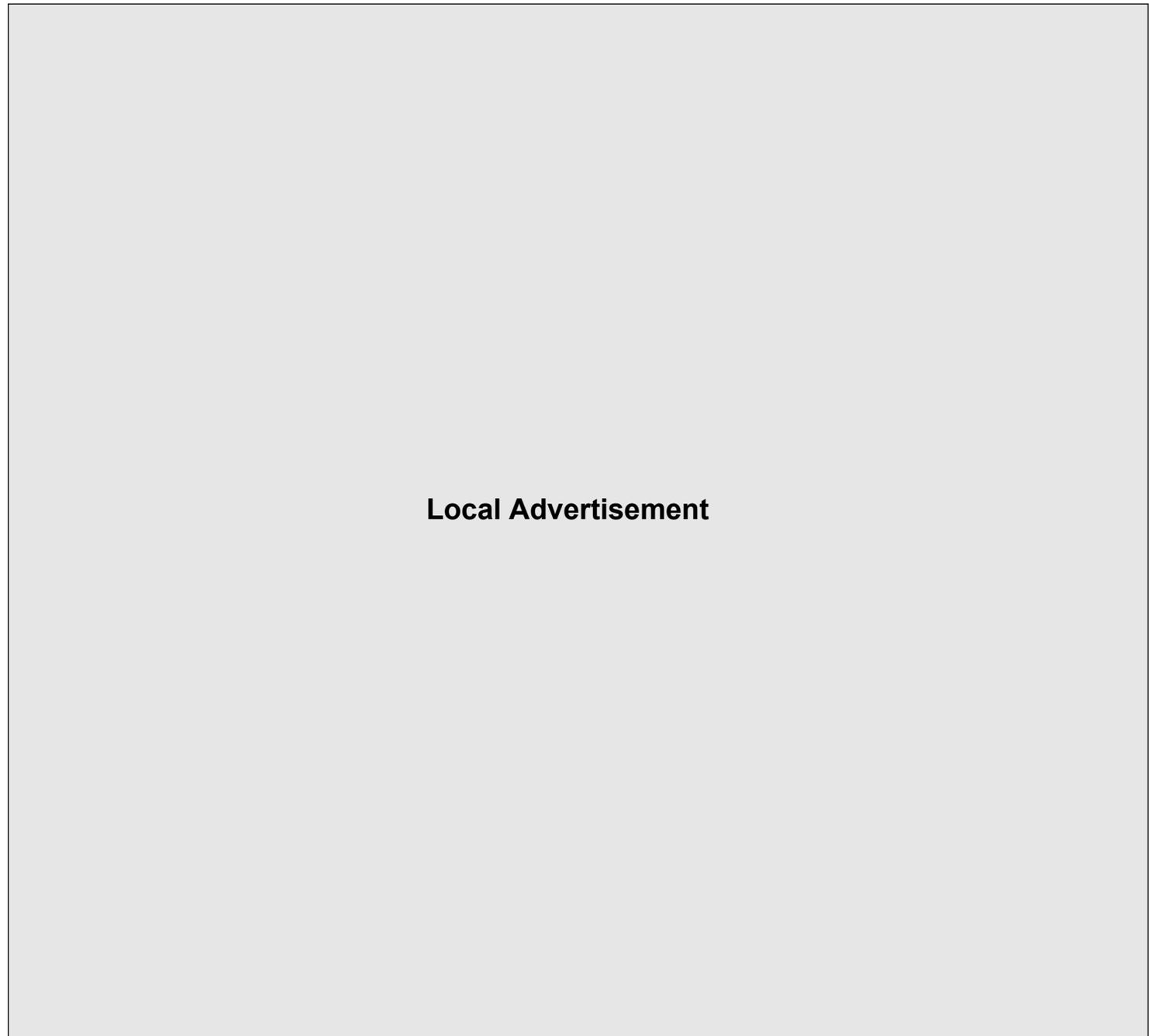
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Bachelor of Nursing
 Amy Griffin
 Sandra Warren

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics:
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 Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Duncan, 436th TS
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 Staff Sgt. Stephen Martin, 39th As
 Tech. Sgt. Steve Poiani, 317th Amxs
 Master Sgt. Robert Quezada, 40th AS
 Tech. Sgt. Charles Russell, 372nd TRS/Det 20
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The mandatory 101 Critical Days of safety briefing is at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the base theater.

All base personnel must attend one of the four briefings.

AAFES hours

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service holiday hours for Memorial Day are as follows:

Base exchange and Four Seasons: noon to 5p.m.

Service station and the combined Shopette/Class Six: noon to 6 p.m.

All other AAFES facilities are closed Monday.

For more information

about AAFES hours of operation, call 6-4312.

Retirements

- Senior Master Sgt. Robert Williams' retirement ceremony is at 10 a.m. today at The Heritage Club.

- Lt.Col. Ed Walsh's retirement ceremony is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at The Heritage Club.

- Master Sgt. Corey Meyer's retirement ceremony is at 3 p.m. May 30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873, located on 1049 Veterans Drive.

Det. 4 COC

Lt. Col. Todd Mathes will assume command of Detachment 4, 29th Training

Support Squadron, from Lt. Col. Kenneth Bock during a ceremony at 10 a.m. May 30 at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call 6-1735.

7th CONS AOC

Maj. D. Edward Keller will assume command of the 7th Contracting Squadron during a ceremony at 8 a.m. June 2 at The Heritage Club.

7th MDSS COC

Lt. Col. Linnes Cluster Jr. will assume command of the 7th Medical Support Squadron, from Lt. Col. Paul Martin during a ceremony at 11 a.m. June 7 at The Heritage Club.



This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

May 23 -- More than 300 Army aircraft participated in the first simulated European combat operations in 1940.

May 24 -- An Air Force Midas satellite was placed into orbit to detect attacking missiles in 1960.

May 25 -- Lt. James Doolittle performed the first successful outside loop maneuver in 1927.

May 26 -- The GAX twin-engine triplane armed with eight machine guns and a 37 mm cannon was tested in 1920.

May 27 -- Tactical Air Command received its first production Republic F-104B Thunderchief in 1958.

May 28 -- The first group of women cadets graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980.

May 29 -- The Air Rescue Service was organized and assigned to Air Transport Command in 1946.

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Courtesy photos

Above left: Capt. Chris McClung, 7th Air Expeditionary Wing, poses in front of a B-1 at Guam, replicating a similar photo of his father. Above right: Retired Lt. Col. Larnie McClung, a former B-52 crew member, poses in front of a B-52 in 1972 during his deployment to Guam as part of Operation Linebacker II.

B-1 WSO retraces father's footsteps

By Staff Sgt. Jess Harvey
7th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR BASE, Guam -- To one bomber crew member, being deployed here is part of a childhood dream come true.

Capt. Christopher McClung, a B-1 weapons systems operator with the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing, is now serving in Guam -- just like his dad. His father, Larnie McClung, is a retired lieutenant colonel and served as a B-52 radar navigator at Guam in 1972.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to be just like my dad," said McClung, who is currently deployed from Dyess. "Flying aircraft in the Air Force is what I've always wanted to do and being here is extraordinary to me.

"It's been really weird -- almost like I'm on hallowed ground," McClung added. "I really can't get over the fact that 30 years ago my pops was here."

McClung's father also finds the coincidence strange.

"It feels a bit eerie and seems somewhat unbelievable that my youngest son is now walking the same ground I walked on over 30 years ago," said Larnie McClung in a letter to his son.

McClung, who arrived in March, said his father never really talked about Guam during his childhood. But, after receiving orders to deploy, McClung's father began telling him stories.

"He was very reminiscent and got really nostalgic on me," McClung said. "He started to talk about his experiences on Guam, the hotels, the diving (etc.)"

The elder McClung even told him where to eat.

"He told me to go to the (officers' club) and go on the back porch to buy a pizza," McClung said. "He said they used to grill pizzas back there, and sure enough, when I first got here, there was a guy grilling pizzas.

"A lot of the things on Andersen are the same," McClung added. "The same houses and the same officers' club, but it's (name has changed) and the pool's gone."

For McClung, serving proudly at Guam is just one way he can emulate his father's service in the Air Force.

"My father was actually drafted into the Army and then chose the Air Force," McClung said. "He had no intentions of staying in, but 23 years later he finally retired. I would love to do the same thing (in my career.)"

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Planning summer activities? **THINK SAFETY!**

CALENDAR

**Today, May 23, 2003**

Mandatory 101 Critical Days of Summer briefings, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1 p.m. at the base theater.

Base pools open

Blood pressure checks from 11 a.m. to noon at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Friday night social hour, 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club and The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Home-run derby, 6 p.m. at the base softball fields. For more info, call 6-4306.

Singles karaoke from 6-10 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Saturday, May 24, 2003

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Sunday, May 25, 2003

Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, May 26, 2003

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

Tiny tots reading hour, 10 a.m. at the base library. For more info, call 6-2618.

Dyess Toastmasters meeting, 11:45 a.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call Pat Clancy at 6-1046.

Yoga class from noon to 1 p.m. at the health and wellness center.

Home decor workshop from 6-8 p.m. at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center. For more info, call 6-4175.

Bingo Mania, 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Entry deadline for base talent contest. For more info, call 6-4305.

Three-on-three basketball tournament, 11 a.m. at the base sports and fitness center.

Happy Landings brief from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the family support center. For more info, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

Thursday, May 29, 2003

Base talent contest, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Upcoming events

May 30 -- Detachment 4 change of command ceremony, 10 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

May 30 -- NCO and Senior NCO induction ceremony, 3 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

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COMMUNITY



Pool passes

Swimming passes for the base pools are now on sale. The cost is \$25 for a single pass and \$50 for a family pass. The pools open today.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Base talent show

The base talent show is 7 p.m. Thursday at The Hangar Center.

Participants must be at least 18 years old to enter and either be an active duty member, retiree, family member or government civilian employee.

The categories for competition are vocal solo, vocal group, instrumental solo, instrumental group and performing arts.

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call Willie Cooper at 6-4305.

Beach bash

There is a beach bash burger burn and summer sports tournament June 7 at the pavilion behind Campanale Hall on Avenue D.

All enlisted members and their families are welcome to attend.

The party will include a four-on-four beach volleyball tournament, three-on-three basketball tournament, and a disc jockey. Free food and drinks will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Murphy at 6-4462.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday with Mass afterward at 5 p.m. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant: Shared faith



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Exercise Exercise Exercise

An explosive ordnance disposal technician gets suited up Tuesday during the base's recent Major Accident Response Exercise. During the exercise, base personnel tested their ability to respond during emergency situations.

worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Other religions: The base chapel has information about other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4224.

runs from July 7 to Aug. 8.

Available courses are listed on the university's Web site at <http://www.mcm.edu>.

To register or for more information, call Dr. Rosemary Wallace at 6-5540.

ERAU registration

Students can now register for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Dyess center summer term.

The summer term dates run from June 2 to Aug. 1.

Transfer credit for military training is available for the bachelor of science in professional aeronautics, bachelor of science in management and technical operations, and master of aeronautical science degree programs.

For more information, call the Dyess ERAU office at 6-1785 or visit the Web site at <http://www.erau.edu/dyess>.

EDUCATION



College registration

Students can sign-up for the McMurry University's summer semester terms at the base education and training center.

Summer I semester is from June 2 to July 3 and the Summer II semester

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101 Critical Days of Safety

Combat summer disasters with PRM



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Senior Master Sgt. John Woffard, 7th Comptroller Squadron, cleans a grill at the 7th Bomb Wing headquarters building before a cook-out. Safety officials suggest grills be positioned at least 25 feet away from buildings or trees when barbecuing.

Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

For most, the summer months are meant for fun -- boating, swimming, barbecuing, playing outdoors, going on road trips and beach vacations. But, if safety isn't kept in mind, these activities could end badly.

Each year, the 101 Critical Days of Safety campaign targets specific risks posed during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day, said 7th Bomb Wing safety officials.

"The reason for the 101 Critical Days of Safety campaign is to make people aware and give them the information they need to make smart, safe decisions," said Charles Carson, 7th BW safety and health technician.

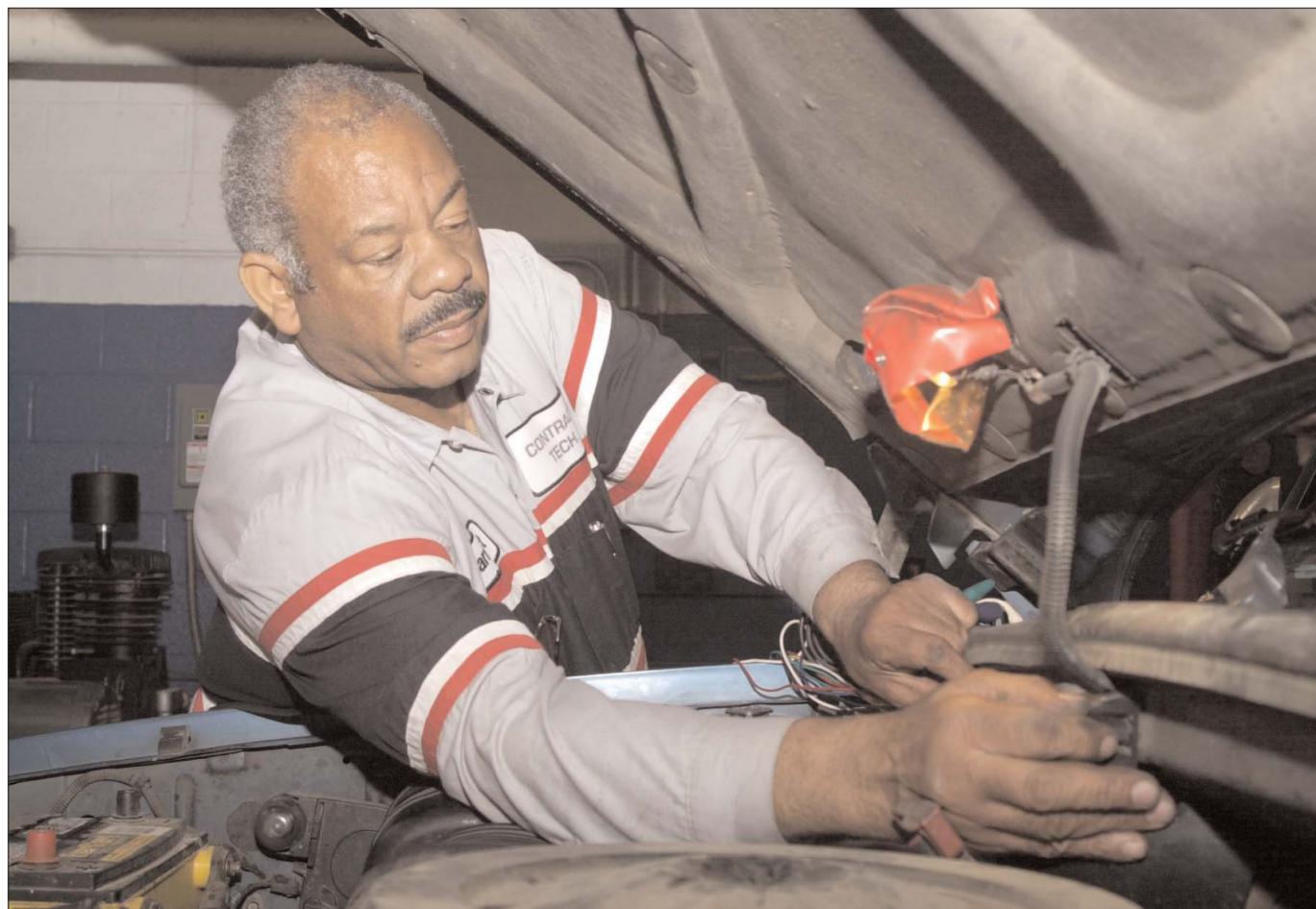
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This year, special emphasis is placed on heat-related effects, highway safety, seat-belt usage, driving and boating under the influence of alcohol, water sports, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicle operations.

Carson said the best way to stay safe this summer is to follow Air Combat Command's three-step operational risk management process:

1) Assess the environment for risk.
2) Consider options to limit risk.

3) Take appropriate action.
"Everyone should use these ORM principles in off-duty activities," Carson said. "Taking a few



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Ernest Johnson Gatteson, base auto hobby shop contract technician, performs maintenance on an air conditioning unit. Dyess safety officials recommend people get their cars inspected before driving to their summer destinations.

extra minutes before an activity to conduct this three-step process, could make the difference between a safe summer activity and one that results in serious injury."

Carson added that important things to remember this summer, especially with the West Texas heat, is to keep cool and hydrated.

People should stay in the shade whenever possible and avoid sun exposure during the peak intensity hours between

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., officials said. People should also drink lots of water and cut back on carbonated drinks, which can cause dehydration, a day or two before a planned outdoor activity.

Sunscreen use is also very important, safety officials said.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, people should apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 every two hours when participating in outdoor activities, even on cloudy days.

With the hot summer months also comes swimming. Carson said the majority of swimming-related accidents usually involve either alcohol or people swimming alone.

"You should always have a buddy with you when you go swimming, especially children," Carson said. "You should also never turn your back on small children when they're swimming -- don't rely solely on floaties or other flotation devices to keep them safe."

Carson also stresses the importance of vehicle safety.

"One of the biggest problems we see with vehicle accidents is people over extending themselves," Carson said. "Before going on a road trip you should thoroughly plan it out.

"Make plans ahead of time to rest somewhere if you will be driving a long distance. Also, make sure you get a good night's sleep the night before."

Alcohol consumption is also a major cause of both vehicle and

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Charles Carson
7th Bomb Wing safety and health technician

boating accidents, Carson said.

"The bottom line is don't drink and drive," Carson said. "When you do, you're not only endangering your own life, but the lives of those around you."

According to Carson, the majority of motorcycle accidents in the summer are a result of speeding.

"All drivers, including motorcyclists, must follow the posted speed limits," Carson said. "(Speed limits are created for a reason) -- everyone's safety. Motorcyclists and ATV operators should wear the proper personal protective equipment when driving or riding on a vehicle."

Carson also suggests ATV operators be familiar with an area before they venture out into it.

"It's important to know the area you're riding in," Carson said. "There could be ditches, fallen trees, or other barriers in your path that you otherwise would not know about."

For more summer safety information and personal risk management tips, go to the ACC safety web page at <https://www-mil.acc.af.mil/se/4.8.prm.htm> and click on the summer personal risk management guide.

"The main thing we ask is everyone be safe this summer," Carson said. "And remember -- your safety... my safety... our responsibility."



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Dyess children play at The Heritage Club swimming pool last year. Swimmers can bring their own personal flotation devices or rent them from outdoor recreation to use in the base pools, which open today.



Marcus Jordan

Bo Bodden, 9th Bomb Squadron, kicks the ball past a 39th/40th Airlift Squadron defender during an intramural soccer match last year. Soccer players participating in the base league are required to wear shin guards as a safety measure. Sports enthusiasts should contact the base sports and fitness center at 6-4306 for safety tips and information on sport related activities.

7th EMS outduels COMM to win Dyess volleyball championship

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron swept the 7th Communications squadron two matches to none during the intramural volleyball championship May 16.

The Maintainers had to battle back into the championship after being sent to the loser's bracket by 7th CS earlier in the week.

"We had a few bumps along the way but we overcame that and pushed forward toward our goal," said Bernard Koaha, 7th EMS coach. "I told the team that we had an upward battle since some of our teammates left but to have fun and play hard."

The defending champs from last year blew away 7th LRS two matches to none and then prepared themselves for a more rested 7th CS team.

"Our team had just played a tough three-game match but that did not stop the fires in our eyes to win the whole thing."

From the opening serve, the first match was close, with each team matching each other point for point until 7th CS slowly starting to pull away after Brad Casper and Koaha began to slam key spikes over 7th CS

Winning the first match 25-21, the Maintainers knew they had to keep playing tough..

"I felt that we were using a great sense of teamwork," Kahoa said. "Comm's team was breaking down from the inside and we capitalized on many of their errors."

Determined to send a message to COMM, the Maintainers continued to put pressure on the 7th CS,



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Brad Casper, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, dives down to dig out a low ball during his team's quest to become base champs.

going on a 19-1 run, culminating with Casper spiking over the COMM front row.

From that point on, the 7th CS was to far behind.

COMM tried to rally back with solid play from all their team members to to make the score 24-15, but were unable to stop the

inevitable. 7th EMS went on to win the next two matches 25-11 and 25-19 respectively in the rubbermatch and was declared base champs.

"It feels great to win this for our squadron and commander for the second year in a row," Kahoa said.

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The BIG Screen



The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Admission for adults is \$1.75, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children under 6 is free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

Today

Head of State -- *Chris Rock, Bernie Mac* -- When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Mays Gilliam, a Washington, D.C., alderman, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics.

Rated PG-13 (*language and sexuality*)

Saturday and Sunday

Special screenings of "The Italian Job" are free for military I.D. card holders.

The Italian Job -- *Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton* -- Mastermind thief Charlie Croker helps pull off an amazing gold bullion heist from a heavily-guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy, -- only to be double crossed by one of his crew. Seeking

revenge, Charlie and his former gang follow the backstabber to California where they plan to re-steal the gold.

Rated PG-13 (*language and violence*)

May 30

View from the Top -- *Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate* -- Donna dreams of becoming a first-class international flight attendant and will do whatever it takes to ensure her dream comes true. But her flight to success is far from a smooth flight as she encounters more turbulence than she bargained for.

Rated PG-13 (*language and sexual references*)

May 31

Anger Management -- *Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson* -- After a mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime, he is sentenced to an anger management program. However, once in the class, he discovers the instructor has his own serious anger management problem.

Rated PG-13 (*crude sexual content and language*)

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