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317th AG commander notches first

By Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith
320th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM -- A C-130 aircraft from the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing was the first U.S. Air Force aircraft to land at an Iraqi airfield after it was secured by coalition forces March 27.

This historic mission was flown by 320th AEW commander Col. Rich Johnston and his crew. Johnston is currently deployed from Dyess where he serves as the 317th Airlift Group commander. Johnston and crew were the tip of the spear, flying the first of many missions to help insert the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

"I couldn't be prouder of the entire operation," Johnston said. "There were many moving parts to this successful operation, such as tactics planners, aircrews, aircraft maintainers, cargo and passenger handling personnel, and airborne assets providing air support for our flight into and out of Iraq, to name just a few."

On the way to Iraq, the flight brought maintainers and parts into Kuwait.

The maintainers went on to Kuwait City so they could fix any C-130s that need help en route to Iraq. Next, the flight picked up



Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

A deployed C-130 lands at an Iraqi airfield as Air Force members from the Tanker Airlift Control Element stand ready to assist. The first U.S. Air Force aircraft to land at an Iraqi airfield was a C-130 piloted by Col. Rich Johnston, 317th Airlift Group commander.

cargo and passengers destined for the airfield in Iraq.

Johnston said once the aircraft stopped, the Tanker Airlift Control Element team cargo was unloaded within minutes. The C-130 was then loaded with four survivors from a helicopter crash and pieces of the helicopter.

"The patients were going to Kuwait and then out to a hospital ship to be checked out, but they said they were ready to get back into the fight after a few days of rest," Johnston said.

Moving the patients reminded many crewmembers of their role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We're in the support business," said Lt. Col. Cam Torrens, 772nd Expeditionary Airlift

Squadron commander.

"Our plane doesn't shoot back," Torrens added. "So U.S. forces must have control on the ground. If we're able to land that means the ground troops have gotten the job done."

With each passing day, deployed airlifters continue to make their daily missions a success while remaining ready for tomorrow.

"(In March) we flew hundreds of sorties carrying thousands of passengers and millions of pounds of cargo... that's impressive," Johnston said. "This isn't an exercise or training, it's war, and this wing again proved that we're ready for the challenges of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Senior NCO earns Air Force award

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess senior NCO was named the best of the best in his career field when he was named the Air Force's Logistics Planner of the year for 2002 recently.

Master Sgt. Darryl Boudreau won the award for his efforts while assigned to the 92nd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Boudreau, who came to Dyess in January, was taken aback when he was notified he had won the award

"I was very surprised when I found out I had won at the Air Force level," he said. "I can't recall the last time an Air Mobility Command 'loggie' had won at this level but I am proud to represent AMC this year."

Boudreau's major achievements include directing more than 1,200 tons of equipment on 33 C-17 missions while ensuring a 100 percent in-transit viability.

His team's planning and execution operations efforts were lauded by the Joint Task Force for Southwest Asia commander as being a model for all to follow.

"We were deployed to an austere airfield in our area of responsibility in the middle of summer in extreme conditions and many of the planners of the JTFWSA did not think we could pull the operation off. They actually begged us to let another base work the move."



Master Sgt.
Darryl Boudreau



Dyess Air Force Base welcomes...

Ronald Orr

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics



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Clearing the 'fog of media war'

By 1st Lt. Carlos Diaz
53rd Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- As the war in Iraq continues, we see another kind of war being waged on the Internet, television and the radio -- the media war.

Who has the most current information? Where are the bad guys? How are we doing? These are questions that everybody has been asking since the allied forces took on the mission of liberating Iraq from a vicious regime.

Since Operation Iraqi Freedom started, television, radio and the Internet are constantly competing to provide the latest information. The media is going the extra mile to cover all angles of the story, on the battlefield and here at home. The job is to get the information and relay it to the rest of the world.

One problem with this is that the bad guys are among those watching. September 11 showed the United States that the enemy is not that far away anymore.

Military members, their families, and civilians working for the armed forces have to be extra careful in what they discuss in public, especially when contacted by the media.

Current operations have made this group of people a target for information. Information like names, addresses,

preparations for deployment and family members left behind are examples of information that, by itself, might not be perceived as dangerous but can be used against our personnel if accessed by the wrong crowd.

With the fog of the media war, media outlets are eager to get any information available. Sometimes, this information can affect operations.

To avoid the possibility of releasing important information that can be used against the U.S. and coalition forces, local public affairs offices are trained and prepared to respond to media queries.

Public affairs personnel eliminate the risk of releasing information that could be harmful to current operations.

Although we live in a free society and people are allowed to talk to the press, military members and their families are urged to let PA assist them. PA can guide you through dealing with the media or even respond to reporters directly on your behalf. They are also able to distinguish between legitimate media and people who don't care about what information goes out to the world.

The media is everywhere, is part of everyone's lives, and has influenced the way the war is being conducted. Public affairs keeps everyone safe and well informed in this media-saturated environment.

If you are contacted by the media for any reason, call the Public Affairs Office at 696-5609.



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Pay attention... not just for the time that it takes to read this article, but for the future. There is no doubt you are the best in the world at what you do. Your actions, and those of your fellow airmen at Dyess and around the world this week prove the point. The risk is that because day in and day out, you perform your mission so well, you may become desensitized to the hazards associated with your job and become unsafe in doing it as a result. Whether the task ahead is a takeoff in the B-1 or C-130, completing maintenance from a tech order, operating a piece of heavy equipment, arming a weapon, or performing a medical procedure, take the time to focus on what you are about to do. Don't be complacent because you have executed the task countless times before. Think it through, follow published guidance and by doing so perform the task safely.

As a supervisor, be out and about visiting your troops even when there is "nothing special" going on... just your presence goes a long way to keep folks from being complacent. Your actions make this the best Air Force in the world. I'm proud of what you do in the service of our nation every day and I want you here to do it next week as well. 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.

Big thanks to Honor Guard

Comment: Recently, I shared pallbearer duties with the Honor Guard that attended the funeral of a retired Air Force sergeant in Fort Worth, Texas. The airmen who served this duty were Senior Airmen Joey Gilcrest, Sedquwick Bell, and Shawnacy Johnson and Airmen 1st Class Chad Farley, Dawn DeHorney, Joel Boxberger and Anthony Worrells.

These people did an excellent job, and it was an honor to share our duties with them.

To those of us with prior military service, it was a moving experience. I had not seen the proper flag folding service in some 40 years, and it brought a huge lump to my throat. The young female airman who did the final folding moments did not find the flag folded to her satisfaction and had the team refold it. That moment showed that absolute perfection was the only acceptable way. Please pass on my grateful appreciation for their professionalism.

Response: I will be pleased to do so. This is just yet one more example of the outstanding airmen we have here performing a critically valuable service to those who wore the uniform before us. Our Honor Guard does a super job representing our military throughout the area, and like you, I appreciate the hours of dedication they freely give to ensure we properly honor our veterans. Thank you for taking the time to send us your comments.

Two Dyess boys save day for family

Youths discover, report fire in base housing

By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

"You boys are heroes, just like Spiderman and Superman."

That's what Staff Sgt. Chris Ellis, 317th Maintenance Squadron, told two young Dyess children when they discovered and reported a fire in base housing April 1.

That evening, the two boys, 4-year-old Justin De Los Santos, son of Tech. Sgt. Lisa De Los Santos; and 6-year-old Michael Hamm, son of Airman 1st Class David and Melissa MacPherson, were playing in the housing area when they noticed heavy smoke billowing out of a bedroom window of a house. The two boys quickly ran and told the nearest adult, who then called 9-1-1



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Four-year-old Justin De Los Santos, left, son of Tech. Sgt. Lisa De Los Santos, and 6-year-old Michael Hamm, son of Airman 1st Class David and Melissa MacPherson, try out firefighter gear at the Dyess Fire Department. The boys discovered and reported a fire in base housing April 1.

to alert the fire department. "We saw smoke, so we ran and told a man (who was walking his dog)," Michael

said. "When there is trouble, you tell an adult."

After the boys told the man, Justin ran to his house

"Had those boys not discovered the fire when they did, there is a good chance the house and its entire contents could have been destroyed."

Floyd Smith
Dyess fire chief

where he told his mom and their friend, Ellis.

"I thought he was mistaken at first," De Los Santos said. "But when I went outside to look, sure enough he was right."

Ellis ran to the house and shut off the power. Then he checked to see if there was anyone in the house. Luckily, the family wasn't home at the time of the fire.

Moments later, the Dyess Fire Department arrived to

extinguish the house fire, which was contained in one bedroom.

The house suffered about \$13,000 in damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

"Everyone handled this incident very well," said Floyd Jones, Dyess fire chief. "The children did an outstanding job in spotting the smoke and telling an adult and Staff Sgt. Ellis was smart in cutting off the power to the house. Had those boys not discovered the fire when they did, there is a good chance the house and its entire contents could have been destroyed."

"I'm very proud of Justin and his friend, Michael," De Los Santos said.

"The boys did great," Ellis added. "It's amazing to see children so young, only 4 and 6 years old, are so aware of their surroundings and can remember exactly what they are taught to do in case of an emergency and do it. Their actions could have potentially saved lives."

Thrift Savings Plan open season begins Tuesday

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Civilian and military employees can sign up for or change Thrift Savings Plan accounts during the "open season" from Tuesday to June 30.

"TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan that everyone should consider," said Maj. Alessandra Stokstad, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center's contact center here. "Current account holders might be interested, too, in transferring money from one fund to another -- the TSP folks are set up to handle that."

"Either way it's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans," Stokstad continued. "It's important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well."

Employees already contributing to the TSP are encouraged to review their TSP plan and account balances, said Janet Thomas of the center's civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

The open-season period is the best time to open an account or make changes to an existing one, she added.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes

each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"You can take out loans and make withdrawals from your TSP account," said Thomas. "And you can keep your account even if you leave military or federal service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," said Stokstad. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The five TSP funds are the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund, the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"The funds progress in risk, with the G Fund being the least risky and the I Fund being the most risky," said Jim McDonald, Dyess personal financial manager. "But whichever fund or funds an investor decides to put (his or her) money in, they are all good investments."

"What people need to determine before they select which fund or funds they invest in is which one is best for them," McDonald said. "Selecting a fund is all a matter of risk tolerance. If you are not sleeping well at night thinking about your investment, you're at too much of a risk."

McDonald suggests that people on base take the basic investors course at the family support center to learn more about each fund within TSP or other investments. The next class is from 8-11:30 a.m. April 24. People can reserve a seat, by calling 6-5999. People can also call McDonald to schedule an appointment.

Military members can enroll in the program by filling out a form at the finance office.

Specific information is available for civilians on the Thrift Savings Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/> and for airmen at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

People can choose which fund to contribute to by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777.

(Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

Dyess manpower office named best in Air Force

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Manpower office was recently awarded the Air Force Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence in the small office category.

"We were ecstatic when we found out we had won at the Air Combat Command-level, but before we had a chance to take it all in, we found out we were the best in the Air Force," said John Ruzinsky, Manpower chief. "This feeling is incredible and we are absolutely grateful for all the help and support we have received from all of Dyess Air Force Base."

Base officials said the recognition for the office is well deserved.

"(The Dyess office) is the best manpower office I've witnessed in my career," said Brig Gen Wendell Griffin, former commander of the 7th Bomb Wing, as he put the office up for the award last year. "They show outstanding stewardship of the wing's manpower resources."

"The impact of winning this award is we can see the results of all of our long hours and hard work," Ruzinsky said. "More importantly, it is a testimony that we are doing our best in support of the overall wing mission."

The office is the wing commander's representative to ensure the defense and retention of critical manpower resources.

"It is extremely important for our commanders to have an efficient and high-caliber office because it ensures each unit com-

"The impact of winning this award is we can see the results of all of our long hours and hard work."

John Ruzinsky
Dyess Manpower chief

mander has the right amount of manpower resources to accomplish the unit mission," Ruzinsky said.

The manpower office was instrumental during last year's implementation of the Air Force B-1 consolidation project. The manpower office ensured the right amount of operations and maintenance manpower resources were provided to Dyess, Ruzinsky said.

Another significant achievement included the execution of the new combat wing organization, which involved the acute realignment of about 2,400 manpower resources throughout the wing.

"We have an excellent training program in place that ensured all military members assigned to our office were well trained so they could execute their responsibilities not only at home but while they are deployed," Ruzinsky said.

"We have a great bunch of folks in the office with a wide diversity of backgrounds," he added. "Each person brings something different to the table with helps us overcome and solve many of the tough challenges we face each day."

Award

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"But we took the job," Boudreau added. "We planned it, executed it and completed it seven days earlier than planned. We put the right equipment in the right place at the right time."

When Boudreau arrived at Dyess, it wasn't one minute too soon, according to his supervisors.

"His leadership and the mentorship of our young enlisted and junior officers in XPL has been tremendous," said Maj. Mary Cooley, 317th XP flight chief.

Boudreau attributes all

his success and achievements to the many experiences he has been a part of since he has been in the Air Force.

"Every day, on TDYs and deployments, I learn something new about my job and about myself," Boudreau said. "And I could not have done it without the support of my family."

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TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Staff Sgt. Denise Bennett**

Unit: 436th Training Squadron

Job description: Videographer

Time in the Air Force: Five years, four months

Time at Dyess: Seven months

Family: Single

Hometown: Bramburg, Germany

Job impact on the mission: I provide Air Combat Command with the best training videos possible.

Career goals: To become a successful dentist

Best Air Force memory:

Meeting customers that have utilized videos that I produced and knowing that it has impacted their missions in a positive way.



Staff Sgt. Liza Smallwood

TEAM DYESS**436 TS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Lt. Col. Kelvin Kearney

First sergeant:

Master Sgt. Henry Torres

Personnel:

- Officers: 11
- Enlisted: 39
- Civilians: Two

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AIR FORCE HISTORY

April 11 -- The Army's first permanent flying school is established at College Park, Md., in 1911.

April 12 -- The first B-52 bombers struck North Vietnam targets in 1966.

April 13 -- Maj. R.M. White became the first Air Force pilot to fly the X-15 rocket research aircraft in 1960.

April 14 -- The first

two enemy aircraft are shot down by the American Expeditionary Force in 1918.

April 15 -- The YB-52 made its first flight in 1952.

April 16 -- The Berlin Airlift delivered a record 12,940 tons in a 24-hour period in 1949.

April 17 -- A world speed record of 114.35 mph for 1,500 kilometers is set at Dayton, Ohio, in 1949.



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Dyess gets 'Zoo-luted'

By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess servicemembers and their families were "Zoo-luted" by the Abilene Zoological Gardens with free admission, refreshments and entertainment Saturday.

The Abilene Zoological Society officials waived admission throughout the day to military members and their families as a special thanks to Dyess for their service to the nation and the Big Country.

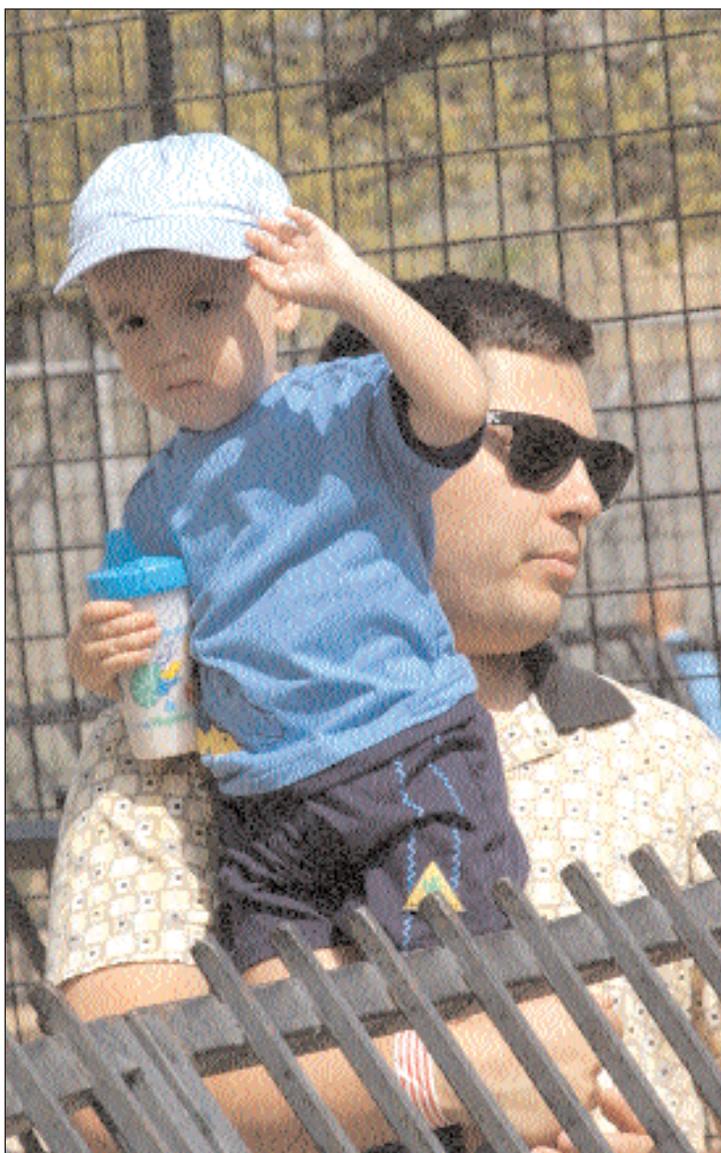
"The Zoolute celebrates the sacrifice and commitment of our armed forces, and this is our way of expressing thanks to the men and women who wear the uniform," said Jeff Bullock, the zoo's executive director. "This year especially, with the war going on, we just wanted to boost everyone's spirits and show them a good time, and I think we did just that."

Of the 3,500 people who visited the zoo Saturday, 2,500 were military.

"It was really nice of them to do this for us," said Pam Riley, who attended the event with her husband, Senior Airman Eric Riley, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and their one-year-old son, Aidan. "My family had a great time.

"Events like this show us that the Abilene community really supports and appreciates what the military does for our country," she added.

The zoological society kicked off the event with a patriotic ceremony celebrating the upcoming Armed Forces Day. During the event, zoo officials presented a key of the zoo to Dyess



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Capt. Gerald Gallegos, 317th Maintenance Squadron, and son Jake take a look at some animals at the Abilene Zoo Saturday. The Abilene Zoo offered a "zoo-lute" to Dyess servicemembers and their families by offering free admission, refreshments and entertainment.

leaders, who opened the gates.

Throughout the day, Dyess family members were treated to the music of the Texas Fiddlers. Children were also entertained by a traveling clown, a magic show and an air castle.

Free popcorn and soft drinks were also provided for all military visitors, as well as hamburgers in the afternoon.

This is the third straight year the zoo has conducted the event, Bullock said. And he thinks this year's Zoo-lute was the most successful yet.

"The Zoo-lute continues to grow each year," he said. "And each year, it seems to get better. All the military families who came out seemed to really enjoy themselves, and so I think it was a big success."

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36 airmen graduate ALS

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Thirty-six senior airmen reached a major milestone in their Air Force careers by graduating from Airman Leadership School class 03-C in a ceremony March 27 at The Heritage Club.

Senior Airman Jaramiah Severns, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron, earned the John Levitow Award as the class' top graduate. **Senior Airman Angel Rodriguez**, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, got the nod for the class' Leadership Award honors. 7th Operations Support Squadron's **Senior Airman Joshua Kurtenbach** took home 03-C's Academic Award as well as being named one of the three Distinguished Graduates.

Distinguished Graduate honors also went to **Senior Airman Timothy Henry**, 3rd Weather Squadron, and **Senior Airman Christopher Rodgers**, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Other Class 03-C graduates were:

Senior Airman Ernesto Aguilar, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Angela Banks, 3rd WS

Senior Airman Michael Bradsher, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Lowell Callahan, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Enrique Cisneros, 712th Air Support Operability Squadron

Senior Airman Francis Dawson, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Nathan Dickey, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher Foy, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Todd Gay, 7th AMXS
Senior Airman Lashonda Harris, 7th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Terrance Hazelwood, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman John Howell, 7th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Brian Jackson, 7th CES

Senior Airman Jesse Kell, 7th CS

Senior Airman Brian Mankel, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Rodrigo Martinez, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Marvin Melton, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Amy Miller, 7th Medical Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Larry Nix, 7th LRS

Senior Airman Brian Pasche, Detachment 2

Senior Airman Lance Pigott, 7th MOS

Senior Airman Pablo Rodriguez, 7th EMS

Senior Airman Pasquale Romano, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Jeffrey Rook, 3rd WS

Senior Airman Jeromy Schuelke, 7th OSS

Senior Airman Allan Sell, 7th SFS

Senior Airman Natasha Smith, 317th Airlift Group

Senior Airman Blake Stimpson, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Gregory Snodgrass, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Travis Tauzier, 7th CMS

Senior Airman Gregory Walters, 7th AMXS

17 Dyess NCOs graduate from academy

Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Two Dyess NCOs nabbed top honors at the Noncommissioned Officers Academy graduation held April 3 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, 7th Bomb Wing, received the John Levitow award as the class' top graduate. **Tech. Sgt. Scott Hodges**, 7th Munitions Squadron, won the class' Comman-

dant's Leadership Award.

Fifteen other Dyess NCOs also graduated the six-week course. They are:

Tech. Sgt. Theresa Brewer, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Barbara Busbeen, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Louie Dyer, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Felix Flores, 317th Aircraft Mainte-

nance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Scott Good, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mark Haggood, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Paul Hanchett, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. John Howe, 7th Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. John Loop-er, 7th AMXS

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Dyess Tax Center to help members after tax deadline

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Tuesday is the infamous deadline to file taxes but the Dyess Tax Center will extend their tax-filing operations for qualified Dyess members.

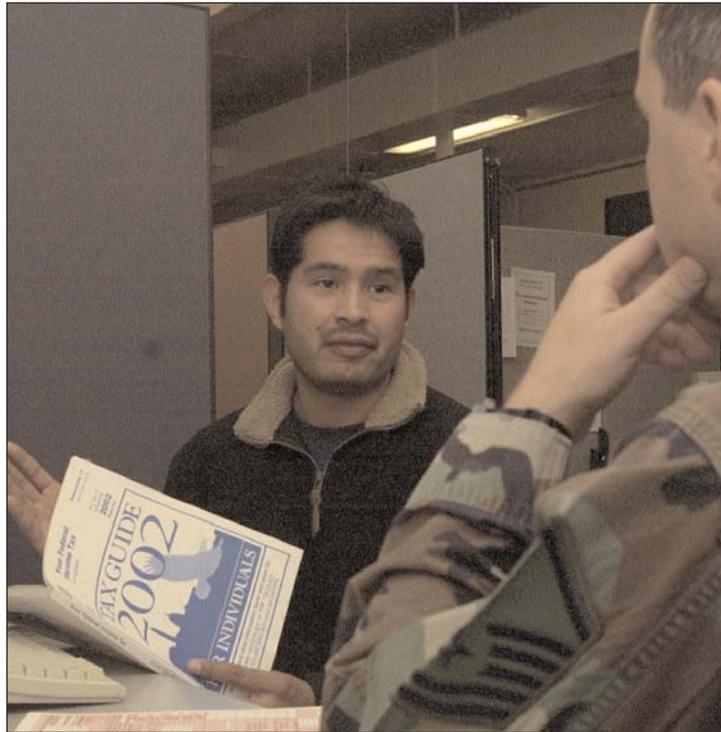
The tax center located at 397 Third Street in Building 7235, will close Tuesday at 5 p.m. However, members who need to file after the deadline can contact Dyess legal officials to schedule an appointment.

The extension is granted primarily for deployed members and their families, and offers some relief for many individuals who cannot be here to take care of their taxes, said Tech. Sgt. Kathy Hoffman, 7th Bomb Wing Legal Office.

"This means that some members are not even required to file their returns until much later in year or even into 2004, depending on individual circumstances. We will continue to prepare tax returns after the Tuesday deadline primarily for those individuals."

The service will continue to be free of charge, Hoffman said.

"We can electronically file returns until October. After that, we can still prepare returns but members must physically mail in their returns," she added.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Rick Espinoza, tax center coordinator, discusses IRA tax issues with a customer at the Dyess Tax Center. While the actual tax center building closes after Tuesday, the Dyess legal office will prepare tax returns for qualified Dyess members until next year.

The Dyess Tax Center has been running since Feb. 4, using a staff of 42 volunteers.

"Our volunteer force includes active-duty, civilians, and retirees," Hoffman said. "In addition, 19 students from Abilene Christian University participated in our program this year"

The International Revenue Service trains the volunteers in tax law. Volunteers must pass a test

before they are qualified to prepare tax returns.

"I am very grateful for the outstanding support of our volunteers this year," Hoffman said. "The success of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program on Dyess is a direct result of their donation of time."

For more information, call Hoffman at 6-2232.

To make an appointment to file tax returns before Tuesday, call the tax center at 6-1761.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
March 13	Travis Clay	Staff Sgt. Todd and Jennifer Hewitt
March 27	Katherine Rose	Capt. Michael and Victoria Ballard

Family services provides layette packages to first-time parents and multiple births. For more information, call 6-2409. Want your baby's birth announced in the *Peacemaker*? Please e-mail the birth date, first and middle name, and parent's names to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil within one month of the baby's birth. For more information, call 6-4300.

Critical leadership strike

B-1 crew describes aerial assault on Iraqi authorities

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- An Air Force B-1 Lancer crew rode an "adrenaline rush" as they prepared to strike a recently discovered target of opportunity believed to be the site of a high-level Iraqi leadership meeting April 7.

"There wasn't a lot of time for reflection," Lt. Col. Fred Swan told Pentagon reporters via telephone from his deployed location. Swan is a B-1 Lancer weapons systems officer assigned to the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing.

According to Swan, the B-1 was engaged in midair refueling when a call came from an airborne control aircraft telling them "this is the big one" and directing them to the new priority target.

"I knew it was important, so it really doesn't matter who was attending the high-level meeting," he said. "We've got to get the bombs on target, and we've got 10 minutes to do it."

"There are four crew members on the B-1 and we all have separate jobs to do, but we have to work in concert to make it happen," Swan said.

That coordination included locating the target, planning an escape route, checking out enemy air defenses, staying in contact with airborne and ground controllers, selecting the appropriate weapons, and "dialing in" the target coordinates, Swan said.

"The key is not what the



U.S. Air Force photo

A deployed weapons loader with the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing loads a 2,000 lbs Joint Direct Attack Munition bomb onto a B-1 at a forward operating location. JDAMs were among the munitions dropped on a target at the site of a high-level Iraqi leadership meeting Monday.

target is, but making sure we are 100 percent accurate with the proper weapon and our coordinates are right," said Capt. Chris Wachter, the pilot of the strike aircraft, who was also interviewed. "And we're going into an area where we're going to get shot at, so we want to make sure we have a way to protect ourselves."

While the desired effect of the mission was to destroy the building, Swan said the target's suburban location made preventing collateral damage a primary concern. To reduce the danger to innocent people and nearby facilities, mission planners chose the "Version 3" of the GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition.

"It's a hard-target penetrator that buries itself in before it explodes," Swan

said. "It will take out the particular structure, but it's going to minimize the fragmentation into outlying areas."

As important as limiting fragmentation is to reducing collateral damage, accurate delivery is also key, said Col. James Kowalski, 405th AEW commander, who also participated in the interview.

"We've dropped about 2,100 JDAMs," Kowalski said. "Based on a sampling of areas we've hit -- airfields, bunkers and leadership targets -- the weapon is performing well above 99 percent."

The global positioning system-guided JDAMs typically strike within 40 feet of the target, Kowalski said.

"They hit where we want them to hit," he said.

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Tech. Sgt. Daniel Mafnas, 7th MUNS

Tech. Sgt. Joel Mikesell, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Bradford Simpson, 7th MXG

Tech. Sgt. Manuel Trejo Jr., 436th Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Eric Wilkins, 39th Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Maurice Woods, 9th ASOS

Spouses town meeting

There is a town meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Heritage Club for spouses of 7th Bomb Wing and 317th Airlift Group deployed personnel.

The meeting is to ensure spouses have accurate and current information and to talk about issues affecting the families of deployed personnel.

Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, will host the meeting and representatives from base service agencies will be on hand to help answer questions.

Free child care will be provided at the child development center during the meeting.

To sign up for the meeting, call the family support center at 6-5999 by noon Tuesday.

Road work

Arnold Boulevard is being restriped from the main gate to the traffic circle Monday to April 28. The contractor will close one lane at a time.

Dyess officials ask drivers to please slow down and drive cautiously while the contractor is working.

The paint dust does not harm vehicles.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Billy Juniel at 6-2108.

Quarterly awards

The 7th Bomb Wing quarterly awards luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. April 18 at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$8.50 for club members and \$10.50 for non-members.

See your first sergeant to sign up. For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephanie Powell at 6-3485.

APD breakfast

The Dyess Administrative Professionals Day Celebration breakfast is from 8-9:30 a.m. April 23 at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$7.60 for club members and \$9.60 for non-members.

People must reserve a seat by April 18.

To make a reservation, 7th Bomb Wing personnel should call 6-2121. 7th Mission Support Group, call 6-2141. 7th Medical Group, call 6-2345. 317th Airlift Group, call 6-2584. 7th Maintenance Group, call 6-2235. 7th Operations Group, call 6-2188.

HAZCOM course

The 7th Medical Group Public Health Office conducts a hazardous communication "Train the Trainer" class at 1 p.m. April 24 at the 7th Bomb Wing Ground Safety training room.

All NCOs, senior airmen, officers and civilians must attend this course when they are first assigned to a supervisory position.

For more information, call Senior Airman Jessica Desroches at 6-8332.

Enlisted spouses club

The Dyess Enlisted Spouses Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 24 at the base chapel annex. Childcare is available with reservations.

To make reservations or for more information, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898.

Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays in the Longhorn Dining Facility conference room. All Dyess members are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Pat Clancy at 6-1046 or Barbara Busbee at 6-3861.

MPF closure

The 7th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight is closed from 7:30-9 a.m. Fridays for training.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Amanda Miller at 6-2901.

PA giveaways

Dyess Public Affairs has hundreds of copies of *Airman Magazine's* "The Book" and "Centennial of Flight" calendars as well as CD-ROMs of the new base guide available for base members.

For more information, stop by Building 7316, Room 136, or call Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome at 6-2862.

Management job

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron dormitory management office is looking for a senior NCO to fill the unaccompanied housing superintendent position, Air Force specialty code 9D000.

This is a two-year assignment.

Interested applicants must have exceptional communication and customer service skills, be knowledgeable in Microsoft programs and have excellent supervisory skills.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ted Smith at 6-5524.

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7th AEW tests its capabilities

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

ANDERSEN AIR BASE, Guam -- Although B-52 Stratofortresses and B-1B Lancers have become a common sight in the skies here, their presence was even more visible during recent days.

Bombers from the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing here successfully completed 103 sorties in less than three days as part of a surge in operations March 30 through April 2.

"(This) performance is easily one of the three best military accomplishments that I've ever witnessed and clearly the most aggressive self-induced challenge," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th AEW commander. "After this week, I have complete confidence that our team can do anything."

George intended the surge as a way to gauge what needed to be improved.

"Initially, my intent for this effort was to see where we stood as a team, help us mature and determine what our weak areas might be," said George, who described this test as a bomber version of baseball's spring training. "I knew our team would work hard and put forth a great effort."

"What I wasn't prepared for was a championship performance," the commander continued. "I've been around military jets and [operations] for 22 years, and no one could have done better."

"[They] turned spring training into a winning World Series," he said. "And lots of people have noticed."

"It proved, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that the 7th AEW is ready and capable to take on virtually any challenge," said Col. Robert Dickmeyer, 7th Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander. "Safely launching 103 bomber sorties in just 67 hours is an extremely aggressive tasking, but everyone stayed focused through the entire exercise and proved that the American spirit is our



Staff Sgt. Charlene Franken

A B-1 takes off past a B-52 on the ramp at Andersen Air Base, Guam, during a three-day period from March 30 to April 2 when the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing completed more than 100 bomber sorties.

greatest weapon."

George said it was almost unbelievable for some.

"We've received a load of calls and e-mails asking for a correction to our typos on the sortie count," said the colonel.

Forty-nine of the sorties were flown by B-1s while B-52s tallied 54.

He said the outstanding schedule the 7th AEW maintained was more demanding than any pace they'd ever see in normal operations.

Dickmeyer said the 7th AEW averaged around 21 sorties during a typical three-day period since beginning flight operations a month ago.

That feat, Dickmeyer added, is no easy task.

"The typical turn-time for a bomber is roughly four to five hours," Dickmeyer said. "This period is needed to accomplish all required aircraft inspections, refuel the jet and if necessary, load munitions."

Completing all the required tasks takes all different types of airmen.

"The group has [a lot of] muni-

tions and aircraft maintenance professionals all working in harmony to ensure each and every sortie is as successful as humanly possible," Dickmeyer said.

Lots of folks made this victory happen, George said. The backshops, supply folks, flightline maintenance troops, munitions troops, weapons loaders, supervisors and aircrew all made it happen.

But so did a lot of folks who are often overlooked, like transportation, fuels, life support, air traffic controllers, intelligence, weather, security forces, medical and many others, George said. "It's easy to miss folks when we have a big operation."

Dickmeyer agreed.

"The tremendous success achieved must be credited to the sheer determination and absolute professionalism of the 7th AEW team," Dickmeyer said. "This was a team effort of epic proportions."

George agreed. "(They) worked as a team, helped each other and remained flexible while staying focused and proved that American airpower rocks," he said.

Readiness programs

The family support center provides a family readiness program to support families during deployments, mobilizations and separations.

The program provides preparation information and ongoing education to individuals, families and base leadership.

Other family support center programs for families are:

- **Give Parents a Break --** Offered once a month on a Saturday. The next session is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3. Reservations must be made with the FSC by April 30.

The program provides free childcare at the base youth center for children ages 6-12 and child development center (children 6 months to 5 years) for families whose sponsor is TDY for more than 30 days or is on a remote tour. The children's Immunizations must be current.

- **Hearts Apart Support Group --** The group provides a forum for the spouses of deployed members and members on remote tours to get together and enjoy common activities as well as talking about issues they face.

- **Morale Call Program --** This program offers families of deployed and remote tour members to call from Dyess to the deployed or remote location free of charge.

- **Car Care Because We Care --** This program, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, provides a one-time preventive maintenance and safety inspection for one family vehicle if the military member is TDY for 30 days or more.

- **Video Phone --** Family members can communicate with a deployed spouse by using the base's video-telephone capability. Appointments are required.

- **E-mail for Spouses --** This program allows spouses without e-mail capability to have a free e-mail account which can be used in the computer resource library.

For more information about readiness programs, call the family support center at 6-5999.

CALENDAR

**Today, April 11, 2003**

Month of the Military Child parade, 2:45 p.m. beginning at the child development center parking lot.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Dyess students graduation, 6 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-1785.

Saturday, April 12, 2003

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

Sunday, April 13, 2003

Month of the Military Child bowling special. Children can bowl two free games and receive a free soda at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, April 14, 2003

Step aerobics, 11 a.m. at the health and wellness center. For more info, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Frank at 6-4887.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

Wing Right Start from 8 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Katherine Lacy at 6-5730.

Earth Day 5-kilometer fun run/walk, 11 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hugo Via at 6-4379.

Lenten Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the base chapel annex. For more info, call 6-4224.

Thursday, April 17, 2003

Town meeting for spouses of deployed members from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. Free childcare is available during the meeting. To make a reservation, call the family support center at 6-5999.

Upcoming events

April 18 -- 7th Bomb Wing quarterly awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

April 24 -- Dyess Enlisted Spouses Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the base chapel annex.

April 26 -- World's Largest Barbecue from noon to 2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center.

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COMMUNITY



Parade route

The 7th Security Forces Squadron will block off parts of Avenue D and 4th Street for the Month of the Military Child parade hosted by the child development center at 2:45 p.m. today.

For more information, call Stephanie Kraly at 6-2936.

Giant flea market

Dyess' next "Shoppin' in the Park" is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the base picnic grounds behind the 7th Medical Group.

The cost to reserve a spot is \$10. People interested in reserving a spot can contact the Skills Development Center at 6-4175.

For more information, call 6-2936.

Name housing

Everyone is invited to participate in the "Name Our On-Base Housing Area" contest sponsored by the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's housing flight.

People can submit proposed names to the housing office by e-mailing james.rouse@dyess.af.mil or calling 6-2150 by Tuesday.

The winner will receive framed B-1 and C-130 photos from Crafters' Haven, and certificates from 7th Services Squadron and from an Abilene bed-and-breakfast business.

For more information, call 6-2150.

Reading hour

Children ages 1-5 are invited to the Tiny Tots Reading Hour from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

MSU briefing

Representatives from Midwestern State Univer-



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Weekday masses resume

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mike Medas, an Air Force Reserve Catholic chaplain, celebrates Mass with Dyess members Monday. Medas is assigned to the Dyess Chapel for the next six months to serve as the Catholic priest. For more information about holy sacraments, the Mass schedule or other Catholic-related issues, call the chapel at 6-4224.

sity will visit Dyess at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the education center.

They will discuss the MSU Internet program as well as the master's degree programs in public administration and health administration.

For more information, call William Phillips at 6-5545.

EDUCATION



CLEPS withdrawn

In preparation for conversion to the new computer based examination program, the base education office is retiring the following paper-based CLEP exams.

Humanities -- 04910; Humanities -- 04928; General Chemistry -- 26107; College Level German -- 75027; General Biology -- 18074; Western Civilization I -- 65048; Western Civilization II -- 66052. For more information, call 6-5544.

Free tests

DANTES offers free tickets to military personnel for a computer certification

exam and the federal communication commission under a pilot program.

The free exam tickets are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Applications are available on the DANTES web site at www.dantes.doded.mil.

For more information, call 1-850-452-1360 or call William Phillips at 6-5545.

CHAPEL



Lenten Luncheons

There is a Lenten Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel annex.

Everyone is invited to the luncheon, which includes soup, salad and fellowship.

For more information about Lent activities, call 6-4224.

Chapel schedule

Holy week

Catholic: Palm Sunday mass is at 9 a.m.

Holy Thursday is at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Good Friday is at 5 p.m. April 18.

Easter Vigil is at 7 p.m. April 19

Easter Sunday service is at 9 a.m. April 20.

Protestant: Good Friday service is at noon April 18.

Resurrection Egg Hunt for children is at 1 p.m. April 19.

Easter Sunday sunrise celebration is at 7 a.m. April 20.

Breakfast fellowship is at 8 a.m. April 20

Shared faith 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.

Jewish: Passover meal will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. To make a reservation, call Susan Risenberg at 793-9444.

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

MEDICAL



New notice

Dyess clinic visitors will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of receipt of a

Notice of Privacy Practices document explaining their rights with respect to health information beginning Monday.

7th Medical Group personnel will be available to answer any questions.

Volunteers needed

The 7th Medical Group needs volunteers to help out at the information desk in the main records room. Volunteers are needed for about four hours a day.

To volunteer or for more information, call Henry Roberts at 672-4739.

OFF BASE



Big Country BBQ

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee will provide free barbecue for all active-duty military members and their families, families of deployed members and appropriated fund civilians and their families April 26 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Military ID cards are required.

For more information, contact your unit first sergeant.

Trip to San Antonio

Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to San Antonio April 26-27.

The cost is \$99, based on double occupancy rate. The cost includes transportation, one night at the Riverwalk hotel, a guided Alamo tour, a tour of the Spanish Governor's Palace, a trip to Market Square and the farmer's market, and a riverboat cruise.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Fiesta Texas

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted Fiesta Texas tickets.

For more information, call the ITT office at 6-5207.

B-1 roars over Texas Rangers home opener

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Opening day is a big deal in major league baseball and for the Texas Rangers it is no different.

The team wanted to do something special for the "big hitters" in uniform -- the military uniform. The Rangers, playing against the Seattle Mariners, opened their baseball season April 4 with a tribute honoring the men and women of the U.S. armed forces.

As the military color guard proudly stepped onto the field, a hush fell over the sellout crowd. Then, one by one, they lifted their hearts and voices. With patriotic music filling the air and a giant American flag waving in the breeze, a 50,000-plus crowd at the Ballpark in Arlington celebrated their pride and patriotism along with the baseball greats they had come to watch.

And just when the national anthem's last note rang true, a brilliant splash of fireworks erupted through the air and "Freedom," an American bald eagle, floated deftly on the breeze above the pitch-

er's mound. As the stadium's capacity crowd looked on, Freedom softly landed on the falconer's glove as a low rumble echoed through the air. Ruffling his feathers defiantly, Freedom called out, and right on cue, a fellow aerial predator appeared over the stadium -- a Dyess B-1 bomber.

Rumbling overhead, the giant warbird floated over the stadium for a moment with its wings spread and then it swooped and disappeared into the sun. And as the bomber's mighty roar began to subside, the more than 50,000 fans roared back their approval.

"It was just awesome," said Chad Kreuter, Texas Rangers catcher. "It was a great way to get things started."

And the Rangers didn't stop their tribute to the men and women in uniform with the game's opening ceremony. They also did something special during one of baseball's most quintessential events -- the 7th Inning Stretch.

During "the stretch," both major league teams took to the field as a special guest singer sang "God Bless America." Both teams, as well as the thousands of fans in the stands, lowered



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

A 28th Bomb Squadron B-1 performs a flyover to conclude the opening ceremonies to the Texas Rangers' first home game of the season, April 4. The ceremony honored the men and women of the U. S. military.

their heads and spent a moment of silence for the men and women currently overseas, for those wounded and missing on the battlefield, and those who returned home draped with an American flag.

"I can't tell you how much (the whole team) respects our brothers and sisters in uniform," Kreuter said. "Even before this war started, we all had a lot of respect for them and what they do."

"I was very impressed with the tremendous patriotism and support of the crowd," said Capt. Marc London, 28th Bomb Squadron. London coordinated the flyby. "The flyby was well received and the appreciation of the crowd was readily apparent."

The final score of the game was 6-4, Mariners.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

A joint Navy and Marine honor guard stands at attention during the singing of "God Bless America," part of the Texas Rangers' tribute to U.S. military servicemembers.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

The Texas Rangers observe a moment of silence to honor America's military servicemembers during the 7th Inning Stretch.

NCO's love of running turns into success

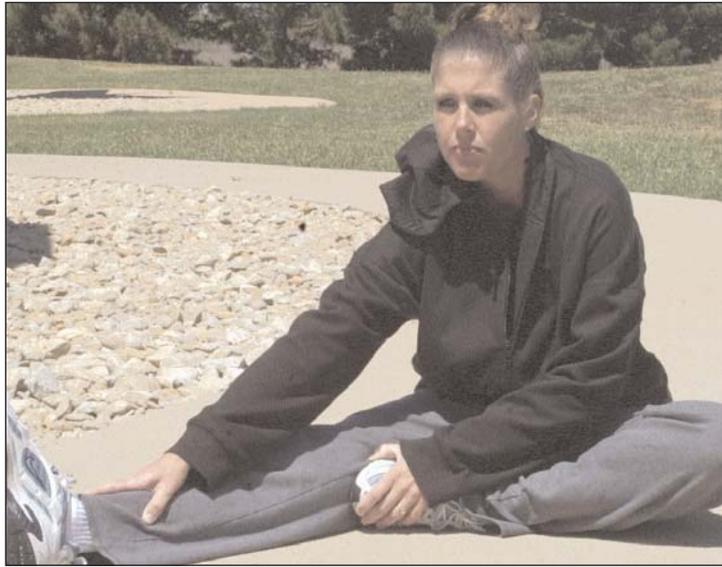
Story and photo by
Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

On a dark, desolate road she runs. The only sounds are the echoes of her drumming feet and the sound of her breath as it tries to keep up with her racing heart and spirit.

Every morning, Tech. Sgt. Kavina Agnew, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron unit education and training manager, puts on her running shoes and sets off on her rigorous 10.1-mile route around Dyess.

"I've pretty much been a runner all my life," Agnew said. "I just love the challenges it brings and the physical nature of it. I feel 10 times better after a good run."

Although Agnew has been a recreational runner for most of her life, she began getting involved in organized running in November



Tech. Sgt. Kavina Agnew, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron unit education and training manager, stretches out before running in the Linear Air Park. Agnew runs over 10 miles every morning and was the recent winner of the Abilene YMCA Marathon of the Great Southwest marathon in the women's category and was ninth overall.

2002, when she entered her first marathon -- the San Antonio Marathon.

Agnew placed fifth in her category, running 26.2 miles in 3 hours, 45 minutes. She then went on to compete in

the 26-mile Fort Worth Cowtown Marathon in February, where she placed first in her age group and was the sixth woman overall. But, the Paradise, Texas, native said her biggest run-

ning accomplishment was in March, when she took first place in the women's category at the Abilene YMCA Marathon of the Great Southwest. Agnew ran the 26.2-mile course in 3:31:41. Overall, she placed 9th out of the 96 runners, many of whom were from Abilene.

"I felt so great after the (YMCA Marathon of the Great Southwest)," Agnew said. "It was so awesome to place first in the women's category. It was a huge personal accomplishment."

Agnew's husband, Terry Agnew, was also very happy with her accomplishment.

"I'm very proud of her," her husband said. "This is only her third time competing in a marathon, so to do so well so early on is definitely a reflection of all of the hard work, dedication and commitment she puts into (the sport)."

To keep in good physical condition, Agnew also follows a special diet, limiting

herself to fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish and protein shakes, she said. But she admitted she doesn't cut out desserts entirely.

"Sometimes I'll have ice cream or something as a treat when I'm really craving something sugary," Agnew said. "But I'm pretty good at maintaining a healthy diet."

Besides running, Agnew also maintains a strict daily workout which includes a push-up and sit-up routine.

"Staying physically fit involves a good exercise routine and a healthy diet," Agnew said. "That's why I discipline myself to workout and eat right."

Although Agnew is PCSing overseas in about three weeks to Lajes Field, Azores, she still plans to compete in marathons.

"I'm hoping to find a European marathon to compete in after I get there," Agnew said. "I've already got the itch to compete."

7th MDG rallies to snatch victory from 7th LRS, 2-1

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

After losing the first of the three-game series, the 7th Medical Group intramural volleyball team rallied back to triumph over the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Monday.

Both teams struggled for the lead in the early going of the first game. But, Bobbi Chrusch's serving enabled 7th LRS to break out to a 10-6 lead. 7th LRS teammates Lisa Bell and Nate Schaldack kept the momentum going by serving up a combined 11 points to give the "Readiness crew" a 22-9 lead.

Despite some tough defensive play and a long series of back and forth volleys, the 7th MDG was only able to put up two more points as the 7th LRS rolled to a 25-11 victory.

In game two, the 'Readiness crew' jumped out to an early

two-point lead and threatened to run over their 7th MDG opponents.

Unfortunately, standing in their way was 6-foot-7-inch medic, Felando Thigpen whose towering presence and dominant play helped turned the early tide of the game for the medics. Picking up three blocks and a couple of aces, Thigpen lead the medics as they burst out to a six-point edge. However, Schaldack and Noel Arquisola began a 7th LRS rally and tied the score at 17.

But, Thigpen stepped back up to the line and quickly picked up two more blocks to stop the drive and return the momentum to the medics. This sparked a scoring surge for the MDG who sewed up a 25-19 victory and set up the winner-take-all game.

Medic Roger Bermea opened the deciding game with a hard serve which landed just inches

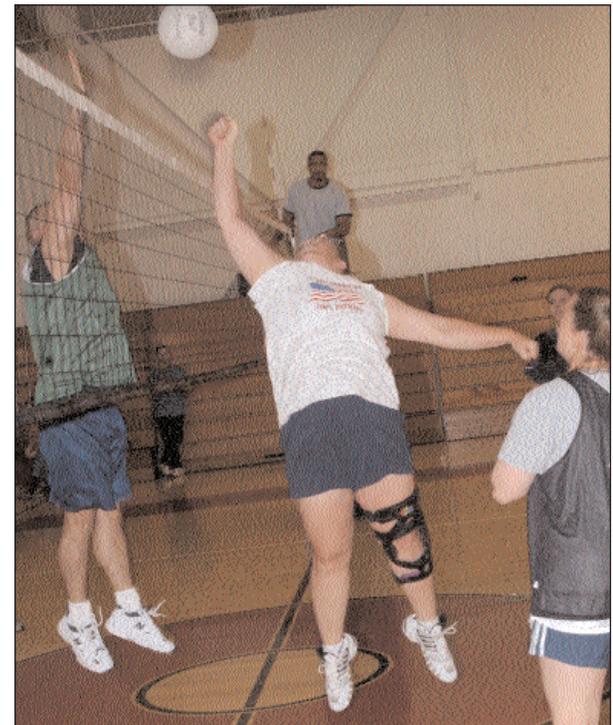
inside the line. But Schaldack immediately responded in kind to tie the game.

The rest of the final series game saw 11 tied scores in the game on the next 12 points.

Tied at 13, Thigpen slammed a hard spike down the net to set up the medics' game point. After a fierce back and forth series highlighted by some great digs by Ron Peterson and Uwemediimo Essiem and a diving save by Mark Heimdale, the medics let a hard shot by Schaldack land out of bounds for the hard-fought 15-13 win.

"We won the game at the net," said Jeremiah Walker, 7th MDG player/coach. "We followed our game plan and put out some great effort. I knew we would pull out the win."

"We have got a lot of enthusiasm and heart," Walker added. "That is why we won and that is why the medical group is going to dominate the playoffs."



Bobbi Chrusch, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, returns a shot over the net during her team's matchup with the 7th Medical Group. The 7th MDG won two games to one.

Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Power yoga class

There is a power yoga class from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the aerobics room at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call 6-4306

AF Marathon

Registration is now open for people who want to participate in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information

about registration, call (937) 257-4350 or visit the Web site <http://www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Squadron golf day

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course offers a special rate

to squadrons who host a squadron play-day during the week. The cost is \$10 for airmen and \$12 for NCOs and officers. The cost covers green fees, club rental and cart fees.

For more information, call the golf course at 6-4394.

Paintball

Dyess members can reserve the base paintball field for unit stress-buster challenges.

The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Scores and more

Editor's note: All scores, standings and schedules are courtesy of the sports and fitness center and Dyess Lanes.

Bowling

League standings

Dyess Juniors/Majors

(As of March 1)	Won	Lost
Dancing Flamingos	50	26
Strikers	44	32
Liar Liar POF	40	36
Pin Heads	18	56

March 1 high scores

High scratch game -- Stacey Brin, 122
High scratch series -- Cory Easterling, 334

Season's high scores

High scratch game -- Ryan Starks, 206
High handicap game -- Cory Easterling, 279
High scratch series -- Caleb Ondrusek, 536
High handicap series -- Garrett Hutchinson, 711
High scratch game (team) -- Strikers, 451
High scratch series (team) -- Pin Heads, 1,202 pins
High handicap game (team) -- Liar Liar POF, 621
High handicap series (team) -- Dancing Flamingos, 1,830

Dyess Preps

(As of March 1)	Won	Lost
Girls Rock!!	62	14
Queen Bowlers	41	35
Dumb Luck	37	39
Three Musketeers	35	41
BladeBrakers	34	42
Team No. 5	19	57

March 1 high scores

High scratch game -- Sarah Lombardo, 133
High handicap game -- James Jarvis, 181
High scratch series -- Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 342
High handicap series -- Samantha Barker, 477

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Samantha Barker, 158
High handicap game -- Tyler Gillespie and Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 208.
High scratch series -- Dori Armstrong, 399
High handicap series -- Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 554

American League

(As of Monday)	Won	Lost
7th SVS #2	152	64
7th MOS	146	70
7th EMS	130	86
9th BS	110	106
7th CMS	108	108
7th MDG	104	112
436th TS	103	113
7th LRS #1	103	113
7th MXS/9th BS	101	115
7th MXS/13th AMF	100	116

7th CPTS	84	132
7th SFS	83	133
LL's Cool Jammers	76	140
7th LRS #2	60	156

Monday's high scores

High scratch game -- Curt Lopez, 245; Todd Holderead, 245; Amie Stallcup, 163
High handicap game -- Peter Sherman, 271; Radka Sherman, 243
High scratch series -- James Templeton, 764; Kathy Cobb, 446
High handicap series -- Lance Pigott, 768; Lisa Host, 704
Team scratch game -- 7th MOS, 866 pins
Team scratch series -- 7th SVS #2, 2,610
Team handicap game -- 436th TS, 1,111
Team handicap series -- 7th MDG, 3,307

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Curtis Hayes, 289; Mark Kuhar, 270; Tom Murphy, 267; Cristal Arnold, 204; Brandy Haefner, 172; Barbara Sapp, 170
High handicap game -- Chris Garcia, 322; Robert Dickmeyer, 322; Roger Burner, 307; Andrea Kenny, 289; Valerie Ferreira, 280; Pam Aulerich, 263
High scratch series -- James Templeton, 764; Matt Morris, 701; Troy Gaudette, 668; Sarah Webb-Frost, 576; Doy Brown, 486; Keri Varkony, 428
High handicap series -- Ben Sneed, 867; Don Cobb, 832; Lance Pigott, 822; Michelle Huff, 743; Radka Sherman, 709; Lisa Host, 704

National League

(As of April 2)	Won	Lost
7th CES	138	78
7th CMS	136	80
7th SVS	134	82
13th AMF	127	89
Dilligaf Hooah	120	96
7th SVS Command	120	96
7th MSS	116	100
Giga Gutters	112	104
Team 5	111	105
317th AMXS	111	105
28th AMF	109	107
7th EMS	82	134
7th SFS	74	142
7th LRS #3	74	142
9th AMF	52	164

April 2 high scores

High scratch game -- William Eaton, 243; Terrance Burns, 234; Annette Fletcher, 192; Nadine Muro, 142
High handicap game -- William Eaton, 302; Chris Pierce, 292; Nadine Muro, 235; Nichole Jones, 226
High handicap series -- Taz Burnside, 772; William Eaton, 769; Nadine Muro, 679; Nichole Jones, 649
High scratch series -- Taz Burnside, 631; Mike Cowan, 611; Annette Fletcher, 499; Nadine Muro, 400
Team scratch game -- Dilligaf Hooah, 1,009 pins; 7th MSS, 903
Team scratch series -- Dilligaf Hooah, 2,672; 7th MSS, 2,603
Team handicap game -- Dilligaf Hooah, 1,273; 28th AMF, 1,158
Team handicap series -- Dilligaf Hooah, 3,464; 28th AMF, 3,318

Dyess OSC League

(As of Feb. 26)	Won	Lost
Crazy 8s	54	38
Kiss My Average	53.5	38.5
Lane Dames	51.5	40.5
Herky Girls	51	41
OddBalls	49.5	42.5
Gutter Girls	49.5	42.5
Gutter Wynchies	47.5	44.5
Bowlin' Mamas	43.5	48.5
Herk Hotties	43.5	48.5
Wishful Thinking	36.5	55.5
Clueless	36	56
Split Happens	36	52

Feb. 26 high scores

High scratch game -- Valerie Robinson, 201; Cristie Arnold, 199; Deb Plourde, 178
High handicap game -- Cristie Arnold, 247; Valerie Robinson, 244; Kris Green, 236
High scratch series -- Valerie Robinson, 564; Cristie Arnold, 493; Deb Plourde, 475
High handicap series -- Valerie Robinson, 693; Cristie Arnold, 637; Deb Plourde, 634

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Valerie Robinson, 223; Terry Johnston, 213; Cristie Arnold, 202.
High handicap game -- Victoria Peck, 272; Angela Thomas, 271; Anna Boyd, 266.
High scratch series -- Stephanie Williams, 565; Jean Adamski, 525; Sheri Chandler, 510.
High handicap series -- Rendy Cones, 713; Kris Green, 700; Terri Foote, 698

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

(As of March 21)	Won	Lost
HMO	121	87
1/4 Bowlers	120	88
Misfits	120	88
We Don't Care	119	89
Mixed Nuts	114	94
HNSB's	110	98
Odd Couples	101	107
Lucky Dawgs	99	109
Are You Kidding?	97	111
Team No. 3	89	119
Team No. 2	83	125
Team 12	69	139

March 21 high scores

High scratch game -- Matthew Morris, 235; Shorty Mims, 228; Stephanie Kraly, 213; Pat Ervin, 205
High handicap game -- Jim Langan, 271; Stephanie Kraly, 259; Shorty Mims, 258; Edwards Edwards, 253
High scratch series -- Matthew Morris, 642; Shorty Mims, 635; Margret McMillan, 581; Edwards Edwards, 566
High handicap series -- Jim Langan, 753; Shorty Mims, 725; Edwards Edwards, 722; Sam Brown, 686

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Margret McMillan, 299; Shorty Mims, 258; Derek Moss, 254; Stephanie Kraly, 253
High handicap game -- Derek Moss, 307; Darren Crider, 306; Margret McMillan, 312; Stephanie Kraly, 296
High scratch series -- Margret

McMillan, 733; Don Cobb, 684; Derek Moss, 652; Joy Kahn, 639
High handicap series -- Derek Moss, 811; Don Cobb, 795; Margret McMillan, 772; Judi Roberts, 767

Racquetball

Intramural League

(As of March 19)	Points
7th CES	22
7th MDG	17
7th MOS	17
7th EMS	14
7th CS	13
317th AMXS	12
7th OSS	6
7th SFS	5
7th AMXS	4
7th LRS	0

Softball

Men's and women's varsity

Schedule
Editor's note: All games are played at Nelson Park in Abilene
 Dyess Men vs. Alacranes, 8:30 p.m. Thursday on Field 4.

Volleyball

Intramural standings

(As of Monday)	Won	Lost
7th CES	7	0
9th BS/13th BS	5	2
7th CS	5	2
317th AMXS	4	3
7th LRS	3	4
28th BS	2	5
7th MSS	1	6
7th MDG	1	6

March 19 results

7th CS beat 9th/13th BS, 2 games to 1
 7th LRS beat 28th BS, 2 games to 0
 7th CES beat 7th MSS, 3 games to 0
 317th AMXS beat 7th MDG, 2 games to 0

March 26 results

317th AMXS beat 7th MSS, 2 games to 1
 9th/13th BS beat 7th LRS, 2 games to 1
 7th CES beat 7th CS, 3 games to 0
 28th BS beat 7th MDG, 2 games to 1

March 31 results

7th CES beat 7th MDG, 3 games to 0
 7th LRS beat 7th CS, 2 games to 1
 28th BS beat 7th MSS, 2 games to 1
 9th/13th BS beat 317th AMXS, 2 games to 1

April 2 results

9th/13th BS beat 28th BS, 2 games to 1
 7th CES beat 7th LRS, 2 games to 1
 7th CS beat 317th AMXS, 2 games to 1
 7th MSS beat 7th MDG, 2 games to 1

Monday's results

7th MDG beat 7th LRS, 2 games to 1
 7th CS beat 28th BS, 2 games to 1
 9th/13th BS beat 7th MSS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)
 7th CES beat 317th AMXS, 3 games to 0

Schedule

Monday's matches

7th CS vs. 9th/13th BS, 5:30 p.m.
 28th BS vs. 7th LRS, 6:30 p.m.
 7th CES vs. 7th MSS, 7:30 p.m.
 7th MDG vs. 317th AMXS, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's matches

7th CS vs. 7th MDG, 5:30 p.m.
 7th MSS vs. 7th LRS, 6:30 p.m.
 7th CES vs. 9th/13th BS, 7:30 p.m.
 28th BS vs. 317th AMXS, 8:30 p.m.

National League

(As of Monday)	Won	Lost	Points
7th EMS	6	0	15
7th MUNS	4	2	12
7th AMXS	4	2	9
Army	4	2	8
7th SFS	3	3	10
7th SVS	2	4	5
7th MOS	1	5	2
317th MXS	0	6	0

March 18 results

Army beat 7th SFS, 2 games to 1
 7th SVS beat 7th MOS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)
 7th MUNS beat 317th MXS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)
 7th EMS beat 7th AMXS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)

March 20 results

Army beat 7th MUNS, 2 games to 0
 7th AMXS beat 317th MXS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)
 7th SFS beat 7th MOS, 3 games to 0
 7th EMS beat 7th SVS, 2 games to 0

March 25 results

7th SVS beat 317th MXS, 2 games to 0
 7th SFS beat 7th MUNS, 2 games to 1
 7th AMXS beat Army, 2 games to 1
 7th EMS beat 7th MOS, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)

March 27 results

7th MUNS beat 7th AMXS, 2 games to 0
 7th EMS beat 7th SFS, 2 games to 0
 7th MOS beat 317th MXS, 2 games to 0
 Army beat 7th SVS, 2 games to 0

April 1 results

7th SFS beat 7th AMXS, 2 games to 1
 7th MUNS beat 7th SVS, 3 games to 0
 7th EMS beat 317th MXS, 2 games to 0
 Army beat 7th MOS, 2 games to 0

April 3 results

7th MUNS beat 7th MOS, 3 games to 0
 7th SFS beat 317th MXS, 3 games to 0
 7th EMS beat Army, 3 games to 0 (forfeit)
 7th AMXS beat 7th SVS, 3 games to 0

Tuesday's results

Scores not available at press time

Schedule

Tuesday's matches

7th SFS vs. 7th MOS, 5:30 p.m.
 7th AMXS vs. 317th MXS, 6:30 p.m.
 7th MUNS vs. Army, 7:30 p.m.
 7th EMS vs. 7th SVS, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's matches

7th EMS vs. 7th MOS, 5:30 p.m.
 7th AMXS vs. Army, 6:30 p.m.
 317th MXS vs. 7th SVS, 7:30 p.m.
 7th MUNS vs. 7th SFS, 8:30 p.m.

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. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children under 6 are admitted free. G rated movies are 99 cents for children ages 2-12.

Today

Gods and Generals -- *C. Thomas Howell, Jeff Daniels* -- An epic story covering the beginning of the Civil War and how the campaigns unfolded from the first battle of Bull Run to the Battle of Fredericksburg. This prequel to the film *Gettysburg* explores the motivations of the soldiers and looks at the lives of the families who waited at home.

Rated PG-13 (*Sustained battle sequences*)

Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Jungle Book 2 -- *Animated* -- Mowgli gets restless and decides to return to the "bear necessities" of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to romping around with.

Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, has returned and is out for revenge. Can old friends Baloo and the crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws?

Rated G

Saturday

Cradle 2 the Grave -- *Jet Li, DMX* -- After a criminal mastermind kidnaps his daughter and demands rare black diamonds as ransom, a gangster must team up with a policeman to find and deliver the jewels. But, the story takes a twist when the two find out the diamonds are to be used for a lethal weapon that could harm the rest of the world.

Rated R (*Violence, language and some sexual content*)

Karaoke contest

The community center is hosting a karaoke contest at 6 p.m. Tuesday at The Hangar Center. People can compete in youth and adult categories to win prizes.

For more information, call 6-4305.

\$1 club meals

The Heritage Club is hosting its next set of dollar-day specials for club members beginning this month.

Members can eat for \$1 on the following dates:

Tuesday -- Breakfast from 6:30-8 a.m.

May 14 -- Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 24 -- Family night dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Discount bowling

Military children can bowl two free games and receive a free drink every Sunday this month at Dyess Lanes.

The special is in honor of the Month of the Military Child.

Children must be accompanied by a bowling parent.

For more information, call 6-4166.

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