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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Aug 20

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
91	45	-6
42	20	-7
56	33	+1

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -127.8

Source: 7th Operations Group

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As of: Aug. 19

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	72.7%

Dyess doc delivers 'first' baby

Story and photo by
**Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine**
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess doctor recently delivered a base milestone with the birth of Dyess' first military dependent born at an off-base facility.

Dr. (Capt.) Gretchen Adams, 7th Medical Group family practice physician, delivered Alyxander Shoemaker, son of 7th Security Forces Squadron's Senior Airman Larry and Amy Shoemaker, Aug. 5 at Hendrick Medical Center.

According to Dyess medical officials, this birth is the first Department of Defense dependent delivered by a DoD doctor at a civilian facility.

Since Dyess' medical facility is only a clinic, most obstetrics had to be done off-base by local civilian doctors, until now.

"This is significant for Dyess families because now they can come to the 7th Medical Group for their obstetrics care," Adams said. "Women can choose to have

their OB care in the same clinic that their family members receive care."

The change in customer care comes as one of many the medical group has made to improve its service to the base and local community.

"Over the last two years, our leadership has fostered a good relationship with the Hendrick Medical Center," Adams said. "Now, I work in the clinic, admit patients to Hendrick and deliver babies to DoD beneficiaries."

Currently the only base doctor qualified to deliver babies, her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"Our service has been great," said Amy Shoemaker. "Alyxander is my third child, but he is the first child I delivered in the military. (The care we have received) has definitely been much better than I had in the civilian world with my first two children."

"The leadership of doctors Schuyler Geller and Bret Burton has encouraged me and other physicians to practice our obstetrical skills," Adams added. "This



Dr. (Capt.) Gretchen Adams, 7th Medical Group family practice physician, gives Alyxander Shoemaker his baby wellness check. Alyxander was the first Department of Defense dependent delivered by a military doctor at a civilian facility.

is significant because my of medicine which is dear to skills as a family practice my heart. There is no greater joy than sharing in the birth of an infant."

Air Force officials release more fitness test details

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Beginning next year, Air Force officials will implement a new fitness test which is completely different than what airmen today are familiar with.

The more functional test will include a 1.5-mile timed run, a muscular-fitness test of push-ups and crunches and a body compo-

sition test. It is designed to measure the general health of airmen, said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, chief of health promotions operations at the Air Force surgeon general's office.

"The goal is to have a healthy, fit force that can deploy at any time," Schmidt said. "Our goal is to prevent the onset of diseases such as heart attacks, stroke, high-blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Basically, it is about keeping members healthy so they will perform optimally, in-garrison and deployed. Healthy members are more heat-, stress- and fatigue-tolerant, and less prone to illness and injury."

To measure airmen's overall fitness, Schmidt's office and a panel of health and fitness experts have developed a three-component measurement system that looks at aerobic fitness,

body composition as well as muscular fitness standards, Schmidt said.

An airman's performance in each of the three component areas will earn points. Every airman can earn a maximum of 50 points on the aerobic portion of the test, 30 points on the body composition portion and 20 on the muscular fitness portion.

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Motorcyclists: protect yourselves

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- A staff sergeant friend of mine who is stationed at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., called me on the phone the other day.

"Guess what I got?" he asked. "Married," was my first response followed by a new pickup truck, then a house.

"My Harley," he said. With the pride of a new father, he told me every detailed specification on his \$21,000 hunk of 100th-anniversary, American-made engineering.

"I like the 'Harley look,'" he said. Leather vest, short-sleeved T-shirt, jeans and boots were all he would wear when he went to an upcoming motorcycle rally.

I reminded him that the Air Force and Department of Defense instructions required the full regalia of protective equipment for active-duty military members at all times, not just on base.

I ran down the laundry list starting with a Department of Transportation, Snell Memorial or American National Standards Institute approved helmet which is properly fastened under the chin.

He had been wearing a half-helmet. The full-faced helmet offers more protection from the environment, to include bugs. Aside from the obvious bug protection, the full-faced helmet will protect his ears, his eyes, and, if need be, his skull in the event of a collision.

"Beanie" helmets do not fulfill DOT safety requirements and are not authorized.

While the Beanie helmets may appeal to some riders because they are both light and inexpensive, they offer virtually no skull protection in the event of impact.

"How much is your head worth?" I asked him.

Regardless of how cool he wants to look on his new ride, I reminded my friend that the Air Force also regulates protective eyewear for motorcycle riders.

He wears impact-resistant goggles, but when he gets his full-faced helmet, he can use the properly fastened face-shield as eye protection. He also knew neither eyeglasses nor sunglasses are authorized by the instructions for eye protection.

Windblast at highway speeds causes the eyes to dry out. The eye's natural response is to tear up. Tears can obscure vision -- reducing the rider's number one sense for perceiving hazards in his path. Additionally, studies have shown that riders who only wear sunglasses as eye protection are less likely to turn their heads to check their blindspots. Why? Because the force of the wind can rip their sunglasses right off their face.

He knows we are required to wear sturdy footwear, and over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

His ideal image already factored in leather boots.

Fortunately, he had a good set of leather motorcycle gloves. They had come in handy with the bugs, and they also gave him better grip on his hand controls.

He did not, however, like the idea of having to wear a long-sleeved shirt or jacket all of the time, much less the infamous orange vest.

As a fellow Air Force professional, his senior in rank and friend, I tried to show him the big picture.

"It doesn't really matter what you think about wearing them," I told him. "It's about your integrity and personal safety, not your image," I told him.

Wearing all of the protective equipment is required by military instructions.

More importantly, the required riding gear can protect us from serious injury or death in the event of a collision.

"But, nothing you wear will help prevent an accident," I said. "The only protective gear that will do that is between your ears."

ACTION LINE



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

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America's Air Force

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Air Force's first B-1B dedicated at air park

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

The "Star of Abilene," the first operational B-1 delivered to the Air Force, was dedicated at its new home as the 32nd aircraft in the Dyess Linear Air Park at 9:28 a.m. August 16.

The special time was chosen to honor the 9th and 28th bomb squadrons, which were both active during the Star of Abilene's tenure at Dyess. The B-1B, tail number 83-0065, was first delivered to Dyess in June 1985, and is credited with over 3,700 flying hours before retiring in February.

Retired Lt. Gen. William Thurmond, former 7th Bomb Wing commander, spoke at the dedication ceremony, attended by more than 400 people. A high-speed B-1 flyby thundered overhead as a commemorative plaque donated by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee was unveiled.

"The highlight of the ceremony was the B-1 flyby," said retired Master Sgt. Richard "Doc" Warner, Dyess air park and museum curator, "I still get goose bumps thinking about it."

Warner remembers the Star of Abilene's arrival to the base, as well as its first takeoff from the Dyess runway.

"Today, the B-1 is the weapon of choice for many theatre commanders," Warner added. "It is truly an awesome piece of machinery."

Warner expects the addition of the Star of Abilene to the Linear Air Park will increase the public's interest in Dyess' collection of historic aircraft.



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Celia Davis, Abilene Military Affairs Committee (left), Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and retired Lt. Gen. William Thurmond, former 7th Bomb Wing commander, unveil the Star of Abilene commemorative plaque during the dedication ceremony Aug. 16 in the Linear Air Park. The plaque was a donation from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

"The Dyess Linear Air Park is the number-two attraction in Abilene," Warner said. "Even during the (Big Country Air Power Day) airshow I had people asking me if they could go out and see the airpark."

And there are still more improvements planned for the park, Warner added. Plans have been laid to set up a C-130 across the street from the Star of Abilene, to highlight the two aircraft that make up the Dyess mission.

Other plans include the addition of lights in and around the Star of Abilene to shine at night and moving the main gate flagpoles behind the two aircraft to flank Arnold Blvd.

Warner also mentioned that, while the static B-1 is positioned with its wings spread, a silhouette of the Lancer with its wings swept back is painted onto the display site.

Like all aircraft in the Dyess Linear Air Park, the Star of Abilene was stripped inside and out to prepare it for retirement and dedication, Warner said. The parts and components retrieved from the old veteran aircraft will be used to help keep the active-duty fleet flying.

"I can't say enough about the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, the crew chiefs and all the folks who helped make that day possible," Warner said. "They did everything that was needed; all you had to do was ask and they made it happen."

The Dyess Linear Air Park is available for public viewing only through Public Affairs-guided tours. To set up a tour, call 7th Bomb Wing public affairs at 6-2861.



Ceremony attendees pose in front of the Star of Abilene during the dedication ceremony before the airshow Aug. 16. The Star of Abilene was retired in February and was placed in the Linear Air Park earlier this month.

Operation Enlisted Dining Out

Dyess celebrates enlisted heritage with 20th annual event

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Seats are going fast for the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out to be held Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center.

As of Wednesday, only half of the 800 remained available, dining out officials said. People wanting to attend can reserve a seat for \$12 per person with their unit first sergeants. Participants may pay by cash or check. Reservations must be made by Thursday.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. The mess convenes at 7 p.m. The menu includes London Broil, basil chicken, tossed salad, wild rice, coffee, tea and water.

Dress for the occasion is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for military members and evening attire for civilians. Female military members must wear skirts.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry "Hoss" Savoie will be the Dining Out's guest speaker. Savoie is currently the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor at Central High School in San Angelo. During his 24-year Air Force career, Savoie served as senior enlisted advisor at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and as the commandant of the NCO Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He was the

"I think it is a great tribute to the enlisted men and women of Dyess to be able to sustain an event like the Dining Out over such a long period of time. This is one event that I can honestly say gets better every year."

Master Sgt. Daniel Hutson
Dining Out co-chairman

Air Force's First Sergeant of the Year in 1987.

The theme of this year's Dining Out is "Operation Dining Out -- 20 Years of Enlisted Heritage."

The Dining Out is a celebration of enlisted achievements during the past year and an event that keeps improving, said Master Sgt. Daniel Hutson.

"I think it is a great tribute to the enlisted men and women of Dyess to be able to sustain an event like the Dining Out over such a long period of time," said Hutson, this year's Dining Out co-chairperson. "This is one event I can honestly say gets better every year."

For more information, call Hutson at 6-7646 or Senior Master Sgt. Donna Biddle at 6-5999.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Then-Senior Airman David Cabrera, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron, raises his glass for a toast during last year's dining out. This year's event, "Operation Dining Out -- 20 Years of Enlisted Heritage" is Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center. Military members may wear mess dress or the semi-formal uniform. Female members must wear skirts.

Dining Out childcare

Up to five hours of childcare will be available for people attending the Dining Out Sept. 6.

Kindergarten and younger will be cared for at the child development center. Children in 1st through 6th grades will be taken to the youth center.

Families need to register their children, who must have up-to-date immunizations, by Sept. 3. The registration is accomplished on an Air Force Form 1181 at either the CDC or youth center, unless the children are already in care at one of the facilities. The form must include an emergency contact person and number, and the person authorized to sign out the child or children in case of emergency.

The cost is \$2.50 per hour for each child for a minimum of two hours.

The two-hour minimum fee of \$5 per child is due the evening care is provided. Fees will be refunded for

reservations cancelled by Sept. 3. The CDC may charge parents the full five-hour rate for reservations cancelled after Sept. 3.

Parents may not bring in fast food for their child's dinner. Only food purchased and served through the 7th Services Squadron's U.S. Department of Agriculture program may be used in the CDC or youth center.

Children will be fed a meal consistent with their age.

Children younger than 4 years must bring a change of clothes in case of emergency. 7th SVS officials also recommend parents bring a blanket or special toy for children not regularly in group care. All items brought from home should be labeled with the child's name.

For more information, call Diane Areskog at 6-5070 (for school age children), or Sherry Stephens at 6-5202 (for CDC-age children).



Staff Sgt. Adam Wooten

While their parents are "dining out," Dyess will provide childcare for base children.

Fitness

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The total number of points earned on the fitness test will put the airman into one of four categories: 90 or greater is excellent, 75 to 89.9 is good, 70 to 74.9 is marginal, and less than 70 is poor, Schmidt said.

“Scores based on health provide an opportunity for earlier intervention,” Schmidt said. “If somebody scores in the marginal or poor category, we know they are at higher risk for disease. Therefore, we intervene with education and more frequent testing to monitor their progress.”

People scoring marginal on the test will attend a two-hour healthy-living workshop that focuses on lifestyle behavior, time management and fitness education, Schmidt said.

Intervention for people scoring in the poor category involves the healthy-living workshop, an individualized exercise program and a weight-loss program for those who exceed body fat standards. It also



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Trainees at the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard technical school here participate in a physical-fitness routine several times a week. Their routine seems to mirror the new Air Force fitness standards.

involves mandatory exercise five days a week, she said.

The test for body composition is still being finalized, but it will measure how much body fat a person has, Schmidt said.

Tests for other components of the fitness standard have already been determined. A 1.5-mile run will

determine aerobic fitness. Airmen who are not medically cleared to run will take the cycle-ergometry test. Muscular fitness will be determined by both push-ups and crunches, which will be similar to those done in conjunction with the cycle-ergometry test.

Airmen’s scores on the new fit-

ness test will also determine how often they need to retest. People scoring “good” or “excellent” will retest after a year, while those scoring “marginal” will retest after six-months. Airmen scoring “poor” will retest after 90 days.

Just how many push-ups and crunches airmen will have to do, or how fast they will have to run, has yet to be finalized. Schmidt’s office has developed draft charts for the composite score. The fitness standards on the draft charts are tailored to both age and gender.

While the charts are not available yet, airmen who are not already involved in some sort of exercise program should begin now, Schmidt said.

“If you are not doing anything now and have concerns, see your doctor first,” she said. “Begin slowly with an aerobic-exercise program such as running, jogging, swimming or biking, working up to at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. Muscular fitness and flexibility also need to be part of this program.”

For more information about improving fitness, call the health and wellness center at 6-4140.

Local Advertisement

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Airman Amy Messick****Unit:** 40th Airlift Squadron**Job description:** Life support technician**Time in the Air Force:** Seven months**Time at Dyess:** Two months**Hometown:** Laurel, Del.**Family:** Single**Job impact on the mission:** I provide life support expertise that is critical to maintaining the flying status of all aircrew members and equipment.**Career goals:** Receive a commission.**Best Air Force memory:** Completing "Hell's Half-mile" during Warrior Week in basic military training.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors can nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week.

To nominate a Warrior, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson at 6-4266. All nominees must be cleared through their squadron leadership and must present a professional military image.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

TEAM DYESS**40th AS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Lt. Col. D.B. Chandler

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt.

George Spindler

Personnel:

• Officers: 101

• Enlisted: 298

• Civilians: One

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- To continue to provide first-rate combat delivery to the United States, DoD and our allied nations while providing for the career development, personal growth and professionalism of our people.
- Ensure the spouses and families of our squadron are cared for within the Air Force community.

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Aug. 1-20

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 Staff Sgt. Jose Leos



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Date	Name	Parents
Aug. 2	Ainsley Charlotte	Captain Ron and Debbie Peterson

To announce a baby's birth in the *Peacemaker*, please send an e-mail to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil



HONOR YOUR HERITAGE ...

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Local Advertisement

Two senior airmen celebrate new baby, new stripes

Story and photo by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

As Senior Airmen Zachary Wilson and Mary Guy began spending their first day with their new-born daughter, Alana Nicole Wilson, the young couple thought a few friends might stop by to visit their baby girl.

What the proud parents didn't know was that their visitors had a secret mission -- to present the couple with their new staff sergeant stripes.

"I have to admit the thought that the staff sergeant list was being released that day definitely crossed my mind," Wilson said. "But when I heard that first cry, all I could think about was my daughter and my wife, who was feeding her for the first time."

After a morning doctor's appointment Aug. 12 -- the original due-date -- Guy's doctor informed the couple everything with the pregnancy was normal, but that she didn't seem to have progressed to where he thought she should be. After discussing the options, the couple decided to have the doctor induce labor in two more days. After the appointment Guy, who was on pregnancy leave, went out to have lunch with her mother, Carolyn.

About thirty minutes later, Wilson received a call from his wife at the restaurant -- her water

had broken. After ten hours of labor, an 8-pound 4-ounce Alana was born at Abilene Regional Hospital at 11:15 p.m. Aug. 12.

"It all just happened so fast," said Guy a New York-native. "It really was an amazing experience."

Wilson and Guy soon started receiving friends and coworkers the next morning who arrived to see the new baby and express their congratulations.

As the room swelled with well-wishers, Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome, Wilson's supervisor, confessed that the baby wasn't the only reason everyone had come to the hospital that morning. Pulling out a set of staff sergeant stripes, Lincicome presented a surprised Wilson with his rank. Immediately following Wilson's stripes, Guy was then presented her own new stripes by Lt. Col. Wes Anderson, her commander.

"It was pretty awesome how it all happened when I think about it now, but at the time I didn't really think the coincidence was too significant," said Wilson, a California-native. "All I could really say at the time was 'right on' with a goofy look on my face."

Guy was equally taken aback.

"I'm feeling so many things right now," Guy said. "I don't know how to describe it -- happy, nervous, excited -- it's overwhelming."



Senior Airmen Zachary Wilson and Mary Guy celebrated Aug. 13 with 213 other Dyess senior airman recently selected for promotion to staff sergeant. Wilson and Guy also celebrated the birth of their daughter, Alana Nicole, just hours before being notified of their promotions.

This was the first time Wilson and Guy have tested for staff sergeant.

Guy is an air traffic controller with the 7th Operations Support Squadron and Wilson is a staff writer with the 7th Bomb Wing public affairs office.

Local Advertisement

Watering restrictions

Dyess has recently implemented stage one watering restrictions.

In stage one, watering is permitted only once a week from midnight to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight on a day determined by the last digit of the house address.

If the last digit of the address is 7 or 8, water on Sundays. 9, Mondays; 0, Tuesdays; 1, Wednesdays; 2, Thursdays; 3 or 4, Fridays; 5 or 6, Saturdays.

For more information, call the housing flight at 6-2150.

MPF closed

The military personnel flight closes at noon today for a squadron function.

For emergencies, call Capt. Carey Eichhorst at 829-9393.

ESC meeting

The enlisted spouses club will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex.

The theme is game night. Childcare is available if reservations are made.

To make reservations, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898.

Dining Out

Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out is Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center. Tickets are available from unit first sergeants. The cost is \$12 each.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie is the guest speaker.

No orders, no problem

Commercial air travel will be charged to individuals' government travel cards in lieu of orders beginning in October. This change will eliminate the need for members to bring orders to pay for temporary duty or permanent change of station air travel to the commercial ticket office. Orders will still be required for Air Mobility Command rotators or if a member does not have a government travel card.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Bruce Warren at 6-1435.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop, run by the Officers Spouses Club, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays with consignments from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

the first Saturday of every month. Consignments on Saturdays are taken from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The thrift shop is located at 382 4th Ave. across from the temporary lodging facility.

For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

Driving reminders

- 7th Security Forces Squadron officials remind Dyess drivers that U-turns on base are prohibited. The only exceptions are for emergency response vehicles responding to an emergency and drivers directed to make a U-turn by 7th SFS.

- Dyess drivers are also reminded not to back into diagonal parking spaces.

Force protection tip

Dyess members can reduce their chances of encountering terrorism by maintaining a low profile, being unpredictable in routines and remaining vigilant.

Watch for runners!

Slow down and use caution when passing troops running or standing

information on base. Be particularly observant during early morning and early evening hours for squadrons conducting physical training. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Polanco at 6-5537.

Vietnam Wall in Abilene

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., is coming to Nelson Park in Abilene Sept. 11-14.

The Wall will be available for viewing 24 hours a day and at no charge. Volunteers are needed.

To volunteer, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

Monitoring monitors

Dyess personnel are reminded that when the log into a government computer, there is a banner that states their use of the computer implies consent for monitoring.

Unauthorized use of government computers can adversely affect an Air Force member's career.

For more information, call Capt. Tobias Len, Area Defense Counsel, at 6-3328.

Local Advertisement

CALENDAR*Today, Aug. 22, 2003*

Wing Round Up (officers' call), 4 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Wing retreat ceremony, at 5 p.m. at the traffic circle.

"Hoop It Up" basketball tournament, today through Sunday at the sports and fitness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003

Kiddie Bingo, noon at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Hot August Nights Boat Race and Pool Party, 4 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2936.

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, Aug. 24, 2003

Family Days bowling, noon at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Sunday brunch, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, Aug. 25, 2003

Dart night, at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003

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

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003

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

Intramural flag football coaches meeting, 2 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. For more info, call 6-4306.

Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003

Hot Car/Truck Display, 2 p.m. in the base exchange parking lot. For more info, call 6-2936.

NCO/Senior NCO induction ceremony, 3 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-1170.

50 cent bowling, 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Upcoming events

Aug. 29 -- Air Combat Command Family Day.

Sept. 1 -- Labor Day

Sept. 3 -- 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron assumption of command ceremony.

Sept. 5 -- Homeland Defense/Combined Federal Campaign golf tournament.

Sept. 6 -- Company Grade Officers Council Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Sept. 6 -- 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out at the Abilene Civic Center.

Sept. 8 -- Busted Putter and Busted Racquet.

Local Advertisement

COMMUNITY

Album workshop

The Crafter's Haven offers an August special from 6-8 p.m. to help build a memory album. Fees are charged for supplies used.

For more information, call 6-4175.

School gates

The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:50-4:30 p.m.

The Maryland Gate will be closed this school year due to construction and safety concerns.

For more information, call 6-6982.

History month

There are openings for people to head up the Black History Month and Women's History Month observance committees. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 6-4123.

Bunco night

The Officers Spouses Club will host a Bunco night at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at The Heritage Club.

The event is open to all OSC members and costs \$7 for club members and \$9 for non-members.

Finger sandwiches, wings, fruit, vegetables, pretzels, chocolate mousse and cookies will be served.

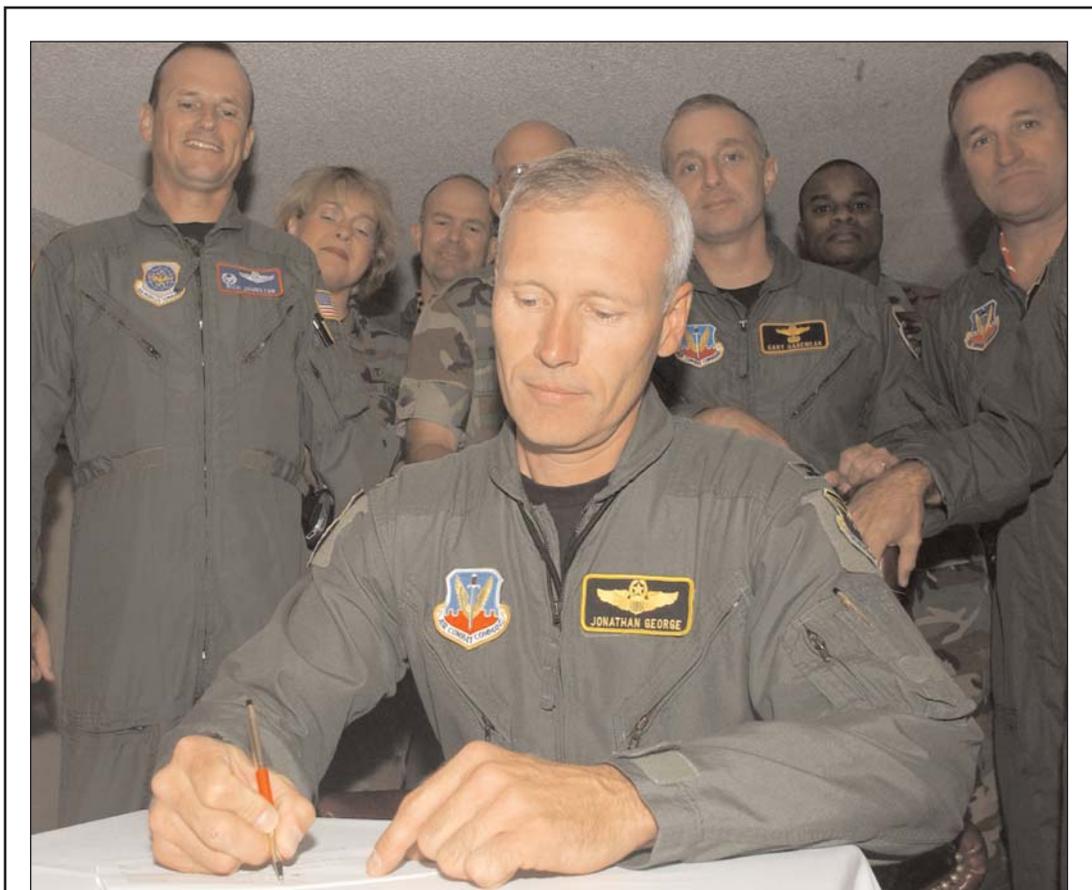
For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

EDUCATION

Language testing

The Spanish Language Proficiency testing will be done at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Dec. 9 at the base education office.

People wanting to take the test must have at least a secret security clearance. Testing is limited to five people per session and is con-



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

CFC kick-off

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, signs a check to kick off the Combined Federal Campaign drive. The CFC burger burn is Sept. 19 in front of the base exchange. For more about information about the CFC, call Maj. Gordon Pfeil at 6-2547.

ducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Air Force does not pay members the Foreign Language Proficiency Pay for Spanish, unless a member goes to an approved location and speaks Spanish there daily for official purposes. Language certification is valid for one year from the test date.

For more information, call John Bullard at 6-5763.

Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4224.

MEDICAL

Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

After-hours and weekend authorizations for urgent, but non-emergency off-base care requires preauthorization by the on-call primary manager.

The manager can be

reached at 6-2334. TriCare personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs.

Patients residing on- or off-base should call 911 for ambulance response or go directly to one of the downtown emergency rooms for illnesses or injuries involving loss of life, limb or sight.

Cancer screenings

The base women's health clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for TriCare Prime patients. To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

OFF BASE

Labor Day trip

Outdoor recreation is going on a trip to San Antonio Aug. 30-31.

Trip includes a visit to

CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m.

Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

SeaWorld and staying downtown near the Riverwalk.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-4179.

Texas Rangers

Outdoor recreation offers a trip to the Ballpark at Arlington Sept. 20 to see the Texas Rangers take on the defending World Series champions the Anaheim Angels.

The cost is \$30 per person. Cost includes ticket price and transportation.

For more information, call 6-4179.

Fiesta Texas

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor. To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

Sea World

The Anheuser-Busch corporation offers a free single-day admission to all active duty military members, Reservists, National Guardsmen and up to four dependents to Sea World San Antonio now to Nov. 11.

The free single-day admission is also available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fla., Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Va. SeaWorld Orlando, Fla., and SeaWorld San Diego.

Disney discount

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering active duty military members complimentary five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Tickets, valid for admission to Disney's theme parks, water parks and more at the Walt Disney World Resort now through Dec. 19.

Active duty members may also purchase five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets for \$99 each for up to five family members or friends.

For more information, call (407) 939-7424.



The Fina acrobat aircraft performs a roll during the Big Country Air Power Day.



Above: Sovandy Om "flip kicks" a balloon during a Tae Kwon Do demonstration at the Big Country Air Power Day. Below: the "Flash-Fire" jet funny truck shoots flame and smoke out of its engine during the Big Country Air Power Day airshow. The modified Chevy S-10 pickup hit speeds of more than 300 miles per hour in a quarter-mile drag race.



Showtime!

2003 Big Country Air Power Day celebrates century of flight, 50 years of local support

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Thousands of aviation enthusiasts flocked to the Dyess flightline to take part in Dyess' 2003 Big Country Air Power Day airshow featuring the Army's premiere parachuting demonstration team -- the Golden Knights.

The free airshow commemorated not only the 100th anniversary of flight but also the 50-year relationship between Dyess and the local community.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us to demonstrate our appreciation to the local community for the incredible amount of support they provide to Dyess every day," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "They are a very valuable member of our team, and without their support our mis-

sion wouldn't be the success that it is."

This year's airshow highlighted more than 20 different types of aircraft, ranging from the vintage B-25 and P-51 to the high-tech F-117 and B-2.

Dyess visitors were able to enjoy an up-close look at many static aircraft on the ground throughout the show including a variety of fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft.

Also making an appearance was the U.S. Air Force NASCAR demonstration car and the "Flash-Fire" jet truck. Airshow visitors were also able to see a 7th Security Forces Squadron combat arms display, the U.S. Marine Corps' portable obstacle course, military heritage display, the Smokin' Guns Car Show and local Kuk Sool Won and Tae Kwon Do martial arts demonstrations.



"It has been a really great show," said Airman 1st Class Jon Teruel, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. "I have been enjoying myself -- it was definitely worth coming out."

While many people came to this year's air show to see the wide variety of ground displays and aerial demonstrations, several visitors were also impressed with the Air Force's most valuable resource -- its people.

"I am impressed by the quality of the (airmen) I have met today," said retired Col. Frank Borman, former Apollo 8 astronaut and aerial participant in this year's airshow. "I'm proud to see so many young people serving their country so proudly."

Whether it was the heritage flights, the world-renowned parachuting expertise of the U.S. Army's Golden Knights, the blis-

tering speed of the "Flash-Fire" jet funny truck or the base's hospitality, many airshow visitors said the 2003 Big Country Air Power Day was an event that couldn't be missed.

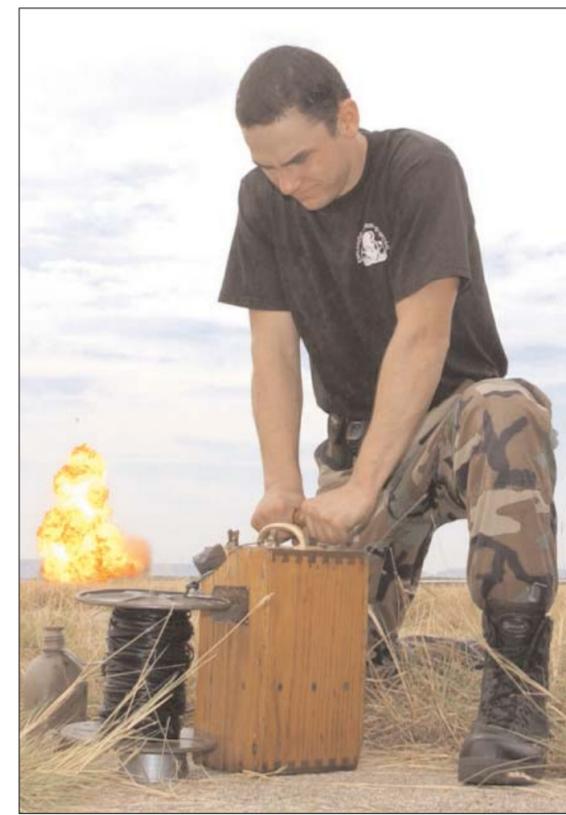
"It is really a tradition," said Ann Marie Contreras. "When my husband told me about the airshow, we knew that we would have to come. Everything about it is worth experiencing."

Another visitor came for the reason that attracts thousands of people to serve each year.

"I don't know," shrugged Ann Marie's 4-year-old daughter, Annisa. "I just like the airplanes."



A member of the U.S. Army's world-renowned parachuting team, the Golden Knights, sails toward the ground during the team's aerial demonstration at the Big Country Air Power Day.



Airman Shawn Baldauf



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Left: Airman 1st Class Travis Meyers, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal, set off explosives near the runway during an aircraft munitions demonstration. Above: Base visitors crowd the Dyess flightline during one of the Big Country Air Power Day performances. Thousands of visitors had the opportunity to get an up-close look at a variety of aerial and ground displays. Right: Airshow visitors tour a static C-5 Galaxy during the 2003 Big Country Air Power Day. The C-5 was one of a several ground displays highlighting a wide range of current as well as vintage aircraft.



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer

Sport Shorts

Women's Golf Day

Fridays are Women's Golf Days at 9 a.m. at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

The cost is \$8 per person, which includes nine holes of golf and a 15-minute lesson.

For more information, call 6-4384.

For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

Club championship

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course hosts the club championship Sept. 20-21.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Flag football meeting

The intramural flag football coaches meeting is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Health and Wellness Center.

For more information, call 6-4306.

Airmen's Golf Day

The next Airmen's Golf Day is Sept. 21 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

Enlisted members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 can golf for half-price.

For more information, call The Mesquite Grove Golf Course at 6-4384.

Intramural sports

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons are set to begin Sept. 8.

Intramural bowling will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Flag football will be played Mondays through Thursdays.

Poker 5-K run/walk

The Poker 5-K run/walk will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

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