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## 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Aug. 27

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date*	Current Status
 84	74	-1
 45	45	0
 70	71	+1

FY-02 Flying Hour Curve: +129.5

Source: 7th Operations Group

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## 317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Aug. 26

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
 78%	80.5%
 78%	86.0%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

## Hornburg discusses AF's 'vectored evolution'

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor  
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

LAJES FIELD, Azores, Portugal -- One of the things keeping Gen. Hal Hornburg motivated every day is a picture that hangs on his office wall in Virginia.

Air Combat Command's leader wanted the picture -- a composite of Sept. 11 imagery -- as "ugly and gruesome" as it could be made. It shows the death and destruction.

It shows men and women leaping out of the World Trade Center.

The picture reminds him of whom America is fighting, the general said.

"It's something we want to do professionally and carefully. But at the same time, when you talk about motivation -- we have a war to win."

The former commander of Air Education and Training Command, commander of air forces during 1998's



Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

A crew chief from the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing launches a B-1B bomber on a combat sortie during Operation Enduring Freedom. Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Commander, recently spoke about the Air Force's transformations around new types of battles, technologies and structures.

Operation Desert Fox and 34-year veteran said the rules for deployments are changing.

"We have a new baseline for deployment," he said. "We're working the Air Expeditionary Force to feed a fight of 20,000 deployed airmen. And if you read the papers, it's probably going to grow larger than that."

The general cited how the AEF plan is evolving around operations like Northern and Southern Watch, which

have enforced no-fly zones in Iraq for more than 11 years.

Ultimately, he said, airmen should be ready to go. "We are expeditionary. It's in our DNA. It's in every fiber and muscle of our bodies. We have to start acknowledging that fact," he said.

Meanwhile, as airmen watch the Air Force transform itself around new types of battles, technologies and structures, Hornburg said the changes aren't like an

issue of a comic book.

"A lot of people think transformation is Bruce Wayne going into the Batcave and turning into Batman," he said. "That's just costume art. Transformation is change at the molecular level. It means looking at tomorrow vastly different than we look at today."

Hornburg has even coined his own term for transformation: vectored evolution.

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## AFPC anticipates sign-on, re-enlistment bonus review

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice  
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight is getting the word out to Dyess airmen approaching re-enlistment that the Air Force Personnel Center is anticipating the next semi-annual selective re-enlist-

ment bonus review to be in October or November.

"This is extremely important for people approaching their SRB window," said Capt. Amy Boehle, Dyess MPF commander. "This review could affect the amount of money our people receive when they re-enlist."

The review will be focusing on manning levels, retention trends, training

costs and career field manager inputs regarding the effects of on-going or future force structure changes, said AFPC officials. Although AFPC plans to put out an official notice about the board closer to October, they are emphasizing the importance of getting the word out to military members now.

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Dyess Air Force Base welcomes  
Air Mobility Command's  
Unit Compliance Inspection team



# Leadership, attitude, teamwork

## Colonel shares 10 ways to make best of situation

By Lt. Col. Brian Jurkovic  
43rd Airlift Wing  
chief of safety

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. -- Too often, people depend on unit leadership to define how "good" things are. In reality, they are the ones who make their organization a better place to work.

Everyone has a stake in the effectiveness, health and welfare of his or her organization, base and community.

When I ask others about their best assignments or most rewarding experiences, their answers are surprising.

They list assignments to austere places supporting difficult missions, deployments and contingencies. They don't always list the garden spots typically found on our "dream sheets."

This is because people make the assignment what it is. It is not the location. You determine how good or bad your assignment was, is or will be.

Here are my top 10 ways of making the best of one's present situation.

**Understand your mission:** Could you describe your unit's mission to a visitor? Could you articulate how your specialty fits in? If not, ask an "old head" who has been around a while. You may just find out how rich a heritage your unit has.

**Have loyalty in your unit:** Trust the decisions and actions of your leadership. Resist the temptation to "bad mouth" when things don't go exactly as planned. Being loyal means helping others when they need you and taking action when you see an opportunity for improvement.

**Maintain standards:** Check yourself every day, starting with your uniform, your performance and your attitude. You know the standards. Live up to them. Your unit will reflect the standards you set.

**Keep learning:** Check your "know-it-all" attitude at the door. Try to learn something new about your unit's mission, people or equipment every day. Never let your rank or experience get in the way of learning. Above all, learn how to do things the safest way, the right way.

**Mentor:** The best way to have great folks in your unit is by teaching them the ropes and sharing your experiences.

Spend time with your troops; show them, tell them and teach them the pitfalls of disaster and the ingredients for success.

**Listen:** Listening is an essential communication skill. Your troops will bring you their problems, but they can also bring you outstanding ideas.

**Participate:** Participating in unit activities, both on and off duty, go into making the team a cohesive combat-ready element.

**Be considerate:** One very basic social skill I learned as a child was "it was nice to be important, but it was more important to be nice." Be considerate of others. That doesn't mean you can't tell it like it is, but you can do so nicely.

**Have integrity:** There is no contribution more significant to the health and success of your unit than integrity.

**Show pride:** You can be proud of your unit without being arrogant. Pride is in the way you do your job; the way you never quit; the way you care about your performance and your unit's achievements.

It is not the equipment or the weapons that make us great! It is you and the way you come to work every day.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)



Warriors... this weekend we enjoy a four-day weekend for two reasons. One, we made our flying goals and we deserve a day off for all the hard work that goes into excelling at our mission. Second, it is an Air Combat Command Family Day designed to recognize the efforts of our military members and the contributions and sacrifices of their families.

This Labor Day weekend also recognizes the end of the "101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign." Unfortunately, this has not been a banner year for Team Dyess with regard to safety. So far in fiscal year '02, we have experienced 33 reportable ground accidents costing more than \$303,000. We have also had 375 non-reportable accidents.

On the flying side of the house, fiscal year '02 has been equally bad as we experienced 15 reportable accidents totaling more than \$7 million in damages. This has got to stop. We have been very lucky thus far that we have not had someone seriously injured or even worse, killed.

Labor Day weekend has historically been the deadliest annual holiday for Air Force personnel. During this weekend, many people will take to the highways for one final summer outing. I need your help. I need everyone focused on safety. I need everyone to think about what they are doing... to keep their eye on the ball... to stay focused. The men and women of Team Dyess work hard, and you deserve this break. Please enjoy your weekend, but be safe. I want all of you to return alive and uninjured. You are all valuable members of Team Dyess and our great Air Force. Please help me turn our safety statistics around by staying focused on the mission and by taking care of yourself. Thanks and have a great Labor Day.

## ACTION LINE



Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin  
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](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil) and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

## 7th SFS underappreciated

**Comment:** I was very upset when I read the Action Line comments about "Cops goofing off" (Aug. 9 *Peacemaker*). Although the response clarified the situation, I know several members of security forces who feel the base does not appreciate all the hard work they do. How many times do you suppose people stop to say, "Thanks, you're doing a great job!" as opposed

to getting irritable with them for searching their cars in the name of security? I think our security forces are doing a great job under difficult situations. The members I know epitomize the Air Force core values. I'll say this about that Action Line: The next time I come through the gate, I'll make a conscious effort to tell whoever is working that I think they are doing a wonderful job.

**Response:** You are absolutely right. The fine men and women of the 7th Security Forces Squadron have a very difficult job to perform and play an important role in the overall mission of the 7th Bomb Wing and the physical security of this base. Taking time to stop and say, "Thanks," especially to the young airmen working the front gate, goes a long way in reminding them that the base community truly appreciates their efforts. That is good food for thought for all of us! Thanks for your comments.



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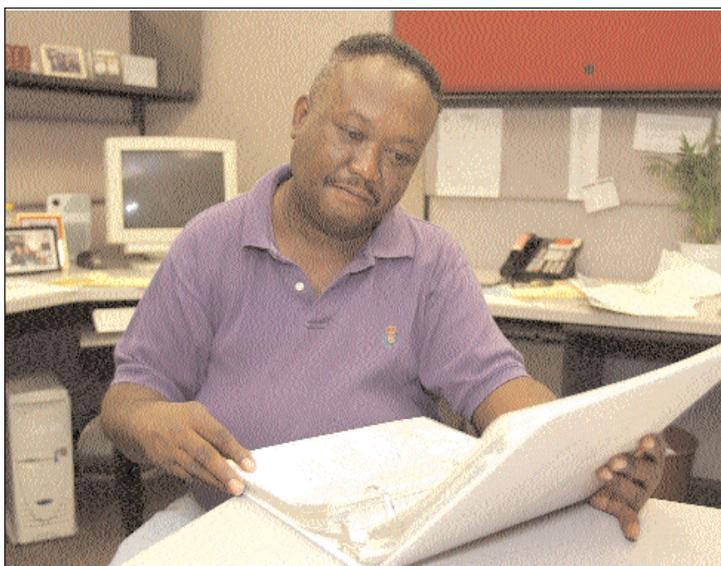
# Dyess civilian earns 30-year pin

By Airman 1st Class  
Lindsey Maurice  
Dyess Public Affairs

In 1972, Thomas Lowry walked into the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard ready to start his temporary job as a motor vehicle operator messenger. Little did he know that 30 years later, he'd have spent the majority of his life as a government civilian -- and now be celebrating this accomplishment as an engineer technician at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

Lowry was awarded his 30-year government service pin during a presentation Aug. 18 at the 7th Support Group headquarters building. His actual 30-year anniversary was Aug. 16.

"Being able to celebrate 30 years of government service is a major accomplishment," said Karen Thomas, Dyess civilian personnel flight chief. "Every government employee who receives



Staff Sgt. Adam Wooten

**Thomas Lowry, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron engineer technician, celebrated 30 years of government service Aug. 16.**

his or her 30-year-pin is extremely dedicated, loyal and proud to serve their country and the U.S. Air Force."

Lowry is still in disbelief that he has been working for the government so long.

"I can't believe it's been 30 years already. It seems

like just yesterday I started work in the Navy yard," Lowry said. "But, I've had a great career with the government. It's given me security and a chance to give back to my country -- you can't beat that!"

Lowry still remembers

working his way up the government ladder from his first job to becoming an engineer technician.

"My career has taken me a lot of places and through a lot of jobs," Lowry said.

After only four years in the Naval Shipyard, Lowry had already found himself ready for something new, so he received a four-year pipe fitter apprentice license in 1976.

Seven years later, Lowry decided to expand in his career once again, this time joining the mechanical engineering technician program in the design test division. Shortly after completing the program, Lowry became a piping system inspector in the Hull Propulsion and Auxiliary Test Division, which he worked until December 1994.

Lowry said those first 12 years of his career in Philadelphia were a good experience, but the highlight of

his government service was his follow-on assignment to Lowry AFB, Colo.

"I couldn't have asked for a better assignment than Denver," Lowry said. "It is such a beautiful city, and one I probably would have never experienced had it not been for the government. My job there was great, and the people were great."

During his time at Lowry, the Philadelphia native spent his time as an engineer technician with the quality assurance conversion agency to help with the base realignment and closure.

"My job was to keep the base up and running until the properties could be sold off," Lowry said.

By June 2000, Lowry had done his part with Lowry AFB's, closure and he was sent to Dyess. He has been working in the 7th Civil Engineer quality assurance section ever since.

## CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

# BAT team helps revitalize club's food services

By Airman 1st Class  
Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

After walking through the doors, many Dyess people may have noticed a few changes since their last trip to The Heritage Club.

These recent changes have taken place because of a visit by the Air Combat Command Business Activity Team which began Aug. 16.

"We are a very hands-on team," said Robyn Sleeth, ACC services business activities branch chief. "We provide customized business and marketing plans for services activities to improve their operational posture and financial position."

Upon arriving at Dyess, the BAT began evaluating area demographics, current programs and what Dyess customers wanted.

After initial research was complete, the six-man team went shopping. Using their own budget, the

team bought new tools, supplies and equipment -- then, they got to work.

"We are really trying to revitalize the club," said Gerald Marshall, 7th Services Squadron Heritage Club manager. "Being new here, I knew I would need some help. So, we called in ACC's business activity team because we wanted to put together quality programs to enhance the club. They are a top-notch hands-on team that works with us to make our club better."

The BAT's efforts have resulted in a return of several customer favorites including the Mongolian barbecue evening dining, the "Super Sunday Brunch," improved happy hour food buffet and changes to the club's lunch line program.

The BAT has also introduced new programs like the pasta and the Heritage Express "grab n' go" stations.

The pasta station is a new cooked to order food line featuring a variety

of pastas, sauces and Italian style meal choices. The Heritage Express "grab n' go" station is a New York-style deli sandwich stand featuring a variety of meats and cheeses for customers who need a meal on the go. Heritage Express also offers a variety of salads, chips and snack foods. The club plans to have dedicated parking available for Heritage Express customers. Future plans also include the possibility of the Heritage Express taking faxed, e-mailed or phone orders.

In addition, members of the BAT are also trying to improve education about club opportunities to base people.

"We are really trying to meet the customer's needs," said Carol Barton, ACC services director of marketing. "For example, our research shows that since the Dyess clubs consolidated, many enlisted people feel they should not attend functions at The Heritage Club be-

cause they feel they may get in trouble by being at the officers club -- this is a real barrier to the club being successful."

"That is not true," Barton said. "The club is for everyone, and we are pushing to let everyone know we really need everyone to make these programs a success."

According to club officials, the team's efforts are already paying off.

"We have already gotten great feedback.... 99.9 percent of the feedback we have received has been positive," Marshall said.

After the team's two-week visit is over, their job at Dyess does not end. The team will return Sept. 6, and, if necessary, keep returning to ensure the club's continued success.

"We are here for the customers," Sleeth said. "Making customers happy is the key to success."

For more information about club programs and activities, call The Heritage Club at 6-2405.

# Dyess to undergo internal environmental assessment

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

A team of environmental experts will begin an extensive internal assessment of the base Tuesday to determine how well Dyess is complying with environmental issues.

The inspection team will spend the bulk of the four-day assessment reviewing write-ups from the last Air Combat Command external Environmental, Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program inspection that was held in August 2001, making sure those issues are closed and that no new issues have arisen.

“(The wing) should do well in this inspection,” said Lt. Col. Dirk Saltzgaber, 7th Bomb Wing environmental manager. “I’m sure we’ll find a few small problems, things we can correct on the spot, but that’s to be expected with the high (operations) tempo the wing maintains. There shouldn’t be any major concerns -- Dyess has always done well in the past.”

Some areas the 10-15-person team will be looking at include checking to see if base members are disposing of hazardous materials properly and safely, as well as checking the personal protective equipment people are required to use and making sure it is in good condition and being stored properly.

The team will also review written documentation -- sorting through base plans dealing with environmental issues and making sure everything has been properly documented and updated.

In past ESOHCAMP assessments, some

of the base’s problem areas have included written documentation and training not being current, as well as containers not being labeled properly and some hazardous waste accumulation points being out of compliance.

However, Saltzgaber noted, the last ESOHCAMP assessment of Dyess, proved to be more positive than anything.

“The (external) we had in 2001 was one of the best ever in ACC,” Saltzgaber said. “All of Team Dyess pulled together -- from the B-1 side to the C-130 side to all the tenant units -- that’s what made it so successful.”

The 7th BW received an overall “excellent” program management rating following appraisal by the ACC Safety Evaluation Team.

“As long as everyone pulls together again and does their share like they did (last year), this internal inspection should be just as good.”

Some steps shops can take to prepare for the upcoming inspection are to make sure training records and other documentation are up-to-date, and to make sure materials are properly marked and stored, Saltzgaber said.

“We want people to be prepared for this assessment and to do their best,” Saltzgaber said. “Our last assessment with ACC was great, so we want to maintain that momentum. Once you’re at the top -- you don’t want to go down; you want to stay there.”

If people have questions about certain materials, their content and how to mark or store them, they should contact the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight at 6-5619.

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Congratulations to the following recipients of the Air Combat Command Safety Award of Distinction:

- Staff Sgt. Michael Monroe**
- Senior Airman John Harper**
- Senior Airman Adam McGee**
- Airman 1st Class Lucas Dorosky**
- Airman 1st Class Marcus Ellis**
- Airman 1st Class Amber Hull**
- Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Phelps**
- Airman 1st Class Adam Read**

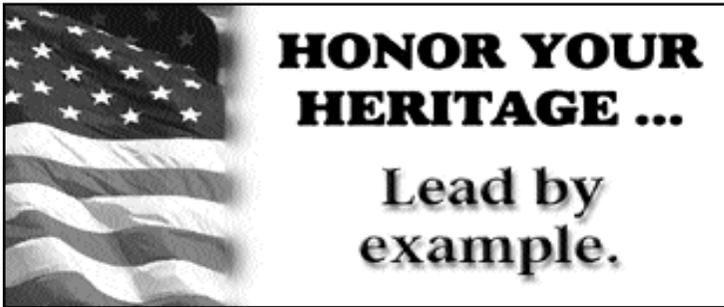
Congratulations to the following July Home of the Month winners:

Enlisted Category

- 1st place: **Tech. Sgt. Alan and Tracie Nicholas**
- Honorable mention: **Senior Master Sgt. William and Becky Alderete**; and **Airman 1st Class Jose and Patricia Macias-Reyes**

Officer category

- 1st place: **Capt. John and Diana Bidol**
- Honorable mention: **Capt. Matthew and Deborah Brooks**; and **1st Lt. Ray and Tammy Vaughn**



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**TEAM DYESS****Warrior of the Week****Staff Sgt.****Daniel Sheffer**

**Unit:** 39th Airlift Squadron

**Job description:**

Loadmaster

**Time in the Air Force:**

Eight years and two months

**Time at Dyess:** Three years

**Family:** Single

**Hometown:** Gettysburg, Pa.

**Job impact on the mission:** Supervise all loading and offloading of all equipment and supplies on C-130s.

**Career goals:** To earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and to continue to succeed in the Air Force.

**Best Air Force memory:** Serving my country while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

**TEAM DYESS****39th AS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Lt. Col. Charles Hyde

**First sergeant:**

Master Sgt. Gary Engler

**Personnel:**

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

**Mission statement:**

Maintains quality aircrew and airlift to mobilize, deploy and provide intratheater airlift worldwide for Department of Defense customers. The 39th Airlift Squadron supports theater commanders' requirements with combat-delivery capability through tactical air-land/airdrop operations and humanitarian airlift/aeromedical evacuation. Provides 28 combat ready aircrews and maintenance for 14 assigned aircraft.

**Future goals:**

- Provide the world's best combat aerial delivery to combatant commanders' worldwide.
- Maintain a 100 percent combat-ready force to respond to worldwide taskings.
- Develop tomorrow's airlift force through safe, effective and relentless training.

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# AF Voters Week educates people

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON -- If you think your vote doesn't count, just ask George W. Bush and Al Gore.

With the 2002 general election fast approaching Nov. 5, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials are sponsoring Armed Forces Voters Week, Sunday through Sept. 7. The week is designed for military installations worldwide to highlight voting issues.

The main events planned at Dyess for Armed Forces Voters Week include voting tables located at the commissary and Longhorn Dining Facility start Sept. 3.

"We want everyone on base, and in the Dyess community, to have the opportunity to vote," said 2nd Lt. Jennifer Donovan, installation voting officer. "Voting tables will be set-up around lunch time to help reach as many people as possible."

"The objective is to create awareness of the electoral process and to motivate military members to participate in the upcoming general election," said Polli Brunelli, federal voting program director. "We want to encourage our military members, their dependents, our federal employees overseas and our overseas citizens to be aware of the elections and to exercise their right to vote."

She noted that the 2002 elections cover a third of the U.S. Senate, the entire U.S. House of Representatives, 37 governors and hundreds of local races.

"These are lawmakers who will effect policies that govern our way of life," she said.

The agency urges military personnel to contact installation voting assistance offi-

**"These are lawmakers who will effect policies that govern our way of life."**

Polli Brunelli  
Federal voting program  
director

cers to learn about what they must do to vote in 2002.

"If Dyess members don't know who their voting representatives are, a list of unit voting counselors is a click away on the Dyess Web site," said Donovan.

The states govern the voting rules for their residents. The FVAP works with state officials to ease absentee ballot processes. For example, the program asked the states to allow service members deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to receive voting materials by facsimile machines and to fax in ballots.

Brunelli said her office has met with state leaders to ensure that all absentee ballots are in on time, properly filled out and counted.

"We're working on postal issues as well," Brunelli said. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz signed a memo to the military postal service to ensure that all voting materials are postmarked and canceled for all deployed vessels and personnel. Further, military postal service employees will look for voting materials to ensure they are moved expeditiously.

For more information or voting assistance, contact your unit voting counselor or call 6-7900.

(Dyess Public Affairs contributed to this story)

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## This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Editor's Note: This Week in Air Force History is a column with information provided by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian.

**Aug. 30** -- The first Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile squadron became fully operational in 1960.

**Aug. 31** -- Air Corps pilots flew five miles above the Earth's surface to photograph an eclipse of the sun in 1932.

**Sept. 1** -- The first jet-to-jet aerial refueling occurred in 1953.

**Sept. 2** -- Plane-to-plane radio transmission was demonstrated in 1916.

**Sept. 3** -- The new Air Force Museum building was dedicated by President Richard Nixon in 1971.

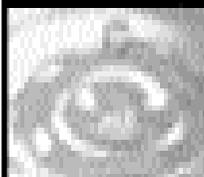
**Sept. 4** -- The first U.S. transcontinental air crossing made in one day occurred in 1922.

**Sept. 5** -- Two condemned naval vessels were sunk during Army airpower bombing demonstrations in 1923.

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Do your part, be water smart!

## Rules

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“We need to shape our focus and go where we want on a very precise roadmap. We need to vector, and we need to evolve,” he said.

And each of ACC’s men and women can count on Hornburg to stay motivated and focused thanks to one vivid image hanging in his office in Virginia.

“As long as I have a position of leadership in this fight, that’s about all the motivation I need,” he said.

## Bonus

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“If members can delay their re-enlistment, they must be provided the opportunity to do so,” said AFPC officials.

Airmen serving in SRB skills announced for reduction or termination after the board convenes, if eligible, must re-enlist before the effective date of change in order to receive the bonus at the previous rate, AFPC officials said. Officials are also reminding people that some exceptions from the last board will not be made after this one.

“Due to the short notice of the Jan. 17 release, members were authorized to petition the Board for Correction of Military Records to request their re-enlistment date be changed in order to take advantage of a higher SRB,” officials said. “Members will not have that opportunity with this release. If members choose not to delay their re-enlistment until after the SRB review, they will not be allowed to change their re-enlistment date.”

People re-enlisting in the next few months should contact Staff Sgt. Brian Davis at 6-2537 for more information.

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## Precautions help prevent virus

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Donovan  
Dyess Public Affairs

As hunting season quickly approaches, the West Nile Virus is an easily avoided risk if Dyess hunters take proper precautions during the upcoming hunting season.

"Because of their outdoor exposure, game hunters may be at risk if they are bitten by mosquitoes in areas with West Nile Virus activity," said Kay Durilla, Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District representative.

However, base officials said with certain safety precautions, hunters can reduce the risk when they are out hunting.

"Mosquito repellent

should be placed on the hands as well as any exposed skin when in mosquito infested areas," said Col. Schuyler Geller, 7th Medical Group commander.

While Texas has confirmed some animal cases of the virus, including a horse at the Dyess stables, there are no reports of possible infections to wild game or game birds.

"The extent to which West Nile virus may be present in wild game is unknown," said Durilla.

Officials say studies are underway by the U. S. Geological Survey and the National Wildlife Health Center; however, they don't yet know the impact the virus has had on other ani-

mal populations.

Hunters can take precautions to prevent possible exposure from game.

"Gloves should be worn when handling and cleaning game," Geller said. "(This provides) a barrier to blood from the game to the human, and potentially toxic insecticide transmission from the human to the game animal."

It is also important to make sure the meat from the game animal is thoroughly cooked.

"Proper cooking of game birds will eliminate any viable West Nile Virus in the meat," said Geller.

For more information about West Nile Virus, contact the 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron at 6-5478.

## Thrift Savings Plan offers improvements

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Thrift Savings Plan's new computerized record-keeping system, set to kick off in November, will provide more control of accounts for investors and faster processing of transactions, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

During the transition period between Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, access to accounts will be limited, officials said.

So far, about 18 percent of active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen are enrolled in TSP, which has been open to them since October. More than 77 percent of civilians are enrolled.

"As with any new system, there is a transition period from the old to the new," said Janet Thomas, AFPC's civilian benefits and

entitlements service team. "So, for a short while, there will be a down time where contributors will not be able to make electronic transactions with the TSP. They will have the option to submit paper requests to the TSP service office."

Military and appropriated fund civilian employees can access the TSP Web system at <http://www.tsp.gov>. Select "civilian" or "uniformed services," click "TSP features," and click "TSP new record keeping system."

Additional information is available for appropriated fund civilian employees from the benefits and entitlements service team Web site and for Air Force military people at the TSP for uniformed services Web site.

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**Dyess Thrift Shop**

Beginning Sept. 7, the Dyess Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Consignments will be taken until noon.

The shop is also open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignment hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Carol Beene at 692-2786.

**OSC brunch**

The Dyess Officers Spouses Club is hosting a bunko brunch buffet for members at 11 a.m. Thursday at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$6.11 per person. Reservations must be made by Monday.

To make reservations or for more information, call Julieann Dwyer at 695-0793 or Kimberly Barney at 692-9642.

**Memorial service**

The St. Paul United Methodist Church will "honor those who serve" during their worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sept. 8.

Dyess members and their families are invited to attend the services.

For more information, call Betty Shipley at 675-6909 or the church at 672-7814.

**VA disability class**

There will be Veterans Administration disability class from 8:30-11 a.m. Sept. 16 at the family support center for people separating or retiring from the military.

To register or for more information, call 6-5999.

**Hour change**

The 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron operator licensing hours are now from 2-3 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call vehicle dispatch at 6-2265.

**Essay contest**

The Defense Commissary Agency is holding an essay contest for military children to win one of 10 personal computers.

The essay, themed "Why I am proud to be an American," should be 100 words or less and submitted to DeCA no later than Sept. 15. Winners must be legal dependents of authorized commissary shoppers.

Contestants can submit their essays on-line at [www.familymedia.com/dmi/-index.lasso](http://www.familymedia.com/dmi/-index.lasso) or mail them to Family Essay 2002, PO Box 339, Old Bethpage, NY 11804.

For more information, call Callie Cooper at 6-4802.



E-mail *Peacemaker* submissions to [peacemaker@dyess.af.mil](mailto:peacemaker@dyess.af.mil)

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## CALENDAR



### *Today, Aug. 30, 2002*

#### **Air Combat Command Family Day**

**Salsa lessons** from 9-10 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

**Thunder Alley** from 9:30-11:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

### *Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002*

**All nighter**, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

### *Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002*

#### **Armed Forces Voters Week.**

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

### *Monday, Sept. 2, 2002*

#### **Labor Day**

### *Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002*

**Armed Forces Voters Week booths** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the commissary and from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. all this week. For more info, call 6-7900.

**Bingo mania**, 7 p.m. at The Heritage Club. Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m. For more info, call 6-2405.

### *Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002*

**Wing Right Start**, 8 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5730.

**Boss and Buddy Day lunch special** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 2405.

### *Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002*

**West Texas Fair and Rodeo** begins at the Abilene fairgrounds. For more info, call 677-4376.

### *Upcoming events:*

**Sept. 6 -- Combined Federal Campaign** begins.

**Sept. 7 -- Enlisted Dining Out** at the Abilene Civic Center.

**Sept. 11 -- Military Retiree luncheon** at The Heritage Club.

**Sept. 11 -- 9/11: Remembrance and Hope ceremony** at the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

**Sept. 14 -- 2nd Dyess Flea Market, "Shoppin' in the Park II."**

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**COMMUNITY**



**Flea market**

The 2nd Dyess Flea Market, "Shoppin' in the Park II," is scheduled for Sept. 14.

The booth cost is \$10 for a regular space and \$15 with a table. Booth spaces are limited.

For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 6-4175.

**'Operation job search'**

The family support center is holding an "operation job search" class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17.

The class will cover how to write a resume and cover letter, apply for a job and interview, analyze labor market information, review job offers and salaries and obtain Veterans Administration benefits.

To register or for more information, call 6-5999.

**Art contest**

The Dyess Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center is sponsoring an arts, crafts and photography contest.

The contest is open to artists, crafters and photographers of all ages. The final day to submit entries is Sept. 6.

For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 6-4175.

**EDUCATION**



**Fall classes registration**

Registration for the Texas State Technical College fall classes begins Tuesday at the college campus at 850 East Highway 80.

Students can also pick up their tuition assistance forms.

The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-5539.

**CHAPEL**



**Chapel schedule**

**Catholic:** Reconciliation starts at

4:15 p.m. Saturday. Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Daily mass is at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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

**Other religions:** The chapel has information on Islamic, Jewish and other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4226.

**OFF BASE**



**Skydiving trip**

Outdoor Recreation is hosting a skydiving trip Sept. 14 to Skydive Texas in Decatur, Texas.

Students will jump with an instructor.

The cost is \$200 per person, which includes jump costs and transportation. For an additional \$59, students can have a second instructor jump with them and video the jump or take photos. For an additional \$80, students can have both video and photos taken.

People must sign up by Sept. 12 and pay a \$50 deposit. Seats are limited.

For more information or to sign up for the all-day trip, call 6-2402.

**Football tickets**

The Dyess Information Ticket and Travel Office has tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys play the Tennessee Titans Sept. 15.

The cost is \$32, which includes the ticket, hot dog and soda. Seats are in the lower level.

Transportation is also available for an additional \$10 per person.

For more information, call 6-5207.

**Cruise discounts**

The Dyess Information Ticket and Travel Office currently has discounted cruise opportunities available for military members during the upcoming holiday seasons.

Trip packages vary in price and dates of travel.

For more information, call 6-5207.



Airman 1st Class Georgina Saldana

**Holy grog Batman, it's Dining Out time!**

Then-Master Sgt. James Lombardo, Dining Out Sergeant at Arms, escorts comic book hero and uninvited guest Batman out of Dyess' 17th Annual Enlisted Dining Out held in September 2000. This year's Dining Out is Sept. 7 at the Abilene Civic Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale at 6-4471.

**Eagle Eyes:  
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Marine Lance Cpl. Marcus Roberts, acts as an "aggressor" during a past Phase I/II exercise at Dyess. Marines from the 1st Direct Support Platoon often takes part in exercises with the 7th Bomb Wing and the Abilene SWAT team to maintain their own combat training. The training and mobilization of every Marine Reservist within a 180-mile radius of Dyess is the main mission for the detachment.



By Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

"The Few, The Proud, The Marines." Despite being the smallest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, members of the U.S. Marine Corps can be found almost anywhere.

At Dyess, these "proud few" can be found at the Marine Corps' 1st Direct Support Platoon, Detachment 1, Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 4th Maintenance Battalion.

"We are proud to be here — absolutely," said Chief Warrant Officer Carlos Duchesne, Det. 1 commander. "We like and appreciate the outstanding support and training that we receive (at Dyess) such as the co-use of facilities and the ability to train with the base."

According to Duchesne, the Marine Corps detachment's mission is twofold.

The detachment is responsible for providing motor transport maintenance support for the Marine Corps Reserve throughout the Southwestern region of the United States and Marine Expeditionary Forces.

To meet this end, Dyess Marines maintain a fleet of three five-ton

trucks, two Humvees, two auto-contract trucks, a 4,000-pound all-terrain forklift and a five-ton wrecker.

The 10 active-duty Marines at Det. 1 are also responsible for the training and mobilization of Marine Corps Reservists assigned to the detachment. As the primary staging and mobilization point for the Marine Reservists in this area, the detachment services every Marine within a 180-mile radius of Dyess.

According to Marine Corps Det. 1, its Reserve Marines have been trained for and mobilized all over the world to places like Norway, Okinawa, Guam and Thailand to support military operations.

"We train in every environment in every sort of weather," said Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz, Det. 1 administration chief. "We do what it takes ensure that our Marines are always ready."

The Marine Corps detachment, which has been on base since 1995, also plays a supporting role in the 7th Bomb Wing's mission.

During various base exercises, Det. 1 Marines have volunteered their time and efforts. In the past, Dyess Marines have acted as "aggressors" during Dyess Phase I/II exercises. They have also acted as the "bad guys" during 7th Security Forces terrorist training exercises as well as supporting and training with the

Abilene police department SWAT team.

While any Det. 1 Marine will tell you they are "hard core" Marines, there is also more to these service members than this "tough guy" image.

The Marine detachment and its staff regularly donate time and services to local charities and service organizations, such as the Abilene homeless shelter, the Ben Richey's Boys Ranch, the American Red Cross and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's yearly telethon. The detachment has also been the spearhead of the local Toys for Tots charity fundraiser for the past several years, often times, hosting more than 200 separate events over a two-month period.

During the heavy rains and flooding that recently swept through the Big Country, that left many local civilians stranded and homeless, the detachment volunteered drivers and the use of their heavy-duty five-ton trucks to support the flood relief and rescue efforts.

The Dyess Marines also support military organizations and services such as the local Veterans of Foreign War posts and the Noncommissioned Officer's Association as well as providing ceremonial funeral honors throughout the Big Country.

The Marine Corps detachment also shares its facility to help support a variety of base activities such as heritage-specific banquets, the Missoula Childrens' Theater and visiting inspection teams. The detachment will play host to the Air Mobility Command Inspector General's Office during its visit to the 317th Airlift Group for a Unit Compliance Inspection in September.

While the Marines of Det. 1 may only be a few in number, they are proud because they are Marines.

"In many ways, we have it better than other Marine units," Duchesne said. "The fact that we are really wanted here by the surrounding communities and that we have the tremendous support and training opportunities provided to us by the 7th Bomb Wing makes us pretty proud. All of the Marines here are very excited and proud to be here at Dyess."



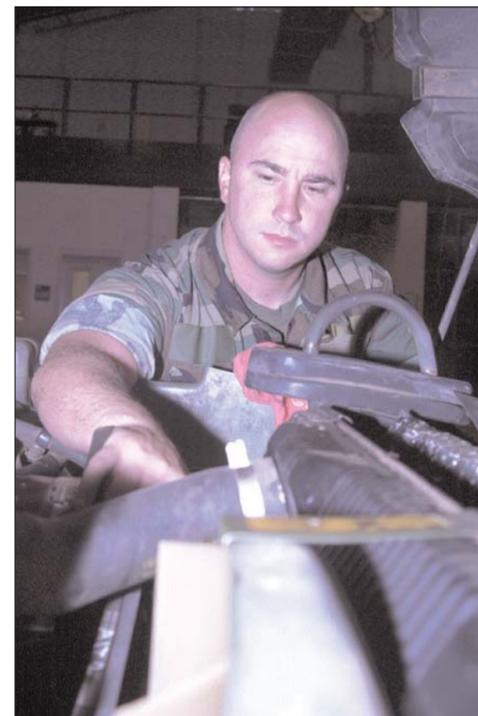
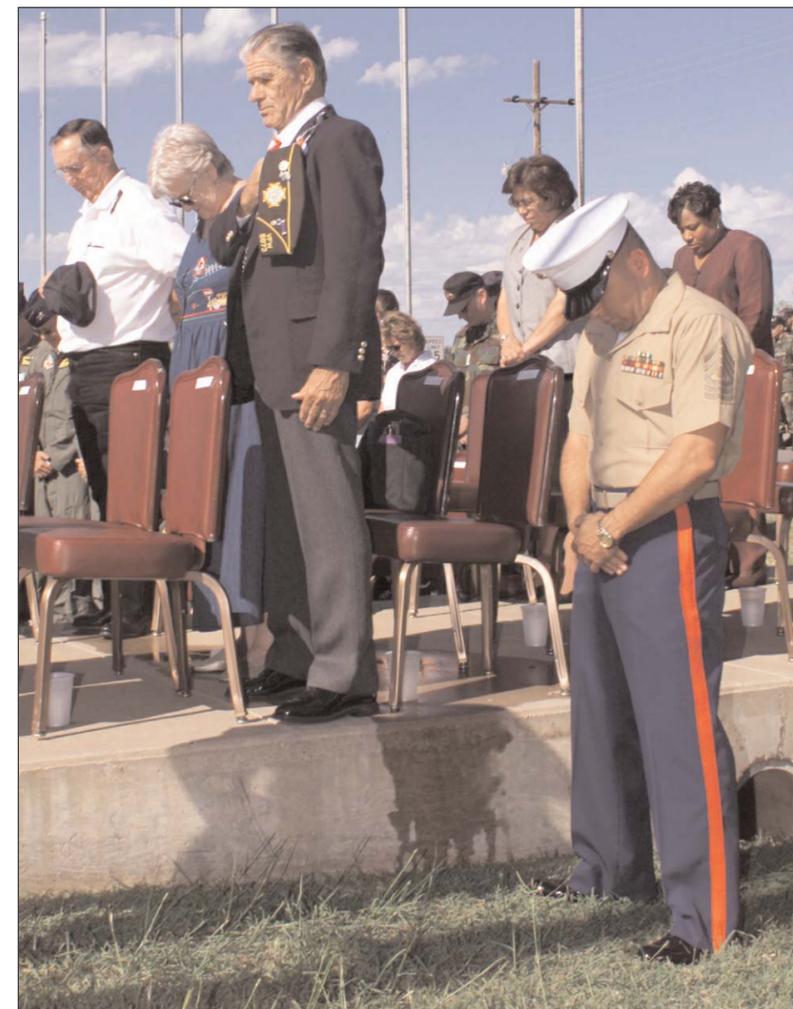
# Semper Fi!



Above: Capt. Robert Sarlay, 9th Bomb Squadron, gives a required immunization to Marine Cpl. Jesse Powell during the base Marines' Mobilization Operational Readiness and Deployment Test last August. Right: Det. 1 Marines duke it out in the ring as part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. The Corps mandatory program requires all U.S. Marines to become proficient in martial arts in order to prepare them for the possibility of hand-to-hand combat.



The 1st Direct Support Platoon has been in the Big Country for more than 40 years. After the Marine Corps' realignment, the detachment moved onto Dyess in 1995. After three years, Det. 1 moved into its current home. The detachment currently has a staff of ten active-duty Marines.



Above: Marine 1st Sgt. Thomas Norris, right, prays during the 2001 POW/MIA appreciation day ceremony. As part of their community service activities, Norris and his fellow Det. 1 Marines volunteer their time and support to help with various military organizations and ceremonies throughout the Big Country. Left: Marine Staff Sgt. Allen Lipson works on a Marine tactical motor transport. The base Marine Corps detachment maintains a fleet of three five-ton trucks, two Humvees, two auto-contract trucks, a 4,000-pound all-terrain forklift and a five-ton wrecker to support the needs of "the Corps" throughout the Southwestern region of the United States.

# Dyess golfers hit hole-in-one for charity

Story and photo by  
Airman 1st Class  
Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 80 golfers swarmed the Mesquite Grove Golf Course to do their part for charity during the Dyess Officers Spouses Club Charity Golf Tournament Aug. 23.

The tournament helped raise more than \$1,500 for local, regional and Air Force-wide charities sponsored by the OSC.

The tournament was composed of 21 four-man teams, playing in a "best ball" style match with door prizes and three hole-in-one prizes. Players could also buy "mulligans" and "stringers" to support their tournament play.

A mulligan allows a golfer to re-shoot their last stroke of play. A stringer is a three-foot piece of string. While on the green, a player can use a stringer to forego putting, if the string's length



**James "Lee" Trevino, tees-off from on the first hole of the Mesquite Grove Golf Course Aug. 23 during the Officers Spouses Club Charity Golf Tournament. Trevino, David Desilets, John Latour and Rob Carter, "The Stringers" team, who won the tournament, were one of 21 four-man teams who helped raise more than \$1,500.**

reaches from the ball to the cup.

"The Stringers," a combined 39th Airlift Squadron and 317th Airlift Group team of James "Lee" Trevino, David Desilets, John Latour and Rob Carter, finished as the tournament's top team. The Stringers burned up the course, firing

23 strokes under par to score a 49 for the day.

Each member of the first-place team received a free round of golf at Fairway Oaks Country Club. Prizes were also given to the teams which finished in second and last places.

"This is actually the first time we have used a golf

tournament to raise money," said Sheri Lewin, Dyess OSC second vice president. "A lot of our spouses felt that a golf tournament would be a really big hit on base and a good opportunity to raise money for some well deserving charities."

The OSC donates regularly to on-base programs

such as the Airman's Attic, Dyess air shows and the layette program at the family support center as well as areawide organizations like the Ben Richey Boys' Ranch and the Salvation Army. The Dyess OSC also makes regular contributions to Air Force-wide charitable programs such as Air Force Village and the Widows' Foundation for Military Spouses.

"It was a good opportunity to help out a good cause," said Master Sgt. Mike McCaw, 40th Airlift Squadron. "It is important to not only support local charities, but Air Force charities as well."

OSC charity golf tournament officials said everyone who played in the tournament was a winner.

"I think we had a great showing and a wonderful participation," Lewin said. "Everyone came together to make this event a success -- they all really made a difference."

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# Sports Shorts

## Flag football

Intramural flag football letters of intent are due today at the fitness center.

For more information, call 6-4306.

## Basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the Dyess varsity basketball team are from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 6 and from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 7 at the fitness center.

For more information, call 6-4306.

## Aerobithon

The health and wellness center is holding an aerobithon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 6 in the aerobics room.

The event is free. Base participants can also earn points for their squadron toward the Commander's Fitness Challenge Program.

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

## Bench press competition

There will be a bench press competition at noon Sept. 19 at the fitness center.

For more information, call 6-4306.

## Armydillo run/walk

The 12th Annual Armydillo 10K/2 Mile Fun Run/Walk is Sept. 21 beginning at the San Angelo Nature Center.

The 10K run/walk begins at 8 a.m. followed by the 2-mile run/walk at 8:15 a.m.

The cost is \$12 for people who pre-register and \$15 for people who register the day of the race.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Carson Edmondson at 654-3942 or e-mail carson.edmondson@goodfellow.af.mil.



## Scores and more

*Editor's note -- All scores, standings and schedules are courtesy of the sports and fitness center.*

### Bowling

#### Dyess Lanes Fun League

##### Tuesday Nite Fun Bunch

Team	Wins	Losses
Team 8	188	106
Team 10	180.5	113.5
Team 3	171	123
Team 1	163.5	130.5
Are you kidding?	163	131
Team 6	157.5	136.5
The bowling gods	157	137
Team 2	147	147
Dingleberryes	141.5	152.5
"They're heeere!"	137	157
Team 9	134	160
Blind	22	251

##### Friday Nite Fun Bunch

Team	Wins	Losses
Brassmonkeys	64	24
Team 11	61	35
HMO	58	38
Team 5	58	38
Chip off block	56	40
Team 13	50	46
Us and Her	50	38
We don't care	50	38
Team 7	46	50
The Gimps	43	53
Team 1	40	56
Al-Keys	40	40
Team 2	39	49
Team 3	36	52
All mixed up	33	55
Blind team	12	84



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