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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: July 8

Monthly Goal	Flown To Date	Current Status
121	19	-1
45	5	0
70	16	-1

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -69.4
Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: June 23

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	82%

AF gets new fitness standards

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess members along with the rest of the Air Force will see a significant change in the way they are evaluated for physical fitness, possibly as soon as next year.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, directed that the Air Force will implement a 1.5-mile run for low-risk individuals as a means of evaluating their fitness between January and July 2004, said Ronnie Nespeca, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron exercise physiologist.

"There are a lot of false rumors out there as far as what exactly is going on," Nespeca said. "The biggest one is the Air Force is getting rid of the bike test and are going to the run. This is incorrect."

Low-risk members will be given the choice of whether they want to do the run or use cycle ergometry, Nespeca said. High-risk members will continue to be tested on cycle ergometry. The criteria for high and low risk designations have not been finalized yet but will be completed before the Air Force officially begins to implement the new standards, Nespeca said.

"Total scores will be based on a composite basis, Nespeca said. "Aerobic



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Dyess runners race toward the finish line during the base's Firecracker 5K fun run July 3. With the Air Force's new fitness standards, low-risk members will have the option to take cycle ergometry or a 1.5-mile timed run.

performance, height and weight, body fat, push-ups and crunches are all considered for a total score based on a 100-point scale system. Basically, if you don't fare well in one area but are excellent in the others, you can still pass."

Another change will be mandatory squadron physical training for all Air Force members.

"Members will exercise for 30 minutes three times a week and squadron commanders will determine what time PT will take place," said Capt. Paul Yenter, health and wellness center chief. "This will lead to increased fitness Air Force-wide."

"It will increase the overall fitness level of the Air Force and improve esprit de corps all at once."

Split-disbursement becomes mandatory

By 2nd Lt.
Jennifer Donovan
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess military and civilian Government Travel Card users will have to select the split disbursement option on their travel vouchers, in accordance with a new National Defense Authorization Act which takes effect Monday.

The new law, aimed at

decreasing the number of delinquent accounts, requires travelers to have their supervisor sign their travel vouchers, verifying they have selected the split disbursement option.

"If the supervisor does not sign, we will send (the voucher) back, causing delays in payment," said 2nd Lt Briann Poblete, 7th Comptroller Squadron financial services officer.

The option gets supervisors directly involved in how their troops are using government money.

Supervisors are required to validate travel dates and ensure the amounts are reasonable for the travel, said Poblete. This ensures any deviation to the estimated expenses is in the best interest of the government, and verifies questionable expenses with the traveler.

Once the option is selected and the finance office receives the paperwork, payment will be made to the GTC and any additional money will be deposited into the traveler's account.

However, if the GTC total is higher than what is paid by the travel voucher, the member is expected to pay the remaining portion.

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Does common courtesy plummet in summer heat?

By Senior Airman Julie Weckerlein
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -- I bet it is a scientific fact: when the temperature rises, common courtesy drops. There should be a name for it, like "heat madness."

I recently got a rude awakening about this phenomenon. I was disrespected by someone. Outwardly, I shrugged off the incident, but inside, I was hurt by it. So, like spilled soda on a hot afternoon, the negativity stuck to me. I found myself focusing on other people's rudeness and became a little cynical myself.

I reeled with anger when I heard someone here call an American Forces Network disc jockey a moron and said "I hate you. Get off the radio. If I were you, I would stab myself with a fork."

I felt sick to my stomach when I saw a woman belittle a food court worker because the person mistakenly gave the woman ketchup instead of barbecue sauce.

I felt disgusted when my husband told me of a thrift shop customer who chastised a volunteer who wouldn't unlawfully bend the rules for her.

I wondered, is it the heat? Does excessive sunlight feed people's inner demons?

I pondered this the other day as I walked into my office, barely noticing the cleaning lady walk past me. I see her every day, but I don't know her name. She cleans up the bathrooms, mops the floors and empties trash. Not a fun job, I'm sure. But, she does her

job thoroughly and with a smile. She has a friendly greeting for everyone.

This particular morning was no exception.

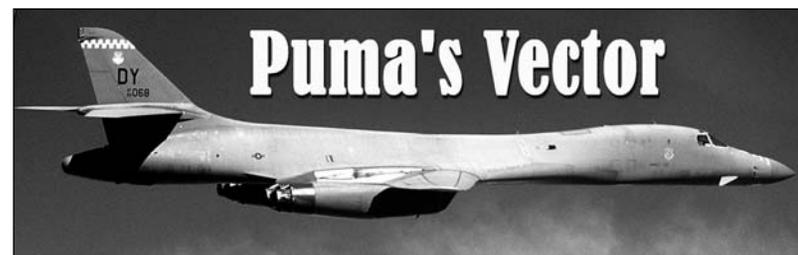
"Ciao," she said to me. I returned the greeting. She pointed to my belly and asked, "Bambino?" I realized she was asking about my pregnancy, so I answered (with the little Italian I do know) that things were good. She gave me a knowing smile and nodded her head, and we went our separate ways.

Not surprisingly, though, a smile had made its way on my face, too. And as the day continued, a weird thing happened. I zeroed in on the "flip" side. I felt good when I saw an officer give up his booth seat so an enlisted mother could feed her three children comfortably in the crowded food court.

I was amazed when I overheard a woman profusely thank a customer service representative for her help, even though the customer service rep wasn't able to locate the woman's order. The customer, though, appreciated the effort.

The cleaning lady did more than just say hello to me. Her simple gesture of kindness took my negative attitude and twisted it into the opposite direction to the point that I wanted to be a nicer person too. It wasn't about rank or status, job or environment. It was about one human reaching out and being kind to another.

There are still rude people out there. I still have the feeling that the heat can bring out the worst in people. But, I think we can all beat the "heat madness" one courteous act at a time.



Judging from the enthusiastic attitudes of the Dyess people who helped support and joined the festivities of this year's Rockin' in the Park, I could tell many of you were looking forward to celebrating the Fourth of July and greatly appreciated the significance of that date.

Now that Independence Day has passed, we need to continue to look for ways to show our patriotism and commemorate the rich legacy and heritage of our nation. If we don't, then many people who don't readily understand the value and importance of our commitment to others will take for granted the meaning of military service.

Public patriotism doesn't have to involve fireworks or barbecues. Sometimes it can be accomplished in just a few minutes with something as simple as a flag retreat. Retreat is a time-honored military tradition encompassing centuries of recognition in our great country and the selfless service we render towards each other.

Today, we will take time to pay tribute to the United States flag and the sacrifices of all of our fellow servicemembers -- past and present -- during a formal wing retreat at 5 p.m. at the base parade grounds.

This is an opportunity to collectively show our patriotism in our flag -- a symbol that represents everyone in our country. And as such, we will open up more opportunities for everyone to take part in this rich tradition by conducting regularly scheduled formal retreat ceremonies.

The 9th Bomb Squadron, which readily volunteered to host today's retreat, will perform the official flag ceremony, military formation and B-1 fly over.

We shouldn't restrict ourselves from showing our patriotism only during formally recognized holidays -- there's too much to be grateful for in the history of our nation's fight for freedom to do that. Each of you -- whether it's attending a formal wing retreat twice a month or simply stopping to salute the flag during the daily playing of the national anthem -- should be given the opportunity to take a moment to pay tribute to our great flag which represents, among many things, the men and women who serve or have served honorably for our country.



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The 2003 Dyess Air Force Base Big Country Air Power Day and Open House will be held Aug. 16. The Tye Gate will be open to the public at 9:30 a.m.



Staying protected

Med Group officials stress Dyess members need to stay on track for Anthrax vaccinations

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Although Dyess' deployment pace has begun to slow and many people have returned or will be returning in the near future, members are still reminded to stay on top of their Anthrax immunizations until the shot series is completed.

"Every individual who began the anthrax series is required to finish the series regardless of deployment history or destination," said Lt. Col. Martin Johnson, 7th Medical Operations Squadron commander. "The only way one does not have to finish the series is if for some reason they are medically exempt."

Hundreds of members received their first series of shots when the base began mass vaccinations in January.

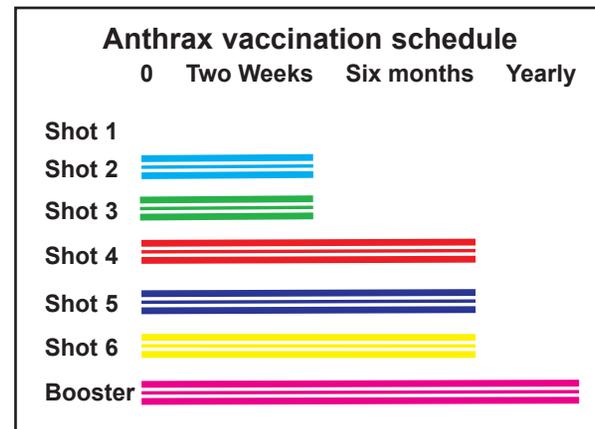
"When General Jumper issued the new Anthrax policy last year, it stated that military members who began the series need to continue with their shot series (regardless of their current deployment status,)" said Tech. Sgt. David

Freed, 7th Medical Group Public Health craftsman. The Air Force wants people to continue their vaccinations to ensure they have the maximum level of protection at all times, Freed said.

In order to maintain the most ideal protection, the base public health clinic stresses that people need to get their first three shots within two weeks of the previous shot. After the third shot, members need to wait six months between shots four, five and six. Once the sixth has been administered, members need to get a yearly booster.

Regardless of shot history, Freed said once members begin the series, it will not be restarted if a member is late or misses a shot. Keeping tabs on the shot schedule is solely the responsibility of the military member.

"Sometimes people think because they did not deploy or are not going to be deploying any time soon, they don't need to continue the series," Freed continued. "That is not true. The same goes for people who were deployed and think that since they already left, they don't need to



worry about their shots any more.

"Until members complete their shot series, they will not have as much protection as they need," Freed said. "The threat of Anthrax is very real so military members who are deployment-eligible need to be aware."

For more information, call the public health clinic at 6-5478 or the allergy and immunizations clinic at 6-1788.

Dyess OSC donates \$20K to charity and scholarships

By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Officers Spouses Club recently donated more than \$8,000 to charity and awarded \$12,000 worth of college scholarships to local military spouses and teenagers -- achieving its highest charitable year in half a decade.

To reach this record-high, the board held three fundraisers: a golf tournament, an arts, crafts and services auction, and a casino night. The OSC also reached record-high sales at the thrift shop, raising an average of \$1,000 a month for charity.

"The club works very hard all year volunteering at various fundraisers (and) the thrift shop to earn this money and I think everyone likes to see it go back to the community," said Tiffany Hunter, OSC charitable coordinator for the 2002-2003 board. "It really feels like we are making a worthwhile contribution."

The OSC donated money to 30 organizations, including military-wide charities such as the National Military Family Association, Air

Scholarships

The 2002-2003 Dyess Officers Spouses Club scholarship winners were:

Anna Boyd
Jeannie Brin
Christopher Cardwell
Jane Fischer
Karen Foote
Leslie Gemarino
Kimberly Hervey
Sarah Langford
JoAnn Longoria
Nicolas McMinn
Kathryn Moeller
Curtis Oakley Jr.
Tammy Pecoraro
Ryan Plourde
Carrie Ryan
Christine Snyder
Sarah Taillon

Force Village and the Enlisted Widows Home. They also contributed to several Dyess organizations including the Dyess Food Bank, the family support center to help fund activities for families of deployed members and to the library to purchase children's books.

"We were absolutely ecstatic to

receive the \$1,000 donation from the (OSC)," said Dawn Williams, base library director. "We don't receive funding for children's books, so from their donation, we were able to buy the best of the best children's books for 2002 and 2003. The books we've purchased so far are wonderful and our patrons are all very happy with them."

The club also donated money to several Abilene organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Hendrick Home for Children and the Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

Along with the donations, the OSC awarded 17 scholarships this past year with the help of a donation from First Command Financial Planning. The scholarship winners were determined from a panel of judges from the family support center. The judges reviewed each student's package and gave them an overall score based on their grade-point average, personal essay, reference letters from teachers, mentors and friends, and the applicant's overall well roundedness.

"Being able to donate so much money to these organizations (and to help these students) is really special," Hunter said.

All of the students graciously accepted the OSC's scholarships and were very thankful.

"I was overjoyed beyond words (when I heard they were giving me a \$1,000 scholarship," said Jane Fischer, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer, 7th Communications Squadron. "I really felt like I accomplished something and it was especially nice coming from an Air Force-related organization. Plus, financially, it was a lot of help, because I didn't need to get such a big student loan to finish my last semester of school."

Fischer should graduate in December with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Patrons of last year's OSC charity events can look forward to more this year, OSC board members said.

"We plan on doing last year's big charity functions again this year," said Victoria Peck. Dyess OSC 1st vice president. "The golf tournament, the auction, the casino night - they were all big successes. We encourage everyone to come out again and have more fun."

The dates for upcoming OSC charity events have not yet been determined.

On a roll...

Dyess safety office uses rollover machine to teach vehicle safety

Story and photos by
Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess safety officials recently acquired another tool to educate people about the potential hazards of rollover vehicle accidents.

The "rollover machine" is a device that has the cab of a pickup truck on a hydraulic system. The machine's hydraulics spin the pickup cab and demonstrate the effects of a vehicle's passengers during a rollover accident.

"It is a very valuable tool," said Tech Sgt. Billy Goldsberry, NCO in-charge of ground safety. "For many people, seeing is believing and this tool allows them to see for themselves."

The base safety office demonstrated the rollover machine July 3 at Dyess' Rockin' in the Park celebration.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, more than 90 percent of rollover crashes involve only one vehicle. For base safety officials, this statistic means improving the education of base drivers will directly impact the number of drivers surviving rollover accidents.

While many variables determine if a rollover accident will occur, safety officials say the number one safety precaution drivers can use remains the same:



Tech. Sgt. Billy Goldsberry, NCO in-charge of ground safety, secures the seatbelts for the dummies used during rollover crash demonstrations. The machine simulates the effects of a rollover crash on adult dummy "Bo" and child "Chucky."

buckle the seatbelt.

During a 30-mile-per-hour crash, a human body can be thrown with a force 20 times greater than its body weight. Using seatbelts can prevent this kind of force from throwing a person out of a vehicle.

More importantly, base safety officials stress that seatbelts prevent people from being partially ejected, Goldsberry said. During a rollover crash, the results of being partially ejected often result in the person being crushed by the vehicle or other "gruesome" events.

Another way drivers can prevent the severity of rollover accidents is by

obeying the speed limit.

According to TDOT, while most rollovers occur due to poor road conditions, speed is often the triggering factor in these accidents. Drivers involved in fatal rollover crashes average speeds of 18 miles per hour faster than other fatal vehicle accidents.

Drinking and driving is also a factor in 60 percent of rollover crashes.

By using the rollover machine, Dyess' safety office hopes to drive home the importance of proper driving safety to everyone who sees it.

"Mishap prevention is the ultimate goal of the



safety office," Goldsberry said. "We'll use whatever tools and means available to educate every active-duty member, child or civilian we

are able to teach."

For more information about rollover crashes or driver safety, call the base safety office at 6-5570.

Split

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"The traveler is still expected to act responsibly with the card and

make payments on time," said Poblete. "The split disbursement option just helps make traveling less of an ordeal."

For more information, call Poblete at 6-3072.



As of Monday, Government Travel Card users are now required to use the split-disbursement payment option. Supervisors are also required to sign travel vouchers.

B-1 tests JSOW over Edwards range

Lancer demonstrates standoff capability allowing long-distance strikes

By Leigh Anne Bierstine
Air Force Flight Test Center
Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- A B-1 Lancer test crew recently dropped the Joint Standoff Weapon for the first time from the long-range bomber, according to Air Force Flight Test Center officials.

The four-person global power bomber combined test force flight team from the 419th Flight Test Squadron released two standoff weapons as part of ongoing separation testing on the Lancer. The weapon is intended to provide a low-cost, highly lethal glide weapon with a standoff capability which allows aircrews to hit a target from a distance, reducing the risk from enemy defenses, officials said.

The JSOW family of air-to-surface glide weapons has a range of 12 nautical miles at low altitudes and as much as 63 nautical miles at high-altitudes, according to program office experts.

Ultimately, according to Maj. Brian Tom, a weapons system operator on the mission, the operators in the field will benefit from the new standoff weapons capability. It is slated to be used against a variety of land and sea targets and will operate from ranges outside enemy point defenses.

Test force experts are also evaluating the vibration and acoustic environment of the B-1B's bomb bays with the new weapons and



U.S. Air Force photo

A B-1 releases the Joint Standoff Weapon recently over test ranges near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The JSOW family of air-to-surface glide weapons proved a low-cost lethal weapon with a standoff capability allowing aircrews to hit a target from a distance, reducing the risk from enemy defenses.

“Maintenance is a huge part of our success. Our maintainers have kept us on track, and we haven’t lost a single sortie since we started testing.”

Maj. Brian Tom

419th Flight Test Squadron weapons systems officer

with various weapons-bay door configurations, Tom said.

The team is also performing similar tests using the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile.

Testing on both weapons is also relying on the B-1B's new Block E1

avionics software for the first part of the test program, Tom said. The bomber team is evaluating the software as part of a separate, ongoing test program.

Previous testing on this new software allowed team members to

successfully use it during the recent drop, he said.

Tom serves as the project weapon system officer for both the E1 software test program and the integration tests. New integration software testing will begin in August, according to program officials.

“Maintenance is a huge part of our success,” he said. “Our maintainers have kept us on track, and we haven’t lost a single sortie since we started testing.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service)

Delays in production cause shortages of AF uniform fabrics

DALLAS -- Delays in getting certified fabric have backed up production of selected Air Force and Army optional uniforms.

Those items include Air Force polyester/wool blend shirts and blouses, polyester slacks and skirts, mess dress uniforms and officer service coats sold through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The shortages are expected to continue through fall, AAFES officials said.

Lengthened delivery times on certified fabrics have caused the shortage. Burlington

Industries, the sole certified manufacturer of nearly every fabric used in military uniforms, has been reorganizing under Chapter 11 during the past year.

As part of their reorganization plan, they have become a “made-to-order” supplier, causing fabric-delivery times to increase from five-to-six weeks to six months or more. There is now a four-to-five month gap in the pipeline, officials said.

Uniforms produced by Army and Air Force-certified manufacturers with certified fabrics

are the only uniforms sold in military clothing sales stores. AAFES is not authorized to use other fabrics or purchase optional uniforms from companies that do not meet approved supplier requirements, AAFES officials said.

AAFES officials continue to work with the Air Force and Army clothing and textile offices to find additional manufacturers to supply certified fabric, officials said. In the meantime, military clothing sales store workers are moving merchandise to different stores to meet the immediate needs of military members.

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Sherry Mathews**

Unit: 7th Mission Support Squadron

Job description: Human resources assistant

Time in the Air Force: 10 years

Time at Dyess: One year

Hometown: Marietta, Okla.

Family: Husband; Brent, daughter; Makenzie

Job impact on the mission: My primary job is the staffing of civilian jobs on base and hiring people for the summer hire program.

Career goals: Do my best and learn something new everyday.

Best Air Force memory: Working the summer hire program. It can be challenging and frustrating at times, but in the end I can look back and see I have made a difference.

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



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

TEAM DYESS**7th MSS profile****Leaders:**

Commander:
Maj. Oran Carroll

First Sergeant:
Master Sgt. Carol Mann

Personnel:

- Officers: 49
- Enlisted: 126
- Civilians: 32

**Mission statement:**

A team of mission-driven combat professionals motivated, dedicated and committed to providing diversified services with first-class support. The squadron includes a myriad of flights and offices such as the military personnel flight, civilian personnel flight, Airman

Leadership School, family support center, education office and the 7th Bomb Wing staff agencies. Together, they provide combat support for more than 5,000 men and women at Dyess and their families.

Future goals:

- Continue first-class combat support and proactively improve service for Dyess people.
- Provide outstanding deployed personnel for current Aerospace Expeditionary Force operations and future taskings.

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20 people inducted into 90s Club

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Twenty Dyess airmen and NCOs notched scores of 90 or better on their career development course end-of-course tests from April through June.

The top scholars and their scores are:

Airman Leonor Roman, 7th AMXS, 90

Airman 1st Class Nicole Besanceney, 7th Medical Operations Squadron, 90

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 11 -- In 1955, the first U.S. Air Force Academy class of 306 cadets was sworn in at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver.

July 12 -- Aviation mechanical examination requirements are adopted in 1915.

July 13 -- Army/Navy bombing tests sank three captured German ships in 1921.

July 14 -- A-20s used the first rocket bombs against Japanese oil fields in 1945.

July 15 -- Communications centers in Hawaii and Japan became part of the Air Force global communications network in 1959.

July 16 -- Jeanne Holm, became the first woman promoted to brigadier general in 1971.

July 17 -- Maj. Robert White, who piloted an X-15 in 1962, became the first pilot to earn astronaut wings for flight in a winged aircraft.



SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES!

Seven members given Articles 15

By Staff Sgt. Carrie Arndt
Dyess Legal Office

(Editor's note -- Names of Article 15 violators are not released.)

Seven Dyess members were recently administered Articles 15 for Uniform Code of Military Justice violations.

- An airman first class received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to go to an appointed place of duty and failing to pay a debt. The airman violated **UCMJ**

Articles 86 -- Failure to go to an appointed place of duty and 134 -- Failure to pay a debt.

- An airman first class was demoted to the rank of airman for failing to go to an appointed place of duty. The airman violated **UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go to an appointed place of duty.**

- An airman basic received 15 days extra duty for failing to go to work on time. The airman violated **UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go to an appointed place of duty.**

- A senior airman was demoted to the rank of airman first class and received a reprimand for being disrespectful in language and conduct toward an NCO. The airman violated **UCMJ Article 91 -- Insubordinate conduct toward a non-commissioned officer.**

- An airman was demoted to the rank of airman basic for making a false official statement to a supervi-

sor. The airman violated **UCMJ Article 107 -- False official statement.**

- An airman first class was demoted to the rank of airman, and received a suspended forfeiture of \$645 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for drunk driving. The airman violated **UCMJ Article 111 -- Drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle.**

- An airman first class was demoted to the rank of airman and received 45 days extra duty for falling asleep while on post. The airman violated

UCMJ Article 113 -- Misbehavior of a sentinel or lookout.

Some or all of these members were subsequently administratively discharged.

In each Article 15, the member's commander considered the offense and the punishment based on individual circumstances. The circumstances include the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the need for good order and discipline, and the effect of nonjudicial punishment on the servicemember.

Individuals with prior misconduct usually receive more severe punishment than first-time offenders. Therefore, punishment for similar offenses may vary based on factors not listed here. When punishment is suspended, it does not take effect unless other misconduct occurs, generally within the six months following the Article 15.



Local Advertisement

Make this year's
"101 critical days"
101 days of safe summer fun!

THINK SAFETY!

200,000 parents receive pins, recognition

By Master Sgt.
Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Your Guardians of Freedom, the Air Force's grass-roots outreach information and recognition program, has touched the lives of more than 200,000 parents of airmen, a Pentagon official has announced.

The program began in 2002 as a way for Air Force leaders to personally recognize the employers of Reservists and National Guardsmen who were called to active duty to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Employers nominated by their airmen employees received lapel pins emblazoned with the Air Force logo and the letter "E," and a personal letter signed by the Air Force's senior leaders.

The recognition program expanded in May to include parents. Nominated parents receive a letter and lapel pin with the letter "P." All active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve airmen may participate in the program, officials said.

About 110,000 of the nearly 590,000 uniformed airmen have nominated their parents for recognition, according to Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, program director.

"That's a huge number," he said. "We've gotten an exceptional reaction to the program from the individual airmen and incredibly emotional responses from their parents when they've received their letters and pins."

The general said the program was so well received in its first few days that technical overload initially hampered the project.



"There was such an onslaught of people signing up, we had some problems," he said. "We jammed the Web site to where it was virtually impossible to get in."

The program also endured a short-lived identity problem, where some airmen mistakenly thought the program was a fraud because of its dot-com Web address.

"We are 'non-standard' in many ways," Tonini said. "The standard Web sites people in the military are

used to dealing with for official business is 'dot-mil,' and we're 'dot-com.' A lot of people thought this was a hoax, so we had to throw water on that fire quickly. This program has both the endorsement and full support of the secretary and chief of staff."

Tonini brought a network administrator, Senior Master Sgt. Jack Gruber from the California ANG, to his team to work out the technical issues, and it has been smoother sailing ever since, he said. Gruber's responsibilities can be really daunting; the site was, for a time, one of the 300 busiest Web sites in the world.

"The site has had more than 29 million hits," Tonini said. "That's pretty staggering. We're working with new technology -- we're one of the first Air Force sites to use 'dot-net,' which is an Internet operating system

that is very leading-edge.

A team of six people works the program, managing the technology and customer service liaison between the airmen who request pins and the parents who receive them.

The program will soon inform family members, employers and community leaders during times of deployment, Tonini said.

"When people are scheduled to deploy, we will press very hard to make sure they have the communications and outreach support they need in order to be successful," he said.

Airmen may request up to two parent pins and letters to be sent to either their parents or people they view as parental figures, Tonini said.

To participate in the program, visit www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com

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CGOC luncheon

The Company Grade Officers Council luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. today at The Heritage Club.

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Jennifer Donovan at 6-2861.

Wing retreat

A formal retreat sponsored by the 9th Bomb Squadron takes place at 5 p.m. today at the base parade grounds.

The traffic circle will be closed off during this time.

A 7th Bomb Wing/7th Air Expeditionary Wing officers' reunion will take place immediately afterward at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call Capt. Brian Golden at 6-7477.

7th SFS COC

Maj. Christopher Corley takes command of the 7th Security Forces Squadron from Maj. Paul Barney at 10 a.m. Wednesday at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Derry Callender at 6-4918.

Awards luncheon

The Quarterly Awards Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. July 18 at The Heritage Club. The cost is \$8.50 for club members and \$10.50 for non-club members. The lunch menu will feature barbecued brisket, chicken, salad, potato salad, beans and corn bread.

Members must buy their tickets by Monday.

For more information or tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

Space-A

The following flight is available from Dyess on a space available basis.

- 6:50 a.m. July 21 to Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The flight returns at 8 p.m. July 25.

The flight is subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Show time for the flight is two hours prior to scheduled take off time.

All travelers must show their

military ID cards plus one additional form of ID. Active-duty travelers must possess valid leave orders.

The passenger terminal is located in building 4218, 941 Avenue B.

For flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the passenger terminal at 6-4505 to ensure the terminal will be open.

7th OG COC

Col. Jeffrey Beene takes command of the 7th Operations Group from Col. Michael Moeller at 10 a.m. July 22 at the 3-bay hangar.

For more information, call 6-2188.

436th TRS COC

Lt. Col. Steven Hiss assumes command of the 436th Training Squadron during a ceremony at 10 a.m. July 25 at hanger 5020.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Todd Blanchette at 6-1692.

Flightline drivers

The Dyess flightline drivers test is now conducted at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays through

Thursdays at airfield management in Building 9001, 674 Alert Ave. People must view a 15-minute flightline drivers training video prior to testing.

Personnel must provide official documentation of color vision test results when submitting a request for a driving permit.

For more information, call 6-3531.

Base traffic light

The traffic light at Arnold Blvd. and Louisiana St. will be renovated during the next several weeks. Temporary traffic control measures will be in place.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Courtney Zimmerman at 6-3344.

Speakers' Bureau

The Dyess Public Affairs Speakers' Bureau is looking for volunteers to speak at public events.

Speech engagements include speaking at clubs and schools about a variety of Air Force topics.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Jennifer Donovan at 6-2861.

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CALENDAR*Today, July 11, 2003*

Wing retreat -- 5 p.m. at the base parade grounds. For more info, call Capt. Brian Golden at 6-7477.

7th Bomb Wing/7th Air Expeditionary Wing officers reunion, 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Capt. Bo Bodden at 6-7197.

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Royal Rumble paintball tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base paintball fields across from outdoor recreation. For more info, call 6-2402.

Col. Michael and Carol Moeller's farewell dinner, 6 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Maj. David Stephan at 6-4445.

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, July 13, 2003

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

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mexican lunch buffet, 11 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Children's crafts from 1-2:20 p.m. at The Crafter's Haven. Must sign up in advance. For more info, call 6-4175.

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

7th Security Forces Squadron change of command ceremony, 10 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

Children's summer program, 10 a.m. at the base library for children ages 3-7. For more info, call 6-2618.

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

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Wing Right Start from 7:45 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Dyess Top Three meeting, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale at 6-4471.

Children's summer reading program, 3 p.m. at the base library for children ages 8 and older. For more info, call 6-2618.

Upcoming events

July 18 -- Dyess Quarterly Awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Master Sgt. Dion Baker at 6-4584.

July 22 -- 7th Operations Group change of command ceremony, 10 a.m. at the 3-bay hangar. For more info, call 6-5139.

July 25 -- 436th Training Squadron assumption of command ceremony, 10 a.m. July 25 at Hangar 5020.

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Rockin' in the Park

Above: Ann and Andy Willis, children of Airman 1st Class Brad and Wendy Willis, 7th Medical Group, meet Sparky the Fire Dog, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department mascot, at the Dyess Rockin' in the Park 3 on July 3. Left: Airman 1st Class Kevin Keenom, Top Flight U.S. Air Force Band of the West guitarist, plays the electric guitar during a set at Dyess Rockin' in the Park 3.

COMMUNITY



Car wash

The Dyess We Care Team has a car wash at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rick and Carolyn's on Buffalo Gap Road.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Link at 6-5058.

Kids crafts

The Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center is offering special craft classes for children from 1-2:20 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until July 31.

Children must sign-up in advance to ensure there are enough supplies available for everyone.

To sign-up for a class or for more information, call 6-4175.

Summer reading

The children's summer reading program is now under way at the base library.

Children ages 3-7 meet at 10 a.m.

Tuesdays and children 8 years old and up meet at 3 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call the base library at 6-2618.

EDUCATION



Job search class

The next "Operation Job Search" class is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Students learn how to write a resume and cover letter, apply for jobs, interview techniques, analyze labor market information, and review job offers and salaries.

To sign-up or for more information, call 6-5999.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.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. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

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

MEDICAL



Clinic closed weekends

The 7th Medical Group is temporarily discontinuing its weekend clinic hours starting Saturday 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 the emergency room for emergency care they perceive might be required such as 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.

School physicals

The 7th Medical Group is now taking appointments for daycare and school physicals for the next school year.

Please bring physical forms and immunization records.

For more information, call the 7th MDG at 6-4677.

'Teaching them right... the first time'

Det. 20 trains state of the art B-1 maintenance team

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

"Teaching them right... the first time!" -- that is the mission of the 372nd Training Squadron's Detachment 20, one of the few B-1 maintenance training units in the world.

With almost 45 different courses and 17 instructors, the detachment qualifies about 900 students a year in the skills, knowledge and techniques required to operate, maintain and troubleshoot the B-1 and associated equipment.

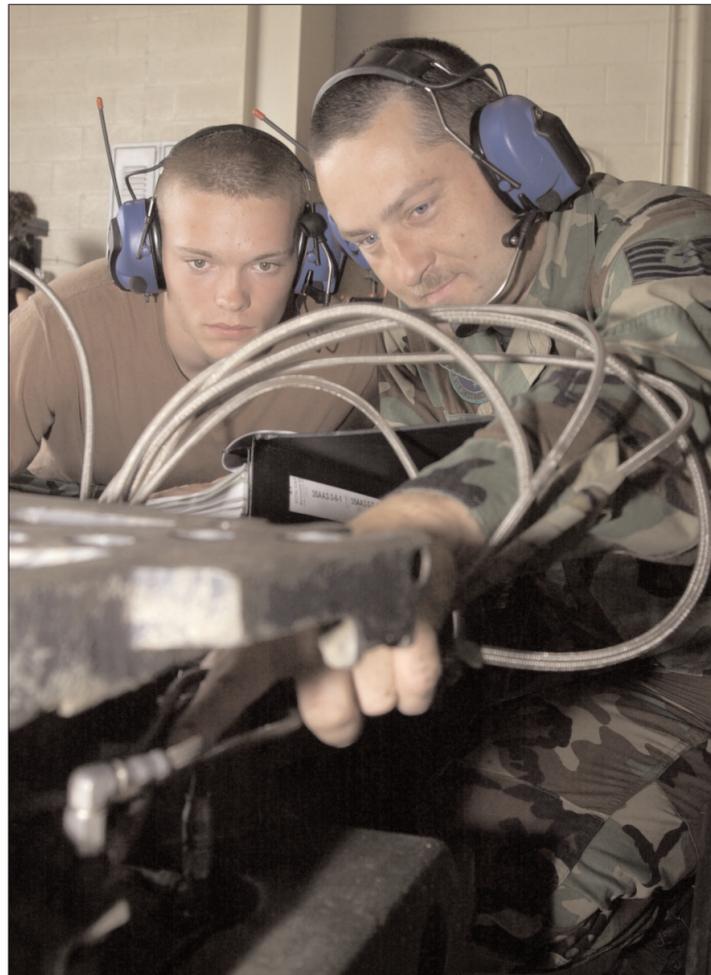
"We provide a mixture of classroom and hands-on courses to teach our B-1 maintenance guys how to get the job done correctly and with safety in mind," said Master Sgt. Roger Caraway, Det. 20 chief of training. "Without the proper training, accidents happen -- people get hurt and equipment gets damaged -- that's what we prevent."

The detachment usually teaches about three to four courses at one time, with a two-week course being the shortest and a five-week course being the longest. Det. 20 averages about 230 classes a year.

Some of the courses include B-1B Aerospace Maintenance, B-1B Avionics Systems, B-1B Aerospace Propulsion, B-1B Engine Fan Blade Bending, B-1B Engine Inlet and Exhaust Inspection, Electronic and Environmental Systems and Basic Soldering Techniques.

"Being able to offer such a well-rounded maintenance training program out of Dyess has many advantages," Caraway said. "First, its location is convenient for students, (since most of the Air Force's B-1 maintainers are stationed here), and it saves the Air Force lots of money by not having to pay for all the expenses of sending people (on temporary duty)."

Det. 20 also offers maintainers



Tech. Sgt. Ed McLay, Detachment 20 aerospace ground equipment instructor, shows Airman 1st Class Daniel Haynes, AGE student, the proper procedure for performing an operations check on a lift-boom control system.

unique educational opportunities, such as training sessions which tutor students on specific maintenance subjects within their respective Air Force Specialty Code. Partial courses give students a chance to advance their training when it isn't possible to take a full course or if students don't need to train on all of the course's objectives.

In addition, the detachment offers support to Dyess for upgrade and proficiency training

and helps with the base's maintenance when needed. This can include career field education and training package certification and re-certification items as well as training on new equipment.

"When our instructors aren't teaching classes or doing additional duties, they are usually out instructing on the flight line," Caraway said. "All of our instructors are highly qualified."

To become a Detachment 20 instructor, applicants must first



Staff Sgt. Rick Katona, Detachment 20 crew chief instructor for B-1 maintenance, teaches student Airman 1st Class Artmichael Apuriko how to properly disconnect an exiter cooling air hose from a B-1.

apply for the special duty assignment. The selection process includes a review of the applicant's last five enlisted performance reports and an interview, Caraway said.

"Not just anybody can be an instructor," Caraway said. "It takes a special kind of person. We only accept the best of the best."

A Det. 20 instructor position is considered a special duty assignment and is a 39-month controlled tour.

"I love being an instructor," said Tech. Sgt. John Apodaca, Det. 20 Able-crew chief B-1 instructor. "I get to teach these young folks who have never had the actual hands-on experience of dealing with an aircraft what to do."

The Able-crew chief course is one of the final courses for crew chiefs in technical school training.

"(But the best part of my job is) seeing the end result -- them putting the planes in the air, and knowing that I was able to help teach them how."



A B-1 crew chief maintenance student manually checks a B-1 landing gear brake swivel for leaks.



Photos by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Tech. Sgt. John Apodaca, Able-crew chief B-1 instructor, teaches students Airman 1st Class Casey Davis, right, and Airman 1st Class Matt Schuyler, left, the proper procedures to operate auxiliary power units using the detachment's B-1 simulator.



Staff Sgt. Rick Katona, right, Detachment 20 crew chief instructor for B-1 maintenance, runs through the Able-crew chief technical order checklist with students Airman 1st Class Artmichael Apuriko, left, Airman Brad Davis, left center, and Airman Brian Dennany.

7th MOS/OSS defense, offense stop 7th MDG, 10-9

Intramural softball team continues winning ways, improves record to 6-4

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

In a summer chock full of movie sequels, Mark Hinds thought he was seeing the fourth installment of the "Bad News Bears" movies. Problem was, he wasn't watching the misadventures of a misfit Little League baseball club -- it was the combined 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron/7th Operations Support Squadron intramural softball team -- and Hinds was the coach.

"Defensively, we were the 'Bad News Bears Gone Wild' for the first two games of the season," Hinds said. We were throwing to the wrong base, missing pop-ups and not hustling to the ball."

However, all the puzzle pieces started to fall into place by the third game, Hinds said. "We have some older players that have played a while. The younger players started to listen to us, then immediately started seeing results."

The team's remarkable turnaround netted them six victories out of its next eight games including a 10-9 victory over a tough 7th Medical Group team Monday.

The defense, which created havoc in the first two games, was the team's key to success against the potent Medics' offense, which averages 20 runs per game. Leading 3-2 in the third inning with John Novak on second base, Medics' slugger Josh Stromsoe launched a screaming line drive into right centerfield. The drive seemed to be a sure extra-base hit, but right centerfielder Rob Williams' superhuman backhand grab snared the ball.

Novak later scored on Larry Dorsey's base hit to make it a 4-2 game, but the momentum had noticeably shifted.

"That running line drive (catch) really lifted our spirits," Hinds said. "If that would have gotten by Williams, they would've gotten two runs.

Ken Snyder and Dwight Williams each drove in a run with a base hit to tie the game in the



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Combined 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron/Operations Support Squadron player Vance Kondon belts a ball into play as 7th Medical Group catcher Jarvis Reese watches. Kondon hit an inside-the-park home run along with four runs batted in to help his team defeat the 7th MDG 10-9 Monday.

third inning. Jeremy Henderson then smacked a two-run single to break the tie and give 7th MOS/7th OSS its first lead of the game.

Vance Kondon belted a three-run inside-the-park home run and Snyder added a run-scoring base hit in the fifth inning to give their team a six-run lead. It turned out to be just enough as 7th MDG stormed back for five runs in the final inning.

"The last inning was a crazy inning," Hinds said. "The Medics came out hitting the lights out. I had no idea what the score was, but knew it was closer than I wanted it. When the umpire called 'Ball Game,' I was shocked that we were still ahead."

The win improved 7th MOS/7th OSS' season-record to 6-4, keeping the team in the thick of the playoff hunt. The Medics fell to 7-3.

In other American League intramural games Monday:

Chris Davis tripled and drove in two runs for Ammo, which dropped to 5-5 with the loss and saw its playoff hopes damaged.

7th AMXS No. 3 12, 7th MUNS/Armament 8 -- 7th AMXS No. 3 broke a 3-3 tie with a four-run rally in the third inning then held on to win.

The Aircraft Maintainers tacked on three more runs in the fourth, and Jason Burt and Matthew Taylor's base hits drove in two more in the fifth to make it a 12-4 contest.

Armament struck for four runs in their final at-bat, including David Riley and Mike Colvin's extra-base hits and Brian Kustan's triple to close the gap to 12-8 but didn't get any closer.

7th MUNS/Armament fell to 1-9 with the loss while 7th AMXS No. 3 jumped to 6-4.

317th Operations Support Squadron 16, Fire Department 15 -- Noah Oviedo tripled, then scored the winning run to help 317th OSS, 7-3, win its fourth straight game.

The 2-8 Fire Dawgs rallied for five runs in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game at 15, but couldn't avoid dropping their sixth consecutive contest.

In Monday's other American League games, the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron notched its second win in three games by beating 7th Component Maintenance Squadron No. 1 28-19. The 317th AMXS' contest against the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron was suspended in the second inning.

The game will resume next week with 317th AMXS leading 16-2.

While the American League ends its regular season play Wednesday, the National League schedule runs through July 24 in order to play games which were rained out last month.

As of Wednesday, 7th Services Squadron intramural sports officials hadn't determined a format for the post-season, which is scheduled to begin July 28. Officials said the matter will be presented to coaches soon.

7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1 20, 7th Munitions Squadron/Ammo 5 -- Mark Kuhar bashed two inside-the-park home runs, and Steven Jones drove in five runs with a pair of triples and a single as the Aircraft Maintainers routed the Ammo troops.

Kuhar also blasted a two-run triple and Brandon Nelson had three runs batted in as the 7th AMXS No. 1 rebounded from its first loss of the season to 317th Operations Support Squadron on July 2.

Pitcher Jackie Powell scattered seven hits over five innings to earn the win and Larry Rochat collected four singles for 7th AMXS No. 1, now 9-1. The Aircraft Maintainers can lock up the American League regular-season title with a win over second-place 317th AMXS in 7th AMXS No. 1's season finale.

The BIG Screen



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

Today and Saturday

Finding Nemo -- *animated* --

The adventures of two Clown fish -- Marlin and his son, Nemo, -- begin when they become separated in the Great Barrier Reef. Nemo is taken far from home and deposited into a fish tank in a dentist's office. It's up to Marlin and his somewhat oblivious friend, Dory, to rescue him.

Rated G

July 18

Dumb and Dumberer -- *Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson* -- Set in 1986, this is a mad-cap comic tale of two mentally-challenged best friends, Harry and Lloyd, who attempt to get out

of their school's "special needs" department and into regular high school life.

Rated PG-13 (*crude sex-related humor and language*)

July 19

2 Fast 2 Furious -- *Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson* -- While working with an undercover agent, former cop Brian O'Connor, teams up with his ex-con pal, Roman Pearce, to transport a shipment of "dirty" money for shady Miami-based import/export dealer Carter Verone.

Rated PG-13 (*street racing, violence, language and some sensuality*)

Club dining

The Heritage Club features a different lunch special from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays throughout July.

The schedule is:

Mondays -- Mexican buffet

Tuesdays -- Fried chicken buffet

Wednesdays -- Barbecue buffet

Thursday -- Asian buffet

Fridays -- Land and sea buffet

The regular lunchtime menu is also available.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Thunder Alley

Thunder Alley begins at 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dyess Lanes. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoe rental. Separate games cost \$2. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Bingo mania

Bingo mania is 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at The Heritage Club.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call 6-2405.

50 cents bowling

People can bowl for 50 cents a game Thursdays at Dyess Lanes.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Karaoke

Karaoke is from 6-10 p.m. Fridays at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Late night

The Hangar Center's late night begins at 11 p.m. Saturdays. The event is free for club members and \$3 for non-members.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Sunday brunch

The Heritage Club offers brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday.

For more information, call 6-2405.

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