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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: July 1

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
121	5	0
45	2	-1
70	2	-1

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -70
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%

Dyess airman named 'outstanding'

317th AG crew chief honored as 1 of AF's 12 Outstanding Airmen of Year

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

A maintainer from the 317th Airlift Group was recently named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003 -- the highest level of achievement in the Air Force that can be earned by an enlisted member.

Senior Airman Nathan Summers, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, will join 11 other airmen in representing the finest the Air Force has to offer. He will take part in a year-long tour of duty, visiting Air Force installations with the other members.

"It was pretty amazing when I found out I had been named one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year," Summers said. "I never thought in a million years I would be considered among the top tier of Air Force members."

During the past year, Summers completed more than 1,000 maintenance actions, and recovered and turned 640 combat sorties, which totaled more than 1,641 flying hours. Summers was often hand-picked by squadron leaders to fly combat airlift missions to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Fluent in German, Summers was instrumental in the quick turn for a NATO aircraft by being able to translate for a German fighter pilot.

Deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom rates high on Summers' most significant memories.



U.S. Air Force photo

Senior Airman Nathan Summers, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, performs an engine run on a C-130. Summers was named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

"When we first got to our location, there were some things that were not going right and within days we were all kind of griping," Summers said. "Then one day during shift change, a group of MC-130s flew in carrying several critically wounded servicemembers as well as several body bags. Watching them unload those people really put everything in perspective for me and I wanted from then on to do the best job I could possibly do."

Summers was awarded the Air

Force Achievement Medal for his performance during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I am extremely proud to have Senior Airman Summers represent both the 317th and Dyess," said Col. Richard Johnston, 317th Airlift Group commander. "In a large measure he will represent the entire Abilene community as he travels throughout the Air Force over the next year."

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Initial reports on Dyess SARS cases return as 'negative'

By Capt. David May
Dyess Public Affairs

Initial test results for all 12 of the individuals confined to their quarters because of possible Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome were negative for the virus as of Thursday, but more tests

were being conducted.

All are either stable, improving or symptom free, but remain in their homes.

The 12 had been isolated after showing symptoms of a respiratory illness and either having recently transited the Toronto airport or having close contact with

someone who had.

According to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, patients must remain in isolation until either 10 days after their last symptom has abated or an alternate explanation for their illness can be found. The

first airman who was isolated for possible infection went to the base clinic with symptoms on July 8, the same day the CDC removed Toronto from its list of Travel Alerts and seven days after the World Health Organization.

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Don't let details slide; wear uniform with pride

By Maj. Gen.
Michael Wooley

Third Air Force commander

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England -- Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted: "What you are stands over you... and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary."

What does this mean in today's Air Force? I believe it means I should be able to spot professional airmen from across a parking lot, before they render a sharp salute and a verbal greeting. I should be able to tell by the manner in which they carry themselves, with their heads held high and looking everyone in the eye, and by the crisply ironed uniforms. It means those of us who serve don't just throw on a uniform because we have to. We wear it with pride because we choose to.

The members of the U. S. Air Force comprise the finest fighting force in the world. They are honorable, brave warriors who conduct themselves brilliantly in conflict. They embody the spirit of the heroes of the past and give us hope for the future.

Given what many of us have been through during our days in the Air Force -- the end of the Cold War; downsizing; the Gulf War; operations Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom -- focusing on

military standards of dress and appearance may seem like getting "down in the weeds" with details. Experienced members know, however, it is often the details that mean the difference between mission accomplishment and failure.

I know how easy it is to let customs and courtesies slide when deployed, trying to accomplish so much with so few people and resources, when we are all hyper-focused on life-or-death missions. But we are what the American people and our allies equate to the U.S. military. No matter what the rank, how we look and conduct ourselves does matter.

I am consistently impressed by the sharp men and women I meet because I know why they behave that way. They take pride in their Air Force, and how they conduct themselves underscores that pride. Each of us who serves is a role model, an ambassador in blue.

For those who have gone before us, who have given their lives so that we could have this great Air Force, so that we could enjoy freedom and liberty, we pledge our best.

Remember each morning as you put on your uniform what it stands for. Then you will always look, act and be that ambassador.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Each of us is a part of the Dyess family, and we all strive to improve our community. In addition, commanders have a special responsibility to improve the community of their command and to keep things running smoothly in the base community as a whole.

One of the tools for improving the quality of life for everyone is the Action Line program. This program allows responsible agencies to see some of the more difficult problems and challenges our people are facing. Through the Action Line, people have a direct link to agencies that can help find a solution to a problem that they've tried all other means to solve, or to a question they couldn't get answered any other way.

Most issues can be easily resolved by direct contact to the agency responsible, but sometimes things may get lost or the system breaks down. By calling the Action Line at 6-3355, or sending an e-mail detailing the problem to action@dyess.af.mil, we can give the issue more direct attention.

From the time an Action Line is received, you should receive an answer within five work days. To ensure you receive a satisfactory solution or answer, you must leave your name and contact information. Anonymous submissions will also be promptly addressed, however the lack

of personal information often makes it difficult to fully tackle the issue. And please give as many details as possible. Recently, we received an inquiry that simply stated, "I saw a red car speeding the other day. What is the commander going to do about that?" The submitter is still waiting for an answer to that one.

Questions and comments are logged by Public Affairs as they arrive and routed to the appropriate office for a response. I read every one that comes in. A single point of contact within each group or agency is responsible for ensuring the issue is handled appropriately and the respondent receives an answer. Group commanders must personally approve each response.

After the respondent is answered and I've had a chance to review the issue once more, Public Affairs will print the issue (without names) in the *Peacemaker* if it has significant interest to a portion of our community.

The Action Line is only one of several ways to resolve issues in our community. If you're a military service-member, don't forget you have an obligation to follow the chain of command and don't underestimate simply contacting the appropriate agency and asking for help. But when nothing else seems to work, you are welcome to use this valuable service.



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ACTION LINE



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

All messages will receive a response. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone. The *Peacemaker* staff reserves the right to edit all incoming Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines may be published.

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Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

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7th BW to begin B-1 sortie surge

Dyess' Lancer organizations to fly 'round-the-clock' July 28-30

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

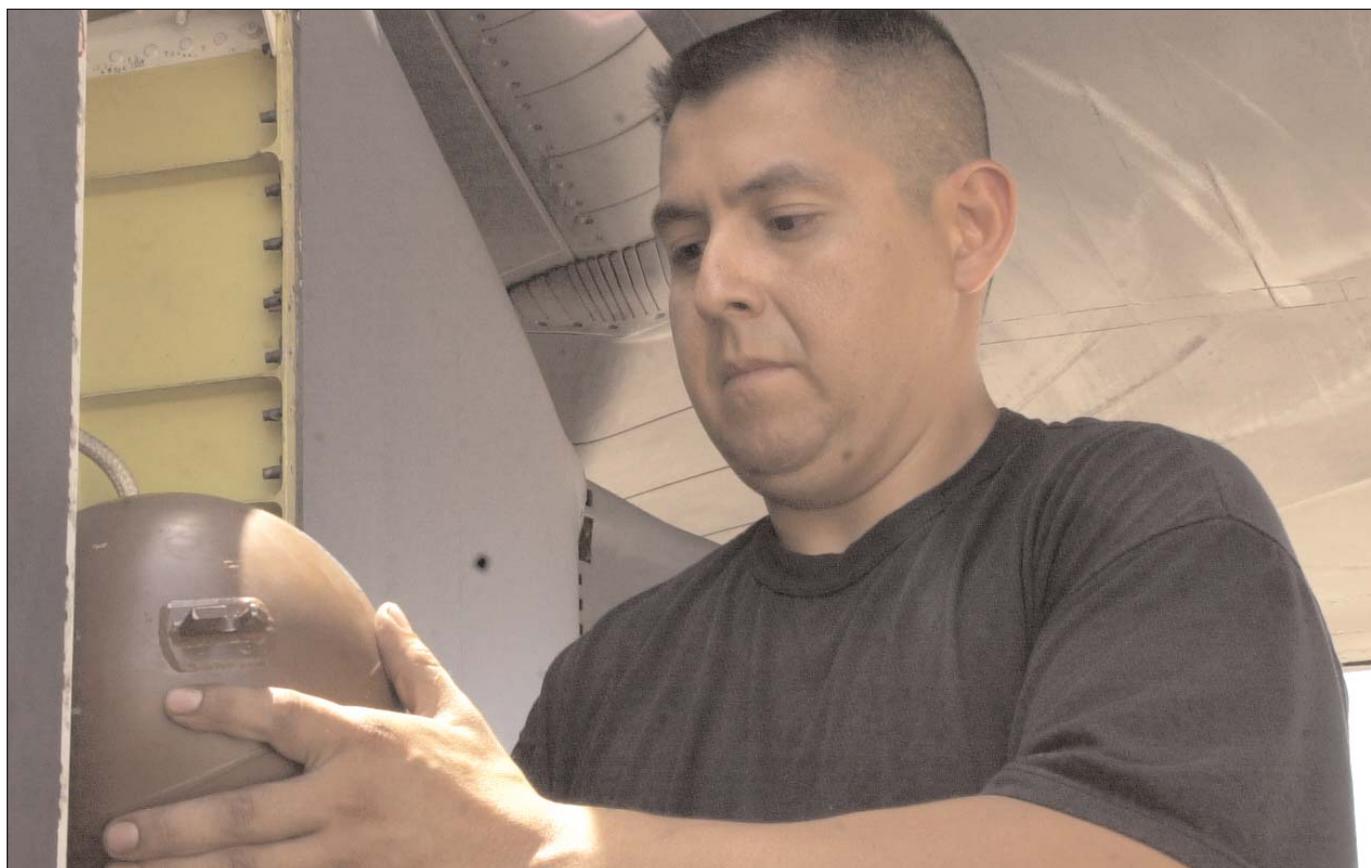
The Dyess bomber force will collectively test its airpower capability as the wing prepares for a three-day sortie surge at the end of July.

The surge, which takes place July 28-30, will include around-the-clock sorties that incorporate the entire operations and maintenance communities, said Maj. Joe Reidy, 9th Bomb Squadron assistant operations officer.

"This surge will exercise and demonstrate the B-1's sortie generation and combat capability," Reidy said. "We plan on launching a lot of jets and dropping a lot of bombs."

The surge presents an opportunity to challenge the wing's operations-maintenance team in an exercise that simulates the wartime bomber sortie requirements, said Col. Michael Moeller, 7th Operations Group commander. "(The surge) will require our airmen to operate at a demanding pace -- produce and fly 63 sorties over three days, or over 40 percent more flying than we would do in a normal three-day training period."

The bombers will launch in two-ship formations and will perform



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Staff Sgt. Carlos Guerrero, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electrical environmental specialist, removes a nacelle fire suppression bottle on a B-1. Maintainers and B-1 crewmembers will be hustling July 28-30 during a B-1 sortie surge designed to test the combat capability of the wing.

bombing missions at the Utah Test and Training Range, Nellis Range at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.,

Melrose Range at Cannon AFB, N.M., and the Smokey Hill Range in Kansas.

"It also will allow us to have some friendly competition across the group," Moeller said. "Every squadron in the 7th Operations Group will have at least one crew flying in the surge and will be competing for top honors in bombing and electronic warfare scores. We will put the entire team to the test and, as always, we will also accomplish job number one -- increase our combat capability."

The pace of the surge is going to be more "like a fast marathon than a sprint," added Capt. Nathan Myers, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "We are trying to keep a realistic tempo with realistic mission durations," Myers said. "We are not pushing out eight jets at a time."

The experience will be beneficial to both the maintenance and operations groups, as they will learn to further their relationship with each

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Col. Michael Moeller
7th Operations Group commander

other, he said.

"We did this back at (Andersen AFB,) Guam during the wing's last deployment and saw it provided outstanding training opportunities and gave us a picture of how well our maintenance and operations communities were working together," Myers said. "Operations and maintenance operate together like a machine and you can't have one without the other. We want to make sure our machine is ready to go."



U.S. Air Force photo

The wing's mission capable B-1s will be launched in two-ship formations around the clock at the end of July as part of a B-1 operations surge.

Summers

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“Every day since (Sept. 11, 2001,) the 317th has been challenged with greater and greater mission tasks and responsibilities,” he said. “Senior Airman Summers’ recognition as one of the 12 best in the Air Force is a positive reflection on the group, exceeding our Air Force’s core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do, each and every day.”

He also volunteers during his off-duty time to organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the Dyess “We Care Team” and local youth sports programs.

“Airman Summers is a great volunteer for the ‘We Care Team’, said Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, 7th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office and team leader. “He served as team leader and scouted many projects for us as well as being hugely instrumental in our recruiting efforts.”

Summers was among 46 nominees representing major commands, direct reporting units and air staff agencies representing the Air Force, according to AFPC officials.

“There is no way I could have earned this great honor without the

help of my leadership,” Summers said. “They put in so many long hours putting my package together, preparing me for boards and mentoring me in my job. The way I see it, this award is just as much the group’s as it is mine.”

The 26-year-old son of a career Army member entered the Air Force Oct. 31, 2000, and arrived at Dyess in July 2001. He already had a bachelor’s degree in industrial technology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

“I came in with the goal that someday I would become an officer, but first I wanted to be an enlisted member so I could later relate to what my troops go through,” Summers said. “It has been a great experience.”

All nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, while the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The airmen will be formally recognized during the Air Force Association National Convention in September, and will serve as members of the AFA’s Enlisted Advisory Council for the next year.

(AFPC News Service contributed to this story.)

SARS

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“The chances that any of these airmen actually have SARS is remote,” said Dr. (Col.) Schuyler Geller, 7th Medical Group commander. “Because of the symptoms and travel history though, we had to treat them as if they did in order to keep them safe and ensure the continued health and safety of both Dyess and the Abilene community.”

Because none of the patients were ever sick enough to need hospitalization, they were all isolated in their homes and their families were given instructions on how to care for them, said Geller.

According to the CDC, there is no danger to people from having contact with those taking care of SARS patients, as long as no symptoms are present.

In order to get the word out before rumors were spread regarding the members, the city in con-

junction with the base held a press conference with local media July 10.

During the conference, Geller and Dr. John Gullett, infectious disease expert with the Taylor County Department of Health, explained the situation and stressed there was no cause for the public to be alarmed.

Although locally no panic ensued, a huge amount of national and international attention was focused on the base following the conference. More than 40 media organizations contacted the base on Friday and Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, was interviewed live on CNN Primetime regarding the status of the patients.

“All are in great spirits,” said George. “But we’re keeping a close eye on them.”

“We cherish the service of our members, and we certainly aren’t going to take any chances with their health.”

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Graphic by Staff Sgt. Kristin Conway

Use or lose

Some airmen may be able to carry over leave

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER -- Active-duty airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they were supporting contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who performed full-time training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2004, according to personnel officials.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent, Customer Support Operations at the Air Force Personnel Center. "In order for the program to work as planned though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year or they may lose leave next year."

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for special leave accrual through their command channels.

For more information, the 7th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight customer service desk at 6-5722.

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Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale at 6-4471.



NO ONE COMES CLOSE

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Airman 1st Class
Wayne Johnson**

Unit: 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Job description: Aircraft guidance and control apprentice

Time in the Air Force: One year and seven months

Time at Dyess: One year

Hometown: Poquoson, Va.

Family: Single

Job impact on the mission: Perform flight guidance and systems control maintenance on 29 assigned C-130 aircraft. Provide aircrew with critical and reliable indication and navigation information

Career goals: Make staff sergeant in less than four years, excel at all I do and have a great Air Force career

Best Air Force memory: Taking the oath of enlistment at the end of basic training and realizing I had made a life-changing decision for the best

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**317th AMXS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Maj. Jack Cooley

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt.

Timothy Menzel

Personnel:

- Officers: 12
- Enlisted: 470

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- Raise the bar a notch by making process changes which produce long-term improvements.

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Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Oh, Chute!

Airman 1st Class Delfina Ortiz, Dyess air traffic controller, hops out of the tower's Baker Life Chute during the tower's semi-annual emergency escape test July 11. The emergency chute deploys in the case of a fire in the tower so that air traffic control personnel can escape without using the stairs or the elevator.

PKI readers come online

**By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine**
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess workgroup managers will begin training on how to use the public key infrastructure program this month.

The program uses the new common access cards, which replaces previous military ID cards, allowing users access to e-mail, Web sites and eventually, computer terminal access.

"The program will really help improve our computer security," said 2nd Lt. Lonnie Bishop, 7th Communications Squadron officer in charge of network configurations and applications.

The use of the PKI program is mandated by the Department of Defense to be at "maximum use" Oct. 31. It is the responsibility of

each Dyess member to ensure they have their CAC issued before the suspense date.

For Dyess members who still need to receive a CAC, the first step is to go online to <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler> to schedule an appointment. Each member needs to first select Dyess as their base and create an account.

For deployed people who are not available to receive the new cards by Oct. 31 and for new servicemembers, cards will be issued by the base contractor until Dec. 31. CAC issuance will be on a walk-in basis beginning in 2004.

"The new program will hold people accountable and help with security, encryption and overall network protection," Bishop said.

For more information about the PKI program or the CAC, call Sam Belk at 6-5722.

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Former AF Academy leader to retire Sept. 1

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The former superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy will retire from active-duty service effective Sept. 1.

The announcement of Lt. Gen. John Dallager's retirement came from Air Force officials at the Pentagon July 10. The retirement was followed by a decision from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper to include a stipulation that Dallager retire as a major general.

Lt. Gen. John Rosa Jr., formerly deputy director of current operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took command at the academy July 9. Dallager was reassigned to Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

In the statement, Roche noted

Dallager's 34-year career, adding the general had served the nation "with honor, integrity and distinction." But he also said Dallager should have worked more aggressively to find solutions to a recent series of allegations of sexual assault.

"General Dallager did not exercise the degree of leadership in this situation that we expect of our commanders," Roche said. "Consequently, we could not support his retirement in the grade of lieutenant general."

Dallager graduated from the academy in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a command pilot with more than 2,900 hours in the F-4 Phantom II, A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-15 Eagle aircraft. He accumulated more than 600 combat hours over Southeast Asia, Southwest Asia and Bosnia.



This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 18 -- Congress created the Aviation Section of the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1914.

July 19 -- The Air Force fired the first air-launched nuclear weapon in 1957.

July 20 -- The Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module landed on the moon in 1969.

July 21 -- Maj. Virgil "Gus" Grissom made the second sub-

orbital Mercury flight in 1961.

July 22 -- The 15th Air Force made the first all-fighter raid in Europe in 1944.

July 23 -- Maj. Benjamin Foulois was assigned as the officer-in-charge of the Airplane Division in 1917.

July 24 -- \$640,000 was authorized for the Aviation Section in 1917.

101 Critical Days of Summer are here ...

THINK SAFETY!

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Retired military spouse Veronika Martin gives a hug to Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz during the Abilene Artwalk's military appreciation day. The Artwalk, which highlights the art from local museums and galleries for free, featured a patriotic theme and recognized the efforts of local military members in the Big Country.

Abilene honors military at Artwalk

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

The city of Abilene paid special recognition to its military members during the Abilene Artwalk's 10th anniversary event July 10.

The Artwalk is a monthly downtown event where all local museums and galleries are open to the public for free.

"I am proud of our military and their families -- not only those here at Dyess but our Reservists and National Guardsmen as well," said Mayor Grady Barr. "They help to ensure that the freedoms we hold dear to us are kept safe."

"They do so much and sacrifice so many things for us," Barr added. "(We) want them all to know that we support them fully. We love our country (and those who serve in uniform), and that's why (this event) is dedicated to (them)."

The evening's events began with a melody of patriotic tunes provided by the Abilene Community Band.

Following the band's introduction, city and festival officials recog-

nized local military service members and their families as well as giving small tokens of appreciation to representatives from Dyess.

"We truly appreciate all the support we receive," said Col. Jack Wylie, 7th Bomb Wing inspector general. "Quite frankly, we couldn't do our jobs without (so much care and support from the city.)"

During the artwalk ceremony, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz, agreed with Wylie, and added his own personal experiences have been tremendous.

"I just want to say 'thanks,'" Ortiz said. "It really has been a wonderful experience for me and my family."

Following the official ceremony, several local people showed their support to the military members in attendance with hugs, handshakes and pats on the back.

"I always try to participate in everything patriotic," said Veronika Martin, a retired military spouse who gave hugs to several military people at the event. "I love America and it also gives me a chance to honor (the memory of) my husband who served in three branches of the

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Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Heading home

The Star of Abilene, the Air Force's first operational B-1B bomber, is towed to its new home in the Dyess Linear Air Park Saturday. The first B-1 delivered to Dyess on June 29, 1985, the Star of Abilene was retired from service in March. The official ceremony commemorating the B-1 will take place before the Big Country Air Power Day at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 16.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
July 9	Rebecca Elizabeth Lynn Perez	Airman 1st Class Bruno and Kendra Perez

Family services provides layette packages to first-time parents and multiple births. For more information, call 6-2409. Want your baby's birth announced in the *Peacemaker*? Please e-mail the birth date, first and middle name, and parents' names to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil within one month of the baby's birth. For more information, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson at 6-4266.



Courtesy graphic

Road closing

A part of Avenue A will be closed to traffic from July 25 to Aug. 8 for repair. Contractors will repair Avenue A between Third and Second Avenue. Detours are shown in the map above.

7th OG COC

Col. Jeffrey Beene takes command of the 7th Operations Group from Col. Michael Moeller at 10 a.m. Tuesday 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 Hangar 5020.

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

7th MUNS COC

Lt. Col. Victor Rodriguez takes command of the 7th Munitions Squadron from Maj. Kirk Kehrley at 9 a.m. July 28 at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call Capt. Jason Hale at 6-3995.

Wing retreat

A formal retreat takes place at 5 p.m. July 25 at the base parade grounds. The traffic circle will be closed off during this time.

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

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Dyess Enlisted Spouses Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at Mezamiz Coffee House at 3909 South 7th Street.

For more information, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898.

MPF closed

The base military personnel flight is closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. July 25 for a squadron function.

For emergencies, call 864-1538.

Base traffic light

The traffic light at Arnold Boulevard and Louisiana Street 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.

Hispanic-American

The Dyess Hispanic-American Observance committee meets at 2 p.m. today in Building 7232, Room 131.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sierra Edwards at 6-4226.

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CALENDAR



Today, July 18, 2003

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

Club members dart tournament from 6-9 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Saturday, July 19, 2003

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

Cosmic golf, 9 p.m. at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

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

Sunday, July 20, 2003

Airmen's golf day, half-price golf for airmen E-1 to E-4 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

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

Monday, July 21, 2003

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 22, 2003

Veterans assistance disability class from 8:30-11 a.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

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

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 23, 2003

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

Thursday, July 24, 2003

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

July 25 -- Wing retreat, 5 p.m. at the base parade grounds.

July 28 -- 7th Munitions Squadron change of command ceremony, 9 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Capt. Jason Hale at 6-3995.

Aug. 1 -- Reunion dinner for recent redeployers and their spouses, 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 on Veterans Drive. For more info, call 6-5999.

Aug. 5-8 -- Four-day transition assistance program seminar at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

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COMMUNITY



Reunion dinner

The family support center is sponsoring a reunion dinner for recent Dyess redeployers and their spouses at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 on Veterans Drive.

The event is free. Couples must reserve their seats by July 28.

To reserve a seat or for more information, call 6-5999.

Kids' crafts

The Crafter's Haven 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 and older meet at 3 p.m. Thursdays.

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

EDUCATION



ERAU registration

Students can now register for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University fall term at the base education office.

The term runs from Aug. 11 to Oct. 10. Transfer credit for military training is available for Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Bachelor of Science in Technical Management and Master of Aeronautical Science degree programs.

Aviation maintenance technology courses leading to airframe and powerplant



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Chilled to the B-one

Airman 1st Class Bobby Coleman, right, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, takes a break from work on the base flight line to enjoy an ice cream cup from Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson. Members of the base chapel distributed about 900 free cups of ice cream and popsicles to Dyess maintainers July 9 during the chapel's Ice Cream Blitz.

licensing are also available. Students may register for residential, online and distance learning courses.

For more information, call the Dyess ERAU office at 6-1785.

TAP seminar

The next four-day transition assistance program seminar is Aug. 5-8 at the family support center.

The seminar instructs separating or retiring service members and their spouses on aspects of the job search.

Topics covered include identifying skills, re-sume writing, interviewing techniques, networking, salary negotiation, assessing financial needs, stress, starting a business and educational opportunities.

People must be within 180 days of separating or retiring to register for the seminar.

To reserve a seat or for

more information, call 6-5999.

CHAPEL



Bible school

Preregistration for the Dyess Chapel's Vacation Bible School begins Monday. The school, titled "Dive into God's Love -- The Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure," is from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 4-8 at the chapel.

Students should be in kindergarten through sixth grade.

To register or for more information, call Dianne Barkell or Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson at 6-4224.

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

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

After-hours and weekend authorizations for urgent, but non-emergency off-base care requires preauthoriza-

tion by the on-call primary manager. The manager can be reached at 6-2334. TRICARE personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs.

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

Cancer screenings

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

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.

OFF BASE



Fiesta Texas

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

Disney discount

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

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

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

DRAGON SLAYERS ON TOP OF B-1 WORLD

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The dragon skull spews smoke as it glares with its flashing evil red eyes. Bearing a tooth-filled grin, "Stanley" begs the occasional passer-by to wonder, "What the heck is that thing?"

Stanley is the mascot of the 53rd Test and Evaluation Group, Detachment 2, or as they prefer to be called -- "Dragon Slayers."

Nearly one year after arriving at Dyess, the Dragon Slayers are probably among the lesser-known units here, but they have already put their mark on the base and the entire B-1 community.

Det. 2 serves as Air Combat Command's center of excellence for B-1 operations testing and evaluation, said Lt. Col. David Whittemore, Det. 2 commander.

"If you were going to buy a car but didn't know much about them, you would probably bring along a friend who was knowledgeable about cars, Whittemore said. "Hopefully your friend would keep you from buying a lemon or at least inform you of the problems you would likely face for any car you did choose. ACC tasks us to be its 'knowledgeable friend' and investigate any proposed hardware, software, or procedural changes for the B-1."

Det. 2's mission of operations testing and evaluation is defined as "testing

and evaluation conducted in as realistic an operational environment as possible to estimate the prospective system's operational effectiveness and operational suitability," according to Air Force instructions. In addition, operations test and evaluation provides information on organization, personnel requirements, doctrine, and tactics. It may also provide data to support or verify material in operating instructions, publications and handbooks.

Since the unit first arrived at Dyess, it has executed nine operational tests. Three of which directly impacted how B-1s were flown during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"One of the tests involved a newly upgraded operational flight software program that significantly improved the B-1's survivability," Whittemore said.

In early January, the detachment, in coordination with other B-1 affiliated organizations here, flew two successful missions testing the new software at the Nellis Test and Training Range in Nevada against state-of-the-art threat simulators.

"The unprecedented level of cooperation achieved between these units resulted in this software being fielded three months ahead of schedule and just in time for use in OIF," Whittemore said. "This saved over \$500,000 and the software increased B-1 radar-jamming

effectiveness against Baghdad-area threats from ineffective to over 75 percent effective. This made it possible for the first time ever for the B-1 to operate in a super-(Missile Engagement Zone) environment."

The unit is evenly split with 12 officers and 12 enlisted members who come from a variety of career fields to be on the cutting edge of B-1 testing, said Master Sgt. Paul Chudej, Detachment 2 superintendent.

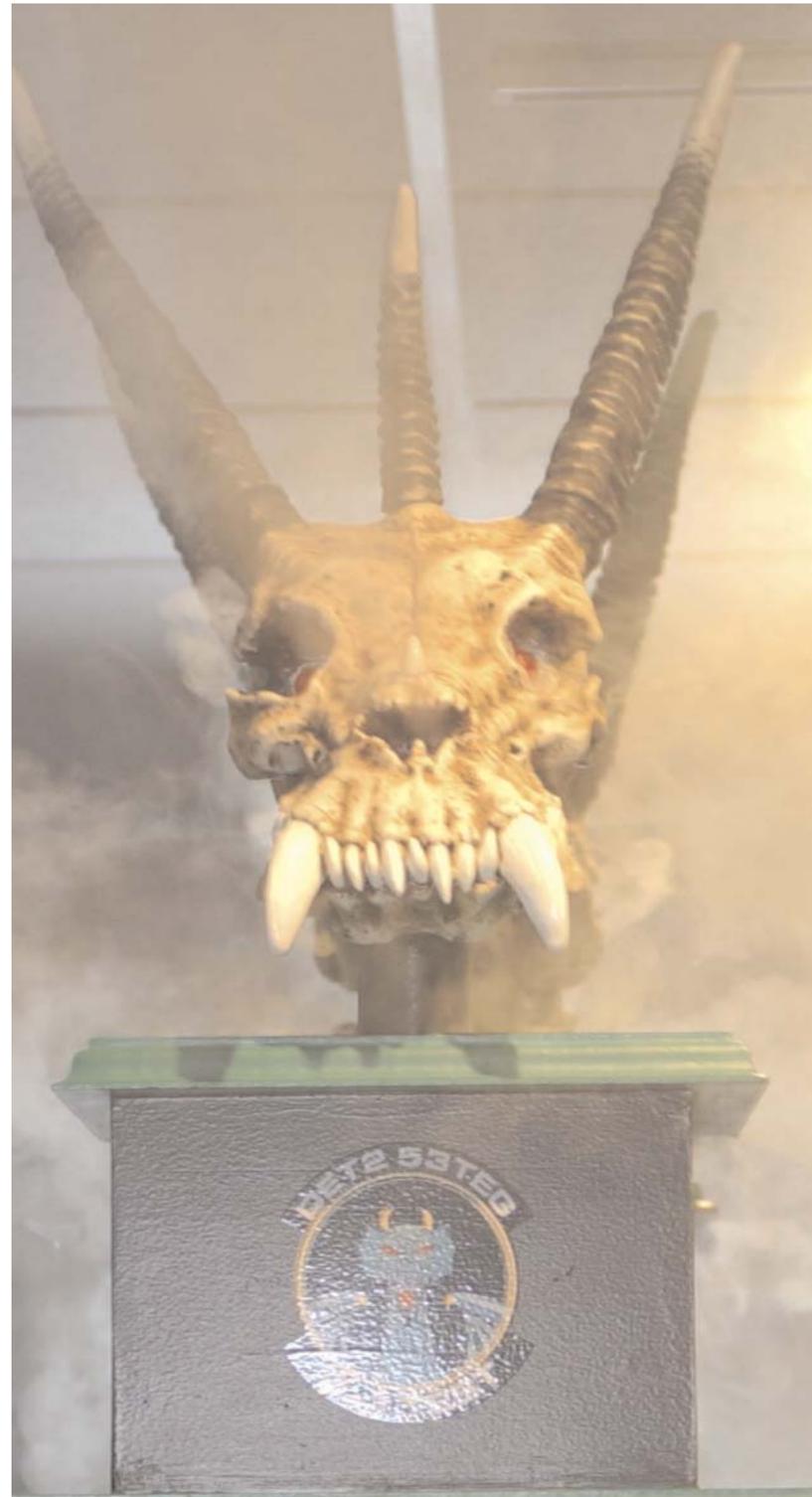
"We get the enlisted personnel through the 7th Bomb Wing and officers through officer assignments," he said.

With the small size of the unit, the detachment has to be close-knit to get the job done.

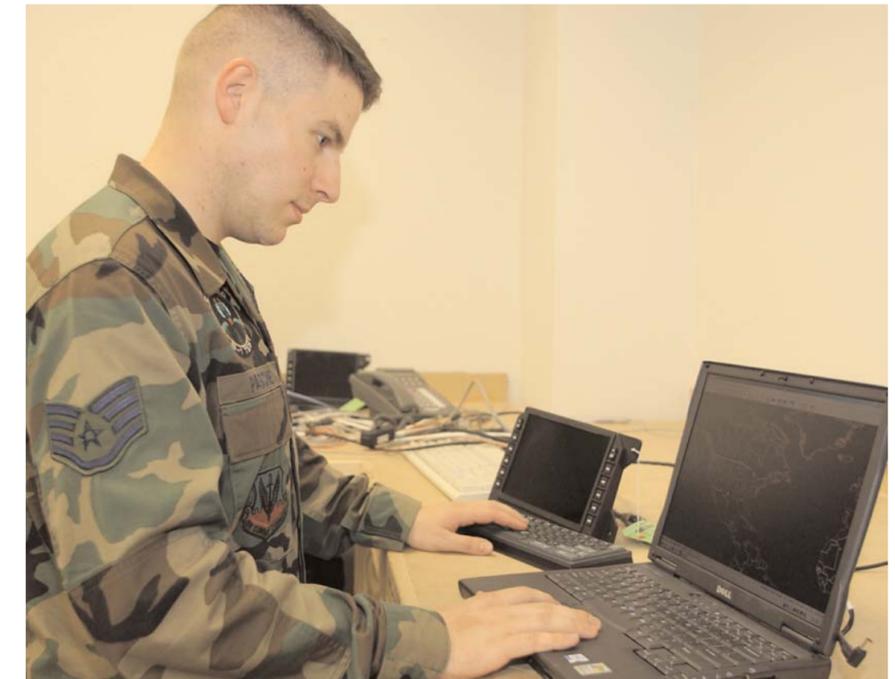
"We're small enough that you don't have any choice but to literally work side-by-side with everyone practically everyday," Chudej said. "It's an odd feeling for most of the maintainers to work so closely with majors and lieutenant colonels everyday. Still, we look out for each other -- officers and enlisted alike."

The comraderie within the unit extends to the Dyess community as well.

"We have enjoyed living and working with the great men and women of Dyess AFB and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the base and community," Whittemore said.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Adam Wooten
"Stanley," The 53rd Test and Evaluation Group, Detachment 2's mascot blows smoke while his eyes flash. Stanley was fabricated by members of Det. 2.



Staff Sgt. Brian Pasche works on computers in Detachment 2's backshop. The unit is responsible for testing out new B-1 technology and tactics.



Above: Staff Sgt. Keith Jenkins (left) and Capt. Michael Rooney (right) examine a piece of B-1 equipment to be tested during the detachment's next sortie. Left: Members of Detachment 2 pose in front of a B-1 on the flightline. Detachment 2 flies Dyess B-1s to get its test mission done. Several of the tactics developed at Dyess by the detachment were used during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

7th CMS No. 2 looks forward to LRS showdown

Undefeated National League powerhouses prepare to clash after CMS' twin killings

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

The intramural softball playoffs are still a few weeks away, but two powerful, unbeaten National League teams will give the rest of the league a taste of the postseason when they meet next week.

One is the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron No. 2 team, 8-0 after beating the 7th Security Forces Squadron 22-6 and the 317th Maintenance Squadron, 18-3 on July 10. The twin victories put the Component Maintainers closer to a showdown with the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the other National League unbeaten team, at 8 p.m. Tuesday on Field 1.

"That game has real significance for us," said 7th CMS No. 2 coach Jeff Lindsey. "We're not discounting other teams in the league, but we know that game will decide the league championship.

"7th CMS is a very good team, however, we're sticking to our year-long motto: 'One game at a time, play it like it's our last,'" said 7th LRS coach Walter Rossi.

Besides their unbeaten records, both teams have performed nearly identically during the season. 7th LRS has scored more runs per game than 7th CMS No. 2 (24 to 21), but the Component Maintainers have allowed an average of four fewer runs per game (five versus 7th LRS' nine), including two shutouts. Both squads boast dangerous power hitting throughout their respective lineups, including 7th CMS No. 2's Wayne Kraemer, Anthony Stewart and James "Happy" Gilmore. Eric Schaarschmidt and Miguel Reyes lead the hard-charging 7th LRS which has ripped three teams for more than 30 runs.

Even with this pivotal game looming, both coaches have their sights set on a bigger prize -- the base championship. "We're hoping to see 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1 (the current American League front-runner) if they make the championship game," Lindsey said. "We're looking forward to seeing (7th AMXS No. 1 coach Larry) Rochat and his crew."

"We have a great team chemistry

-- a good mix of young guys and veterans -- good defense, great 'sticks' and consistent hitting throughout our lineup," Lindsey continued. "I think we're a championship-caliber team."

Rossi likes his team's chances too. "This year's team is very solid at all positions," he said. "We believe we can take the base championship. All year long, we've been hearing nothing but '7th AMXS.' I think it makes us play harder, making a statement each game we play. With their experience (7th AMXS No. 1), they too understand that once the double-elimination tournament (playoffs) starts, any team can get hot. So you must take every team seriously."

In other National League intramural softball games July 10:

Det. 20, 372nd Training Squadron 22, 7th Services Squadron 14 -- Mari Wilson drove in five runs with three base hits and Bob Cano had four runs batted in to help Det. 20 knock off 7th SVS.

The win snapped Det. 20's three-game losing streak and kept alive the 4-3 team's hopes for the postseason.

Det. 20 jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning, which was highlighted by Juan Hernandez' three-run inside-the-park home run. Wilson drove in a pair of runs during another seven-run rally in the fourth inning to give Det. 20 a 22-11 advantage, it's biggest lead of the game.

Maxie Hinojosa, Terry Kraly and Bryan Powell each knocked in a run during Services' final at-bat, but Cano got Apuleyo Orias to strike out looking to end the game.

Juan Hernandez knocked in four runs for 7th SVS with a pair of doubles.

7th SVS, which also lost to the 436th Training Squadron 17-8, fell to 3-3 on the season.

In other games July 10, the 7th LRS bashed the combined 7th Contracting Squadron/Legal Office 32-7, and 7th AMXS No. 2 out-slugged Army 19-15.

The National League's regular season ends Thursday while the American League has already finished play.

The intramural playoffs begin July 28.



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Members of the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron No. 2 team, look out of the dugout during their team's rout of the 7th Security Forces Squadron 22-6 July 10. 7th CMS No. 2 also defeated the 317th Maintenance Squadron 18-3 July 10.

Dyess varsity team earns slot to compete in military tournament

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess men's varsity softball team captured the North Texas U.S. Specialty Sports Administration Championship held in Euless, Texas, Saturday.

The title earned Dyess a slot in the Men's Military (Class B) World Tournament held Aug. 14-17 in Panama City Beach, Fla., according to Greg "Woody" Woodrum, Team Dyess player.

Danny Acosta's strong pitching and Dyess' defense, led by Ross Burns, set the tone in the first game of the Euless tournament as the team belted the Sheppard Softball Club 14-4. The team unloaded its big lumber in the second contest, scoring 19 runs in the first inning en route to a 25-7 pounding of the Sheppard Senators. Collectively, the team bashed out 24 hits in 33 at-bats, a .727 batting average, in the blowout.

Team Dyess and the Senators met again in the championship game of the double-elimination tournament with the Senators

coming out on top 24-16. But Dyess roared back in the winner-take-all and ripped the Senators 16-6 to capture the tournament title.

Team Dyess' Marty Daniels was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

Woodrum predicts the team will ride the momentum of the Euless victory to further success in the Florida tournament, also called the "Military World Series.

"We finished in the top 10 (in the tournament) last year and this year's team is a lot stronger," Woodrum said. "This team is the best we've had in five years."

Roberto "Ram" Ramirez, Team Dyess coach, said the team will host an invitational softball tournament here July 26 to help raise money to fund the trip to Florida. Ramirez expects teams from other Texas Air Force bases, including Randolph, Goodfellow, Sheppard and Lackland, and local intramural teams to participate.

The team will also hold tryouts at 5 p.m. Aug. 4-8 on Field 2. For more information, call Ramirez at 6-1377.

Women's softball playoffs shift into high gear

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

The 317th Airlift Group, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron and 7th Medical Group slugged it out Thursday for the right to wear the women's intramural championship crown.

The Airlifters breezed through the first round of the double-elimination tournament by routing the 7th Security Forces Squadron 29-2, but had to come from behind to defeat 7th Civil Engineer Squadron 9-7 Tuesday.

The Medics had a tougher row to hoe, dropping a 13-11 first-round game to the Engineers. 7th MDG bounced back in the losers' bracket by downing the 7th SFS Tuesday, 18-3. The Engineers and Medics played in the losers' bracket finals Thursday with the winner advancing to take on the Airlifters in the championship game.

The 317th AG won last year's base title, while 7th CES took the crown in 2001. The Medics were the runners-up last year.

Coverage of Thursday's championship round will be reported in next week's *Peacemaker*.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

7th Civil Engineer Squadron's Marcy Reidl wheels past 317th Airlift Group third baseman, Bev Barnard, on her way to an inside-the-park home run during Tuesday's women's intramural softball second-round playoff matchup. The Airlifters rallied to win the game 9-7, and advanced to the championship game Thursday against the winner between 7th CES and 7th Medical Group. The results of Thursday's game will be announced in next week's *Peacemaker*.

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Scores and more

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

Golf

Intramural standings

American League

(As of Monday)	Points
7th OSS	32
7th MDG	32
7th BW	28
317th AMXS	24.5
436th TRS	24.5
7th CMS #2	21
7th CS	14
7th SFS/Army	5.5
7th AMXS #2	4.5

Monday's match

Army vs. 7th CS

Wednesday's match

7th MDG vs. Army

END OF REGULAR SEASON

National League

(As of Monday)	Points
7th SFS	36
7th EMS	33.5
7th MOS	33.5
7th LRS	32
7th AMXS #1	26
7th CMS #1	23
7th MUNS	10
7th CES #2	9.5
317th MXS	6
z-28th BS	0

z-forfeited from the league

Monday's match

317th MXS vs. 7th CES #2

Tuesday's matches

7th AMXS #1 vs. 7th CMS #1
7th SFS vs. 7th MUNS

Thursday's matches

317th MXS vs. 7th MUNS
7th EMS vs. 317th MXS

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Intramural playoffs begin July 28

Running

Firecracker 5K run results

Top male finishers

- 1) **Richard Reed**, 19 minutes, 13 seconds
- 2) **Robert Weaver**, 20:32
- 3) **Jason Brolis**, 21:11
- 4) **Richard Rose**, 21:52
- 5) **Mike Middleton**, 22:16
- 6) **Jimmy Hawley**, 22:36
- 7) **Timothy Palmer**, 23:07
- 8) **Scott Ebbert**, 23:11
- 9) **Al Leach**, 23:36
- 10) **William Walker**, 23:57
- 11) **Bill Lincicome**, 24:02
- 12) **Michel Forrester**, 24:50
- 13) **Robert Russ**, 24:55
- 14) **Jose Velarde**, 24:57
- 15) **Thomas Spuhler**, 24:59
- 16) **Michael Brimhall**, 25:14

Top female finishers

- 1) **Ashley Crosby**, 25:20
- 2) **Patrizia Rose**, 26:00
- 3) **Christie Trukillo**, 27:24
- 4) **Jennifer Donovan**, 27:48
- 5) **Cherese Gordon**, 27:58
- 6) **Erica Eavenson**, 29:21

Softball

Editor's note: Some scores and updated standings were not available from the sports and fitness center at press time.

American League standings

(As of July 10)	Won	Lost
7th AMXS #1	10	1
317th AMXS	8	2
317th OSS	8	3
7th CES	7	3

7th MOS/7th OSS	7	4
7th MDG	7	4
7th AMXS #3	6	5
7th MUNS/Ammo	5	6
7th EMS	3	8
Fire Dept.	2	9
7th MUNS/Arm	1	10
7th CMS	1	10

July 2 results

317th OSS 9, 7th AMXS #1 8
317th AMXS 23, 7th MUNS/Ammo 8
7th MDG 23, 7th EMS 18
7th CMS #1 18, 7th AMXS #3 17
7th CES 23, 7th MUNS/Armament 8
7th MOS/7th OSS 17, Fire Dept. 5

July 7 results

7th AMXS #1 20, 7th MUNS/Ammo 5
7th MOS/7th OSS 10, 7th MDG 9
317th OSS 16, Fire Dept. 15
7th AMXS #3 12, 7th MUNS/Ammo 8
7th EMS 28, 7th CMS #1 19
317th AMXS vs. 7th CES (*game suspended in the second inning with 317th AMXS leading 16-2*)

July 9 results

Scores not available at press time

Monday's results

Scores not available at press time

National League standings

(As of July 10)	Won	Lost
7th CMS #2	8	0
7th LRS	7	0
7th SFS	4	2
Det. 20	4	3
436th TRS	3	3
7th SVS	3	3
7th AMXS #2	3	3
28th BS	2	3
7th CS	2	4
317th MXS	2	6
Army Reservists	1	6
7th CONS/Legal	0	6

July 1 results

7th CMS #1 15, Army 0
7th SFS 24, 7th CONS/Legal 8
7th CS 11, 372nd TRS Det. 20 10

436th TRS 12, 317th MXS 11
7th AMXS #2 7, 436th TRS 6
7th CMS #1 31, 7th SVS 0
7th SFS 17, Army 7
7th LRS 7, 28th BS (forfeit)

July 8 results

7th LRS 18, 372nd TRS Det. 20 11
28th BS 26, 317th MXS 12
7th CMS No. 2 23, 7th AMXS #2 7
7th CONS/Legal vs. Army
7th CS vs. 7th SVS
436th TRS vs. 7th SFS

July 10 results

7th CMS #2 22, 7th SFS 6
7th LRS 32, 7th CONS/Legal 7
436th TRS 17, 7th SVS 8
7th AMXS #2 19, Army 15
7th CMS #2 18, 317th MXS 3
372nd TRS Det. 20 22, 7th SVS 14

Tuesday's results

Scores not available at press time

Schedule

Tuesday's games

Field 1

317th MXS vs. 372nd TRS Det. 20, 6 p.m.
7th CMS #2 vs. 7th CONS/Legal, 7 p.m.
7th LRS vs. 7th CMS #2, 8 p.m.

Field 2

7th AMXS #2 vs. 7th SVS, 6 p.m.
7th SFS vs. 7th CS, 7 p.m.
Army vs. 28th BS, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games

Field 1

7th SVS vs. 28th BS, 6 p.m.
436th TRS vs. 28th BS, 7 p.m.
7th SVS vs. 7th SFS, 8 p.m.
Army vs. 372nd TRS Det. 20, 9 p.m.

Field 2

317th MXS vs. 7th AMXS #2, 6 p.m.
7th LRS vs. 7th AMXS #2, 7 p.m.
7th LRS vs. 436th TRS, 8 p.m.
7th CONS/Legal vs. 7th CS, 9 p.m.

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Intramural playoffs begin July 28

Women's League standings

(Final)	Won	Lost
317th AG	8	1
7th MDG	6	3
7th CES	4	5
7th SFS	0	9

July 2 results

7th MDG 12, 317th AG 9
7th CES 7, 7th SFS 0 (forfeit)

July 8 results

7th CES 3, 7th MDG 2
317th AG 7, 7th SFS 0

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Playoffs

July 10 results

317th AG 29, 7th SFS 2
7th CES 13, 7th MDG 11

Tuesday's results

7th MDG 18, 7th SFS 3
317th AG 9, 7th CES 7

Thursday's games

7th MDG vs. 7th CES
Base championship -- 317th AG vs. 7th MDG/7th CES winner

Men's varsity

USSSA Texas Military State

Championships results

Dyess 14, Sheppard Softball Club 4
Dyess 25, Sheppard Senators 7
Sheppard Senators 24, Dyess 16
Dyess 16, Sheppard Senators 6

Dyess wins tournament

Schedule

July 26 -- Dyess invitational tournament. For more information, call Roberto Ramirez at 6-1377.

Aug. 5-8 -- Tryouts at 5 p.m. on Field 2. For more information, call Roberto Ramirez at 6-1377.

Aug. 14-17 -- USSSA Men's Military (Class B) Tournament, Panama City Beach, Fla.

SportShorts

Gymnastics

The Dyess Youth Center and Child Development Center are offering a special rate in July for gymnastics classes.

The cost is \$22-\$30 for the month. Children will learn a variety of activities such as the balance beam, parallel bars and pommel horse.

People can register at the youth center or the CDC.

Varsity softball tryouts

The men's varsity softball team holds tryouts at 5 p.m. Aug. 4-8 at the base softball fields.

For more information, call Roberto Ramirez at 6-1377.

AF Marathon

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

Ohio. People can enter to run the entire 26.2-mile course as an individual runner or as a member of a relay team. Runners can also enter the half-marathon or 5-K fun run competitions.

Individual runners can sign up online and relay team members must register by mail. As of Monday, there were 30 slots remaining for relay teams.

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

Paintball

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

The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Units must have at least 10 participants.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

Korean martial arts

Kuk-Sool Won classes are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the health and wellness center.

The cost is \$35 a month with a discounted rate for additional members.

For more information, call Arthur Jefferson at 795-2373 or 829-0838.

Power yoga class

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

For more information, call 6-4306.

Paintball club

Outdoor recreation is trying to

start a Dyess paintball club. The club is open for all base members.

To join the club or for more information, call 6-2402.

Officials needed

The sports and fitness center is looking for umpires and scorekeepers to the base intramural softball season.

The opportunity is available to active-duty military members as well as family members.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Woodrum at 6-2764 or the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

Mouthguards

The 7th Medical Group dental flight provides free, custom-fit mouthguards to any intramural sports athlete.

For more information, call 6-2304.

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

Dumb and Dumberer -- *Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson*
-- Set in 1986, this is a 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*)

Saturday

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*)

July 25

Rugrats Go Wild -- *Animated* -- When the vacationing Rugrats and their parents get stranded on a deserted island, Tommy knows there's only one man who can help: Nigel Thornberry. But a bonk on the head has made Nigel suddenly seem more like a 3-year-old than a man. Luckily, the babies have Eliza on their side with her ability to communicate with animals -- even their dog, Spike.

Rated PG (*mild crude humor*)

July 26

Hollywood Homicide -- *Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnett* -- When an entire rap group is murdered on stage, police detectives Gavilan and Calden are called in to handle the case. As their investigation progresses, they begin to suspect the rappers were killed for attempting to get out of their recording contract with label head, Satain.

Rated PG-13 (*violence, sexual situations and language*)

Dart tournament

The Dyess clubs are sponsoring a club members-only double-out dart tournament from 6-9 p.m. today at The Heritage Club.

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 cent bowling

People can bowl for 50 cents a game Thursdays at Dyess Lanes. For more information, call 6-4166.

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