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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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As of: July 21

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	71.2%

Beene takes command of 7th OG

Former ops deputy commander took up group reins Tuesday

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess operators gained a new boss with a familiar face when Col. Jeffrey Beene took command of the 7th Operations Group from Col. Michael Moeller at the change of command Tuesday.

Beene, the former 7th Operations Group deputy commander since May 2002, oversaw the 7th OG mission during Moeller's frequent deployments. Moeller will become the vice commander of the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base, S.D.

"The 7th Operations Group is an incredible unit -- the best combat aviation unit in the United States," the Cleburne, Texas, native said. "It is composed of awesome people and the world's most formidable bomber."

His 21-year career is rooted in B-1 history. Beene was assigned to the B-1s first operational combat squadron here in 1986. The 1982 Air Force Academy graduate was part of the initial cadre of B-1 aircrew members.

"Given the small size of the B-1 community, in a typical B-1 aviator career, one can expect to be assigned to Dyess at least twice," Beene said. "What is most important about this is you can count on living in the great city of Abilene at least twice."

While he is leading the bomber arm of Dyess, Beene expects to see the B-1 accomplish more feats in the near future.



Airman1st Class Ryan Summers

Col. Jeffrey Beene, new 7th Operations Group commander, addresses the audience during his change of command ceremony Tuesday. Beene took command from Col. Michael Moeller, who will be the vice commander of the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base, S.D.

"This is an exciting time for the B-1," Beene said. "(Since the various operations after the Cold War ended), the B-1 has been undergoing evolutionary changes. However, the upcoming Block-E upgrade will be revolutionary. It will make the B-1 the most lethal and flexible bomber ever known, capable of delivering up to three different weapon types on a single mission against up to 24 targets."

The 7th Operations Group will be the

first to demonstrate the new upgrade to combatant commanders as early as 2004, Beene said.

"Let no one doubt -- we are the best qualified to do this," Beene said. "From home or forward deployed locations, we will be able to provide incredible rapid-response air power capable in many cases of constituting our own force package."

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Dyess civilian technician named best in Air Force

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

A civilian mechanic from the auto skills center was recently named the Air Force's top services civilian technician.

"I was absolutely speech-

less when I found out," said Charles Mosley, 7th Services Squadron auto skills center technician. "I was happy enough when I found out I had won the wing quarterly award (in December)."

Mosley, who has been at Dyess for nearly three

years, was given the award based upon his commitment to customer service, said Shawn Gailey, Mosley's supervisor. Gailey was the winner of the award in 2000.

"He is a phenomenal leader, mentor and craftsman," Gailey said.

"I just tried to watch and learn from the other mechanics when I first arrived here," the Cheyenne, Wyo., native said. "I learned from them to adhere to the needs and wants of the customers."

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Brown shoes -- wear with pride!

By Col. Charles Duell
314th Airlift Wing vice commander

Editor's note: traditionally, the term "brown shoe" referred to Air Force members who served many years ago when brown oxford shoes were part of the clothing issue.

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. -- The recurring theme that comes across as I struggle with this piece is how "brown shoe" everything comes out and, unfortunately, that term has very negative connotations.

I think the revelation that struck me as I started this umpteenth draft is that I really am a brown shoe kind of guy and, by the way, pretty damned proud of it.

I came on active duty in 1971, before many of the people who will read this were born. It was a different Air Force then, not necessarily better, and not worse by any standard. We have certainly increased our capabilities over the past thirty years. We have changed our uniforms, our rank structure (does anybody out there even remember buck sergeants?) and even the chevrons on our senior NCOs. Despite the above, the one thing that is jumping out at me as I look back across my time in the Air Force is how little the important values have changed. The same things that made me consider my senior officers and NCOs "brown shoe" back when I was a lieutenant are the same values that I cherish today. Realizing that all values and beliefs are personal and shaped by each individual's experiences, I will attempt here to define some of the attributes that I think make up brown shoe airmen.

Attribute number one -- good old-fashioned, jump-up-and-down, "I love the USA!" patriotism. I am cynical about a lot of things, but unabashed in my love of country. You want to see me

get emotional, put me in front of an American flag and put on Lee Greenwood singing "Proud to be an American." I won't disappoint you. There will be a tear every time.

I can always spot my fellow brown shoe types at parades, memorials and ball games. They are the ones reaching under their sunglasses to wipe a moist eye when the flag passes and they don't care who sees them. They are the ones who tell people to take their hats off during the national anthem.

Attribute number two -- a deep-seated, unshakable commitment to the United States Air Force and its mission. Brown shoe airmen inherently know that their profession is vitally important and they have fierce pride in what they do and the accomplishments of their Air Force.

Attribute number three -- an ungrudging respect and undying admiration for their fellow airmen. Brown shoe airmen are loyal to their bosses, supportive of their peers and fiercely protective of their subordinates. They are the professionals. They don't blame the chain of command for unpleasant assignments; they quietly go about the business of making sure it gets done the best way possible. They tell their bosses the truth, because that benefits everybody.

Well, that was my shot at defining the values I associate with the brown shoe airmen that have meant so much to me over the past 30 years.

Go find yourself a pair of brown shoes. Try them on. You will be surprised at how comfortable they become after a little bit. In closing, to my fellow "brown shoe" wearers -- young and old, officer and enlisted -- you are comrades-in-arms. I can think of no higher honor. You are what made my career as satisfying as it was.



The mission of the 7th Bomb Wing is to put bombs on target. One of the better ways to develop the necessary skills and attitudes to achieve our mission is with a maintenance-operations flying surge. From Monday through Wednesday, we're going to greatly increase the sortie production over a short period of time.

In a normal flying week, flight line operations can often accommodate changes or be readjusted because of day-to-day agency processes found throughout the base. In a surge, however, everything must be in place and everyone must be in tune with what is needed to get our bombers launched to complete the mission. Every agency -- not just the operations and maintenance groups -- will be challenged to help accomplish a safe and successful surge.

Participating in a surge is a great exercise, and we can learn more from it if we can identify when we've achieved victory. **Our wing's measure of success during this three-day surge will be based on 45 bomber sorties successfully getting to their targets. If we achieve victory, then Aug. 1 will be declared a wing Goal Day.**

ACTION LINE



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

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Team Dyess quarterly award winners



Airman



Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Unit: 7th Bomb Wing public affairs office
Job title: Public Affairs journeyman
H o m e t o w n : Bryan Road, Md.

Time at Dyess: Three years
Time in Air Force: Three years and seven months
Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, working out and movies.
Goals: To earn my CCAF and bachelor's degrees.

NCO



Staff Sgt. David Bales
Unit: 7th Contracting Squadron
Job title: Contracting officer
H o m e t o w n : Atlanta
Time at Dyess:

One year and four months
Time in Air Force: Seven years
Hobbies: Playing football with McMurry University.
Goals: To earn my bachelor's degree.

Senior NCO



Master Sgt. Michelle Moreno
Unit: 7th Aero-Medical Dental Squadron
Job title: NCO in-charge of the aerospace medicine flight

Hometown: Cheverly, Md.
Time at Dyess: Seven months
Time in Air Force: Seventeen years
Hobbies: Reading, volunteering and working with children.
Goals: To become a training manager.

Company grade officer



1st Lt. Chris Heinning
Unit: 7th Bomb Wing manpower
Job title: Deputy chief manpower and organization
H o m e t o w n : Buffalo, N.Y.

Time at Dyess: Two years
Time in Air Force: Eighteen years
Hobbies: Golf, racketball and working on his car.
Goals: To serve as a manpower office chief and always do the best I can.

First sergeant



Senior Master Sgt. Debra Norris
Unit: 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Job title: First sergeant
H o m e t o w n : Hepzibah, W.Va.

Time at Dyess: One year
Time in the Air Force: Twenty-five years
Hobbies: Taking care of my troops.
Goals: Making my troops successful.

Honor Guard airman



Senior Airman Andrew Charter
Unit: 7th EMS
Job title: Wheel and tire technician
H o m e t o w n : Acton, Mass.
Time at Dyess:

Three years
Time in Air Force: Three years
Hobbies: Skiing, Snowmobiling.
Goals: To earn my degree and get my airframe and powerplant license.

Honor Guard NCO



Staff Sgt. Sergio Avendano
Unit: 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
Job title: Electrical technician
Hometown: Del Rio, Texas.

Time at Dyess: One year and four months
Time in Air Force: Eight years
Hobbies: Playing sports and following the Texas Longhorns.
Goals: To earn CCAF's degree and make technical sergeant as soon as possible.



Soldier



Specialist Barton Buckner
Unit: 144th Infantry
Job title: Infantryman
H o m e t o w n : Riverside, Calif.
Time at Dyess:

Six months
Time in Army: Four years and eight months
Hobbies: Snow skiing, scuba diving, soccer, weight lifting and martial arts.
Goals: To earn a master's degree and my doctorate.

Civilian category I



Denise Bush
Unit: 7th Bomb Wing command section
Job title: Secretary
H o m e t o w n : Jacksonville, N.C.
Time at Dyess:

Four years
Time as an Air Force civilian: Seven years
Hobbies: Reading, working out, shopping, planning parties.
Goals: Raise my children, be successful and happy and travel Europe.

Civilian category II



Jimmy Jilek
Unit: 436th Training Squadron
Job title: Chief of television productions
Hometown: San Antonio
Time at Dyess:

Three years
Time as an Air Force civilian: 28 years
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, photography and home repair.
Goals: Work as hard as I can for my country.

Civilian category III



George Krauskopf
Unit: 7th SVS
Job title: Maintenance worker
H o m e t o w n : Chicago
Time at Dyess:

Twenty-one years
Time as an Air Force civilian: Four years
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and coin collecting.
Goals: To provide our customers top-quality service.



Moeller presented with Legion of Merit

Former OG commander earns prestigious medal before leaving for Minot

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The former 7th Operations Group commander was presented the Legion of Merit July 18 for his leadership of Dyess' war-fighting machine.

Col. Michael Moeller, who relinquished command of the 7th OG to Col. Jeffrey Beene Tuesday, led the group through two deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Moeller also served as the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing Operations Group commander during a deployment to Guam earlier this year.

The rapid response deployment to the Pacific region made history as the largest bomber deployment since the Vietnam era and the largest B-1 deployment ever.



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, left, presents Col. Michael Moeller, former 7th Operations Group commander, with the Legion of Merit July 18.

Moeller is also credited with revitalizing the B-1 formal training unit syllabus to incorporate the lessons of OEF.

"The fact that Colonel Moeller was awarded the Legion of Merit is

remarkably significant," said Col. Gary Harencak, 7th BW vice commander. "It is a reward that is generally reserved for wing commanders and above."

The Legion of Merit, established

by an Act of Congress in 1942, is awarded to armed forces members and foreign nationals of countries who have "distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service."

The medal, awarded for combat and noncombatant services, is the highest award given to military members during peacetime.

The Riverside, Calif., native was also credited for taking the 7th BW to new heights of readiness by setting an Air Combat Command record in exceeding the ACC's mission capable goal for 12 consecutive months.

He is to become the vice commander of the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base, S.D.,

"The group has flourished under his vision of 'Warfighters call on us, Air Expeditionary partners trust us and the best want to join us,'" said Col. Jeffrey Beene, new 7th OG commander. "It is a vector that we will continue to pursue with vigor."

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Mosley

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Mosley took control as manager of the shop for a few months last year and his leadership resulted in higher earnings and increased efficiency, Gailey said.

“Mr. Mosley was also instrumental in leading the charge to establish a no-cost 27-point inspection, including tire rotation and balance, for spouses of deployed military members,” Gailey said. “He also works hand-in-hand with the family support center to handle the vehicle repair work for young airmen who are struggling financially to help ease their burden.”

Before arriving here with his wife, Staff Sgt. Karen Mosley, 7th SVS, and children, Tony, DeShon and Makayla, Mosley was a tank mechanic with the Army for more than four years. He was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and in Germany.

“It was during this time I developed a love for working with machines,” Mosley said.

“He is like Radar O’Reily on



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Charles Mosley, 7th Services Squadron auto skills center technician, performs maintenance on a car at the center. Mosley was recently named the Air Force’s best services civilian technician of the year.

‘M.A.S.H.’ -- He always has the answer before the question is asked,” Gailey said. “He is always one step ahead.”

Beene

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While Beene’s focus is on the future of the 7th OG, he hopes to tie the unit’s past successes to its upcoming challenges.

“As this unit and its predecessors have done since World War I, if

called on, we will execute with relentless fervor and deliver incredible, decisive air combat power,” Beene said. “We will live up to the wing motto: ‘Mors Ab Alto -- Death From Above.’”

“Our nation is depending on us and expects nothing less,” the colonel added. “Our freedom is too important.”

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TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Airman 1st Class
Daniel Warrick**

Unit: 7th Communications Squadron

Job description: Messaging and help desk technician

Time in the Air Force: One year, three months

Time at Dyess: 10 months

Hometown: Sour Lake, Texas

Family: Wife, Angela; daughters, Amberly and Rebekah; son, Seth

Job impact on the mission: As a messaging technician, I ensure the 7th Bomb Wing has uninterrupted service for access to critical communications and provide support for installation of the Defense Message System.

Career goals: Finish my degree and get a commission as an Air Force officer.

Best Air Force memory: When I brought a fellow airman to the airport for his first deployment and my unit leadership were there to see him off. It showed me that everyone in my unit cares a lot about each other.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

TEAM DYESS**7th CS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Maj. William Robinson, Jr.

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt.

Robert Lavery, Jr.

Personnel:

- Officers: 11
- Enlisted: 147
- Civilians 10

**Mission statement:**

The 7th Communications Squadron trains and equips communications warriors to provide information technology support for the warfighter, both at home and deployed. We do this by managing and providing Dyess with high quality computer and telephone networks, base distribution services and all multimedia graphics support. We are also responsible for maintaining the wing's meteorological and airfield navigation systems, the base's air traffic control equipment and the "Big Country's" doppler weather radar. "No comm, no bomb. Without us, you're talking to yourself."

Future goals:

- Maximize the potential of our people through focused training and mentoring while emphasizing readiness, physical fitness and continued education.
- Continue to provide world class fighter support.

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Dyess holds airshow Aug. 16

By 1st Lt. Saje Park
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess is opening its doors to aviation and parachutist fans Aug. 16 during the Big Country Air Power Day, a free air show commemorating the 100th anniversary of flight and the 50-year relationship between Dyess and the community.

The Tye Gate, located on Military Drive on the north side of base, will open to airshow visitors at 9:30 a.m., with opening ceremonies beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event's headline act is the U.S. Army's award-winning parachute team, the Golden Knights.

"We are really honored to have the Golden Knights this year," said Lt. Col. John O'Connor, air show director. "If you've never seen them perform, you're in for a real treat -- they are an incredible team."

For more than 43 years, the Golden Knights have had a history of being a world-recognized, award-winning parachute team with a record of 408 national championships, 65 world championships,

and 14 national and six world team titles in formation skydiving.

Other aerial performers include the F-117 Nighthawk, B-2 Spirit, A-10 Warthog, B-52 Stratofortress, various warbirds including the P-51, MiG 17, B-25, A-26, and P-39, as well as Dyess' very own B-1s and C-130s. The Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute team will also perform freefall parachute tricks with the Golden Knights.

Numerous fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft will be on display for visitors to see throughout the day. Ground demonstrations and the Smokin' Guns Car Show will also be available.

"There will be something for everyone," O'Connor said. "This is one of the ways to show our appreciation for our community, so we invite everyone to come out -- you'll have an excellent time."

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Saje Park at (325) 696-5609 or visit the airshow Web site at www.dyess.af.mil/airshow/index.htm.

Dyess renews formal retreats

By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess is restarting an age-old military tradition on base -- the retreat ceremony. The event will be held every two weeks, with the next one at 5 p.m. today at the main flagpole in the traffic circle.

The retreat ceremony serves a twofold purpose -- it signals the end of the official duty day and is a ceremony for paying respect to the flag.

"It is a great way to see and participate in one of our nation's most honored traditions," said Maj. Devin Martin, retreat action officer. "It reaffirms what we all hold dear to our hearts about this great nation and what it represents."

The idea to have more regular retreats at Dyess developed while the 7th Bomb Wing commander, Col. Jonathan George, and other base members were deployed to Guam as part of the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing earlier this year.

"We shouldn't restrict ourselves from showing our patriotism only during formally recognized holidays," George said. "There's too much to be grateful for in the history of our nation's fight for freedom to do that."

"Retreat is a time-honored military tradition encompassing centuries of recognition in our great country and the selfless service we render toward each other," George continued. "This is an opportunity to collectively show our patriotism in our flag -- a symbol that represents everyone in our country."

The actual times and dates of future ceremonies are yet to be determined, Martin said. But generally they will be at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

And with each new ceremony a different base unit will have a formal formation and conduct the flag detail, Martin added.

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will conduct today's ceremony. The ceremony will end with a B-1 flyover.

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 25 -- The Air Force announced in 1953 that the B-36 has the capability to launch and recover an F-84 aircraft in flight.

July 26 -- President Truman signed the Armed Forces Unification Act while onboard the Presidential VC-54 "Sacred Cow," creating the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

July 27 -- Orville Wright and Lt. Frank Lahm set a two-man flight endurance record of 1 hour, 12 minutes, 40 seconds in 1909 while flying the Wright 1909 Military Flyer.

July 28 -- An Explorer I balloon set a new altitude record with a height of 60,613 feet in 1934.

July 29 -- Aircraft successfully received radio-telegraph transmissions at a distance of more than 10 miles during radio-telegraph testing in 1912.

July 30 -- The Army's Wright Military Flyer completed its second successful test on a 10-mile cross-country flight in 1909.

July 31 -- The U.S. military officially established Tuskegee Army Air Field in 1941.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
July 18	Marlon Isidore George II	Airman 1st Class Marlon and Tasha George

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19 NCOs graduate academy

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Nineteen Dyess technical sergeants recently graduated from class 035 at the NCO academy at July 17 Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

David Pizzuto, 7th Security Forces Squadron was named a distinguished graduate.

Other graduates are:

Victoria Apodaca, 7th Bomb Wing

Robert Brissette, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Richard Buschbom, 7th EMS

Terrance Butts, 317th Operations Support Squadron

Robert Campbell, 7th EMS

Daniel Cano, 317th Airlift Group
Patrick Darnell, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tony Duren, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Kelsey Gunn, 39th Airlift Squadron

Mary Jackson, 7th Aero-medical Dental Operations Squadron

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Carlos Murillo, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

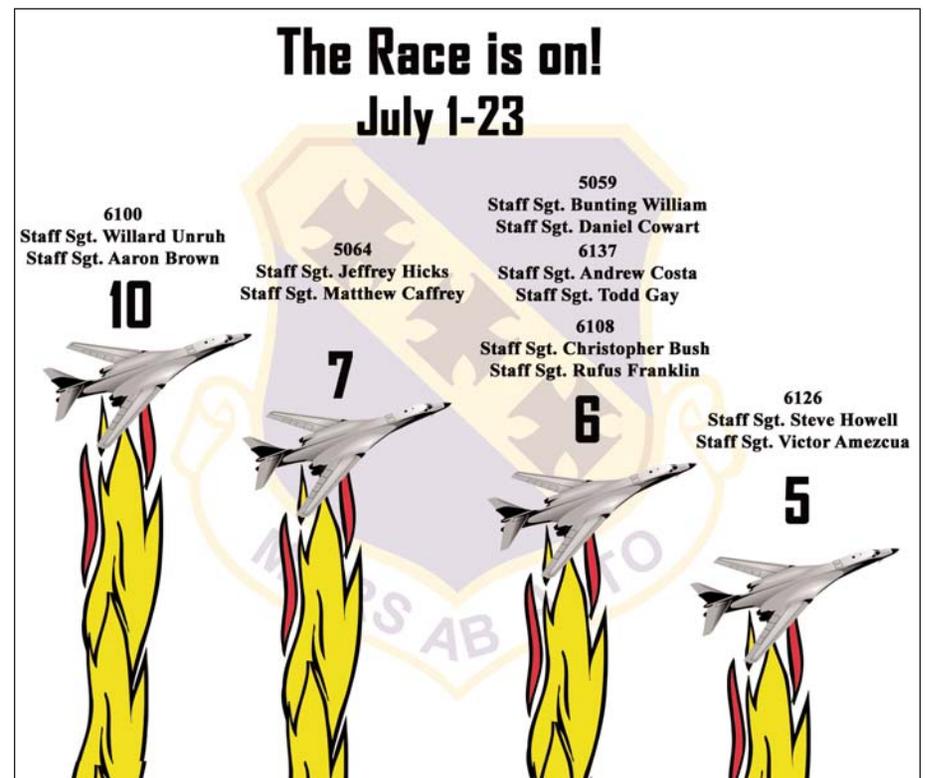
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Chad Sandquist, 317th AMXS



**Planning
summer activities?**

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FBI Special Agent Victor Bazan answers a question from Ralph Hatcher, 7th Security Forces Squadron, about crisis negotiation.

Crisis communication

Students gather for negotiator course

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

More than 20 people from local, state and federal police agencies gathered at Dyess this week to learn more about crisis negotiation.

The fundamentals of crisis negotiation was taught during a 40-hour course that provided students with the basic instruction needed to be a good negotiator, said Special Agent Victor Bazan, course instructor and member of the FBI's San Antonio Division: Austin Resident Agency critical incident negotiation team.

"We are laying down a strong foundation of fundamental negotiation techniques," Bazan said. "It is really important to have a good understanding of the basics, such as active listening, to be an effective negotiator in a critical situation."

Through the curriculum, students learn the philosophy and priorities of crisis negotiation, responding to hostage and non-hostage situations and core negotiation concepts. They also learn about specific negotiation issues such as common mistakes, indicators of progress and dealing with the effects of Stockholm Syndrome.

"Whether we are civilians or military, (we) could face a variety of situations ranging from a domestic dispute to a criminal encounter,"

said police Sgt. Paul Shepard, course instructor and a police officer with 23 years experience who is currently in charge of the Homicide and Crimes Against Persons Division of the Odessa Police Department.

"In each instance, we will be required to apply a different approach for that case," Shepard added. "As a negotiator you must be aware of every avenue and resource available to help preserve life."

Sponsored by the FBI Critical Incident Response Group crisis negotiation unit, the course is the first step for many crisis negotiators.

"It is a really good course," said course student Ralph Hatcher, 7th Security Forces Squadron. "It provides a hostage negotiator with the skills needed to be a solid entry-level negotiator."

While the course covers many areas, class instructors emphasize that the ultimate goal is to preserve lives.

"A tactical response, (a response using force) is like a hammer," Bazan said. "If the only tool in your toolbox is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

"We are here to help people resolve their problems on their own -- resolve the problem without the use of force," Bazan added. "You always negotiate first and having good negotiation skills is a valuable tool -- it can save lives."

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CALENDAR



Today, July 25, 2003

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

436th Training Squadron change of command ceremony, 10 a.m. at Hangar 5020. For more info, call 6-1692.

Saturday, July 26, 2003

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 27, 2003

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

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

Monday, July 28, 2003

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

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

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

Children's crafts from 1-2:20 p.m. at the Crafter's Haven. Advance sign-up is required. For more info, call 6-4175.

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 30, 2003

Air Force Public Key Infrastructure-Common Access Card user training, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. at the base theater. All active-duty members must attend one session on Wednesday or Thursday.

Thursday, July 31, 2003

Air Force PKI-CAC user training, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. at the base theater.

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

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

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. 2-3 -- Dyess base golf championship, at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more information, call 6-4384.

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

Local Advertisement

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. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Rendering respect

Dyess members salute the flag during a formal retreat ceremony July 11. The next wing retreat is 5 p.m. today in front of the traffic circle. While the retreat ceremony is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged for all people who can make it to attend. For more information, call your first sergeant.

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, resume 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 is under way. 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.

Champs crowned

Lady Airlifters topple Medics in late final-game rally

By Master Sgt.
Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

To say this year's women's intramural softball championship was "just a game" would be like describing Amelia Earhart or Chuck Yeager as "just a pilot." Although each definition is technically correct, neither adequately describes the gut-wrenching emotion, desire, hard work and outright determination to succeed.

Both the 317th Airlift Group and 7th Medical Group players displayed these attributes during the two-game championship round on July 17. Although the Airlifters finally emerged triumphant with a heart-stopping 18-17 win in the second game, it was hard to determine which team wanted to win more.

Fresh from their 14-11 losers' bracket final victory over 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, the Medics jumped out to a 3-0 lead in their first at-bat which included Nagita Sykes' two-run inside-the-park home run. The Airlifters tied the game on Buff Burkel's three-run base hit, then moved ahead with two more runs in the second.

Christy McMillan tied the game again with a two-run homer in the Medics' third, but Airlifters responded with Shari Chandler's two-run single to regain the lead, 7-5.

The 317th AG still led 9-8 going into the 7th MDG's final at-bat.

317th AG pitcher Chandler got Stephanie Gauthier to ground out and Michelle Irvin to fly out to left field to put the Airlifters on the brink of the championship.

However, the Medics were determined not to go quietly. Backed by a small, but energetic group of fans, Heidi Herman began a two-out rally when she reached first base on a fielding error. Patsy Bridges

brought her home with a triple to tie the game, then scored on Pam Thompson's single to put 7th MDG in the lead. Miranda Molloy's single gave the Medics a couple of insurance runs and Gauthier pitched a scoreless seventh inning to give 7th MDG the win.

With both teams having lost one game apiece in the double-elimination tournament, the stage was set for the winner-take-all contest. The 317th AG came out swinging, building a 10-1 lead going into the third inning but the Medics came back again. After plating five runs in the third inning, 7th MDG exploded for eight runs in the fourth to take a 14-11 advantage.

The Medics pushed the advantage to 16-11 on Thompson's two-run double in the sixth inning. Bev Barnard led off the 317th AG sixth inning with a solo home run and Chandler drove in another run to cut the lead to three. But the rally was cut short when Amanda Dixon flew out to left center and Andi Brunkow was doubled off third base to end the inning.

The double play seemed to deflate the Airlifters in the seventh, as the team allowed Gauthier's run-scoring grounder to make it a 17-13 contest. The momentum seemed to be permanently shifted in the 7th MDG's favor going into the bottom of the seventh -- the Airlifters' last chance. Gauthier allowed Jen Stehr's one-out single, but then got Mary Cooley to strike out to put the Medics' championship dreams just one out away.

With the palpable tension building, the boisterous fans fell silent as Airlifter batter Emily Payne stepped to the plate. "Don't worry about it," teammate Renee Cullen advised Payne. "No pressure."

With a full count and the season on the line, Payne

bravely resisted swinging at a pitch that was barely outside the plate which resulted in a free pass to first. Cullen, the next batter, followed suit to load the bases.

Gauthier purposely walked Barnard, one of the Airlifters' most dangerous sluggers. The walk resulted in a run, but Gauthier's strategy was to get to Burkel who had struggled a bit at the plate recently. But the strategy backfired as Burkel ripped a base hit into the outfield. A Medic mis-played the hard-hit ball, allowing Burkel to race to third and clear the bases. With the score tied, Brunkow smashed another base hit and Burkel sprinted home with the game-winning run.

Burkel said the last-inning rally reminded her of similar situation when she attended high school in Sterling Heights, Mich. "I hit a grand-slam home run to win our league championship one year," she said. "It's a great feeling."

7th MDG coach John Novak said he couldn't have asked for more from his team. "You played with a lot of heart and came back three games in a row on one day," he told his team. "There's nothing to be ashamed of. You played like champions."

The two-game championship series epitomized the Airlifters' play this season, said 317th AG coach Greg "Woody" Woodrum. "Like the movie 'Groundhog Day,' it's déjà vu, all over again," said a dazed Woodrum. "So many games this year have been nail biters. I think that's why I have so many gray hairs now."

Woodrum praised his team's determination. "You never say 'die,'" he hollered hoarsely during the after-game celebration. "But you didn't have to do it like that because I almost had a heart attack!"



Photos by Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Above: 7th Medical Group third baseman Miranda Molloy tags 317th Airlift Group's Renee Cullen as she slides into third. Right: 317th AG third baseman, Bev Barnard hurls a throw to first base during the base championship match.



Left: Emily Payne, 317th Airlift Group second baseman, snags a force out at second during the women's intramural softball championship match July 17. Payne recorded 11 putouts in the two games against the Medics. She also rapped out five base hits and drove in three runs. Below: 7th Medical Group's Nagita Sykes hustles toward third base. Sykes recorded a .750 batting average in the two-game championship set, collecting six hits in eight at-bats. Sykes drove in five runs, including a two-run inside-the-park home run in the Medics' 12-9 victory in the first game played against the Airlifters July 17.

By the Numbers

Here's a "by-the-numbers" look at the July 17 two-game championship set between the 317th Airlift Group and 7th Medical Group:

1 – Number of outs needed by 317th AG (in the first game) and 7th MDG (in the second game) to secure the base championship -- only to see the other team conduct two-out rallies to win their respective games.

2 – Losses the 317th AG had this season -- both at the hands of the Medics. Three of the 7th MDG's five losses this season were to the Airlifters.

3 – Number of games the 7th MDG played on July 17 (includes the Medics' losers' bracket game against 7th Civil Engineer Squadron).

5 – Strikeouts recorded by 317th AG pitcher Shari Chandler and 7th MDG's Stephanie Gauthier in the second game.

6 – Runs batted in by 317th AG's Buff Burkel in the second championship game. Burkel had nine total RBIs in the series.

8 – Number of times game was tied or when lead changed hands in first game.

21 – Innings pitched by Gauthier on July 17.

24 – Walks issued to 317th AG batters. The Medics received seven free passes.

56 – Runs scored by both teams during the two-game championship set.

.554 – Medics' cumulative batting average (36 hits in 65 at-bats).

.674 – Airlifters' cumulative on-base percentage (reached base safely 58 times in 86 at-bats)

.750 – 7th MDG's Nagita Sykes' batting average (six hits -- four singles, a triple and a home run -- in eight at-bats), best of the 24 players on both teams.



Air Force Marathon offers new race options

By Patrick Reilly
Air Force Marathon Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- Air Force Marathon officials will add two new options to this year's Sept. 20 race. Besides the full-marathon and marathon-team races, this year's event features a 13.1-mile half marathon and a 5km (3.1 mile) race.

The half-marathon race will be on a loop-back course that will share the start and finish lines with the full marathon. Half-marathon and marathon relay participants will race alongside one another until the turnaround point, then the half-marathoners will head back toward the finish line located near the Air Force Museum, officials said.

The half-marathon is geared toward those who have some road-racing experience or those who have been conditioning for shorter races and want a new challenge, officials said.

The marathon and half-marathon courses will feature aid stations at every mile mark.

Stations will provide water, electrolyte replenishment, fruit, water-soaked sponges and first aid.

"Because the full and half-marathons are on the same course, the half-marathon racers will be able to use many of the same aid stations and enjoy the same festive atmosphere that the full marathoners do," said Cheryl Blom, Air Force Marathon volunteer coordinator.

"The 5km (race) is going to generate a lot of interest with runners who don't necessarily want to run the full 26.2-mile or 13.1-mile courses," said Bob Brodess, Air Force Marathon director. "We're affectionately calling it our 'fun run.'"

Though the 5km participants will not receive a medal, their entry fee will get them a runner packet almost identical to the full- and half-marathoners, and relay team members. The packet includes an official Air Force Marathon T-shirt, patch and several coupons to local restaurants and businesses.

The shorter course will be separate from the marathon races, but will still share the start and finish line with the other races. The exact

path has not yet been determined but final approval for the course is expected within the month. After its approval, a course description will be posted on the marathon's Web site.

Leading up to the marathon, an exposition is scheduled for Sept. 18-20.

Participants will pick up their race packets at the public sports and fitness exposition. The packets will include their timing chip, race T-shirts, numbered bibs, race patch and informational materials.

The expo will feature vendor booths that showcase running and fitness-related items and services.

The marathon staff has already received dozens of applications for

this year's events and will continue taking applications until Sept. 4.

The entry fee is \$50 for the marathon, \$35 for the half-marathon and \$15 for the 5km fun run. The marathon relay team fee is \$180.

There are still plenty of spots available for the full marathon, half marathon and 5km races, but marathon relay team openings are limited. Participants can also pay an additional \$10 for a ticket to the pasta dinner Sept. 19.

For more information, contact the marathon office at DSN 787-4350, commercial (937) 257-4350, toll free (800) 467-1823 or on the Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Scores and more

Scores and standings for the *Scores and More* section of the *Peacemaker* were not available from the sports and fitness center at press time. For more information about scores and standings, call the fitness center at 6-4306.

Sports Shorts

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.

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 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 for 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.

Mouthguards

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

Custom fit mouthguards are highly recommended for intramural sports.

For more information, call the dental clinic at 6-2304.

