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# Dyess makes history

*Base exceeds mission capable rates for entire year*

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome  
Dyess Public Affairs

In the B-1 maintenance and operations communities, surpassing the Air Combat Command's monthly mission capable rate is a monumental achievement. When Dyess notched that feat two months in a row in June and July 2002 -- the first time in wing history -- officials called it "a huge success."

But that accomplishment was just the beginning. Recently, the wing recorded a 76.1 percent monthly MC rate -- the 12th straight month Dyess has eclipsed the command standard of 67 percent. It is also the first time in history that any B-1 unit has managed to accomplish this monumental feat.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander. "It really demonstrates the incredible team effort put forth by our Air Force."

Mission capable rates are determined by the percent of a unit's assigned aircraft that are ready to perform missions. If an aircraft is down for maintenance for too many days, it is counted against the rate. A higher MC rate means a higher availability of planes for training missions as well as real-world combat commitments, according to Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Fournier, 7th Operations Group maintenance superintendent.

"It also translates to less pressure on the maintainers," Fournier said. "We have more parts on the shelf now, have less cannibalization actions and less weekend maintenance duties. Morale is the highest it's been in years."

These successes have been several years in the making, the chief said. Recently, more funding was



Courtesy photo

**Dyess maintainers perform routine maintenance inspections on a B-1 during a phase inspection. Dyess has exceeded Air Combat Command's 67 percent mission capable rates for the past 12 consecutive months.**

put into the B-1 program trying to address parts and logistics issues for the fleet. It has taken this long for the system to catch up, the chief said, but now that funding has translated into more parts on the shelf. He added that all the B-1 support facilities at various bases have focused on what those operating the system in the field have needed.

The successes being enjoyed by the maintenance community at Dyess are the result of a "huge team effort," said Lt. Col. Richard Kosanke, 7th Logistics Group deputy commander. "The elements of logistics -- the money, people and equipment -- have come together, and focused on meeting the mission needs."

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## Golf course stays 'green' certified

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson  
Dyess Public Affairs

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course has retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, remaining the only Department of Defense golf course in the world to ever earn the designation.

The golf course won the award for its efforts in conserving the natural environment it shares with the wildlife on Dyess, according to Audubon officials. Dyess originally earned the designation back in 2000 and is one of 431 courses in the world to receive the honor.

"Winning this award is not only great for us here at Dyess, but it is also great news for the surrounding community," said Danny Walters, Mesquite Grove Golf Course superintendent. "Sometimes golf courses get a bad name, (when it comes to environmental concerns), but getting this certification shows we care and that we can co-exist with the wildlife that lives here."

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitats and protect natural resources, according to Audubon officials.

"The Mesquite Grove Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program," said Joellen Zeh, staff ecologist for the Audubon.

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## Dyess Air Force Base...

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# Core values are solid foundation

By Lt. Col. Terry Kono  
28th Operations Group

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. -- "You fall back to your initial training that says, 'Hey, let's get the job done.'"

Those were the thoughts of Lt. Col. Fred Swan when his B-1 Lancer crew received critical targeting direction that would lead them to strike the suspected location of Saddam Hussein.

After the initial surge of excitement at the prospect of bombing "the big one," the Ellsworth airmen relied on a foundation of sound airmanship, crew discipline, checklist procedures, knowledge of 28th Bomb Wing mission standards and commitment to duty to achieve their objective. Without these basics, success might not have come so smoothly.

When we send our troops forward to combat, we do so with an earnest belief that their knowledge, values and commitment are the solid foundation that will endure the challenges of war. To maintain the integrity of our foundation, we must constantly affirm its strength.

This applies equally to the general profession of arms, and to each of our specialties.

Unfortunately, in our high operations tempo and high personnel tempo military, it's easy to lose sight of the basics, to take shortcuts and to run before we walk.

Immediate gains made from bypassing the basics may ultimately be offset by losses -- sometimes severe losses.

The number of Class A mishaps this year, particularly in formation procedures, identified weaknesses in air crew members' adherence to standards -- or their lack of understanding of the standards. We needed to reaffirm that we could practice what we preached by emphasizing basic airmanship and flight discipline.

Such has proven the recipe for success for our B-1 crews, maintainers and support troop's performance throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ideally, "back to basics" means we can fall back on the foundations we've strived to reinforce through a well-designed "building block" strategy. Back to basics doesn't mean starting from

scratch every time, nor is it limited to our daily jobs.

When I took an assignment as an instructor at the Naval Academy in 1993, I began the academic year following a cheating scandal. The focus of a few students had strayed from honor to football, completely disrupting their military values.

While the foundation of honor at the Academy wasn't completely broken, it was in disrepair from neglect. The end results were dismissals of midshipmen, significant leadership changes and literally years of creating ethics programs and building values that should've already been in place -- the basics.

One of the great honors I've received as an officer and commander is reaffirming the oath of office at promotions and re-enlistments. I firmly believe the troops standing before me live those words on a daily basis. It's sound back to basics for us to say and hear the oath, with a raised hand, before our fellow comrades-in-arms.

If you keep the basics in mind everyday, your foundation will be sound and success will be sure.



As I sit to write my last Puma's Vector, all I can think of to say is thanks. In the two years Ranette and I have been here, you have overcome many hurdles to advance airpower in the 7th Bomb Wing and the 317th Airlift Group. As airmen, you have implemented the AEF construct, going around the world in the service of our nation and at great personal sacrifice to your families and to yourselves. At the same time, you have kept the base running here at home, accomplishing our in-garrison mission and making improvements so that life is better for Dyess personnel and their families. You understand and have implemented "mission, people and safety" in your daily lives. You are the finest group of airmen, officers and civilians with whom I have ever served. As General George Washington said when taking leave of his troops in 1783, "with a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you; I most devoutly wish that your later days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable." Keep up the great work you do in the defense of freedom. It has been our privilege to serve with you at Dyess. Good luck and God Speed. Puma 02... out.



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## ACTION LINE



The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil) and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

### Window plates

**Comment:** During a car search, a 7th Security Forces Squadron NCO gave me a verbal warning about my license plate being on my windshield instead of on the front bumper. I have asked off-base police officers about this particular issue, and they told me as long as it is showing, it is not a problem. I have seen a lot of vehicles on base without a license plate whatsoever. I strongly believe that if Security Forces is going to enforce this rule, it should be for everybody.

**Response:** I had our security forces consult both the Texas vehicle transportation code and the Abilene Police Department for what the state officially requires. As you are aware, license plates must be displayed at the front and rear of vehicles registered in the state of Texas. Additionally, on vehicles registered in Texas, the state code prohibits any coating, covering or protective material which distorts visibility or detectability of the plates. While security forces and civilian law enforcement may not be able to actively search for this particular violation, we are told it will likely be pointed out -- and even possibly cited by civilian authorities -- during a vehicle search or other traffic stop. If your license plate is mounted on the exterior of your windshield, it may meet "the letter of the law," but certainly not the intent. I encourage you to go ahead and have a bumper mount installed to save from possible problems with civil authorities. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the 7th Security Forces Squadron police services at 6-2720.



Staff Sgt. Tracy Reisinger

**Airman 1st Class Lacy Foss and Tech. Sgt. Robert Hawkins perform a visual inspection of a B-1 accessory drive gear box. Dyess maintainers and logistical support personnel have enabled Dyess to exceed Air Combat Command's mission capable rates for an entire year -- a first for any B-1 unit.**

## MC Rates

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According to base officials, one key teammate in Dyess' MC rate success comes from the hard-working men and women at the Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The ALC provides logistical support for the Dyess B-1 maintenance community such as helping to ensure the necessary parts are available to Dyess maintainers when they need them.

"This is a huge success for us," Fournier said. "So many

pieces -- the parts, the people, and the dedication by the people and leadership -- came together to make this happen."

Those elements go beyond the base boundaries, Fournier stressed. "It's the entire B-1 community. "It's everyone from the (Air Logistics Center at Tinker) all the way down to the maintainer on the flightline."

Kosanke stressed that the MC rates are only part of the success story at Dyess. By taking a "back to basics" approach to handling aircraft maintenance, all the

key indicators which tell about the "health" of Dyess' airplanes are pointed in the right direction.

"Our MC rate is good, but that's only part of the story," Kosanke said. "The underlying metrics which deal with specific management issues are there (as well.)"

Some of those "behind the scenes" indicators include mission abort rates, 12-hour fix rates, reoccur write-ups and repeat write-ups, Kosanke added.

"When you look at the facts that the experience level of those who work on the aircraft has gone down and the aircraft has aged, and we're still able to provide a total quality aircraft and consistently maintain the stats we're seeing, that's huge."

Part of the "back to basics" approach has been working with the 7th Operations Group on aircraft scheduling. The two groups have worked to

revise how airplanes have been scheduled to fly, resulting in "fresh tails" for use every day.

"This has allowed for more quality maintenance," Kosanke said. "It's provided the flightline better opportunities to maintain the airplanes."

"The communication lines are more open which translates to more action," Fournier said. The chief added these efforts are translating into the weapon system living up to its expectations when it came on line.

"The B-1 is as supportable as any other aircraft in the Air Force inventory," the chief said. "It's quickly becoming the weapon of choice for theater commanders."

*(Capt. Dave Honchul, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this report).*



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

**A Dyess B-1 taxis before takeoff. By exceeding ACC's mission capable rates, Dyess is able to get and keep more B-1s "combat ready" to meet the needs of today's theater commanders.**

## Wildlife

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"They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," Zeh added.

While the base originally earned the certification three years ago, it was every bit as challenging for the golf course staff to get re-certified as it was the first time around.

"It was a very extensive process," Walters said. "We had to make sure we were meeting standards in a number of categories in order to earn the certification."

The categories for certification

include: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation and water quality management.

A golf course also has to do an environmental project for each certification period, Walters said. Dyess' selection was the effluent water project, which uses re-claimed water from Dyess and Abilene to water the golf course as well as fill the course's pond. Dyess completed the effluent water project last year.

"Earning the certification is great for us and our customers," Walters said. "It is very satisfying to know we are the only DOD golf course in the world to earn this award."



Airman Shawn Baldauf

**Wild turkeys that live on base roam through the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. Due to its efforts at wildlife conservation, the base golf course has retained its certification as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Dyess is the only Department of Defense course to ever receive this certification.**

# Dyess mourns passing of airman

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess airman was killed in a motorcycle accident Sunday on Farm to Market Road 89 near Lake Abilene.

Senior Airman Bradley Phipps, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, died after his motorcycle struck a signpost on the country road. The maintainer who worked for the 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit was stationed at Dyess since December 1999.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Phipps' peers described

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Staff Sgt. Robert Hill,  
7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mid-shift supervisor

him as calm, cool and collected -- someone who never seemed to get upset about anything.

"He was a natural leader," said Staff Sgt. Robert Hill, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mid-shift supervisor for the 13th AMU, who had known Phipps since August. "If the 13th AMU was a basketball team, he would be on the starting five."

If you needed assistance, he'd help out," Hill added. "He was the most qualified

person on my shift (and even during the tough times, he always stepped up and made things happen. He will be truly missed throughout the squadron."

The tragic loss of one of the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's own has not been without effect, as many of Phipps' former co-workers noted.

"It was a big shock," said Master Sgt. Davis Orsak, 7th AMXS specialist flight chief for the 13th AMU. "He was such a good worker



SrA Bradley Phipps

and everyone spoke highly of him." Hill recalls

the last time he saw Phipps, which was when Phipps had dinner at his house only hours before the terrible accident. Phipps had just returned from a deployment to Andersen Air Base, Guam, and he bought a new motorcycle.

"He was having a great

time showing it off for us," said Hill. "Even though he had his helmet with him, I told him to be careful. This whole thing has been really difficult and very unexpected."

"The guys pulled together to help those who were taking it hard," said Orsak. "With the help of the (first sergeants), the chaplains and each other, we all came through."

"We are still mission-focused and pressing ahead," Orsak added. "But you can see it in the guys' faces that there's something missing."

A memorial service for Phipps will be held at 4 p.m. today at the base chapel.



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**TEAM DYESS****Warrior of the Week****Capt. Chris Sebora**

**Unit:** 317th Operations Support Squadron

**Job description:** Operations group mission planner

**Time in the Air Force:** Six years, five months

**Time at Dyess:** Four years

**Hometown:** Oshkosh, Wi.

**Family:** Wife, Shawn

**Job impact on the mission:** I am responsible for scheduling and planning Dyess C-130s for local and off-station missions.

**Career goals:** I hope to be at T-43 instructor at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. I eventually hope to be a high school geography teacher and baseball coach.

**Best Air Force memory:** Supporting Operation Joint Forge in Germany in 2001.

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

**E-mail submissions to  
Peacemaker @dyess.af.mil**



Senior Airman Zachary Wilson

**TEAM DYESS****317th OSS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Lt. Col. David Miller

**First Sergeant:**

Master Sgt.

William Wardell, Jr.

**Personnel:**

- Officers: 26
- Enlisted: 53
- Civilians: Three

**Mission statement:**

The men and women of the 317th Operations Support Squadron support and enhance assigned C-130H combat effectiveness. They direct flight operations, war plans, aircrew/aircraft scheduling, combat tactics, intelligence integration, aircrew training, mobility processing, and life support functions. Unit personnel coordinate with the host wing for airfield management, weather support, and air traffic control functions.

**Future goals**

- Provide the best possible combat training and support to our warfighters
- Re-unite our deployed squadron members with their families as soon as possible
- Have all unit members enjoy the summer without incident during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

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# Dyess airmen return home from Andersen

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 60 airmen from the 7th Bomb Wing returned to Dyess May 31 after a three-month deployment to Andersen Air Base, Guam.

The 7th Bomb Wing airmen deployed there prior to the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom to help the U.S. bolster its defensive posture in the Western Pacific. The show of force was a prudent measure to deter potential adversaries in the region while U.S. forces were engaged in military action elsewhere in the world, base officials said.

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, returned with the airmen as well. George was deployed as the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing commander at Andersen.

After landing on the Dyess tarmac, a pilot hung Old Glory from the side hatch as Dyess families crowded at the base washrack to greet their loved ones exiting the 777 commercial passenger jetliner.

"I generally get a rush of emotions and thoughts," said Lt. Col. Tim Stocking, 7th Bomb Wing director of staff, who attended the troops' landing on the Dyess flightline. "I think how lucky I am to have seen my family every day while these airmen did not. I also think about how families, not individuals, make up our Air Force and ensure mission success. The pride I feel for what our young men and women will undertake for this country is often overwhelming."

"I think of the excitement for the families, especially the children," added Col. Jeffrey Beene, 7th Operations Group deputy commander. "We have kids who have literally grown inches since their moms or dads have been gone."

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Col. Jeffrey Beene,  
7th Operations Group deputy  
commander

The first Dyess troops to return from Guam arrived May 22, which included 12 B-1 crewmembers and three Dyess Bones. Now, the entire 7th Operations Group has returned.

"Our folks who were deployed in the 7th Expeditionary Operations Group did an absolutely marvelous job training -- this allowed them to maintain a very fine combat edge," Beene said. From this point, the 7th OG will focus on critical training "to prepare for the next time the nation calls," Beene added.

Many people hope the redeployment will provide a chance to recuperate from the increased operations tempo for both those who deployed and those who didn't.

"(It also) brings some relief to the Team Dyess warriors who stayed behind and carried the extra load," Stocking said. "Hopefully, these non-deployers will get some well deserved (relaxation) time too."

Despite the return of Dyess troops, airmen are still deployed to other parts of the world, and the base leadership is still focused on them and the challenges that lie ahead.

"We've won a battle, yet the war continues," Stocking said. "We need everyone back in good physical and mental shape, focusing on the continuing tasks at hand."

## Local Advertisement

101 Critical Days of Summer  
are here ...

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## Living history

Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander, co-pilots a B-17 into Nut Tree airport, Vacaville, Calif., after doing a flyover. Chief Master Sgt. David Spector, 60th Air Mobility Wing, monitors the aircraft's movement.

## Finance closed

The 7th Comptroller Squadron will be closed Wednesday for a commander's call.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Woffard at 6-2080.

## Goal day

June 13 has been designated a goal day for all Dyess members for meeting the May goals.

For more information, contact your first sergeant.

## Col. Bell's going-away

Col. Thomas Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander's going-away dinner is June 14 at The Heritage Club.

The dress is "college-casual" and the cost is \$8.50 for club members and \$10.50 for non-members. The dinner will be teriyaki chicken and a ham buffet.

Sign up before Monday.

For more information, call your group POC.

## Lose something?

The 7th Security Forces Squadron has several items in their found property section. Items include keys, a ring, a wallet, bicycles, a purse, scooters, a Texas dri-

ver's license, a PalmPilot and dog tags.

To claim lost property, call 6-4499 or 6-2984.

## PA giveaways

Dyess Public Affairs has hundreds of copies of *Airman Magazine's* "The Book" and "Centennial of Flight" calendars as well as CD-ROMs of the new base guide.

For more information, call 6-2862 or stop by the PA office in the 7th Bomb Wing Headquarters building.

## Retraining options

- Retraining options are available in the manpower and organization career field for E-4 through E-7s.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Chris Heinning at 6-5027.

- Retraining options are available for NCOs and senior NCOs in the legal career field.

Applicants must type at least 25 words per minute, have a general Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score of 50, have no unfavorable information in their records and complete an interview.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Deb Swanson at 6-2924.

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**CALENDAR**



*Today, June 6, 2003*

**Busted Putter and Busted Racquet tournament.**

**Friday night social hour,** 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club and The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

*Saturday, June 7, 2003*

**Free movie screening,** 2 and 7 p.m. at the base theater. For more info, call 6-4320.

**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, June 8, 2003*

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

*Monday, June 9, 2003*

**Bar bingo and drink specials,** 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Dyess clubs. For more info, call 6-2405.

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

**Tiny tots reading hour,** 10 a.m. at the base library. 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, June 11, 2003*

**Wing Right Start,** from 7:45 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Master Sgt. Shari Riley at 6-2901.

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

**Retiree luncheon,** noon to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call the Retiree Activities Office at 6-4980.

*Upcoming events*

**June 14,** Col. Tom Bell's going away party.  
 • 77th Weapons School graduation at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

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COMMUNITY

**Beach bash**

There is a beach bash burger burn and summer sports tournament Saturday at the pavilion behind Campanale Hall on Avenue D.

All enlisted members and their families are welcome to attend.

The party will include a four-on-four beach volleyball tournament, three-on-three basketball tournament and a disc jockey. Free food and drinks will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Murphy at 6-4462.

CHAPEL

**Chapel schedule**

**Catholic:** Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday with Mass afterward 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.

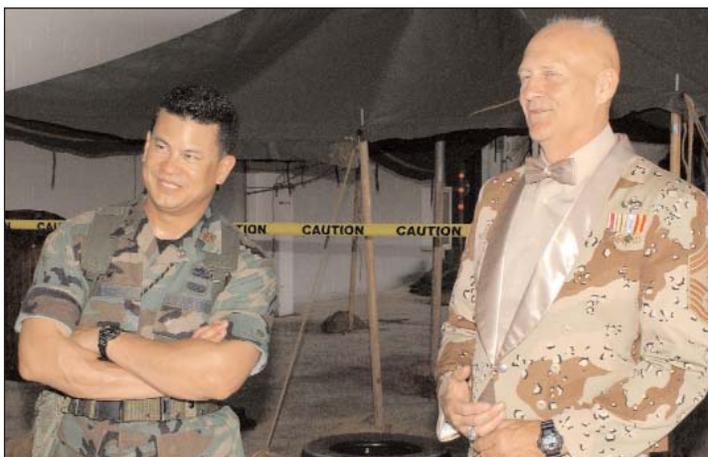
For more information, call 6-4224.

EDUCATION

**College registration**

Students can sign-up for the McMurry University's summer semester terms at the base education and training center.

Summer I semester is from Monday to July 3 and the Summer II semester runs from July 7 to Aug. 8.



Maj. Welsey Norris, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander, stands next to retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie during the EMS dining-in May 31. Savoy was the guest speaker of the event.



Photos by Airman Shawn Baldauf

**Combat dining-in**

Above: Members of the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight ward off 'invaders' during the squirt gun fight at the EMS dining-in May 31.

Right: Senior Airman Nick Wakin and his supervisor Master Sgt. Ronny Shafferdrink, drink from the grog bowl after losing in the obstacle course.

Available courses are listed on the university's Web site at <http://www.mcm.edu>.

To register or for more information, call Dr. Rosemary Wallace at 6-5540.

**ERAU registration**

Students can now register for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Dyess center summer term.

The summer term dates run from Monday to Aug. 1.

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

**Self-image class**

An image and self-projection class is taught from 2-4 p.m. June 17 at the family support center.

Students learn how to be seen as a leader by their boss and peers, build their confidence, communicate with impact, find the essential ingredients to success and establish their credentials.

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

MEDICAL

**Change in hours**

Beginning today, all 7th Medical Group clinic services will open at 9:30 a.m. Fridays due to readiness training.

This change includes the appointment line.

**Re-deployers**

Personnel returning from

deployments should contact the force health management office to complete their post-deployment questionnaire and take care of any other related medical issues.

The FHM can be reached through the community public health desk at 6-5478.

OFF BASE

**Fiesta Texas**

The information, tickets and travel office has discounted Fiesta Texas tickets.

For more information, call the ITT office at 6-5207.

**Sea World**

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

mission is also available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fla., Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Va., SeaWorld Orlando, Fla., and SeaWorld San Diego.

**Disney discount**

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

Active duty members may also purchase five-day *Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets* for \$99 each (plus tax) for up to five family members or friends. This offer also applies to active members of the U.S. Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard and Reservists.

For more information, call 407-939-7424.

# 'It's backed up again?!?'

## CDMs take care of business for Dyess dorm dwellers



Tech. Sgt. Stenio Arias, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron dormitory manager, watches Airman Phillip Cook, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, move a mattress out of a room that recently flooded when a pipe burst. Arias is in charge of supervising all bay orderlies for Harlow Hall.

### Story and photos by Senior Airman Zachary Wilson Dyess Public Affairs

For many of the single airmen who live in the dormitories on Dyess, moving into the dorms is often their first real "home away from home," and they can use all the support they can get.

Enter Dyess' Central Dorm Management team. CDMs are expected to do anything from in-processing new airmen to coordinating maintenance on Dyess' 12 dorm buildings.

CDMs can expect to deal with a wide variety of incidents that even a supercomputer would never be able to predict. For example, two years ago an airman tried to hang his shirt from a fire sprinkler, snapping it off. As a result, he flooded the dormitory and created a week's worth of clean-up for many of the residents who were affected.

"You never know what's going to happen around here," said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Sprague, 7th

Component Maintenance Squadron and a former dormitory manager. Sprague was a dormitory manager who dealt with the above flooding incident. "It can be a Friday afternoon before a long weekend and suddenly you get to look forward to handling an incident like (that)."

Dyess boasts 808 rooms that are filled to 95 percent occupancy rate at all times, according to Master Sgt. Ted Smith, CDM superintendent.

"Our primary role is making sure rooms are available for all unaccompanied single airmen who come to Dyess," Smith said. "We give them a place to bed down as soon as they get here."

"Our job is important to them because we are there to help them get acclimated to life in the U.S. Air Force. We are some of the first Dyess members they come into contact with when they get here," Smith said.

When asked about how many airmen currently occupy his dormitories, Smith -- without the

slightest hesitation -- replies "742," demonstrating just how hands-on he and his staff are.

"With a wait time from anywhere between three months to a year and a half before they get the chance to move off-base, we prepare airmen for their first Air Force home," Smith said.

Among other duties of the CDMs are coordinating all maintenance actions for the rooms as well as escorting all contractors when they are doing work on the rooms.

"We also annually submit for new furniture for individual rooms and common areas of the dormitories to the wing commander," Smith said. "We try to make the experience as comfortable as possible because after all, it is their home."

To keep the dorms looking neat and orderly at all times, the CDMs employ an army of bay orderlies that are tasked with doing routine cleanup in and around the dorms where they live, Smith said. The bay orderlies are selected from within their squadron on a week-by-week basis, and most airmen who live in the dorms pull the duty at one time or another.

"This is where these airmen

live, and it's up to them to make sure that it is comfortable," said Tech. Sgt. Stenio Arias, dorm manager for Harlow Hall said. "While bay orderly is not the (most exciting) job in the world, it is necessary for the well-being of everyone."

With only six CDMs on Dyess at a time, there is often a lot of work to be done and it doesn't leave a lot of time to slack around, Smith said.

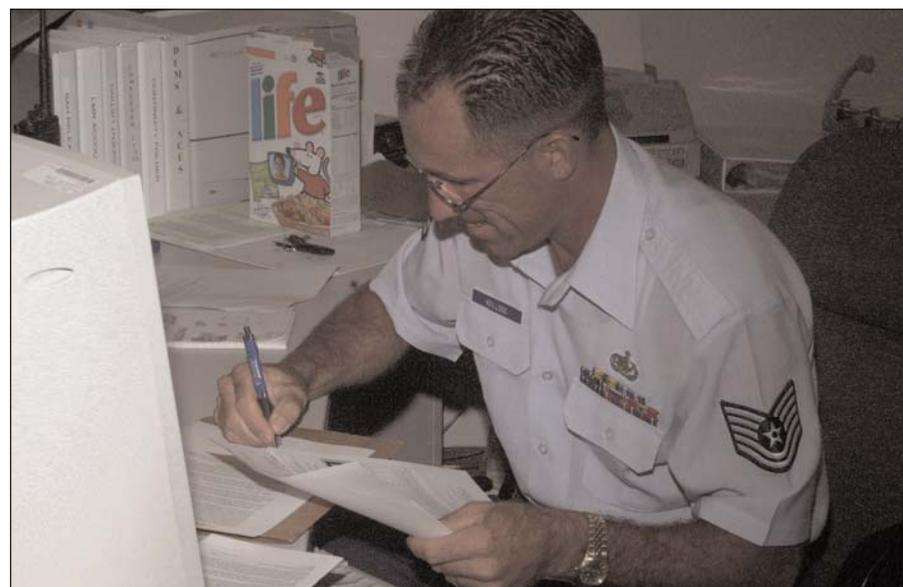
While being a CDM can be a very challenging job, it is on a volunteer basis. It is also a special duty assignment.

"When we need people, we put out an ad. When people come in for interviews, I forward on their packages to Chief (Dennis) Lyssy, (7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant,) who then makes the final selection," Smith said.

"Dorm managers are a dedicated bunch that come from many different career fields."

The CDM duty is two years long and members are assigned to the 7th CES during that tour.

"It's a great job," Smith said. "It really makes you feel like you are making a difference in the lives of the next generation of Air Force members."



Tech. Sgt. Don Kellogg, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron dormitory manager, fills out paperwork while in-processing a new airman into the dormitories. The CDM office is tasked with the care of Dyess' 808 dorm rooms.

# ETVS system catapults tower into next century

By Senior Airman  
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Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess' Air Traffic Control tower has recently become a little more "high-tech."

The reason for the change is the addition of the new Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch system. The ETVS is a touch-screen control system that provides air-to-ground radio and telephone switching functions for air traffic control towers and radar approach control facilities.

"This is a tremendous tool for Dyess," said Master Sgt. Zef Smith, tower chief controller. "It has really catapulted us into the 21st century."

The new ETVS system varies in size and operation capability to provide a "customized" fit to meet each

different facilities' needs. The ETVS system can vary its capability from five controllers at one time up to 80 controllers. The system is also capable of using up to 200 different radio channels and telephone circuits.

Two of the more significant areas of improvement with this system are its reliability and audio quality.

"This ETVS is an awesome system," said Master Sgt. John Davis, senior air traffic control watch supervisor. "It has provided us with a tremendous increase in clarity and flexibility. There is absolutely no comparison with this new system."

Davis worked with the previous air traffic control system, the OJ-314, for more than 20 years.

Another improvement the ETVS provides Dyess



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

**Master Sgt. John Davis, center, trains Airman 1st Class Dewayne Vaughn on the new Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch system in the tower while Staff Sgt. Allyson Legato speaks to an incoming pilot. The new ETVS is an all-digital radio and telephone communication system that uses touch screen monitors.**

air traffic controllers is touch-screen monitors.

According to Nathan Hudson, Air Combat Command Communications Group, the Touch Entry Displays require only a light touch to perform each function. And, because it is a totally digital system, it vastly improves audio quality for the air traffic controller.

"These improvements not only make the controller's job easier but improve flight safety at all of our bases," Hudson said.

According to system personnel, maintenance is now

much easier than before. With the OJ-314, repair actions would take days and require extensive troubleshooting to resolve problems and annual preventative maintenance would take an entire week using up to 10 pieces of test equipment, Hudson said.

The ETVS is software based using a self diagnostic system. Only two pieces of test equipment are needed to perform annual maintenance checks and alignments. An error message is displayed at a computer terminal telling the tower controllers the problem.

This dramatic change in technology has required our maintenance to change from doing electronic component repair to performing software diagnostics and more system related repairs, Hudson said. Changes in maintenance concept will require an adjustment period, but will ease technician workload in the long run.

Dyess controllers have noticed a dramatic difference using this new all-digital system.

"The 'brains' of our operation used to be handled by six different (computers)," Smith said. "Now there are only two."

Dyess controllers were also able to spend two weeks training on the ETVS system with Master Sgt. Doug Fugett and his team of specialists during the installation of the system.

"This is a valuable asset to us," Smith said. "The system was like an old car that had to have its oil checked every day, but this new ETVS system is completely top of the line -- like driving a brand new Cadillac."



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**Master Sgt. Zef Smith, tower chief controller, performs a routine systems check on Dyess' new enhanced terminal voice switch computer system.**



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

**Maj. Jeff Hoyt, supervisor of flying, records daily flying information.**

## Bone Ops perform 'trifecta' against 7th CES, win 3-0

By Senior Airman  
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Ten minutes was all it took for Dominic Essien to take complete control of the game, scoring all three of his team's goals during the Bone Ops' 3-0 victory against the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron Monday in intramural soccer.

When Essien arrived in the middle of the first half, the game was tied at zero apiece between the two previously undefeated teams. Essien changed that almost instantly when he put the ball in the left hand corner on an outlet pass over the middle from Mark London to beat Engineer goalie D.J. Sutton seconds after checking into the game.

"I felt good out there," Essien said. "Even though I was late, I wanted to do what I could to help out my team and get us the 'W' so we could stay undefeated."

With Essien in the game, Bone Ops was able to finally play at

full-strength, as they were a man down before. Now at 100 percent, they pressed their momentum forward, keeping the ball in the Engineers' zone for the majority of the game, using crisp passing and good ball handling.

After narrowly missing on a breakaway when his shot over Sutton's head went wide-left, Essien's second goal came as he ran down a loose ball with Engineer defenders hot on his heels and beat Sutton for the second time.

Essien's third goal came seconds later off of Antonio Villareal's throw-in 30 yards away from the Engineer net. Villareal lofted a sharp pass over the head of several Engineer players, and Essien ran the ball down to beat Sutton again for the hat-trick.

Though Essien's first-half fireworks display obviously helped the 'Bonemen' immensely, the team says the real secret to their success in this game and the games before was their excellent

defensive trio of John Creer, Shalin Turner and John Shinoskie with Nick Guthals minding the net.

"Up to this game, our defense has only allowed probably four shots all season," London said. "Our defense is our anchor and is what allows us to win games."

The Engineers failed to prove Bone Ops wrong this time around, as several potential scoring opportunities for forwards Rene Macias and Don Cobb never materialized. Bone Ops defenders shut down every scoring threat in their zone and pushed the ball out to their forwards.

"(Even though I didn't score,) your talking to the game's 'MVP' right here man," Creer bragged jokingly. Creer's joke was immediately followed by a chorus of groans and laughter from his teammates.

Bone Ops advanced their record to 5-0 while the Engineers were saddled with their first loss of the season to become 4-1.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

**Bone Ops forward Dominic Essien juggles the ball in his team's 3-0 victory over the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron Monday.**

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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.*

**Soccer**

**Intramural standings**

	Won	Lost
7th LRS	5	1
Bone ops	3	0
7th CES	3	1
7th EMS	2	1
7th CMS	2	2
7th MUNS	2	2
7th SFS	0	5
7th AMXS	0	5
317th AMXS	0	0

**Golf**

**Intramural standings**

**American League**

	Won	Lost	Tied
7th OSS	3	0	0
317th AMXS	2	1	0
7th BW	2	1	0
7th MDG	2	1	0
7th CS	1	0	1
7th CMS #2	1	1	2
436th TRS	0	2	1
7th SFS/Army	0	2	0
7th AMXS #2	0	3	0

**National League**

	Won	Lost	Tied
7th SFS	3	0	0
7th EMS	3	0	0
7th MOS	3	0	1
7th CMS #1	2	1	1
7th LRS	2	1	1
7th MUNS	1	2	0
7th AMXS #1	0	2	1
317th MXS	0	2	0

7th CES #2	0	3	0
28th BS	0	3	0

**Volleyball**

**Intramural standings**

**American League**

(Final)	Won	Lost	Points
7th CES	12	2	31
7th CS	11	3	27
7th LRS	9	5	29
317th AMXS	7	6	22
9th BS/13th BS	6	7	18
7th MDG	5	9	12
7th MSS	3	11	15
28th BS	2	12	11

**National League**

(Final)	Won	Lost	Points
7th EMS	13	1	38
7th AMXS	12	2	36
7th SFS	10	4	28
Army	9	5	26
7th MUNS	5	8	17
317th MXS	2	11	9
7th SVS	2	11	5
7th MOS	2	12	5

**Playoffs**

**Round 1 results**

7th AMXS 2, 7th LRS 1
7th CS 2, 7th SFS 0
7th CES 2, Army 0
7th EMS 2, 317th AMXS 0

**Round 2 results**

317th AMXS 2, 7th SFS 0
Army 3, 7th AMXS 0
7th CS 2, 7th EMS 0
7th CES 2, 7th LRS 0

**Championship match**

Intramural champions, 7th EMS

**Bowling**

**League standings**

**Dyess Bantams**

(As of May 3)	Won	Lost
The Griffens	71	33
The Wood Team	63	25
Blue Dragons	53.5	54.5
Burning Gundum	50.5	57.5

**Dyess Preps**

(As of May 3)	Won	Lost
Girls Rock!!	87	21
Queen Bowlers	72	36
Dumb Luck	52	56
BladeBreakers	51	57
Three Musketeers	43	65
Team No. 5	19	89

**Dyess Juniors/Majors**

(As of May 3)	Won	Lost
Dancing Flamingos	70	38
Strikers	69	39
Liar Liar POF	59	49
Pin Heads	18	90

**American League**

(Final)	Won	Lost
a-7th SVS #2	176	80
a-7th MOS	168	88
a-7th EMS	162	94
9th BS	138	118
a-7th CMS	136	120
a-7th MDG	130	126
a-7th MXS/13th AMF	128	128
7th LRS #1	127	129
436th TS	127	129
7th CPTS	104	152
7th SFS	103	153
LL's Cool Jammers	92	164
7th MXS/9th BS	101	155
7th LRS #2	60	196

**a-qualified for roll-offs**

**Season high scores**

**High scratch game** -- Curtis Hayes, 289; Mark Kuhar, 270; Curt Lopez, 256; Cristal Arnold, 204; Andrea Kenny, 195; Pam Auerlich, 171

**High handicap game** -- Robert Dickmeyer, 322;

Roger Burner, 307; Blake Keating, 307; Radka Sherman, 294; Keri Varkony, 270; Debra Norris, 252  
**High scratch series** -- James Templeton, 764; Matt Morris, 701; Troy Gaudette, 668; Sarah Webb-Frost, 576; Doy Brown, 489; Barbara Sapp, 420  
**High handicap series** -- Don Cobb, 832; Lance Pigott, 822; Michelle Huff, 743; Brandy Haefner, 720; Lindsey Maurice, 687

**National League**

(Final)	Won	Lost
7th CMS	170	86
7th SVS	150	106
7th SVS Command	148	108
7th CES	148	108
28th AMF	144	112
Giga Gutters	136	120
Dilligaf Hooah	133	123
7th EMS	124	132
317th AMXS	122	134
7th MSS	124	132
Team 5	116	140
13th AMF	114	142
7th SFS	93	163
7th LRS #3	80	176
9th AMF	56	200

**Season high scores**

**High scratch game** -- Nathaniel Allison, 257; Jim Haller, 236; Mark Hinds, 236; Nadine Muro, 165

**High handicap game** -- Alan Makeroff, 307; Chris Pierce, 292

**High handicap series** -- Ken Armstrong, 832; Walter Bridges, 819

**High scratch series** -- John Bullard, 669; Terry Kraly Sr., 612; Stephanie Kraly, 550

**Team scratch game** -- Dilligaf Hooah, 1,054 pins; Team 5, 934

**Team scratch series** -- 7th MSS, 2,923; 7th SVS, 2,565

**Team handicap game** -- Giga Gutters, 1,280; 7th EMS, 1,244

**Team handicap series** -- 7th CMS, 3,760; 13th AMF, 3,555

**Top individual averages** -- John Bullard, 183.01; Mike Cowan, 175.41; Stephanie Kraly, 158.93

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# 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 under 6 is free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

## Today

**Holes** -- *Sigourney Weaver* -- Based on the award-winning children's book, *Holes* tells the story of a teenage boy sent to a summer detention camp for a crime he didn't commit. The strict warden forces the kids to dig holes five feet by five feet in size as a "character building" experience. However, the boys discover there's a secret reason behind all the excavating.

Rated PG (*Violence and mild language*)

## Saturday

Special 2 and 7 p.m. screenings of a movie are free for

military I.D. card holders. For more information, call the base theater at 6-4320.

## June 13

**View from the Top** -- *Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate* -- Donna dreams of becoming a first-class international flight attendant and will do whatever it takes to ensure her dream comes true. But, her flight to success is far from a smooth one as she encounters more turbulence than she bargained for.

Rated PG-13 (*language and sexual references*)

## May 31

**Anger Management** -- *Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson* -- After a mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime, he is sentenced to an anger management program. However, once in the class, he discovers the instructor has his own serious anger management problem.

Rated PG-13 (*crude sexual content and language*)



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