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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of Nov. 12

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
88	13	+3
53	28	+3
69	25	0

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -8.3

Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of Nov. 11

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	88%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

7th BW concludes second annual UCI

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess Air Force base will finish out its second local unit compliance inspection since the Air Combat Command UCI in September of 2000 today.

The inspection, focuses on a number of issues and standardization lists covering a number of critical compliance objectives and several special interest items within the 7th Bomb Wing.

The last inspection was a year ago and the base earned an 83 percent to 'make the grade,' according to 7th BW inspector general officials.

"The local UCI is a way for us to see how we are doing as far as compliance with Air Force directives," said Maj. Jeffrey Hoyt, 7th BW deputy inspector general during the last inspection. "During the local UCI, we are a lot more in depth with our inspections than ACC. Since we never know exactly what ACC will look at, we need to be prepared to meet all of our objectives."

During the local UCI, which will be held annually, the 7th BW is divided into four areas -- wing staff, operations, logistics and support.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Staff Sgt. Chris Chadwick, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron nondestructive inspection, instructs Airman Tiffany Gilder, 7th EMS NDI, how to properly perform an ultrasonic inspection of stage one compressor blades. Chadwick was one of several superior performers from last year's unit compliance inspection. The wing completes the UCI today

The last UCI found 16 percent of in compliance with Air Force directives, but it is in the process of getting there, Hoyt said. When an objective is graded compliant with comments, it means the objective is not currently

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7th MDG protects Dyess against flu despite vaccine shortages

By 1st Lt. Johnnie Foster
7th Medical Group

Influenza season is here, and the 7th Medical Group is defending Dyess troops with the flu vaccine.

However, due to a delay in its availability this season, the 7th MDG currently has a limited supply.

At this time, only active -

duty military members and people with high-risk medical conditions can receive the vaccine.

The vaccine will be given to other beneficiaries once more is available. More supplies are anticipated in the coming months.

Flu vaccine priority lines for active-duty members will be offered from 6:30

a.m. to noon Wednesday, noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the base theater. Members can also receive the flu vaccine at the allergy/immunization clinic during normal duty hours.

The vaccine is mandatory for active-duty members. Members must bring their shot records with them at

the time of the vaccination.

High-risk patients should be contacted by their primary care manager to receive the vaccination.

High-risk members include Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System enrollees with high-risk medical conditions.

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Dyess Air Force Base welcomes...

Gen. Richard Wolsztynski
French air chief

Maj. Gen. Arthur Lichte
Air Mobility Command director of plans and programs



Everything we do makes history

By Col. Thomas Trask
347th Operations Group
commander

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- I recently attended a reunion of air commanders in Florida. There were folks there from World War II, Korea and a lot from the Vietnam era.

As these things always are, it was great to listen to the old-timers tell war stories. They didn't talk much about how important the war was, or the political goals that were met or not met. They remembered the fun times they had, and the funny things that happened, and people who became their life-long friends.

But the impact of the events of their time, and the setting in which these events took place, was always in the air, even as they laughed and joked. They knew they had been part of something that was important. They knew they had been part of history. And they were very proud of it.

It reminded me that every day, as we go about our normal routine, these are the days, events and people we will remember. We serve our nation at a time in history that is at least as important as any of those mentioned above.

The superior performance of



Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo
An Air Force weapons loader from the 28th Air Expeditionary Wing preps a 2,000-pound bomb to be loaded into a B-1 bomber during Operation Enduring Freedom.

our military is critical to defeating terrorism. For decades, we as a nation have felt we could never be attacked ourselves. Now we know the rules have changed, and we are vulnerable. Our nation must have a strong defense now more than ever. For those folks who thought the end of the Cold War would somehow do away with the need for a strong military, everyone now knows the reverse may be true.

Some of you may say, "That's great, but what does it have to do with me?" It affects every one of us because we are doing the things now that we will talk about at our reunions years from now, or they will be

the things we tell our children and grandchildren about. So I try to make sure that I will be able to be just as proud of my service as those old guys are of theirs.

Each one of us will take away memories that will have a special place in our lives, whether we make the Air Force a career or not. We all don't need to become chiefs or colonels, or even stay in more than one term, but all of us need to do our duty in a way that will make us proud.

Every day, no matter how insignificant you might think your part is, do it with pride and know that it is important.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

ACTION LINE



Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions.

As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

Great Veterans Day parade

Comment: I wanted to pass on my appreciation for all those who participated in the Veterans Day parade in Abilene Saturday. My husband is finishing up a 120-day deployment and was unable to be with us. During the parade, someone from one of the Dyess groups

came out and gave my 2-year-old daughter an American flag pinwheel. He only had one and chose to give it to her, reminding me how small this world is and what a fine Air Force family we have. Thanks to all those who continue to stand in the gap here and far away. My heart swells with pride knowing the sacrifices the men and women who serve choose to make day after day.

Response: Thank you for your wonderful comments, and also for the sacrifices you make so your husband can support the mission. None of us could effectively conduct our mission without the solid support from our spouses and friends. Knowing our spouses are keeping the home front going makes it a little easier when we are thousands of miles away. And let me add my thanks to all those who volunteered their time to participate in the parade. As always, you made a magnificent impression on the local community and our Air Force family.



I NEED YOU...IN THE DYESS HONOR GUARD!

Dyess heroes, I want to talk to you very briefly regarding the opportunities to serve above and beyond the call of duty in the Dyess Honor Guard. Our Honor Guard currently consists of 60 dedicated men and women who give freely of their time to serve their nation, their Air Force, and their fellow man in an outstanding manner. You only have to perform one retirement ceremony or one memorial ceremony to experience the pride and the reward of this great service...and to get hooked. I am not just talking to the airmen out there...we need NCOs, we need junior officers...the Honor Guard is for everyone. It represents this base...it represents our great service, the Air Force...and most importantly...it represents our nation...the greatest nation on the face of the earth. Our goal is simple...we want to double the size of the Honor Guard....I need your help to do it. Please give it some thought... just stop by and talk to some of our dedicated professionals such as Tech. Sgt Levi Lawrence and Staff Sgt Tremayne Hubbard. I am sure you will be impressed...I always am!

Supervisors, I need your support also...I know it hurts to give up an individual to do Honor Guard...but, it is the right thing to do! I expect your full support of this worthwhile opportunity for our men and women.

Well, that's my pitch...it is a great way to serve. Hope to see you soon at a ceremony...wearing the Honor Guard badge. Thanks for all that you do.



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Chief of Staff: 'It's time for a new way of thinking'

Jumper address the development of individuals across all career field specialties

WASHINGTON -- Saying "it's time for a new way of thinking," the Air Force's highest ranking airman says significant change has already begun and more is on the horizon for how the Air Force will "focus on the unique development of every individual."

"We call it Force Development, and it applies equally to all of us: officer, enlisted and civilian, across all specialties in our Air Force," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper.

The new personnel development concept will "focus on training, education and experience, especially how you are assigned to get that experience," Jumper said. "We intend to open the aperture on what is considered beneficial education and training experience."

For example, most officers will no longer be required to have an advanced academic degree in order to be competitive for promotion to lieutenant colonel, the general said.

"Just like many of you, I too spent many hours in night school to earn a master's degree. Why? So I could get promoted," Jumper said.

Today there is a "career path choice" that encourages development of specialists with a deep perspective in a particular area, the general said. Up until now, the focus was on competency skills in a single Air Force Specialty Code. Career development was often left to chance.

"Day after day, you demonstrate that your expertise is our greatest asset, and I truly believe your continued training and development are our wisest investment," he said. "Our goal in implementing our new Force Development construct is to make that investment in all

career fields and all ranks more deliberately than we do today."

Most importantly, he added, the new emphasis reflects a sincere approach by the Air Force to ensure airmen have time for other priorities such as family.

Each person's career development will be managed through professional development teams, officials said. Over the next six months, the Air Force will redesign how the Air Force Personnel Center assigns people to schools and jobs. Rather than having assignment officers think about filling vacancies, there will be teams dedicated to "developing" individuals.

First up: Some officers selected on the fall announcement of Intermediate Service School attendees received welcomed, but unexpected, news. Many majors on the ISS list will focus on packing their bags for traditional courses in Alabama, Rhode Island, Virginia or Kansas. Others, however, will be surprised to find they are heading for a master's degree program through the Air Force Institute of Technology in Ohio, Naval Post Graduate School in California or the Joint Military Intelligence College in the Washington D.C. area.

The names of Dyess members on the school list, released Wednesday, can be found on page five.

"Our team reviewed every candidate's record and tried to send the right people to the right kind of development course, and not just to the cookie-cutter courses," said Lt. Gen. Richard "Tex" Brown, deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon. "There are some cases where it just makes more sense, for the officer and for the Air Force, to send these



U.S. Air Force photo

Staff Sgt. Christopher Jones, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows Gen. John Jumper how to drive a weapons loader. The chief of staff visited the base in January of 2000 while he was the commander of Air Combat Command.

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Gen. John Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

folks to get a different kind of master's degree than is offered at traditional PME. The new educational opportunities will be considered equally valuable to an officer's professional growth. This is the way of the future."

Jumper said there will not be one "set solution" for success in all cases.

"We will examine each individual based on credibility, depth of experience, breadth of exposure, and potential to serve the AF in higher positions of responsibility," the

chief of staff said.

Changes affecting how airmen are assigned and other Force Development initiatives will be announced over the next several months, officials said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

HAWC supports Great American Smokeout

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

In recognition of the Great American Smokeout the health and wellness center is having a prize giveaway Thursday. People who make a 24-hour pledge to quit smoking will be in the running for a variety of HAWC merchandise including T-shirts, water bottles and stress balls.

The Great American Smokeout, which began 26 years ago, is an annual day to highlight the dangers of smoking and to challenge people to stop using tobacco. Every year, the national event encourages smokers to quit for at least one day, in hopes they will quit forever.

"It is a great way to help people realize they can quit smoking," said Capt. Paul Yenter, 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron chief of health promotions. "Quitting smoking isn't easy; it's something that needs to be taken one day at a time. Hopefully, Thursday can be that first day for many smokers."

Yenter said more people quit smoking the day of the Great American Smokeout than on any other day of the year.

"If past smokeouts are any indication (of success),

as many as one third of the nation's 47 million smokers could be taking the day off of smoking," Yenter said.

Yenter also encourages nonsmokers to join in the annual event.

"Nonsmokers have a role too," Yenter said. "They can buddy up with a smoker and be their support system to help them stay smoke free."

To further motivate people to quit smoking, Yenter shared some factual incentives:

- If a person smokes a pack a day at the current price of cigarettes, he or she will spend more than \$1,200 a year on smoking.
- Every puff on a cigarette costs a person an average of 40 seconds off of his or her life expectancy based on government statistics.

• Children of smokers usually have poorer health than those of nonsmokers.

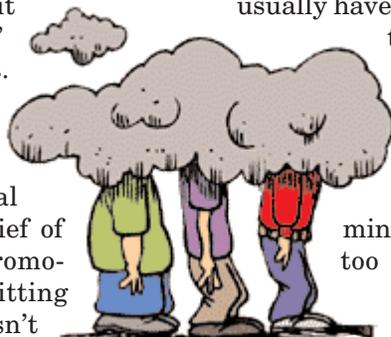
"What people need to keep in mind is it's never too late to quit smoking," Yenter said.

Smokers wanting to quit can also sign up for the four-week smoking cessation class at the HAWC. The next class begins Dec. 3.

For more information about the tobacco cessation class or about pledging not to smoke during the Great American Smokeout, call 6-4140.



As part of the Great American Smokeout, a variety of anti-smoking products like the one shown above are hitting the commercial market to educate people about the effects of smoking.



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18 selected for ISS/SSS programs

Eighteen Dyess officers earned congratulations from their peers as the Air Force released the results of the 2002 Intermediate and Senior Service School Central Selection Boards Wednesday.

The boards, which were held Sept. 16-20 at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, selected officers to attend in-residence developmental education programs. Ten were selected to attend schools during the 2003-2004 academic year, while the remaining eight were selected as alternates.

In previous years, the boards only selected officers to attend professional military education programs. With this list, however, officers were also selected to attend graduate-level degree programs as part of the service's expanded officer devel-

opment programs. For more on this program, see the story on page 3.

Those selected to attend senior-level schools are:

Lt. Col. Charles Hyde, 39th Airlift Squadron, Army War College

Lt. Col. Mark McLeod, 317th Airlift Group, AWC

Lt. Col. Michael Shoults, 28th Bomb Squadron, National War College

Lt. Col. Bruce West, Det. 1, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Marshall Center

Senior-level school alternates are:

Lt. Col. West Anderson, 7th Operational Support Squadron

Lt. Col. Darren Daniels, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Lt. Col. Robert Gass, 9th BS

Lt. Col. Karl Shawhan,

7th OSS

Those selected to attend intermediate-level schools are:

Maj. (Chaplain) Walter Bean, 7th Bomb Wing, Air Command and Staff College

Maj. Bruce Beyerly, 7th OSS, ACSC

Maj. James Dorough, 7th BW, Naval Postgraduate School

Maj. Kirk Hunsaker, 7th OSS, Navy Command School

Maj. Peter Teller, 7th BW, ACSC

Maj. Stuart Weinberger, 39th AS, ACSC Intermediate-level school alternates are:

Maj. Robert Blagg, 317th AG

Maj. Laurel Burkel, 317th OSS

Maj. Tad Woodilla, 28th BS

Maj. Brian Yates, 39th AS.

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When an objective is graded not compliant, it means the Air Force directives that are not adhered to could result in injury, loss of life, excessive cost, litigation or adverse mission support, Hoyt said. Last year's UCI found 1 percent of the objectives to be not compliant.

When asked about the results of last

year's UCI, Hoyt was optimistic.

"(In what was the first UCI in over a year then), the wing is doing very good. Having only four findings is a great indicator that we're on the right path."

The results of this year's UCI will be released in the next few weeks. A list of superior performers and best practices will be released along with the wing scores.

(Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice, 7th Bomb Wing public affairs, contributed to this story.)

Flu

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Other high-risk patients include Tricare Senior Prime enrollees at least 65 years old; adults and children with pulmonary or cardiovascular disorders; adults and children who have required a medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year for chronic metabolic disorders, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies or immunosuppression; residents of long term care facilities; women who will be in the second or third trimester

of pregnancy during the flu season; and children and teenagers who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

The influenza vaccine prioritization is a local decision in accordance with Department of Defense policy based upon availability of the vaccine. The 7th MDG prioritization seeks to balance the primary task of maintaining optimal military readiness with the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable populations.

The influenza season usually occurs between November and April.

In the average year,

influenza is associated with more than 20,000 deaths and 100,000 hospitalizations nationwide.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. Compared with other viral infections, influenza causes a more severe illness. Typical illness includes fever usually between 100 to 103 in adults and even higher in children, and respiratory symptoms, such as a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle ache, hfh and extreme fatigue.

For more information about influenza or the vaccination, call 6-5480.

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Senior Airman Lance Pigott**

Unit: 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Job description: Weapons systems controller

Time in the Air Force: Four years and six months

Time at Dyess: Three years and 11 months

Family: Wife, Heather; daughter, Harley

Hometown: Houston

Job impact on the mission: My shop is the hub for aircraft maintenance information. I receive aircraft status from the flight line and dispatch maintenance meeting slides that display the B-1 war capabilities to senior leadership at base level and above.

Career goals: To become a maintenance officer and continue advancing throughout my Air Force career.

Best Air Force memory: Being told I made staff sergeant in August.



Airman Robert Morris

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

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

Maj. Mary Ann Behne

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. Rick Maddux

Personnel:

- Officers: Four
- Enlisted: 125
- Civilian: Eight

**Mission statement:**

Ensures combat capability of 40 assigned B-1s to support joint chiefs of staff operations plans taskings by managing the fleet health, monitoring the quality of equipment maintenance, scheduling aircraft utilization, coordinating programmed maintenance and ensuring efficient utilization of all wing maintenance assets. Provides training management for all wing maintenance and munitions personnel.

Future goals:

- Balance personnel qualified in maintenance Air Force specialty codes while performing duties outside of their normal AFSC.
- Use maintainers to provide rapid and meticulous fleet maintenance oversight for leadership.
- Keep personnel qualified in their core competency while completing their assigned tasks.
- Utilize the new Air Force instruction 21-101 and Air Combat Command supplement.

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LeaveWeb

Dyess implements automated leave system

By 2nd Lt. Alyson Teeter

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- An automated, Web-based system to apply for and approve leave will replace the paper-based system at Air Combat Command bases this year.

Already in use elsewhere in the Air Force, LeaveWeb promises to save time and money for ACC people, said Senior Master Sgt. Van James, ACC finance headquarters.

Dyess will start using LeaveWeb in November. Other ACC bases will follow through December. Installation at each base involves two to three days of technical work, installing computer servers and training system administrators and users.

LeaveWeb is used only for ordinary leave; other forms of leave still use the paper-based, Air Force Form 988.

LeaveWeb was the brainchild of two sergeants in the finance directorate at Air Mobility Command. Master Sgt. Ray Kelly, now retired, said he was fed up with the

waste involved in the manual leave process. "We quickly received funding to develop the system," he said.

Use in other major commands over the last two years has demonstrated the system's benefits, Kelly said. It cut the time needed to process leave requests by 75 percent and saved \$34 million annually.

For instance, everyone saves time when filling out a leave request. The user's social security number, leave balance and base are already in the system; the users enters only the information for the new request such as the leave address and the dates.

After that:

- LeaveWeb notifies the approving official which is usually the user's supervisor.
- The official approves or disapproves the request.
- The unit's leave administrator logs into LeaveWeb each day to process leave requests.
- The user and approving official receive an e-mail notifying them of the approval and giving the leave authorization number.
- When the user returns, he visits LeaveWeb again and clicks "no change" or enters any changes.

Two squadrons at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., were the test units for ACC earlier this year.

Airman 1st Class Shana Brown, 509th Munitions Squadron commander's support staff, was a test user and administrator. "LeaveWeb was more user friendly and simple to use than the current leave system," she said. "It really cut down on the amount of paper used and the man-hours involved."

For more information, call the 7th Comptroller Squadron at 6-4193.

Don't drink
and drive ...



Designate
a driver.

LeaveWeb at Dyess

Five units on Dyess will begin testing LeaveWeb by December. They are the 7th Comptroller Squadron, 7th Mission Support Squadron, 7th Medical Group, 7th Munitions Squadron and Detachment 4, 29th Training Systems Squadron.

More units will be added each month as the system becomes operational. Base-wide use is expected by April.

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Dyess AFREP makes record savings mark

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The old cliché, "One man's trash is another man's treasure," could describe the mission behind Dyess' Air Force Repair Enhancement Program, which determines if once-unserviceable items can be repaired and returned to the field.

The Dyess program, which initiated many successful repairs in fiscal year 2002, was recently recognized for saving the Air Force \$5.1 million, said Master Sgt. Paul Howard, 7th Maintenance Group quality assurance technician and 7th Bomb Wing AFREP manager.

"In (2002) alone, over \$1.8 million was returned to the 7th Bomb Wing for facility and quality-of-life improvements. Many people on Dyess have been touched by these improvements," Howard said.

Examples of previous

AFREP repair initiatives range from a B-1 avionics test station and aerospace ground equipment circuit cards to aircraft fuel lines, wire harnesses and even fitness equipment, Howard said.

Dyess' AFREP is made up of two evaluation and repair sections. The first section, which handles coordination of all repairs, is comprised of the AFREP manager and on-base liaison team, such as the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, and off-base civilian contractors who are government certified to perform specific repairs. The second portion of the AFREP team is the circuit card repair facility. CCR technicians attend in-depth training to learn miniature and micro-miniature repair techniques.

"Repairing assets in the CCR facility usually saves the base money by averting replacement expenses," Howard said.

The AFREP process begins when an item need-

ing repair is dropped into an AFREP marked bin, which is located in most of the maintenance squadrons, or when people take the part directly to the AFREP team. Depending on the part and the circumstances, the team then goes through a checklist to initiate the repair, Howard said.

Repair standards in the AFREP program are simple: no patching together, no temporary fixes, and no non-specification parts are returned to service, Howard said.

"If the item can't be repaired to 'like new' specifications or repaired per technical order procedures, then it won't be repaired," Howard said. "Safety, mission effectiveness, and reliability are the driving factors for the AFREP program, not money."

The AFREP team is located at 965 Ave. A-3 in the quality assurance building. For more information, call the AFREP team at 6-2929.

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Nov. 15 -- The Boeing C-97 made its first flight in 1944.

Nov. 16 -- Capt. J.W. Kittinger parachuted from an altitude of 76,400 feet in 1959.

Nov. 17 -- The 7th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, was organized in 1947.

Nov. 18 -- An Air Force C-74 carried a record number of 103 people in 1949.

Nov. 19 -- An F-86D established a world speed record of 698.505 mph in 1952.

Nov. 20 -- The Air Force accepted the first two F-4C jet fighters in 1963.

Nov. 21 -- Frances E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., the first of several ballistic missile bases, was built in 1957.



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New mission support groups to increase wing capabilities

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON-- Support groups at Air Force bases worldwide have been reorganized into a new organizational structure: the mission support group.

The change was part of an overall reorganization called the combat wing organization, a result of the 2000 Chief of Staff Logistics Review. The new groups bring additional capabilities to the Air Force, said the chief of Air Force doctrine, concepts and war games.

"This is not your father's support group," Col. Connie Morrow said. "This new structure embodies agile combat support in line with the chief of staff's vision for the air and space expeditionary force. The MSG makes it possible to employ ACS capabilities to open and establish the base as well as provide for sustainment of base operating capabilities. Those capabilities are key to the success of the AEF operational task forces."

The MSG brings together under one commander critical expeditionary combat support planning and execution resources, including the new logistics readiness squadron, contracting, communications, civil engineers, services, security forces and personnel.

According to Morrow, this change gives the Air Force the command structure, responsibility, authority and resources to prepare the battle space.

It creates the operating location, positions the fighting force, sustains and protects the force during operations, and then recov-

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Col. Connie Morrow

Chief of Air Force doctrine concepts and war games

ers and reconstitutes the force.

"The MSG, at the lowest level, is the organization that will provide the capability to do this," Morrow said. "We are creating the ability for people to generate weapons and weapons systems. That is at the heart of the air and space expeditionary force."

Col. Fred Wieners, director of Task Force Enduring Look, said the lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom will be key to the new organization.

"There is a tendency to want to put iron down first -- those weapons we can use to do harm to the enemy," Wieners said. "But it is important to find that right balance to ensure your people can survive, so that they can operate. It is a difficult challenge, especially at austere basing, as we saw in Central Asia."

Morrow said she believes the MSG can provide that balance, and the ability to overcome that challenge.

"We will put mission support, the critical mission-readiness capabilities, on the ground first, and then flow the iron in behind it," Morrow said. "The people who are responsible for creating an operating location are the same people who are going to be planning for

how you create an operating location. The MSG is going to be able to turn that patch of desert into an aerospace combat operating location."

The end result, she said, will be increased readiness, which is always the top priority.

"It will translate itself as our ability to be ready to do our job as soon as we hit the base at the forward operating location," she said. "Additionally, it will reduce our learning curve - that spin-up time when you arrive."

Dyess reorganized its support group into the MSG during a ceremony Aug. 29 at the base parade grounds.

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Lessons of war drive AF doctrine

By Tech. Sgt. Eric Grill
Electronic Systems Center
Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. -- The Air Force uses the lessons "learned from the blood, sweat, tears and sometimes death of Americans in the skies" to prepare its doctrine, said Maj. Gen. Dave MacGhee, commander of the Air Force Doctrine Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

MacGhee recently discussed what Air Force doctrine is and how it applies to everyone in the Air Force.

"Air and space doctrine shapes the manner in which the Air Force organizes, trains, equips and sustains its forces," he said. "Doctrine prepares us for future uncertainties and, combined with our basic shared core values, provides a common set of understandings on which airmen base their decisions."

"Doctrine is critically important to the future of the U.S. Air Force and our role as one of the prime defenders of our great nation," said Lt. Gen. Bill Looney, Electronic Systems Center commander. "For the last 40 to 50 years, the U.S. Air Force has essentially ignored the development of operational-level doctrine. It wasn't until Gen. Ron Fogelman's tenure as Air Force chief of staff that the Air Force got serious about our doctrine. Since then, we've made tremendous progress in this vitally important area."

Doctrine, MacGhee said, "is about how you organize, present and employ forces."

"(The doctrine) is about preserving our nation's treasure, not being a treasure. It's about what's important, not who's important. It's about how to organize, not organizations. It's not about whether you own the medium of air and space, but how you effectively utilize that air and space to complete your mission."

Maj. Gen. Dave MacGhee
Air Force Doctrine Center commander

Besides lessons learned from battle, it is also a result of exercises and war games.

MacGhee said that Air Force doctrine establishes guidelines for employing forces in a joint environment.

"Airmen work for airmen," he said. "Everyone recognizes that air and space require a unique competence that only airmen have. When you're talking about employing air and space power, you need to find an airman."

"Our doctrine should be flexible and adaptive," MacGhee said. "It is about preserving our nation's treasure, not being a treasure. It's about what's important, not who's important. It's about how to organize, not organizations. It's not about whether you own the medium of air and space, but how you effectively utilize that air and space to complete your mission."

MacGhee said people should learn doctrine because it provides for a common language, which he considers essential for communication.

"It explains how to best organize and employ within

the air and space environment," he said. "It provides a consistent 'tell-all' approach to warfighting."

This applies to airmen because, "you can better understand your war-fighting customer if you learn how they fight," MacGhee said.

"The U.S. Air Force was born out of technology," he said. "We are not afraid of change...because we grew up in a service that is changing every day. We just have to manage that change."

MacGhee specifically said the Air Force now refers to an AEF as an air and space expeditionary force rather than the "aerospace expeditionary force" that was used in previous years.

"The use of 'air and space' (versus) 'aerospace' recognizes the inherent differences of air and space, while we continue to work very hard at integrating air and space effects," MacGhee said.

He added that as the nature of war changes, so will Air Force doctrine.

"At the heart of warfare is doctrine," he said.

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Base tournament blasts off Saturday

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Services Squadron outdoor recreation office is hosting a round robin tournament 10 a.m. Saturday at the base paintball fields.

The tournament is still open to the public. People can register for the tournament until the end of today.

"The more people we have come out and play the merrier," said Aaron Stouffer, 7th SVS outdoor recreation flight manager.

The cost is \$20 dollars for all players and an additional \$20 for players who wish to rent equipment from outdoor recreation, Stouffer said. The price includes the field



fees, prizes and referees.

The teams will be competing for a traveling trophy that will be displayed in the winning team's squadron until the next tournament is held in six months. Other prizes include sets of new masks for 1st place, an ammo pouch for 2nd place and free paintball coupons for return visits for 3rd place.

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'Click, Click, Splat!'

Dyess paintball offers serious fun at competitive prices

By Senior Airman
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Gingerly wading through West Texas mesquite, the hunter slowly creeps up on his unsuspecting prey. The target looks around nervously, unaware of the skillful hunter watching from the bushes. The hunter slowly draws his weapon and zeroes in on his next kill when suddenly, he hears an all too familiar 'splat' as he feels the impact of a ball of paint explode on his facemask as he is hit by an opposing player.

The above scenario is just a sample of the excitement and adrenaline rush Dyess members have within their reach at the Dyess paintball course while the program strives to serve it's customers with first-rate service for dirt cheap prices.

"Our field was built using recycled products from DRMO and was built solely by volunteers, said Aaron Stouffer, 7th Services Squadron outdoor recreation manager. "We do not have the large overhead costs associated with a large paintball field, so we are able to pass on those savings to our airmen. Playing paintball on-base is less than half the price of the downtown fields."

While the Dyess fields may be cheaper than off-base fields, Stouffer insists the base program offers players first-rate competition.

The Dyess paintball fields feature a brush field where the more hardcore players are not only playing against their opponent, but also the rugged un-cut Texas environment, Stouffer said.

Some players have mentioned before that a person



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Angelo Reategui, a member of last year's paintball tournament runner-up team "Megahurtz," picks a target. Last year's tournament winner was "Team Dad's Money."

could only be three feet away from another person and they would never know, Stouffer said.

For a more quick paced adrenaline rush, players could choose the speedball course which is a plowed open field with obstacles like plywood barricades, wooden drums, tires and other items to use for cover.

"Speedball games are usually timed and are very up-tempo and offer players the biggest adrenaline rush," Stouffer said.

Dyess also features squadron play during the weekdays and features a quarterly base paintball tournaments where several prizes are up for grabs.

While the Dyess fields offer first-rate competi-

tion, Stouffer says the playing field is acceptable for serious players as well as those first timers, or "newbies."

"Players can come out to the fields with zero experience and will have fun, Stouffer said.

People wanting to play paintball can get all the equipment they need at outdoor recreation.

"We will rent people all the equipment people need to play for only \$15 a day on a normal weekend with the cost of paint being \$12 for 500 rounds or \$40 for 2,000 rounds of paint."

"By current paintball standards, that is really good," Stouffer said.

For more information, call Stouffer at 6-2402.

Bowling tournament under way Tuesday



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

A Dyess Lanes patron rolls a bowling ball at Dyess Lanes. Dyess Lanes is hosting an Air Combat Command championship bowling tournament Tuesday.

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess bowlers begin battling for base bragging rights and a chance to compete against the Air Force's top rollers for cash prizes when the ACC Bowling Championship tournament gets under way Tuesday at Dyess Lanes.

The top male and female bowlers of the tournament, which lasts until Dec. 21, will advance to the ACC bowling finals at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Jan 15-17, according to Stephanie Kraly, 7th Services Squadron marketing representative.

There are two divisions in the tournament -- scratch and handicap. Men must hold a 180 average while women bowlers have to roll at least a 165 to qualify in the scratch division, which is open to active-duty members only. "Scratch" bowlers must bowl four blocks of six games -- 24 games total -- to qualify. The cost is \$24 per person, due at start of the first block of bowling.

In the handicap division, which is open to all I.D. card holders, bowlers have to roll four blocks of four games, or 16 games. The cost is \$16 per person in this division, also due at the start of the first block.

Participants in both divisions can bowl either at 6 p.m. Tuesdays or 1 p.m. Saturdays. All bowlers have to complete their sets by Dec. 21.

The base finalists in both divisions will take on other ACC base winners at Davis-Monthan. The top male and female winners in both divisions at the ACC finals will take home \$1,000. Second-place finishers win \$500, while third-place bowlers rake in \$250 each.

Scratch division winners move on to the Air Force Bowling Championship in March, Kraly said. Air Force Services Agency will pay for the airfare and lodging costs to the tournament, she added.

For more information, call Kraly at 6-2936 or Dyess Lanes at 6-4166.

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Office closed

The pass and registration office will be closed Monday through Friday.

Vehicle registration can be done at the main gate visitor center.

For emergencies, call 6-3755 pager 615 during duty hours.

AFSA meeting

The local Air Force Sergeants Association will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 on Vapor Trail. The AFSA meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Monica Hill at 6-5448.

Food drive

Dyess Boy Scout Troop 296 and Cub Scout Pack 296 will conduct their annual food drive through base housing Nov. 23. Food collected during the drive directly benefits the base community. All donations will be given to the base's food bank. Scouts will distribute flyers Thursday evening through housing to remind residents about the drive. People wishing to donate nonperishable food are asked to place the items in plastic bags and set them outside their front door the morning of Nov. 23. Scouts will come by and pick up the donations.

For more information about the food drive, call Capt. Dave Honchul at 6-2161.

Blood drive

The next quarterly base blood drive is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 12-13 at the Hangar Center.

People are restricted from donating if they have traveled or lived in the United Kingdom for three months or longer between 1980-1996, traveled or lived in Europe for six months or longer between 1980-1996, or received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

For more information, call Lt. Lenora Tso at 6-7248.

Scholarship

The Defense Commissary Agency's 2003 scholarships for military children program has begun.

This year's essay topic is how being the child of a military servicemember has influenced your educational goals.

Participants must be unmarried children under the age of 23 of active duty, Reserve, Guard or retired military people. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current military ID card. All applicants must also be U.S. citizens.

Applications for the 2003 program can be downloaded from www.co-mmisaries.com or www.fisherhouse.org. They can also be picked up at the base commissary. There is a two-page instruction sheet to make the process easier.

The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail is Feb. 21, 2003.

For more information, call the base commissary at 6-4802.



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Wars Post 6873. For more info, call Master Sgt. Monica Hill at 6-5448.

Bingo mania, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Today, Nov. 15, 2002

Bull Run, 10 a.m. at the base picnic grounds. For more info, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Murphy at 6-4462.

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

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002

Turkey shoot golf tournament, 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002

Airmen's golf day, all day at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. Airmen get reduced prices. For more info, call 6-4384.

Monday, Nov. 18, 2002

Football frenzy, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002

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

Air Force Sergeants Association meeting, 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002

Wing Right Start from 8 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call Staff Sgt. Walter Goodwin at 6-5730.

Boss and buddy day lunch special, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Candy making class from 2-4 p.m. at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center. For more info, call 6-4175.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002

Turkey trot run/walk, 11 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. For more info, call 6-4306.

Children's scrap booking class from 6-8 p.m. at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center. For more info, call 6-4175.

Upcoming events

Nov. 22 -- NCO and Senior NCO induction ceremony at The Heritage Club.

Nov. 25 -- Tree Lighting Ceremony at the base chapel.

Nov. 28 -- Thanksgiving

Nov. 29 -- Air Combat Command Family Day

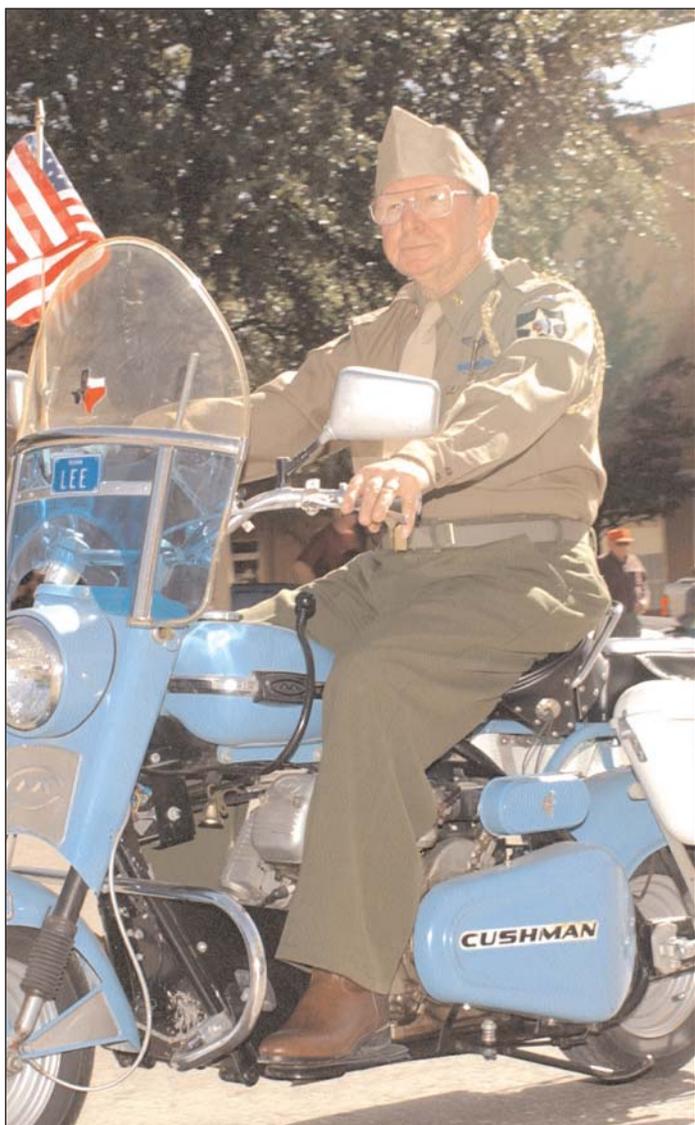
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A local veteran, who served with the 2nd Infantry Division, cruises through the parade Saturday. The parade was a tribute to the men and women who have served in the U.S. military.



Airman Shawn Baldauf



Saluting veterans

Above: Members of the 317th Airlift Group march in Abilene during the Veterans Day parade Saturday. The 317th AG won top honors in the marching competition and the 7th Medical Group placed second. Left: Girls from a local Girl Scout troop salute Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander and Col. Thomas Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, during the Veterans Day parade.

COMMUNITY



'Operation Job Search'

The family support center is holding an "Operation Job Search" class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 17.

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

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

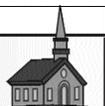
Evening of poetry

The Dyess Black Heritage Committee is hosting an "Evening of Poetry" Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Rehearsal times for participants are 5 p.m. today at The Hangar Center, and 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Nov. 22 at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Marilyn Dye at 6-2898.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary worship begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church

are available at all services.

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

For more information, call 6-4224.

MEDICAL



Minimal operations

The 7th Medical Group is minimizing operations for specialized training Tuesday to Thursday.

This includes operations in the pharmacy, radiology, laboratory and dental clinic.

Closed

The 7th Medical Group will be closed Nov. 28-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The pharmacy, radiology, labora-

tory and dental clinic will also be closed.

For emergencies, call the medical information center at 6-2334.

OFF BASE



WWE tickets

The information, ticket and travel office has tickets to see the World Wrestling Entertainment live in Abilene.

The event is Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor County Expo Center.

Tickets range from \$17 to \$42.

The highlight title match is between Brock Lesnar and the Big Show. Other wrestlers appearing at the show include Kurt Angle, Chris Benoit, Edge and Rey Mysterio.

For more information, call 6-5207.

7th Bomb Wing:

Celebrating 55 years of heritage

By Master Sgt Robert Romanelli
7th Bomb Wing historian

Saturday, our wing will be 55 years old. You may think our history goes back much farther than that and, in a sense, you are right. But for the purpose of this celebration, we are looking back to 1947 when the wing structure truly became a functional entity. However, it is still interesting to look back to 1918 to get the whole picture.

The 7th Bomb Wing traces its heritage to the smoke, shell and shot over war-torn Europe during World War I, also known as the "Great War." In those days, the organization was called the First Army Observation Group. It was redesignated the 1st Army Observation Group and conducted photo-reconnaissance missions. Unlike other combat missions, these excursions frequently required a pilot to literally pass "low and slow" over some of the most heavily defended enemy positions. This "loitering" was so dangerous that many a pilot probably wished he could just bomb or strafe something rather than photograph it.

In 1923, the U.S. Army Air Service redesignated the 1st Army Observation Group the 7th Bombardment Group. This unit was activated five years later.

During World War II, the 7th Bombardment Group served with

valor and accomplished tremendous achievements under the purview of the 10th Air Force. The unit won two Distinguished Unit citations for action in the India-Burma theater. Before the wing concept, the group was the nucleus that combat and support units organized around.

Two years after World War II, that would all change, as a monumental event would occur.

That event took place on Sept. 18, 1947. It is the day the Department of Defense came into being, and with that, a new military service - The United States Air Force.

Two months later, a certain stellar team player took the field. On Nov. 17, 1947, the 7th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, was born. In 1948, it was renamed the 7th Bombardment Wing.

Over the wing's history it would fly and support B-29 Super Fortresses, B-36 Peacemakers, B-52 Stratofortresses, KC-135 Stratotankers, C-130 Hercules aircraft and B-1 Lancers. But aircraft do not make success stories, people do. And the men and women of this wing have accomplished a great deal.

We served with determination during the Cold War to keep the Communist threat in check. The wing was America's nuclear tip of the spear and served the nation well. The wing dropped thousands of tons of iron bombs on enemy positions during the Vietnam War, earning an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with a Combat "V" device.

In 1998, the unit proved to the world the combat worthiness of the B-1 as 7th BW Lancers dropped munitions on Iraqi targets during

Operation Desert Fox.

During the past year, the wing has been actively engaged in the war on terror, supporting missions for Operation Enduring Freedom.

People from Dyess have been deployed around the world to different locations, building bases from scratch in some locations.

The wing has won and continues to win innumerable awards and forms of recognition for leading the way in operational and support functions.

Yes, Saturday is the wing's birthday and there is reason to celebrate - past and present; the wing has first-rate people worth celebrating.

(Senior Airman Zachary Wilson, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



Frank Kleinwechter

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, left, Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington, third from right, former Texas Senator Lyndon Johnson, second from right and fellow Air Force members and politicians wait for a flight in a B-36. The B-36 Peacemaker was the premier bomber of the 7th Bomb Wing from 1948-58.



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The 7th Bomb Wing crest as it looked in 1946 when the wing was activated and as it looks today.



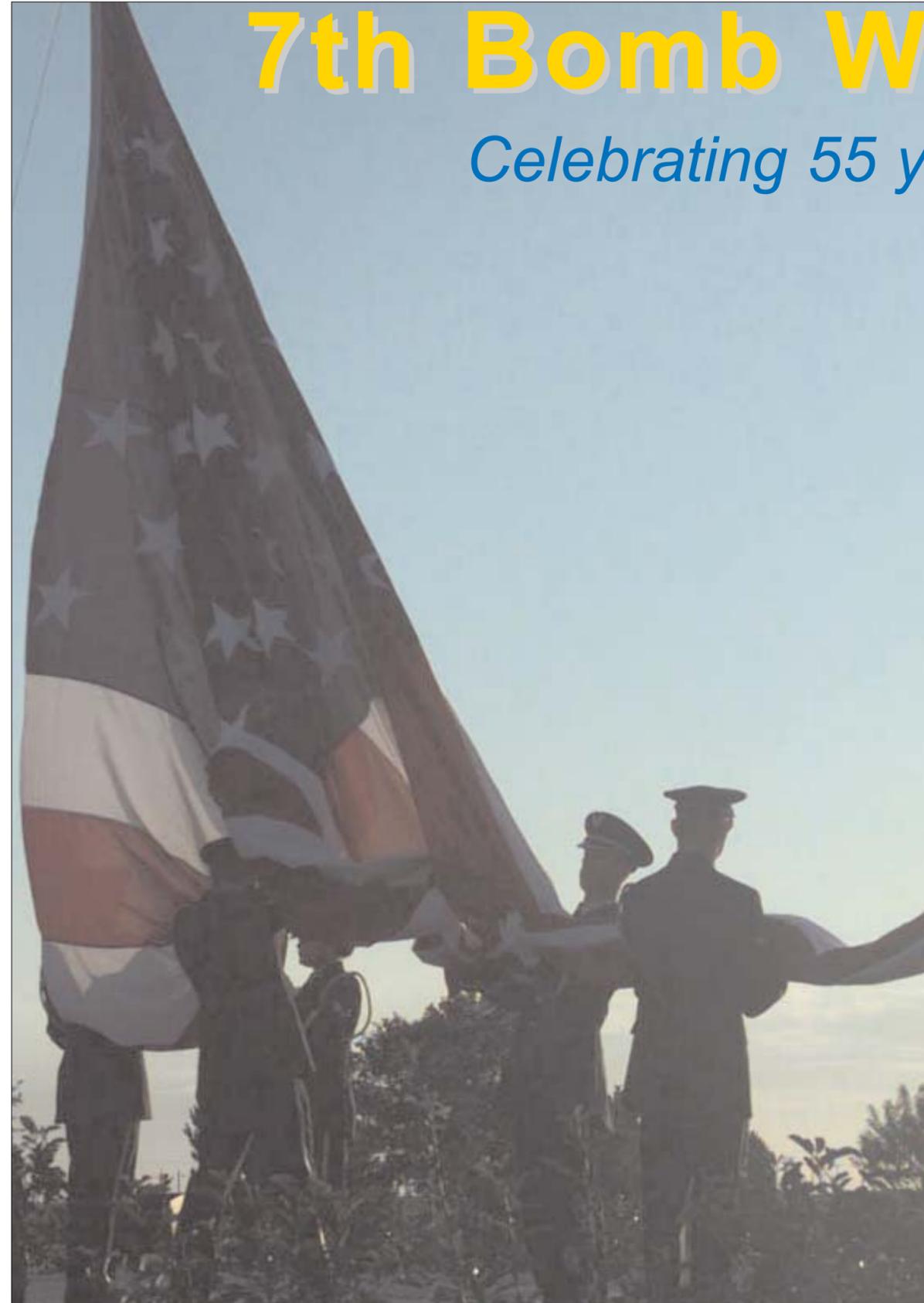
Staff Sgt. Tracy Reisinger

Above: A B-1 takes off from the Dyess runway. The first operational B-1 arrived at the base in 1985. Left: Senior Airman Mark Stimmler places the 'Let's Roll!' nose art on a Dyess B-1 that was headed for a forward operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The bomber was the first aircraft to bear the now-famous artwork on a combat mission.



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A member of the then-7th Bombardment Wing's air police and a military working dog patrol the flightline next to a B-36 Peacemaker during the wing's early days as a part of Strategic Air Command. Saturday is the wing's 55 birthday.



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Paintball

The Paintball Blast-a-thon tournament is Saturday at 8 a.m. at the base paintball fields across from Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Golf tournament

The Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament is Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

The format is a four-person scramble. The cost is \$15 per player plus cart and green

fees. For more information, call 6-4384.

Airman's golf day

Airmen, E-1 to E-4, can golf for half price Sunday at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Turkey Trot 5K

The annual 5K Turkey Trot kicks off at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance.

For more information, call 6-4306.

Scores and more

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

Bowling

Dyess Bantams

(As of Nov. 2)	Won	Lost
Golden Eagles	21	3
Burning Gundum	20	8
The Griffens	14	14
Blue Dragons	11	17

Dyess Juniors/Majors

(As of Nov. 2)	Won	Lost
Strikers	17	11
Dancing Flamingos	15	13
Liar Liar POF	13	15
Pin Heads	11	17

Nov. 2 high scores

High scratch game -- Cory Easterling, 124

High handicap game -- Katie Bartley, 213

High scratch series -- Caleb Ondrusek, 359

High handicap series -- Matthew Scruggs, 567

Dyess Preps

(As of Nov. 2)	Won	Lost
Team No. 2	21	7
Girls Rock!!	19.5	8.5
Three Musketeers	13.5	14.5
Queen Bowlers	13	15
Dumb Luck	12	16
Team No. 5	5	23

Nov. 2 high scores

High scratch game -- Sarah Lombardo, 118

High handicap game -- James Jarvis, 163

High scratch series -- Jared Holderead, 361

High handicap series -- Samantha Barker, 439

National League

(As of Oct. 23) Won Lost

7th CES	42	14	High handicap series -- Jean Adamski, 705; Laura Ernch, 659; Angelia Sheldon, 654.				
7th CMS	40	24					
Services Command	40	16					
7th MSS	38	26					
7th Ammo	38	18					
13th AMF	37	27					
28th AMF	37	27					
7th SVS	34	30					
9th AMF	32	32					
Team 5	31	33					
317th AMXS	29	35	Flag football Intramural standings National League (As of Wednesday) Won Lost Games behind				
Giga Gutters	22	42		317th AMXS	3	0	--
7th LRS #3	22	34		7th CMS	2	0	1/2
7th EMS	16	32		Bone Ops	1	1	2
7th SFS	10	38		7th CES	1	1	2
				7th EMS	1	2	2
				7th MUNS	1	2	2
				7th CONS	0	2	3
				28th BS	0	0	3

Oct. 23 high scores

High scratch game -- James Selle, 214; Stephanie Kraly, 197.

High handicap game -- James Selle, 276; Lori Daniels, 254.

High scratch series -- David Paquin, 601; Stephanie Kraly, 518.

High handicap series -- James Selle, 777; Lori Daniels, 712.

Dyess OSC League

(As of Nov. 6)	Won	Lost
Crazy 8's	25	11
Herk Hotties	27	13
OddBalls	25	15
Herky Girls	22	18
Lane Dames	21.5	18.5
Bowlin' Mamas	21	19
Kiss My Average	19.5	20.5
Gutter Wynches	19.5	20.5
Wishful Thinking	19.5	20.5
Gutter Girls	18.5	21.5
Clueless	10	30
Split Happens	8.5	27.5

Nov. 6 high scores

High scratch game -- Jean Adamski, 200; Cristie Arnold, 174; Valerie Robinson, 170.

High handicap game -- Jean Adamski, 260; Terry Foote, 238; Renny Cones, 238.

High scratch series -- Jean Adamski, 525; Stephanie Williams, 490; Cristie Arnold, 463.

Tuesday's games

28th BS vs. Bone Ops, 5:30 p.m.
7th MUNS vs. 7th CMS, 6:30 p.m.
7th EMS vs. 7th CONS, 7:30 p.m.
7th CES vs. 317th AMXS, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

7th CONS vs. 28th BS, 6:30 p.m.
7th MUNS vs. 317th AMXS, 7:30 p.m.
Bone Ops vs. 7th EMS, 8:30 p.m.

American League

(As of Wednesday)	Won	Lost	Games behind
7th SFS	3	0	--
Fire Dept.	3	0	--
7th AMXS #1	2	1	1
7th OSS	1	1	2
7th CS	1	2	2
7th LRS	1	1	2
7th AMXS #2	0	2	3
40th AS	0	3	3

Monday's results

7th LRS vs. Fire Dept. 5:30 p.m.
7th AMXS #1 vs. 7th OSS, 6:30 p.m.
7th AMXS #1 vs. 7th AMXS #2, 7:30 p.m.
7th SFS vs. 40th AS, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games

40th AS vs. 7th CS, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Dept vs. 7th OSS, 6:30 p.m.
7th AMXS #1 vs. 7th SFS, 7:30 p.m.
7th LRS vs. 7th AMXS #2, 8:30 p.m.

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Falcons beat Army, win Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

Story and Photo by John Van Winkle

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WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The most important goal of the Falcons' season was achieved Saturday with a 49-30 win over service academy rival Army.

By virtue of an earlier win over Navy, Air Force sealed winning the Commander-in-Chief's trophy. The trophy goes to the service academy which bests its academy rivals in college football and is presented to the winning team's seniors by the president every May at the White House.

"It's a huge win, as winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is the No. 1 goal of our program," said Falcons quarterback Chance Harridge. "But then at the same time, we've been kind of down the last couple of weeks -- three losses in a row to a couple of very good football teams."

With this victory, Air Force wins its sixth consecutive Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

The title is the Air Force Academy's 16th overall and

the Falcons' overall record versus Army improves to 24-12-1.

The Army's chance of notching its first win of the season took its first hit on Army's first play of the game. Army quarterback Reggie Nevels attempted to hook up with wideout Aaron Alexander for a long gain down the sideline, but Falcon cornerback Wes Crawley leapt in front of Alexander to make the interception.

"We felt they had worked so hard in defending the option that we were going to be a little more hodge-podge and try to get them to make a mistake," said Falcons head coach Fisher DeBerry.

"That paid off for us," DeBerry said. "We got them out of position a few times and showed them some new formations they hadn't seen. We can run our option and our base offense in the I anyway, but lining up in the I gives us the opportunity to run some plays that are better suited for our style of back."

The change in offensive alignments was only one of several wildcards the Air Force coaching braintrust played against Army.



Falcons halfback Leotis Palmer turns the corner with Army defensive end Odene Brathwaite hot on his heels. The Air Force took a 49-30 win over service academy rival Army

Following a safety, Air Force took the lead, 9-7, and it was a lead they would never relinquish.

Up 26-17 with 42 seconds left in the first half, Air Force offensive coordinator Chuck Peterson came down from the press box with a special plan.

"I just thought it was a brilliant idea on his part," said DeBerry. "The idea was to let Chance [Harridge] take a knee, to make them think we were going to run out the clock."

According to Harridge, Peterson's instructions were

to "jump back in the huddle, get back up to the line of scrimmage and just take a shot at getting it down the field." The plan worked as Harridge took the snap, stepped back and completed a 41-yard pass to wideout Anthony Park, which moved the chains to the 21-yard line. After a quick timeout, kicker Joey Ashcroft kicked his second of four field goals on the day, to put the Falcons up 29-17.

It didn't turn out into a 10-point swing, though, as Army limited the Falcons' first drive of the second half to a field goal. However, Army's offense was unable to close the gap, as Air Force gave Army its ninth loss of the season, 49-30.

The Falcons wrap up their regular season Nov. 23 at home against 3-7 San Diego State University.

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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. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6 - 12 years old is \$1.25, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Friday

Sweet Home Alabama -- Reese Witherspoon, Patrick Dempsey -- Melanie has found success and love in New York City, and is engaged to one of the city's most eligible bachelors. But she has a secret: She is married and her husband, Jake, refuses to divorce her.

PG-13 (*adult situations*)

Saturday

The Tuxedo -- Jackie Chan, Jason Isaacs -- Charlie is hired to chauffeur a spy. However, not far into the job, the spy falls into a coma and Charlie must go to the spy's house to gather his belongings. Once there, he accidentally discovers a hi-tech, futuristic tuxedo which he can't resist trying on. This sets off a series of events, leading to a covert mission for the U. S. government.

PG-13 (*adult situations, language and violence*)

Social hour

Social hour is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. today at The Heritage Club and The Enlisted Lounge.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Children's craft

The children's scrap booking class is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center.

For more information, call 6-4175.

Super brunch

The Heritage Club is having its monthly "super Sunday brunch" Nov. 24.

The brunch features new omelet and Belgian waffle stations.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Football frenzy

Football Frenzy is 7 p.m. Mondays at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Holiday crafts

Customers can make a new holiday craft from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center.

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

Bingo mania

Bingo mania is 7 p.m. Tuesdays at The Hangar Center.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Karaoke

There is karaoke from 6-9 p.m. Fridays at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Auto skills special

The auto skills center offers a transmission service special this month.

Prices start at \$69.95 depending on the make and model of the vehicle.

For more information, call 6-4179.

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