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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Oct. 8

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
89	27	+2
45	12	0
85	28	+5

FY-02 Flying Hour Curve: -4.5

Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Oct. 7

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	80%
78%	81.8%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

7th BW achieves MC rate milestone

By Airman 1st Class
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess maintenance community reached two milestones for September. For the first time, the 7th Bomb Wing monthly mission capable rate eclipsed the 80 percent mark, ending at 81.3 percent. Additionally, the wing surpassed the published Air Combat Command mission capable rate standard of 67 percent for B-1 aircraft for the fourth consecutive month.

The mission capable rate measures what percentage of aircraft assigned are available and ready to perform the mission. Dyess averaged an overall 69 percent MC rate for fiscal year '02, the first time completing the year above the ACC standard.

"(Reaching an 81.3 percent MC rate) is a major accomplishment," said Chief Master Sgt. Henderson



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Senior Airman Eric Hoopes, 28th Bomb Squadron crew chief, checks the hydraulics on a B-1. The month the 7th Bomb Wing surpassed an 80 percent mission capable rate for the first time in Dyess history.

Price, 7th Maintenance Group superintendent. "Our people are just fired up and committed to doing their very best. This attitude, along with the great support from our suppliers and from leadership, has made the difference in reaching this milestone in the B-1 community."

With a 5 percent increase, the wing can have, on average, two more jets each day that they can provide the combatant commanders, said Maj. Patrick McEvoy, 7th Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron maintenance supervisor.

This higher MC rate also allows 10 percent more 28th Bomb Squadron students to fly missions and results in 7th MXG maintainers having to spend less of their free time working on aircraft, McEvoy said.

"It's not unusual to find them working longer hours than their shifts require or working weekends," McEvoy said. "They give 110 percent, 365 days out of the year, and deserve much credit."

But with all that the wing maintainers do, Dyess officials want to be sure all Dyess personnel get credit for this B-1 milestone.

"These capable rates are the result of everyone in the wing doing their part, whether directly supporting aircraft maintenance or not," Price said. "Everyone plays an important role in keeping this wing mission ready, and thanks goes to them all."

7th CES receives three 2002 ACC level

By Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron recently received one individual and two unit awards for outstanding performance from Air Combat Command.

Chuck Cyr, 7th CES base community planner, was named the 2002 Outstanding Individual Community Planner of the Year while the 7th CES

environmental and housing flights were named the top flights in ACC for their respective areas.

"This is really pretty neat," Cyr said. "I don't think we always realize the amount of work we accomplish during the year."

"But, to be recognized for that work allows us to better understand what we were able to accomplish. The fact that we are being recognized for doing

that job so well is great."

Over the past year, Cyr has been recognized by ACC's Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection team for his efforts in controlling and managing airfield obstructions, as well as developing geo-referenced base maps and managing the base general plan.

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Dyess Air Force Base welcomes
Maj. Gen. John Becker
15th Air Force commander



Myers thanks military for doing its part during OEF

By Gen. Richard Myers
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

This week, we marked the first anniversary of the start of our combat operations against terrorism. The foundation for our success is no secret. The credit belongs to you who serve as part of our armed forces -- our sailors, soldiers, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians and our military families.

Over the past year, I've visited hundreds of you overseas and around the U.S. You are dedicated and determined. You have left your homes, your families and, in the case of Guard and Reserve personnel, you left your jobs. Your service is an example of selflessness and sacrifice. Those of you that I've met are no different from the hundreds of thousands of others nobly serving -- at home and abroad. All are doing the extraordinary.

Over the past year, our nation's armed forces have achieved a significant meas-

ure of success in the war on terrorism. A year ago at this time, few predicted the speed or the effectiveness with which we would eliminate the major terrorists' haven in Afghanistan. It was a land-locked country. We had no military bases in the vicinity. We had no major war plan to remove the Taliban from power.

Then, 27 days after the terrorists struck our nation, this joint team unleashed a powerful and lethal campaign. Two months later, our men and women, in concert with our allies and friends, freed Afghanistan. With the help of the international community, we also helped avert a massive famine.

This campaign has been one for the record books. It included the deepest amphibious operation in our Marine Corps history -- over 400 miles into hostile territory. It included the highest elevation our soldiers ever fought a pitched battle -- 10,000 feet above sea level. It included the longest combat sortie on record for our Air Force -- 44 hours in length. Most significant of

all, it entailed the fewest war combatant injuries and the least collateral damage of any major military operation in history.

It was the first time we employed the C-17 in a medium threat environment to air drop supplies. It was the first time we shared simultaneously a video picture from an unmanned aerial vehicle with the headquarters and the aircrew over the target. No other nation can operate such advanced technology as our armed forces.

In this war on terrorism, there is more ahead of us than behind us. Three things remain constant. First, the survival of our nation, our liberties and our way of life will continue to be at risk. Second, our nation will continue to call upon your talents and professionalism. Third, I am confident that you are up to the task. You'll respond as our armed forces always have -- with courage, honor and sacrifice.

I am privileged to serve with you. May God bless you and your families. And may God bless America.



Do we have some great people here at Dyess Air Force Base or what? Last week, the Dyess Chiefs' Group held a charity golf tournament for the Combined Federal Campaign. Their efforts not only offered a great afternoon of fun and prizes for all the participants, but also raised \$3,500 for the CFC effort. I want to personally thank the Chiefs for the great job they did for CFC, but also for the tremendous job they do day-in and day-out as leaders of the Dyess Team. These great Americans can always be counted upon to rise to the occasion. Chiefs, well done... thanks!

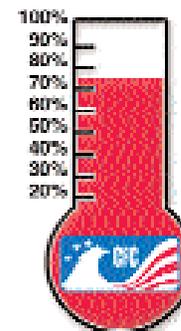
As you all know, we are entering our final week of the basewide Combined Federal Campaign, and we are woefully short of our goal. Our goal is 100 percent face-to-face contact with each of our Team Dyess members. If you have not been personally contacted by your unit keyworker, please seek out that person. We want to ensure everyone is contacted and afforded the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Thanks for all that you do.

CFC update

The base reached 75.8 percent of its goal for the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign during the fourth week.

The following Dyess units and offices have reached 100 percent:

**7th Services Squadron
Detachment 20
28th Bomb Squadron**



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.

Gate entry

Comment: It is my understanding that only cars with the base housing sticker will be let back on base through the Delaware

Gate. For the past two days, the guard has let someone come through without a housing sticker. Has the policy changed since last year?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. Dyess' policy has not changed, but there are exceptions we allow which may be the case here. The 7th Security Forces Squadron works to ensure everyone on base follows current guidelines. You are right that normally housing stickers are required for access through the Delaware Gate. There are a few circumstances in which Dyess people can use this gate; for example, the recall of the Disaster Control Group is one of these circumstances. Otherwise, you must have a housing sticker or a color-coded temporary visitor's pass from the Main Gate Visitor's Center.

We have reinforced this policy with our security forces troops.



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Operations officer earns Bronze Star in OEF

By Capt. David Honchul
Dyess Public Affairs

An operations officer assigned to the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess will become the latest recipient of the Bronze Star medal for actions during Operation Enduring Freedom at a presentation ceremony Thursday in the Heritage Club.

At the 8 a.m. ceremony, Lt. Col. Jeff Robinson will receive the medal from Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander. Robinson served as the mission commander for the 40th Airlift Squadron's deployment during the initial stages of the war in Afghanistan. The 40th AS deployed from Dyess in November 2001 and returned in March.

"It's very humbling to be singled out for this recognition because I personally feel that I just did my job," the 40th AS operations officer said. "My job was easy because of the selfless Dyess warriors who served with me. They were the ones who had the courage and tenacity to lay it on the line day after day, fixing airplanes under the most arduous conditions and flying the most challenging C-130 combat missions of this generation."

Airlift group officials stated that while deployed, Robinson's leadership was key to the unit's history-making effort. The 317th AG airlifted over 10,000 tons of equipment and 16,000 troops to austere mountainous landing zones deep in Afghanistan during the first 110 days of the war. Additionally, Robinson led 100 troops in standing up a bare-base operation in



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Lt. Col. Jeff Robinson, 40th Airlift Squadron, checks his gauges during a preflight inspection. Robinson, an operations officer, will receive the Bronze Star for his efforts during Operation Enduring Freedom. The decoration will be presented during a ceremony Thursday at The Heritage Club.

Southwest Asia. This allowed the unit to operate very close to forward locations so the airlifters could provide resupply and aeromedical evacuation services to Army ground commanders. The unit was also involved in transporting Taliban detainees from remote locations to U.S. interrogation sites, officials said.

Dealing with weather and enemy threats were other obstacles that Robinson had to lead the unit through, officials said. Despite marginal weather and surface-to-air

threats, the 317th AG was Air Mobility Command's first C-130 unit in theater to use night-vision devices to aid aircrews "in navigating to some of the most hazardous locations the airlifters have seen since the Vietnam War." Officials added the 317th AG was a key part of airlift history in supplying the largest ground war in U.S. history solely by air.

"Our maintenance and ground support troops worked miracles and literally made the mission happen despite unreliable logistical sup-

port, poor infrastructure and harsh living conditions," Robinson said. "Armed only with their pride, the aircrews flew in marginal weather, high terrain and within easy reach of the enemy to resupply ground forces in Afghanistan. They are the real heroes. I simply had the great honor of being their commander. This recognition belongs to them."

Robinson is the sixth airman from the 317th Airlift Group to be awarded the Bronze Star since Operation Enduring Freedom began.

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During fiscal year 2002, the base environmental flight received no notices of violations, minor deficiencies or areas of concern from evaluators. The environmental flight also spearheaded multiple projects which ensured Dyess not only met federal environmental standards, but in many cases exceeded the standards.

Not to be outdone, the base housing flight received multiple accolades during evaluations over the past year. The base housing flight was recognized for its efforts with the Quail Hollow housing program. The Quail Hollow project pro-

vides off-base housing for a variety of Air Force families with perks for military members such as swimming pools, club houses, playgrounds, covered parking and rank-dependent rent.

While being recognized for their outstanding efforts and superior performance, many of those responsible for winning the ACC awards feel the real reward comes from doing their jobs the best they can.

"You don't set out to win an award," Cyr said. "You just do your best every time and try to build on the things you have done well in the past. Winning awards like this is certainly a big deal, but I think the best part is knowing that you can be counted on to do a great job when the job has to be done right the first time."



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Chuck Cyr, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, was recently named ACC's Outstanding Individual Community Planner of the Year.

Dyess supports charity event

Chief's Group golf tournament raises money for CFC

By Airman 1st Class
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Lending a helping hand to charity, more than 100 Dyess people turned out to take part in the Chief's Group 2002 Charity Golf Tournament at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course Oct. 4.

Raising more than \$3,500, the tournament's proceeds were donated to the Combined Federal Campaign.

"We do this annually to raise money for the CFC because we feel that giving comes back to our people," said Chief Master Sgt. Henderson Price, 7th Maintenance Group. "Since it is our charter as a group to support our junior enlisted, we feel this is a good way to make that happen."

The 18-hole golf tournament was played in a scram-

ble-style tournament where players play the best ball. The team of Lee Owens, Michael Hernandez, Jim Sadler and Kerry Skinner won first place in the charity golf tournament.

The tournament also provided prizes donated by downtown Abilene merchants.

While prizes were available to tournament participants, many of the players and sponsors felt the real reward was being able to help out others by supporting the base CFC drive.

"It is a great cause that gives back to the Dyess and Abilene communities," Price said.

"(The tournament) pooled the efforts of the wing and downtown community into a single cause," Price added. "And we were able to donate the proceeds to making life better for others."

Many participants and tournament officials felt the tournament was a success. But, while acknowledging the tournament's success, officials point out that the CFC drive is not over yet and donations can still be accepted.

"The end result of the tournament was good, and it puts us closer to the goal," said 1st Lt. Michael Epper, base CFC coordinator. "We can always use more help."

"This is last week for people to be able to donate," Epper added. "If they haven't already given, there is no time like the present to lend a helping hand."

The CFC donation drive at Dyess ends Oct. 18.

For more information about making donations, contact a CFC unit representative or visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Oct. 11 -- The Air Force launched the "Pioneer I" lunar probe in 1958, which attained a height of approximately 80,000 miles.

Oct. 12 -- American pilots flew the first night air pursuit operations over France in 1918.

Oct. 13 -- American World War I aircraft utilize the new Liberty 12 engine which had a top speed of 128.8 miles per hour.

Oct. 14 -- First supersonic flight achieved by Capt. Charles "Chuck" Yeager in 1947.

Oct. 15 -- The X-15 research aircraft is unveiled in 1958.

Oct. 16 -- Final tests of Army's airplane radio achieved a transmission distance of 25 miles in 1917.

Oct. 17 -- The first C-97A is delivered to the Military Air Transport Service in 1949.



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CFC donations make a difference

By Airman 1st Class
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

With the Combined Federal Campaign coming to an end, officials are concerned potential donors might not know the amount of impact contributing plays in helping charities both in the local area and at Dyess Air Force Base.

The Dyess Youth Center is one of those local agencies benefiting from those dollars. Last year, the youth center received almost \$8,000 from CFC donations. These donations went toward the before- and after-school program, day camp during the summer, and open recreation programs.

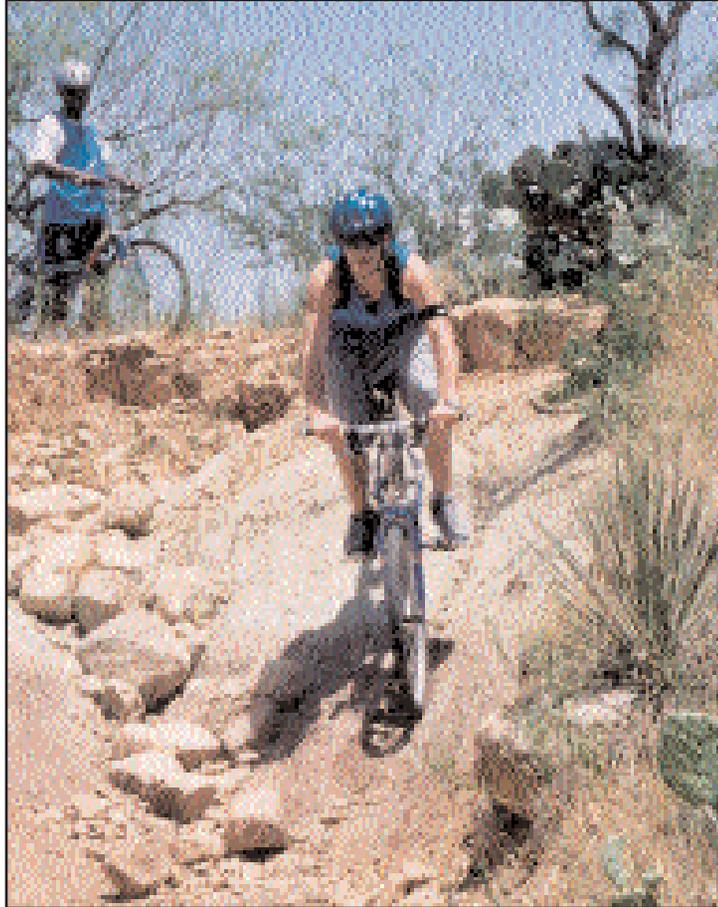
Through these programs, Dyess children are able to go on field trips and take classes where they learn things like how to cook or be a model citizen. CFC donations also make it possible for pre-teens to participate in the Training Responsible Adolescence in Leadership program, where they go on many outdoor adventures, including canoeing, hot air ballooning, mountain climbing and horseback riding.

"The donations we get from CFC through the United Way of Abilene are vital to our youth programs," said Susan Burt, 7th Services Squadron family member programs chief. "Without these dollars, we couldn't offer these children all that we do."

The funding also helps the youth center provide children lunches during the summer and snacks after school.

CFC donations have even gone toward new computer programs for the children for both recreational play and to support academic skills.

Burt said CFC donations have made it possible for the youth center to offer programs comparable to other



Courtesy photo

Michael Loustaunau, son of Eva and Tech Sgt. Michael Loustaunau, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron cruises down a mountain side at Fort Phantom Lake during a mountain biking trip with the Dyess Youth Center. Activities such as this are made possible by Combined Federal Campaign contributions.

well known youth organizations.

"(The youth center is) like a boys and girls club," Burt said. "We provide the children with a safe, healthy place where they can have fun and learn some valuable life skills."

"As military children these kids are on the move so much and a lot of children have trouble adjusting. But the way Air Force youth centers are, these kids know that whether they are at Ramstein (Air Base, Germany), Kunsan (Air Base, Korea) or at Edwards (Air Force Base, Calif.) the youth center will always be the same because they are all based on the same structure."

Aside from the Dyess Youth Center, there are more than 1,500 other charities people can donate to

through the Combined Federal Campaign both local and nationally.

Dyess officials encourage people to at least consider donating to CFC.

"Take a moment and look through the pledge book," said 1st Lt. Michael Epper, CFC project officer. "With so many choices there is certainly a service provider that interests or has touched you."

"(And) if you don't use the services of an organization, your neighbor, a child's classmate or a relative most likely enjoys the benefits of one of these providers."

With one week left to go in the campaign, Dyess has reached 75.8 percent of its goal.

People wanting to donate through CFC can do so by contacting their unit CFC keyworker.

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TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Marchand Theus

Unit: 7th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

Job description: Crew
chief

Time in the Air Force:
One year

Time at Dyess: Eight
months

Family: Single

Hometown: Harker
Heights, Texas

**Job impact on the mis-
sion:** I ensure that Dyess air-
craft are maintained and ready
to fly every day, ensuring we
are mission capable.

Career goals: Get certified
in my career field and go to
Officer Training School to be
an aircraft maintenance officer.

Best Air Force memory:
When my father saluted my
sisters and I, and told us how
proud he was of us serving our
country.

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.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

TEAM DYESS 7th AMXS profile

Leaders:

Commander:
Lt. Col. James Green

First Sergeant:
Master Sgt.
Bryan Bolin

Personnel:

- Officers: Seven
- Enlisted: 785



Mission statement:

Provides combat-ready B-1 aircraft and trained maintenance and weapons load personnel to support operational plans taskings, deployed worldwide conventional theater operations and power projection from the CONUS. Performs organizational-level maintenance of aircraft and armament subsystems. Provides support for B-1 Flight Training Unit, Operational Test and Evaluation Program and Weapons School.

Future goal:

Grow into one squadron from the three former flying squadrons, supporting all flying missions for the B-1, enabling global power.

Editor's note: At the time of publication, the squadron emblem for the 7th AMXS had not been officially approved. The current emblem is being used in its place until the official approval process is complete.



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CMSAF: Quality of life a priority

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Boske
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- As the backbone of the world's premier air and space force, the Air Force's enlisted corps deserves a quality of life unmatched by any military organization in the world, according to the service's top enlisted airman.

Providing that quality of life, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, requires more than just building bigger homes and procuring better benefits. It means giving them sound leadership, a good organization and a good "team" atmosphere.

"The Air Force is a people-oriented force, and we will always do our best to provide our great men and women with these things," said Murray, who became the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force on July 1, succeeding Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch.

Perhaps now more than ever, he said, recruiting and retaining the service's enlisted force is critical and is the reason why improving their quality of life is important as well.

A native of Boiling Springs, N.C., Murray believes it is only fair to provide these dedicated airmen with quality workplaces and housing, more educational opportunities, and better pay and compensation. Fortunately, he added, many of those things are on track in the near future. But more is needed.

"It appears that the fiscal 2003 budget will give us a good pay raise, but we're still seeking another targeted raise in fiscal 2004," he said. "Pay for our junior enlisted is very comparable with those of similar experience and training in the civilian sector but lags behind in our senior (noncommissioned officer) grades. The targeted raise emphasizes increased education, experience and, most importantly, leadership of our NCO corps."

This education, experience and leadership has made the Air Force NCO corps the best in the world and is vital because today's NCOs must train and supervise airmen in their technical areas to become mission proficient, and prepare them to lead the force in the future, Murray said.

"Our junior NCOs are the front-line supervisors. They must have their attention focused on leading the force," he said. "We all have aspirations to move up in rank and status, but our focus should be projected downward. Our priority should be on improving our skills and becoming better leaders for those entrusted to us."

Murray said he would like to see enlisted professional military education focus more on the service's core competencies, combat readiness and other military aspects of leadership.

"Sometimes we over-emphasize the academic portion of PME when we really need to prepare better combat leaders," he said. "Don't get me wrong, our professional military education and NCO corps are the best in the world, but we can always strive to be better."

That attitude is the basis of transformation and why the Air Force implemented the air and space expeditionary force construct. He said increasing understanding and awareness among airmen of the AEF mind-set and how it is designed to improve their quality of life is critical.

"Air Force leaders are committed to the AEF cycle of 90-day deployments every 15 months," he said. "It's a promise we've made and we're working to keep it."

Fortunately, he said, the system is evolving into what Air Force leaders envisioned. When the service first implemented the AEF construct, about 80,000 people were assigned to deploy. Today, more than 260,000 are assigned to deployment codes. But there is still much work to do in perfecting AEF.

"We need to reduce the stresses on those airmen who are being tapped for multiple deployments or are being asked to deploy for a longer period of time," Murray said.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray, 14th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, discusses quality of life issues during a meeting with Air Force reporters at the Pentagon Oct. 1

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Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

the chief said. "Everything we do should support that, from training and maintaining our wartime proficiencies to ensuring our families are prepared to endure our absence during a deployment.

"Once a deployment ends and a person returns home, the cycle should begin again, starting with the three R's -- reunite, rest and recuperate -- then right back into

While senior leaders work those issues at their level, individuals and units must focus on changing the mind-set of everyday operations from a home-based force to an expeditionary force, he said.

"We must expect that we are going to deploy; it's what we do,"

the chief said. "Everything we do should support that, from training and maintaining our wartime proficiencies to ensuring our families are prepared to endure our absence during a deployment.

"Once a deployment ends and a person returns home, the cycle should begin again, starting with the three R's -- reunite, rest and recuperate -- then right back into

the process that ensures we are ready to deploy again when called upon."

As the AEF process evolves, he said, readiness continues to climb.

"The current force is more ready to fight than any other time in history," he said.

"The majority of our airmen are trained and ready because they are in the AEF and have been deployed, some to tough locations," Murray said. "These deployments have made our people mentally and physically ready to accomplish the mission. And that is one of the greatest benefits of the AEF construct."

The chief said he knows the sacrifices Air Force people and their families are making daily and encourages them to remember how important their contributions are to the war on terrorism and the mission.

"When I go out to the field, airmen tell me they're working hard. But, they also tell me they're more than ready to do what is necessary," he said. "I am extremely proud of our enlisted force, and I know they will continue to meet whatever challenges the future holds."



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Lock and load

Staff Sgt. Thomas Perry prepares a MK-84 dumb bomb to be loaded into the B-1 trainer in the weapons load barn Thursday. Perry, the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 28th Weapons Flight team leader, led his team during the load crew of the quarter competition Thursday. The winning crew will be announced Tuesday.

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The following individuals were selected during the latest enlisted supplemental board.

Master sergeant

Ronald Lancaster, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Technical sergeant

Ronald Carmichael, 7th Communications Squadron

Cheryl Clark, 7th LRS

Richard Vanwey, 39th Airlift Squadron

Staff sergeant

Matthew Bell, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jason Carey, 40th AS

Houston Bartlett, 7th LRS

Gary Finch, 7th Munitions Squadron

Ryan Ginivan, 40th AS
Austin Meyer, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Richard Russell, 7th MUNS

William Taylor, 40th AS

Jesse Williams, 7th AMXS

The following people scored above 90 percent on their career development course tests.

Tech. Sgt. Charles Morris, 7th Medical Group; 95

Staff Sgt. Josie Anderson, 28th Bomb Squadron; 94

Staff Sgt. Amie Fontenot, 7th Services Squadron; 94

Staff Sgt. Jerry Hood, 9th BS; 92

Staff Sgt. Julian Thomas, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron; 91

Senior Airman Andrew Adinig, 7th SVS; 91

Airman 1st Class Michael Canchola, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron; 90

Airman Glen Coelho, 28th BS; 90

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5 airmen violate UCMJ

By Tech. Sgt. Karen Graves
Dyess Legal Office

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

- A staff sergeant was given a suspended reduction in rank to senior airman for dereliction of duty on three separate occasions. The NCO violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Dereliction of duty.

- An airman was demoted to airman basic and given a reprimand for violating a lawful order from his commander. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Failure to obey an order.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction in rank to airman and 30 days extra duty for disobeying the provisions of being put on quarters. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Failure to obey an order.

- A senior airman was demoted to airman first class and given 30 days extra duty for violating a lawful order. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Failure to obey an order.



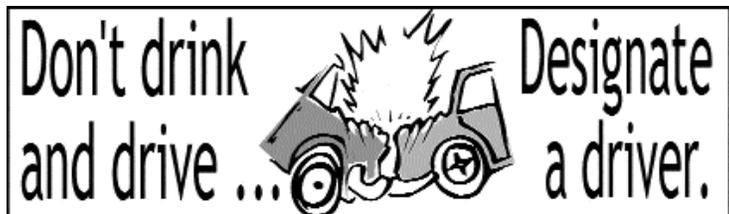
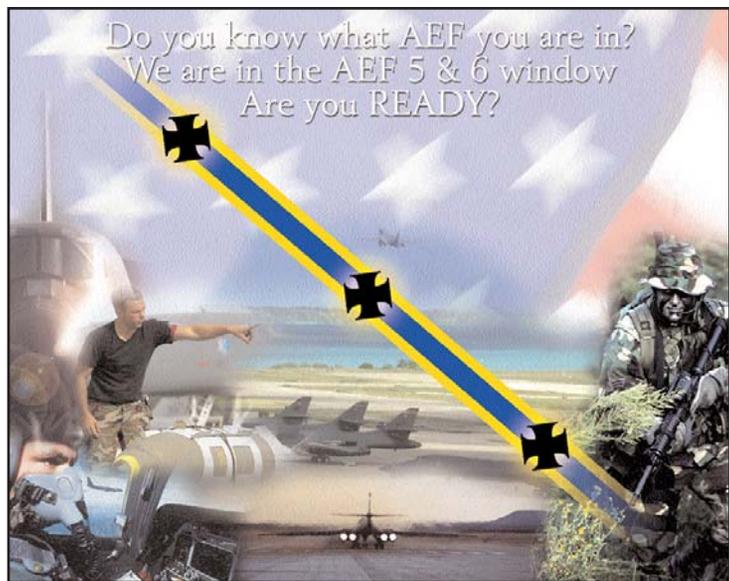
- An airman was demoted to airman basic and restricted to base for 60 days for failing to show up to work on time, dying her hair an unnatural color and acting in a disorderly fashion while on duty. The airman violated UCMJ Articles 86 -- Failure to go, 92 -- Failure to obey an order or regulation, and 134 -- Disorderly conduct.

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

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

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AF reduces number of deployed security forces

by 2nd Lt. Gary Arasin
9th Air Force Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. -- Air Force officials have reduced the number of security forces needed at deployed locations by 10 percent, allowing more than 200 airmen to come home earlier than originally planned.

The adjustment was the result of a manpower assessment and helps reduce the operations tempo for this critically manned career field. Following the review, officials determined more than 300 additional SF positions can be reduced from future air and space expeditionary force deployments.

Technological advances and the findings of an operations review are some of the reasons behind the reductions, said Lt. Col. Troy Robinett, U.S. Central Command air forces' chief of force-protection operations. Guardsmen and reservists currently fill about 95 percent of the reductions identified.

"We have seen many technology advancements that have replaced the need to physically have a person performing certain tasks," Robinett said.

The reductions, while primarily affecting Reserve forces, will affect active-duty forces in the long term. Active-duty forces would eventually have to fill the positions as the Reserve forces are demobilized, said Chief Master Sgt. Ezzard Luke, a security forces scheduler at the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"We mobilized a lot of Guard and Reserve forces to meet the initial demand," Luke said. "Even though Reserve forces may be tasked in future rotations, the overall burden would still fall to the active force."

Many of the troops who filled these positions have already been sent home while another large chunk of the positions were eliminated before airmen left for deployed locations.

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Senior Air Force officials directed the manpower assessment as they continue to look for ways to minimize tour lengths and tour-length extensions. Officials plan reviews of other "stressed" specialties soon.

A seven-person team led by Robinett carried out the operations review. It consisted of members from Central Air Forces, the AEF Center, Air Combat Command, Combined Forces Air Component Commander Security Forces and the Air Force Security Forces Center. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)

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UTE day

Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

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

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002

Columbus Day weekend paintball special from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the paintball fields across from outdoor recreation. Field fee and rental equipment are free. For more info, call 6-2402.

Airman's Attic is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

All nighter, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002

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

Monday, Oct. 14, 2002

Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002

Four-day transition assistance program seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month lunch, 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Club. Call 6-5432 for reservations.

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

Varsity bowling team tryouts, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Mongolian barbecue from 5:30-8 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Air Force Sergeants Association meeting, 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873. For more info, call Master Sgt. Monica Hill at 6-5448.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 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.

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

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002

Power yoga class from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the health and wellness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

'50s night at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Upcoming events

Oct. 18 -- Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, 7 a.m. at the base parade ground. Proceeds benefit the Combined Federal Campaign. For info, call 6-5110.

Oct. 18 -- Quarterly awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, contact your unit first sergeant.

Oct. 19 -- Blazin' in the Park II, 5 p.m. at the field next to the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. For more info, call 6-2936.

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Cancer lunch, walk

Two events are scheduled in the next week as part of the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tuesday, the annual awareness luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Club. Featured speakers include Ann Giddens, breast cancer educator at the YWCA, and Lisa Foster, a five-year cancer survivor. Lunch is \$6.95 for non-club members and \$4.95 for members. Call Maj. Carrie Dunne at 6-5432 for reservations.

An awareness walk is Oct. 18 beginning at 7 a.m. at the base parade ground. All proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation via the Combined Federal Campaign. For more info, call Staff Sgt. Patricia Bonney at 6-5110.

TAP seminar

The next transition assistance program seminar is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Oct. 18 at the family support center.

The seminar instructs separating and retiring servicemembers and their

spouses on the intricacies of the job search.

Topics covered include identifying skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, networking, salary negotiating, job searching techniques, starting a business and educational opportunities. A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will also be there to answer questions on benefits.

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

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

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.

Awards luncheon

The Dyess quarterly awards luncheon is at 11:30

a.m. Oct. 18 at The Heritage Club.

Tickets cost \$8.50 for club members and \$10.50 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dion Baker at 6-4584.

Quail Hollow

Quail Hollow, Dyess' off-base privatized housing development, has two bedroom, two and a half bathroom townhouses available for E-4s with line numbers, E-5s and E-6s.

Rent is \$514.82 per month and includes the cost of water, sewer, trash and basic cable. Gas and electric are not included.

For more information, call Ava Miller at 6-3633.

Speakers' bureau

The Dyess Public Affairs Speakers' Bureau is looking for volunteers to speak at public events. Engagements include speaking at clubs and schools about a variety of Air Force topics.

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

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Blazin' in the Park

Blazin' in the Park II is 5 p.m. Oct. 19 at the field next to the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance.

People can listen to the band Ranch Hand, warm up by a bonfire, dance, play games, go on a hay ride and eat a variety of food.

For more information, call 6-2936.

Marriage seminar

The Heritage Club is hosting a marriage seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

The seminar teaches couples how to change conflicts into intimacy-building conversations.

Spaces are limited.

To make reservations or for more information, call 6-5380.

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. Monday 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



Hour change

The 7th Medical Group will stop normal operations at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 22 for mandatory readiness training.

The pharmacy, radiology, laboratory and dental clinics will also close at 12:30 p.m.

For urgent care needs, call the medical information center at 6-2334.

Tricare bills

The debt collections program manager is available at the 7th Medical Group to assist active duty members, retirees and their family members in resolving Tricare bills that were sent to a collection agency.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mary Warner at 6-5422.

OFF BASE



Children's concert

The Abilene Children's Performing Arts Series is beginning its 2002-2003 season with a performance by Eddie Coker at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Paramount Theater.

Families of deployed service members can receive free tickets at the family support center by calling 6-5999.

For more information, call 677-1161.

Cookout

The residents of the Brookhollow subdivision are hosting a barbecue/cookout for volunteers and family members who helped the residents after the July 6 flood from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26 on South 20th Street between Elmwood and Greenbriar Drive.

For more information, call Ron Caspell at 676-2920.

Dallas Cowboys tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel Office has tickets to Dallas Cowboys home games.

The cost is \$32, which includes ticket cost, a soda, hotdog and corral pass. The seats are in the lower level. There are also plans for transportation. The cost will be \$10.

For more information, call 5-5207.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Truckin' along

Airman Rob Reschke, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, drives the Sparky Mobile around the base fire department for a children's tour Wednesday. Base firefighters use tools like the Sparky Mobile to help educate children during fire prevention week. The observance ends Saturday.



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Bioenvironmental Engineers: Keeping Dyess personnel out of harm's way

By Airman 1st Class
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

"Force protection" makes most people think of the security forces personnel, military ID card checks and random searches. But force protection also includes issues like worker health and chemical contamination, which are things the bioenvironmental engineering flight must deal with every day.

Through drinking water surveillance, industrial hygiene, occupational health, and nuclear, biological and chemical defense guidance, these engineers protect the health of Dyess men and women and their environment at work and abroad.

"I feel confident in saying my troops are the best and brightest in the Air Force," said Maj. Jim Dunne, 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineering chief. "This career field takes a lot of technical knowledge and confidence, but each person here is highly trained and well equipped to do the job."

Before arriving at Dyess, each airman in the shop had to first graduate from a 15-week technical school.

"A lot of these guys are very young, many just graduating from high school. They are given all this information to learn in a very short amount of time. It can be very hard and demanding,"



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Senior Airman Steven Perry, uses the M272 water test kit to test Dyess water for potential chemical agents during a training exercise. Perry is a member of the 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineering shop.

said Tech. Sgt. Barbara Busbee, 7th ADOS bioenvironmental engineering NCO in charge. "But each time we get new airmen, they are just as sharp as the previous ones."

During peacetime, the bioenvironmental engineers' main job is to make sure all the units on base are safe and healthy as well as enforce radiation protection and environmental protection.

The engineers conduct both annual and biannual evaluation surveys on more than 90 industrial facilities on base. During these surveys, the engineers

examine everything the people in these shops are exposed to on the job, including chemicals and hazardous noises. Based on their findings, they may implement protective equipment requirements, such as ear plugs or a respirator.

The engineers are also called to respond to chemical and fuel spills. During a fuel spill, they check for high vapor concentrations and determine whether people need to wear protective masks while in the area.

Another tasking the engineers deal with is respiratory protection, which includes gas mask respirators. Anyone on base requiring a respirator while on the job must go through the bioenvironmental shop.

"Eventually, everyone on base comes to see us at one time or another during (his or her) stay at Dyess (to get their gas mask fitted)," Busbee said.

Some of the shop's taskings also include working with the wing safety council, environmental protection committee and disaster control group during emergencies.

During wartime, the engi-

neers' mission changes, focusing more on the NBC side of their job.

In a deployed environment, bioenvironmental engineers are responsible for detecting NBC agents in the field and advising the unit commander on any hazards and what type of protection the troops might need to wear.

Aside from NBC, the engineers state the main issues they deal with in a deployed situation, especially the latest deployments, are weather hazards and drinking water.

"Heat stress and drinking water were big issues," Dunne said of his recent deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. "We had to advise people on the heat conditions and make sure they were keeping hydrated."

The engineers also checked the drinking water for contamination and bacteria.

But whether peacetime or wartime, the bioenvironmental engineering force protection agency is sure of one thing.

"We train hard and work hard to keep Dyess people safe and able to support the 7th Bomb Wing mission," Dunne said. "And that's what we'll continue to do."



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Above: Airman 1st Class George Hood, takes a sample of waste to send off for hazardous material testing. Hood is a member of the 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineering shop. Bioenvironmental engineers conduct both annual and biannual evaluation surveys on more than 90 industrial facilities on base during which they examine everything the shops are exposed to, including chemicals and hazardous noises. Right: Maj. Jim Dunne, bioenvironmental engineering chief, uses a forklift to move bottled water into a secure area for testing before release to troops at a deployed location. During wartime, the engineers test the water for contamination and bacteria.



Courtesy photo



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Above: 1st Lt. Kendra Jackson, 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineering deputy chief, takes an asbestos sample from a pipe insulation in a Dyess facility. Below: Senior Airman Steven Perry and Airman 1st Class Stephanie McDonald train on gas mask fit testing. The members of the bioenvironmental engineering element do gas mask fit testing for all Dyess people.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Air Force sinks Navy 48-7

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Forty-eight unanswered points let Air Force sink Navy 48-7 and advance in the national rankings following the Oct. 5 game.

U.S. Air Force Academy

The Falcons advanced from No. 25 to No. 19 in the USA Today/ESPN college football poll, and cracked the Associated Press Top 25 poll at No. 21.

Undaunted by Air Force's previous and potential national rankings, Navy came in and scored during their first possession. Quarterback Craig Candeto led the Navy's option attack 68 yards on nine plays. Fullback Kyle Eckel scored on a 5-yard touchdown.

"Whenever you have to make that transition from having played four passing teams to playing a predominantly rushing team, it takes you a quarter to get into the speed of the game," said Falcons head coach Fisher DeBerry.

Air Force's offense was the first to adjust, driving to the Navy 34-yard line to score on a Joey Ashcroft field goal, with 23 seconds left in the half.

Then Air Force defense took its pound of flesh from the midshipmen, as Navy running back Robert Butler juggled an option pitch as he was hit.

"Mark Marsh and Joel Buelow hit the pitch man and forced the ball to squirt out," said senior cornerback Wes Crawley, who was following Marsh and Buelow to the ball carrier. Then the ball bounced Crawley's way.

"I saw the opportunity to scoop it up and score on it, instead of jumping on the ball like they always tell us to," admitted Crawley. "I was trying to make a big play. Luckily, I was able to do it."

Crawley took the ball 52 yards for the score, giving Air Force a 10-7 lead.

"The biggest touchdown today was Wes," said Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge. "When I saw Wes and our defense step up and make a big play, that's when I realized 'hey, let's do this ourselves. It's our turn offensively to go out and help our defense,' because they've been the work-horse the last couple of weeks."

Offensively, Air Force scored on every remaining possession, and gave its second- and third-string players significant game experience during the 48-7 win. Air Force's rushing game accounted for 429 yards and moved the Falcons back into the No. 1 slot nationally, among division 1A rushing offenses, with 1,649 yards on the ground in five games. Harridge, who is carrying 18 semester hours of classes this fall, accounted for four touchdowns and 161 yards running, and was 6 of 7 passing for 107 yards.

Yet there are no mixed feelings from the Air Force side over the Falcons' next opponent. Air Force hosts conference rival Brigham Young University on Oct. 12.

"Obviously we can't stop and rest on our laurels," said DeBerry. "We've got to get better as a football team, we've got a team coming in here next week that thoroughly embarrassed our football team last year."

BYU is 3-2 this season, but holds an 18-4 advantage in the series over Air Force, including a televised 63-33 win last year.

"That game still hurts," said Falcons linebacker Trevor Hightower. "It still hurts. It's still in our memories."

Kickoff for the BYU game is 8 p.m. CDT and the game will be televised by ESPN2.

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Air Force's next game

Game starts at 3 p.m. Saturday



#19 Air Force
Falcons
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VS.



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University Cougars
(3-2)

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

XXX -- Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson -- Xander "XXX" Cage is recruited by an agent from the National Security Agency to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If XXX refuses, he will be sent to jail. XXX takes the job and travels to Prague, where he helps uncover the plan to use a biological weapon dubbed "Silent Night."

PG-13 (*violence, sensuality, drug content and language*)

Saturday

Fear Dot Com -- Stephen Dorff, Natascha McElhone -- If you click "yes," and you know you want to, you'll be logged on to the Internet site feardot.com, and the game begins. What follows is a collection of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror.

R (*violence including grisly images of torture, nudity and language*)

Paintball

- The Paintball Blast-a-thon Tournament is 8 a.m. Oct. 19 at the base paintball fields across from Outdoor Recreation.

- Units can reserve the paintball fields for a "stress buster challenge" from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

To make reservations or for more information, call 6-2402.

Football frenzy

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

For more information, call 6-2405.

Crafter's Haven

- The Crafter's Haven has a holiday themed workshop from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays.

- People can take skillet candy making classes from 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Crafter's Haven.

For more information on

these programs, call 6-4175.

Bingo mania

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

Thunder Alley

Thunder Alley is from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays at Dyess Lanes.

For more information call 6-4166.

Winterization

The auto skills center offers a winterization special this month. The cost is \$27.50 per car plus parts.

For more information, call 6-4179.

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