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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 24

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
89	4	-1
45	2	-1
85	5	+1

FY-02 Flying Hour Curve: +2

Source: 7th Operations Group

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begins
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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 30

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	75.6%
78%	88.5%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

7th OG commander awarded Bronze Star

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

The 7th Operations Group commander received the Bronze Star during the wing commander's call Sept. 27 at the base theater.

Col. Michael Moeller was presented the medal for his meritorious achievement as the 405th Expeditionary Operations Group commander while engaged in air combat operations against al Qaeda and Taliban forces during an Operation Enduring Freedom deployment from December 2001 to May 2002.

"Colonel Moeller's superior leadership and unselfish devotion to duty was key to building a warfighting operations group ready to execute Operation Enduring Freedom missions around the clock on demand," said Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander and the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing commander at the time of Moeller's deployment. "(He) is a brilliant operations group commander... chock full of leadership, courage and vision. He can go to war with me anytime!"

During Operation Anaconda, the largest ground operation to date during OEF, Moeller's group provided continu-



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Col. Mike Moeller, 7th Operations Group, gets his flight vest adjusted by then Airman 1st Class Edith Enriques, aircrew life support, as he prepares for a B-1 flight last year. Moeller was awarded the Bronze Star Sept. 27.

ous close air support and interdiction capability to the warfighters on the ground. He delivered immediate results by developing and executing a plan providing 24-hour coverage enabling the commander to maintain the wartime footing required for success, Griffin said.

Moeller commanded more than 800 personnel during his deployment. The group flew 1,600 sorties amassing 15,000 flight hours and dropping over

1,100 tons of munitions. The group also delivered 22 million pounds of fuel with a 100 percent sortie generation rate and a 99 percent mission effectiveness rating.

"Receiving (the Bronze Star was) certainly humbling," Moeller said. "I accept the award for all the men and women who served with me. I had a superb boss and an amazing team to work with."

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Two Dyess NCOS STEP promoted on same day

By **Senior Airman Zachary Wilson**
Dyess Public Affairs

Two Dyess 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron NCOS were presented with new stripes under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program by the 7th Bomb Wing commander Sept. 27.

Newly-promoted Master Sgt. Ron Wells was surprised by Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin first, after he was brought up in front of Dyess members during a wing commander's call.

Then-Tech. Sgt. Stephen Coleman surprised an hour later while attending a squadron commander's call

focusing on the Air Combat Command safety day.

"I was very surprised when the general called me up in front of all the people," Wells said. "I thought the only reason I had to be there was because it was a commander's call."

"All I could do at the time was smile and stand there

in shock. I almost fell to my knees. I was so surprised by the whole thing because I pride myself on staying informed on everything that happens in my squadron," Coleman said.

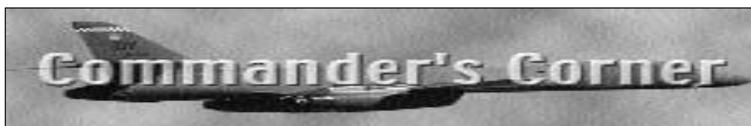
I had no idea this was happening," he said.

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Dyess Air Force Base welcomes
Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow
5th Air Force commander





This week, I want to take the opportunity to thank some very special superior performers at Dyess Air Force Base. While most of us had the weekend off and spent time with our loved ones, some of Dyess' most talented men and women worked through the weekend and late into the night on Sept. 30 to ensure we closed out all the books on the end of fiscal year 2002.

Dyess personnel in finance, contracting, supply and various other organizations were at full battle stations all weekend and all day and night Monday to ensure we had a smooth landing as the fiscal year wound down.

These men and women are the unsung heroes of Dyess. They are the ones who ensure our projects get funded, that we are able to put in place new quality of life projects, that our carpet gets replaced and that we have the needed supplies to accomplish our mission. It was a very good year-end, thanks to

the untiring efforts of these professionals.

There are too many to name, but they know who they are and they know who I am talking about. If you run across one of these heroes in the next week or so, please take a moment to tell them how much you appreciate what they do for all of us here at Team Dyess. You will recognize them as they will be the ones with the big smiles on their faces, beaming with the satisfaction of having done their jobs well.

My thanks to each and every one of you for the great job you do for Dyess Air Force Base... not only at the end of the fiscal year, but every day.

One additional thought... we are now in fiscal year 03, remember what I talked about last week in commander's call regarding safety. I need your help to turn around the problems we saw in the last fiscal year. Please remain vigilant and accomplish all of your duties safely. Thank you.

Dyess Air Force Base -- Welcome to 12th Air Force

Lt. Gen. William Hobbins
12th Air Force commander



Lt. Gen. Hobbins

On behalf of the men and women of 12th Air Force, I welcome the 7th Bomb Wing to our team of highly trained professionals.

You are now a part of an incredible history of excellence that continues today, both at home and on foreign soil. For 60 years, 12th AF has been at the forefront of protecting the American way of life -- beginning with the invasion of Africa during Operation Torch in 1942 to Operation Enduring Freedom today.

As part of 12th AF, you will add to our rich heritage of leadership, dedication to duty and high standard of excellence you have shown in the past. And those accomplishments are many. In just the last year alone, you have provided the highest quality of support to your people as reflected in the 7th Services Squadron winning the Air Force Hennessey Trophy. Your operations group flew the B-1 in

Operation Enduring Freedom on more than 300 combat sorties, dropping over 1,000 Joint Direct Attack Munitions on al Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan, demonstrating just how valuable an asset the Bone is. Meanwhile, your maintainers are producing mission capable rates unheard of in the B-1 community... they are setting the pace for the entire fleet. And your medical personnel implemented new healthcare programs, providing greater access to your people, despite deploying many of their people along with the base.

We are honored to have you as an integral part of our family, and look forward to leading you through the hardships and triumphs ahead. I urge you to continue your hard work as you integrate your talents and abilities into 12th AF to meet our mission -- "delivering rapid, decisive and sustained airpower, anytime, anywhere." We need you today, more than ever, with the continuous threats against our freedom and our way of life.

12th AF carries a tradition of the highest achievement, and we will continue to hold the prestige and honor of a warfighting command with the 7th Bomb Wing as part of our team.

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.

Cops standing tall

Comments: Over the course of the past few years, I have noticed several different guards at the gate as I have driven through to work. Often, they offer a friendly welcome, but some have an "I could care less

because I hate my job" attitude. I understand our gate guards endure quite a bit. However, recently I have noticed a positive change in the trend. There is a young airman whose presence and attitude is overwhelmingly friendly and cheerful. This may seem like a small deal, but to me, they are the ambassadors of Dyess. Sometimes a smiling face in the morning is all it takes to get someone's day off to the right start. Please offer my kudos to this individual. Her name is Airman 1st Class Tonya Wright. Thank you very much.

Response: Thank you for your call. The 7th Security Forces Squadron has a difficult and sometimes thankless job. Despite all of this, our people work hard and give their very best effort. Airman Wright is one of Dyess' top performers, and I'm glad to be able to take a moment to thank her. I would also like to thank our other hardworking gate guards for their excellent work. It is not an easy job, yet they manage to do it everyday with enthusiasm and professionalism.



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Dyess joins 12th AF

By Capt.
David Honchul
Dyess Public Affairs

As part of Air Combat Command's efforts to better integrate information operations into combat air forces, three of the command's numbered air forces restructured Tuesday, resulting in many units -- including the 7th Bomb Wing -- to fall under a new chain of command.

On Tuesday, Dyess was moved from the 8th Air Force located at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., to 12th Air Force headquartered at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Command leaders decided in February to realign conventional weapons forces from 8th AF to 12th AF and 9th Air Force. This move allows 8th AF to focus its efforts on becoming the Air Force's information operations numbered air force.

"12th AF has been at the forefront of protecting the American way of life," said Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th AF commander. "As part of Twelfth, (Dyess) will add to our rich heritage."

The change to 12th AF will not dramatically change Dyess' mission, wing leaders said. But along with the change of command, officials urge wing members to learn more about their new numbered air force.

12th AF was activated on Aug. 20, 1942, at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.

One month after activation, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle assumed command of the 12th with Col. Hoyt Vandenberg serving as the unit's chief



Courtesy photo

As part of the Air Combat Command's operations restructuring, the 7th Bomb Wing is now part of the 12th Air Force. The 12th AF is headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

of staff. Less than two months later, the NAF made its first contributions to World War II, beginning the execution of Operation Torch.

By the end of the war in Europe, 12th had flown more than 430,000 sorties, dropped over 217,000 tons of bombs and claimed destruction of nearly 3,000 enemy aircraft. With its mission complete, 12th AF was inactivated at Florence, Italy, on Aug. 31, 1945.

Over the next five years, 12th was reactivated and inactivated several times to meet the needs of the Air Force. However, on Jan. 21, 1951, the unit was reactivated for the last time -- this time at Wiesbaden, West Germany, as the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe unit to be committed to supporting NATO.

The NAF relocated to Waco, Texas, in 1958 and with a mission focused on training tactical aircrews on joint air operations. This lasted for 10 years, when in September 1968, the 12th moved to Bergstrom AFB, in Austin, Texas. With the Vietnam War going strong, the 12th became a primary source of tactical fighter, reconnaissance and airlift forces.

In 1987, the 12th Air Force commander took on the added responsibility as commander of U.S. Air Forces in Southern Command -- a role that continues today. As such, he manages all Air Force personnel and assets in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility which consists of Central and South America.

The 12th moved from Bergstrom to its present location in July 1993. One year later, the NAF was in action again, serving as the air component for Operation Uphold Democracy, the United Nations-sanctioned operation to help restore the democratically elected government of Haiti. At the same time, 12th AF supported Southern Command's Operation Safe Haven for Cuban refugees.

With the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, 12th AF deployed its air operations center to the Middle East to support air operations in Afghanistan.

Today, 12th AF directs the activities of 10 combat wings, six direct reporting units, and gained units of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve.

12th Air Force timeline

1942

Aug. 20 -- 12th Air Force is activated at Bolling Field, Washington DC.

Sept. 23 -- Maj. Gen. James "Jimmy" Doolittle assumed command.

October -- 12th AF Forces in England prepare for Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa.

Nov. 8 -- 12th AF supports Allied landings at Oran and Casablanca, opening the vital "second front" in the war.

1943

January to April -- 12th AF fights across North Africa: French Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

July -- 12th AF participates in Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily.

1944

March to May -- Operation Strangle, air interdiction operations across Italy to support Allied push into Rome.

August -- 12th AF supports invasion of southern France in Operation Anvil.

November -- 12th AF takes over Brenner Pass Area, cutting Germany's supply route to Italy.

1945

January to May -- 12th AF units battle German forces in Italy and France right up to VE-Day.

August -- 12th AF is inactivated in Florence, Italy, post World War II.

1946

May -- 12th AF activates at March Field, California, as a training command under the Tactical Air Command.

1949

January -- Headquarters 12th AF moves to Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

1951

January -- Headquarters 12th AF reorganized at Wiesbaden, Germany and was assigned to the United States Air Forces in Europe. It becomes the first American numbered air force in NATO.

1952-1958

12th AF builds up air bases in Germany, France and Belgium, while it stands vigil against the Warsaw Pact forces and the Soviet Union.

1958

12th AF returns to the United States. It moves without personnel or equipment to Waco, Texas absorbing the resources of the 18th Air Force.

1968

12th AF moved to its new location and facilities at Bergstrom AFB, Texas. Its distinctive round building is quickly dubbed the "donut."

1970-1980s

12th AF is assigned to the Tactical Air Command carrying out its role as a training command and force provider.

1987

The Tactical Air Command commander designates 12th AF as the air component for the U.S. Southern Command.

1989

12th AF participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama to depose of Panamanian Dictator Gen Manuel Noriega.

1993

Headquarters 12th AF moves from Bergstrom AFB, Texas to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

1994

Headquarters 12th AF participates in Operation Uphold Democracy, to restore the democratically elected government in Haiti.

1995-1998

12th AF participates in operations in many parts of the world: Provide Comfort, Deny Flight, Provide Promise, Restore Hope and Allied Force.

1999

12th AF closes down Howard AFB, Panama and brings an end to an era.

2000

12th AF completes its first full year of expeditionary operations in the three Counter-Drug Forward Operating Locations.

2001

12th AF responds to tasking for the War on Terrorism, and deploys the Air Operations Center to Qatar.

2002

12th AF activates the 612th Theater Operations Group and the 474th Air Expeditionary Group.

Medal

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It was from his last deployment and working with the men and women of the 405th AEW, that the 22-year Air Force vet said he learned two lessons.

"I learned that one, we are the world's greatest Air Force with the world's greatest people. And two, the AEF works because we pulled in people from (five to seven) different bases, and they could work together and fight together as a team as soon as they hit the ground a long way from home, in any weather, anywhere."

STEP

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"I was wondering what was going on until I saw my wife and then I knew what was going to happen," Wells said. "The applause I received from everyone in the building was truly overwhelming."

The STEP program's primary intent is to provide a means to promote airmen for compelling, although perhaps non-quantifiable, reasons, according to the Air Force's STEP regulations.

"Ron Wells and Steve Coleman were already doing an outstanding job in senior NCO type supervisory and leadership roles," said Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th BW command chief master sergeant. "The STEP promotions are well

deserved. The instant applause and appreciation shown by their peers when the surprise promotions were announced also acknowledge that fact."

Wells, a 19-year veteran, and Coleman have already decided their career goals. Wells plans on re-enlisting and continuing to pursue his degree while working as a pastor at a local church. Coleman, a 22-year veteran, has decided to continue to stay in blue as long as possible.

"I am going to re-enlist again next summer and I plan to stay in until they drag me out," he said. "I have had a great job and have been part of a great organization," Coleman said.

(Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story)



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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Oct. 4 -- A field artillery battery was dropped from a C-82 for the first time by parachute in 1949.

Oct. 5 -- The Air Force made its first successful launch of a satellite in 1965.

Oct. 6 -- Capt. C. Chandler and Lt. D. Milling were awarded the first Military Aviator Badges in 1913.

Oct. 7 -- The first airstrikes of Operation Enduring Freedom began in 2001.

Oct. 8 -- An American one-man altitude record of 16,798 feet was set in 1914.

Oct. 9 -- More than 250 bombers and 100 pursuit planes attacked enemy forces in France in 1918.

Oct. 10 -- The patent office issued a patent in 1947 on the Norden Bombsight.

Fired up!

National Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday

By Airman 1st Class
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess recognizes National Fire Prevention Week, Sunday through Oct. 12.

Beginning with a parade through base housing at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, the week-long event focuses on enhancing awareness and preparedness for military members and their families. The theme for this year's observance is "Team Up for Fire Safety."

"We are trying to raise people's awareness about fire prevention," said Tech Sgt. Douglas True, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of fire prevention. "Hopefully, people will take this information and make safer work and home environments."

As part of fire prevention week, base firefighters will provide tours of the base fire house everyday and have a

fire prevention display at the base exchange from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There will be multiple appearances by the base fire department mascot, "Sparky" at these events.

The fire department will also visit the Dyess Child Development Center Monday, and Dyess Elementary School Wednesday, and host a children's poster contest which will be judged and posted at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Dyess Youth Center.

In addition, base firefighters will give a seminar using "smoke houses" to Dyess child care providers, children from the youth center, and members of the base housing populace. Smoke houses are houses that base fire prevention personnel can use to simulated fire with smoke to teach techniques for evacuating a house. The seminars will be held Tuesday at 147 and

149 Virginia Streets.

"Prevention is everyone's first line of defense against fire," said base fire prevention officials. "Being able to identify fire hazards and correct them will minimize the likelihood of a fire. This is very important because fire and life safety is everyone's responsibility."

For more information about fire prevention week activities, call the base fire department at 6-2486 or go online to www.nfpa.org/Education/fpwhome/fpwhome.asp.

National Fire Prevention Week Schedule:

The following is the schedule for fire prevention week activities on Dyess

Sunday
 Parade, 1:30 p.m. in base housing.

Monday
 Child Development Center visit, 9 a.m.
 Base exchange display, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday
 Fire evasion class in base housing for day care providers,

9-11 a.m. at 147/149 Virginia. Base exchange display from 5-7 p.m.
 Fire evasion class for base populace, 5-7p.m. at 147/149 Virginia.

Wednesday
 Dyess Elementary visit, 9 am. to 2 pm.
 Base exchange display, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday
 Base exchange display, 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 11
 Last day for fire department tours.



Senior Airman Zachary Wilson

"Sparky the Fire Dog" will be one of the features during National Fire Prevention Week. He will be at Dyess Elementary School during the fire department's demonstration Thursday.

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TEAM DYESS Honor Guardsman of the Month

Airman 1st Class Ivelina Konstantinova

Unit: 7th Services Squadron
Duty title: Food services technician

Time in the Air Force: Two years

Time at Dyess: One year and eight months

Time with the Dyess Honor Guard: One year and four months

Family: Single

Hometown: Vratsa, Bulgaria

What being in the honor guard means to me: I am filled with pride and honor for the United States, and I love the way the family members look at me with pride while I am performing my duties.

Editor's note: Nominations for the Dyess Honor Guardsman of the Month can be submitted to the base honor guard office. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.



Courtesy photo

To Honor With Dignity Dyess AFB Honor Guard

Leaders:

Superintendent:
Tech Sgt. Levi Lawrence

NCO-in-charge:
Staff Sgt.
Tremayne Hubbard

Trainer:
Staff Sgt. Erik Reed

Members:

- Officers: Four
- Enlisted: 55
- Civilians: One



Mission statement:

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14 Dyess airmen get Articles 15

By Tech. Sgt. Karen Graves
Dyess Legal Office

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

- An airman was given a suspended reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to show up to work on time. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, fined \$651, restricted to base for 30 days and given a reprimand for driving a vehicle while intoxicated, using vulgar language and acting disorderly. The airman violated UCMJ Articles 111 -- Drunk driving, and 134 -- Disorderly conduct.

- An airman first class was demoted to airman and given a reprimand for showing up late to work. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for disobeying a direct order from a senior NCO. The airman violated UCMJ Article 91 -- Willfully disobeying an NCO.

- An airman first class was demoted to airman for making rude and vulgar comments to another person while on duty. The airman violated UCMJ Article 134 -- Disorderly conduct.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand for failing to show up to work on time. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 25 days extra duty and a reprimand for using his government



travel card for unofficial purchases. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Dereliction of duty.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for showing up late to work and for failing to follow safety procedures on duty. The airman violated UCMJ Articles 86 -- Failure to go, and 92 -- Dereliction of duty.

- An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for theft. The airman violated UCMJ Article 121 -- Larceny.

- An airman first class was demoted to airman and given a reprimand for showing up late to work. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

- A senior airman was demoted to airman first class and given a reprimand for showing up late to work and violating a technical order. The airman violated UCMJ Articles 86 -- Failure to go, and 92 -- Failure to obey an order or regulation.

- A senior airman was given a suspended reduction to airman first class, a \$50 fine for two months, seven days extra duty and a reprimand for using his government travel card for unofficial purchases. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Dereliction of duty.

- A senior airman was demoted to airman first class and given 45 days extra duty for failing to show up to work on time on two separate occasions. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

- A staff sergeant was demoted to senior airman, fined \$914 pay for two months and given a reprimand for indecent acts on two separate occasions. The former NCO violated UCMJ Article 134 -- Indecent acts.

Some or all of these members were subsequently administratively discharged. Names of Article 15 violators are not released.

In each Article 15, the member's commander considered the offense and the punishment based on individual circumstances. These circumstances included 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 service member.

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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82 Dyess airmen get promoted this month

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

82 Dyess airmen are adding stripes, including the first of the recent selections to E-5.

The newly promoted airmen are:

Senior master sergeant:

Anne Niece, 317th Airlift Group

Lee Worthington, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Gloria Youngblood, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Master sergeant:

Timothy Bruno, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Warren Busbee, 7th Communications Squadron

Donald Emerson Jr., 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Dwight Falconer, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron

Kenneth Herfurth, 317th MXS

Joey Lachapelle, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Pamela Kahn, 7th Mission Support Squadron

Carole Reardon, 3rd ASOS

Brian Thomas, 7th AMXS

Technical sergeant:

Robert Alford, 317th MXS

William Burns, 7th Operations Group

Jack Comparini, 39th Airlift Squadron

John Doyle, Jr., 7th LRS

Daniel Ellis, 7th Security Forces Squadron

Charles Ellison, 11th ASOS

Eugene Franciski, Jr., 7th Bomb Wing

Clarence Jenkins, Jr., 39th AS

Ray Larish III, 7th LRS

Sharon Kemp, 7th BW

Jeffrey Miller, 7th EMS

George Salazar, 317th AG

Mary Snead, 11th ASOS

Anthony Stinson, 317th Operations Support Squadron

Bennett Stone, 317th MXS

Brad Trantham, 7th Munitions Squadron

Manuel Valeraz, Jr., 7th BW

Jack Young, 7th EMS

Staff sergeant:
Matthew Alanza, 7th OG

Henry Anabwani, 7th LRS

Eugenio Beniteztorres, 9th BS

Travis Carney, 39th AS

Christopher Gordon, 13th Bomb Squadron

Garry Finch, Jr., 7th MUNS

Justin Kenney, 7th SFS

Matthew Kingery, 317th MXS

Bryan Larry, 9th BS

Tracy Sizemore, 7th BW

Clay Wheeland, 9th BS

Charles White, 13th BS

Senior airman:
• *Denotes airmen promoted to senior airman below-the-zone.*

Nathaniel Allison, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Aaron Arnold, 7th EMS

Kim Alleyne, 436th Training Squadron

• **Rachel Bader**, 7th EMS

Angela Bohannon, 7th LRS

• **Nicholas Brinley**, 39th AS

Jon Cheesbro, 7th CES

Brandon Church, 13th BS

Justin Cremer, 11th ASOS

• **Tiffany Crossley**, 7th Medical Support Squadron

Kimdricka Felder, 7th BW

Peter Groves, 28th BS

Brian Matthews, 9th BS

Billy Membane, 7th CES

Stephen Patrick, 13th BS

Aaron Ramos, 7th LRS

Kerry Reyes, 40th AS

Lonnie Simmons, 7th MDSS

Anthony Walls, 317th MXS

Kevin Williams, 13th BS

Samuel Yocum, 9th BS

Airman 1st class:
Thomas Clostio, 7th LRS

Tanya Danforth, 7th EMS

Laurie Garner, 7th MDSS

Adam Hagerman, 7th LRS

Christopher Hudson, 7th CES

Derrick Mattson, 11th ASOS

Robert Milush, 7th Aeromedical/Dental Operations Squadron

Myron Moody, 7th Services Squadron

Curtis Mullins, 7th SVS

Serina Palomo, 317th MXS

John Sharp, 317th MXS

Jake Underwood, 7th LRS

Ryan White, 7th CES

Airman:
Denaya Crockett, 7th EMS

Ian Guerrero, 39th AS

Jessica Jones, 7th MSS

Chucky Ray Johnson, 7th CMS

Angelica Reyes, 39th AS

Christopher Stephens, 7th CMS

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100-percent tuition assistance now available

WASHINGTON -- Beginning Oct. 1, Air Force people can take advantage of a new Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for off-duty courses, according to Air Force education officials.

"The policy pays tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course," said

Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling.

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Sweizer said.

"Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student does-

n't have to pay any money out of (his or her) pocket."

Tuition assistance still cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.

Sweizer is concerned that with 100-percent tuition assistance available to airmen, some people may opt to waive contributing to the

Montgomery GI Bill. He encourages airmen to take advantage of the GI Bill's benefits.

"Not everyone will be able to complete his or her education while on active duty" he said. "Having the MGIB as an alternative for later use is a wise investment."

For more information, call the Dyess Education Office at 6-5544.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News.)

Officials announce new service dress nametag

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Oct. 1: the nametag.

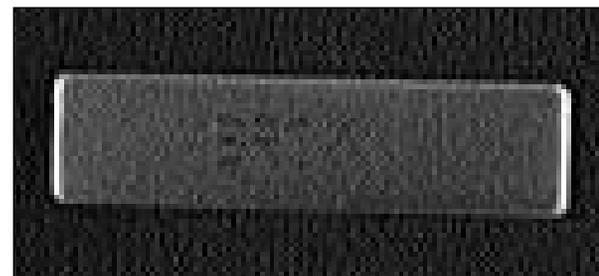
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the uniform at the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's

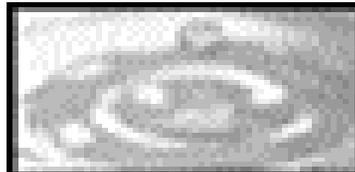
last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

Air Force officials decided last year that a nametag was needed on the service dress uniform. Several proposals were reviewed and feedback was gathered from across the Air Force during several wear-tests.

The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.



The new nametag that will be required for service dress has a brushed satin finish and blue letters.



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Celebrating Hispanic heritage: Dyess observance month committee hosts banquet

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Hispanic Heritage Committee is hosting a banquet from 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 10 at The Heritage Club.

The event will include dinner, dance exhibitions and a guest speaker. There will also be a disc jockey from 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

"We want to promote awareness of the Hispanic culture and its diversity," said Airman Janet Pelayo, heritage committee member. "We think both Hispanics and people supporting the Hispanic culture will be able to take something new from this event that they were not aware of before. But the main thing is to enjoy and have fun."

The highlight of the banquet will be guest speaker Samuel Garcia, a member of the Hispanic Leadership Council of Abilene.

"We chose (Garcia to speak at the event)

because he has accomplished so much and he is a great motivational (speaker)," Pelayo said. "We think people will really benefit from hearing what he has to say."

Pelayo said the dance exhibitions throughout the banquet and the DJ performing later in the evening shouldn't be missed either.

"The Hispanic dance exhibitions will be great," Pelayo said. "With Friday being a down day, people can dance all night -- what better way to kick off a four-day weekend than going to the Hispanic Heritage banquet."

People interested in attending the banquet can contact their unit first sergeant or squadron point of contact.

Tickets cost \$11 for club members and \$13 for nonmembers.

For more information, call Pelayo at 6-2412.

New command insignia unveiled

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News



The Air Force command insignia, unveiled Tuesday at the 2002 Corona Top Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be worn by field grade officers who are or have been a squadron, group or wing commander.

this insignia on (his or her) uniform," Jumper said.

Only officers in the ranks of major through colonel, who currently are or have been a squadron, group or wing commander, are authorized to wear the insignia. Vice, deputy or temporary "acting" commanders are not authorized to wear it.

"Major command commanders will evaluate equivalent positions, on a

case-by-case basis, and make a recommendation to the chief of staff whether or not to authorize wear of the insignia for that position," said Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III, deputy chief of staff for personnel. "The final determination will be left up to the chief of staff."

The Air Force command insignia features the Hap Arnold star and wings encircled by a wreath. The insignia is available in both a chrome and subdued version.

The command insignia will not be worn on any uniform in deployed areas of responsibility or in combat zones.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales store has the chrome Air Force command insignia for the blues uniform in stock and available for purchase. However, the battle dress uniform version is not in stock yet.

Customers can call clothing sales at 6-2502.

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Space available

The following flights are open for space-available travel from Dyess:

Sunday, 6:45 a.m. to Lawson Army Air Field, Ga. The return flight is Thursday.

Monday, 6:45 a.m. to Lawson Army Air Field, Ga. The return flight is Oct. 11.

Tuesday, 7 a.m. to Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The return flight is Oct. 16.

Showtimes are two hours prior to takeoff. All travelers must show military ID cards and active-duty must possess valid leave orders.

All flights are subject to cancellation without notice.

For more information, call the passenger terminal at 6-4505.

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.

Free child care

Air Force people returning from overseas deployments supporting Operation Enduring Freedom are eligible for free child-care.

The Extended Duty Child-Care Program will provide the service for up to 16 hours per child under 12 years old. The childcare is designed to help returnees as they settle back into their home stations.

People must have been deployed for more than 30 days to be eligible and the care must be used within 30 days of returning from deployment. The service will be provided on a space-available basis. If care is not avail-

able when requested, the family childcare office will work to have it reserved for a later date.

For more information, call Iris Amerine at 6-2839.

Speakers' bureau

The Dyess PA Speakers' Bureau is looking for volunteers to speak at public events. Speech 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.

Dorm manager

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron central dormitory management office has an opening for a dormitory manager, Air Force specialty code 9D000.

Volunteers must possess a five-skill level, be releaseable from their primary AFSC and should be a senior airman, staff sergeant or technical sergeant.

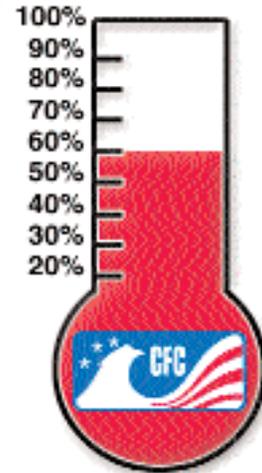
For more information, call Master Sgt. Theodore Smith at 6-5524.

CFC update

The base reached 60 percent of its goal for the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign during the fourth week.

The following Dyess units and offices have reached 100 percent:

- Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 222
- Command post
- Military equal opportunities office
- 7th Aeromedical/Dental Squadron
- 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 7th Comptroller Squadron
- 7th Contracting Squadron
- 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- 7th Logistics Repair Squadron
- 7th Maintenance Group headquarters
- 7th Medical Operations Squadron
- 7th Medical Support Squadron
- 7th Support Group headquarters



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Congratulations to the following quarterly award winners:

7th Operations Group

Airman -- **Senior Airman LaShandra Johnson**, 436th Training Squadron

NCO -- **Staff Sgt. Mariana Sobolewski**, 436th TS

Senior NCO -- **Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith**, 7th Operations Support Squadron

Company grade officer -- **Capt. Tom Scott**, 9th Bomb Squadron

7th Mission Support Squadron

Airman -- **Airman 1st Class Lyra Hanes**

NCO -- **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Alvarez**

Senior NCO -- **Master Sgt. Jim Schilling**

Civilian category 1 -- **Shelly Ryan**

Civilian category 2 -- **William Phillips**

CALENDAR

**Today, Oct. 4, 2002**

Social hour from 5-7 p.m. at The Heritage Club and Enlisted Lounge. For more info, call 6-2405.

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

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002

Nine-pin, no-tap tournament, 7 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Gospel music workshop concert, 7 p.m. at the base chapel. For more info, call 6-4224.

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

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002

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

Monday, Oct. 7, 2002

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

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002

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

Kick boxing and sparring class from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. For more info, call 6-4306.

Home fire evacuation class from 5-7 p.m. at 147 and 149 Virginia Street. For more info, call 6-5222.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002

Military retiree luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-4980.

Operation job search from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002

Power yoga class from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. For more info, call 6-4306.

Hispanic heritage banquet, 6 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call Airman Janet Pelayo at 6-2412.

Upcoming events

Oct. 14 -- Intramural basketball letters of intent due at the fitness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

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

Oct. 19 -- Paintball blast-a-thon tournament, 8 a.m. at the base paintball fields across from outdoor recreation. For more info, call 6-2402.

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COMMUNITY



Thrift shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The regular weekly store hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 692-2786.

'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.

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.

Blazin' in the Park

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

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

For more information, call 6-4305.

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 Islamic, Jewish and other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4224.

Gospel music workshop

The Dyess Protestant parish gospel music workshop concert is 7 p.m. Saturday at the base chapel.

For more information, call 6-4224.

Musicians needed

The base chapel is looking for a drummer and electric guitarist to play at the protestant contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Walter Bean at 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.

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. Oct. 13 at the Paramount Theater.

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

Other people wanting to purchase tickets, or for more information, call 677-1161.



Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice

Hard at work

Kristina Brennan (left), daughter of Tech. Sgt. Dale and Traci Brennan, Alaya Winslow (middle), daughter of Capt. LaMont and Pam Winslow, and Madeline Black, daughter of Capt. Mike and Michelle Black, color flip books during the Tiny Tots Reading Hour at the base library Tuesday. Children ages 2 to 5 are encouraged to come to the reading hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday.



**Do you know what AEF you are in?
We are in the AEF 5 & 6 window.
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Combat Environment Training: 7th Maintenance Group trains Dyess troops for combat survival

**Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs**

Walking to an open hangar, two young airmen cross the flightline talking casually about home when suddenly, chaos erupts around them. With a sudden hail of gunfire and explosions crackling through the air overhead, an alert siren wails its deadly warning -- "Alarm Red, MOPP level 4."

Immediately, the airmen crouch down and tear open the containers at their sides. In one fluid motion, one airman covers her face with her gas mask. Cinching the mask firmly, she completes the combat-ready transformation and now, protected against the toxic nerve agent which is slowly beginning to shower the flightline, she turns to help her fellow airman.

However, tragedy has already struck. Unprepared, the airman still fumbles with his gas mask as panic begins to overwhelm him. Unprotected against the poisonous gas, the young airman is an unprepared victim of a combat environment.

Fortunately for the unlucky air-

man, this attack was only part of the 7th Maintenance Group's Combat Environment Training. He is able to live and learn from the experience.

"The main focus of this exercise is better training," said 2nd Lt. Samuel Overholt, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. "We are trying to create small classes of concentrated training. With more hands-on learning and better opportunities to ask questions. We are allowing our troops to get that better training."

With a choice of training opportunities, CET personnel decided to focus training in three areas -- disaster preparedness, self-aid and buddy care, and unexploded ordnance training.

"These three areas have historically shown to be the most vital areas of war-time survival," said CET officials. "These areas are also recognized as having the most discrepancies during Phase II exercises."

The maintenance group began its combat environment training Monday with 90 people split up into teams of 15. Each group undertook three one-hour training sessions, rotating between the three areas of training. The first training day concluded with

another group of 90 people tackling the CET in the afternoon. Two more classes of students were trained Wednesday, which concluded training for more than 350 troops.

Several CET students felt apprehensive about the training in the beginning, but felt the end result was well worth their time and effort.

"I was a little apprehensive at first, but now I am really glad I came," said Airman 1st Class Granville Smith, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "This has been a really good refresher course. It has reminded me of some things I had forgotten and gave me some really helpful hints on performing better (in a combat environment)."

While the combat environment can be a dangerous place, CET officials feel that with quality training, tragedies caused by being unprepared on the battlefield can be held in check.

"We are trying to improve their knowledge and increase their understanding of the things they have learned," said Tech Sgt. Mark Morrell, 7th EMS unit deployment manager. "This is real-world training -- teaching our people the same things that they need to know in-theater."



Airman 1st Class Johanna Kelly, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight, reminds students in her disaster preparedness class about the importance of covering the front voice emitter of a gas mask during adjustments to ensure the seal remains unbroken. The class was given as part of the 7th Maintenance Group's combat environment training, Monday and Wednesday.



Above: Tech Sgt. Neal Boggins, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, steps on a mock land mine during the unexploded ordnance training class to demonstrate the importance of quality UXO training. UXO training was one of the areas of focus of the 7th Maintenance Group's combat environment training. Left: Airman 1st Class Jason Blair, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight, shows Airman 1st Class Vincent Palmer how to drink water from his canteen while wearing a gas mask. An airman can lose one quart of water per hour while in MOPP gear.



Tech Sgt. Kenneth Dautreuil, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron, gives Airman 1st Class Adam Ficca some hands-on instruction in self-aid and buddy care. The SABC class was one of three areas of focus during the 7th Maintenance Group's combat environment training.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Jonas, 7th Munitions Squadron, slides on his gloves during a simulated chemical attack during the 7th Maintenance Group's combat environment training.



Falcons stun Utah Utes 30-26, advance to 4-0

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy
Public Affairs

SALT LAKE CITY -- A 20-yard play-action pass from quarterback Chance Harridge to halfback Don Clark in the corner of the end zone with 17 seconds left preserved Air Force's perfect season.

Clark's game-winning score was his second touchdown reception of the game and marks the emergence of a passing game into the Falcons' arsenal.

The mainstay of the Falcon's offense -- the running game -- accounted for the Falcons' first points of the game, as they went up 6-0.

Then the game turned disastrous for the Falcons as the Utes unleashed halfback Brandon Warfield.

Warfield had the hot hand in the first half, running right into the middle of the Air Force defense for 144 yards rushing and three touchdowns. With Warfield's effort, the Utes built a 26-6 lead as the teams headed into the locker room at half-time.

The Falcons comeback started with sophomore line-backer Anthony Schlegel forcing a Utah fumble on a well-timed blitz. From the turnover, Harridge hit Clark on a play-action pass for a 29-yard scoring strike. Ashcroft's kick was good, and the Falcons narrowed the score to 26-13.

Air Force continued delivering a lesson in smash-

mouth football with its defense and special teams. A deflected kick by Falcons special teams led to an Ashcroft field goal, and cut the Utes' lead to 26-16. A Utah fumble and up-the-gut running by Harridge and halfback Leotis Palmer led to an Anthony Butler touchdown, cutting the Ute's lead to 26-23.

The Falcon's defense forced Utah to punt with two and a half minutes left in the game. After Palmer returned the ball to the Air Force 40 yard line, the Falcons advanced the ball to the Utah 20. Once there, the Falcons coach called the same play that Clark scored on earlier in the game. The play duplicated its previous success, this time with a 20-yard touchdown toss from Harridge to Clark with 17 seconds left in the game. Ashcroft's kick rounded out the scoring.

The Falcons moved up in the national rankings and are now 25th in the country on the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, the first time they have been ranked in the coaches poll since the 1998 season. They were ranked as high as 13th that year.

Air Force once again begins its defense of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy with its game against the Midshipmen of Navy. The Falcons have won 12 of the last 13 trophies, and 15 overall. They hold the series edge over Navy, winning 24 of the 34 games between the academies.

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Air Force's next game

Game starts at 3 p.m. Saturday



Air Force Falcons
(4-0)

VS.



Navy Midshipmen
(1-3)

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.

Today

Signs -- *Mel Gibson, Rory Culkin* -- A 500-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town's reverend. The circles cause a media frenzy and test Hess's faith as he journeys to find out the truth behind the crop circles.

PG-13

Saturday

XXX -- *Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson* -- Xander "XXX" Cage is recruited by Agent Gibbons of the National Security Agency to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If he 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, action sequences, sensuality, drug content and language*)

Bowling

There is a nine-pin, no-tap tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dyess Lanes.

For more information, call 6-4166.

All-nighter

The Hangar Center's all-nighter is from 10 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday.

The event is free for club members and \$3 for non-members.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Blast-a-thon

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

For more information, call 6-2402.

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.

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.

Bingo 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.

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