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## 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 2

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
91	5	0
45	0	0
72	3	-3

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -115.2

Source: 7th Operations Group

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## 317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Aug. 25

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	75.4%

# Dyess NCO named best in AF

Technical sergeant named AF Operations Resource Management NCO of the year

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson  
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess NCO who won an Air Combat Command-level award back in April recently won an Air Force-level award for being the top NCO in her career field.

Tech. Sgt. Mariana Sobolewski, 436th Training Squadron aviation resource management curriculum developer, won the Air Force's top award for best Operations Resource Management NCO of the year. Sobolewski also won the Air Combat Command and Air Force-level awards in the airman category back in 1998.

"I found out I had won when it was officially released in a message," Sobolewski said. "I just screamed! I couldn't believe it. I had a smile from ear to ear."

While happy just to be recognized at the command-level, the significance of winning the award in two separate categories is not lost on the NCO.

"Winning this award again is an indescribable feeling," said Sobolewski. "To say I have done it once in the airman category and now in the NCO category attributes to how much my mentors have impacted my career."

Sobolewski is a member of an ACC special activity team where she serves as the aviation resource man-



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

**Tech. Sgt. Mariana Sobolewski, passes out aerospace resource management material during a recent class. Sobolewski was recently named the best NCO in the Air Force for Operations Resource Management.**

agement system instructor and course and curriculum development manager. Her day-to-day duties include being an instructor at the 436th TS, where she teaches students aviation resource management throughout the year.

While she has accomplished much in the way of command awards for

the time being, the newly-promoted technical sergeant has some immediate goals and some long-term goals.

"My long-term goal is to obtain the rank of chief master sergeant and become a major command functional manager for my career field."

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# AMC names Dyess sergeant Life Support NCO of Year

Story and photo by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess senior NCO was recently named Air Mobility Command's Outstanding Aircrew Life Support NCO of the Year for 2002.

Master Sgt. Jaen Fontenot, 436th Training Squadron chief of Air Combat Command's aircrew life support training division, earned the award for his efforts while stationed with the 61st Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air

Force Base, Ark. He transferred to Dyess two months ago.

During the 2002 calendar year, then-Tech. Sgt. Fontenot was the project NCO for the new \$7.1 million C-130E aircrew life support facility. He set up the first Laser Eye Protection training in AMC. Not only did Fontenot's efforts provide the proper training for all deploying members of the 463rd Airlift Group, but his work on the program budget was able to save more than \$200,000 which purchased additional chemical warfare equipment.

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# Leaders issue Patriot Day message

WASHINGTON -- *(The following is a Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.)*

"The second anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, provides us all an opportunity to remember those murdered in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, as well as those patriots who have sacrificed their lives in the war on terror.

"Through tragedy, our nation renewed its unending resolve to

fight terrorism, to defend our way of life and to give hope to others suffering under repressive regimes that support terror. Patriot Day reaffirms the airman's obligation to fight for what's right -- obliterating terrorism on every front to ensure a safe tomorrow for future generations of Americans and freedom-loving people around the world.

"You -- America's finest men and women who comprise our Air Force -- are doing absolutely remarkable work around the globe. From our own skies to the front lines in Iraq,

Afghanistan and other locations around the world, our superior Total Force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian airmen continues to respond brilliantly as the world's greatest air and space force. Rest assured, you're making it more difficult every day for terrorists to have their way.

"On this Patriot Day, let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way. Just as important, let's renew our commitment to the families of those who are deployed. The unwavering commitment to

their loved ones far from home is phenomenal; the cause for which their loved ones serve is noble and just.

"As we've seen, winning the war on terrorism is a long and deliberate journey -- we're confident you are up to the task. Be patient and stay the course -- we will continue to face challenges and overcome obstacles as we win the war on terrorism. Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force.

"May God bless you, and may God bless America."

## 'Over learning' philosophy sharpens warfighters' skills

By Lt. Col. Mark McLean  
76th Airlift Squadron commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Whenever we approach another wing exercise or warrior day, folks inevitably ask, "Why do we practice bleeding? Haven't we done this enough?"

For those who feel that way, let me describe another viewpoint. I would like to suggest that for the next exercise, we practice until we are perfect and employ the philosophy of "over learning." This is the term Don Shula, the famous football coach, uses to describe his method of practice. And it is a great idea for warriors.

"Over learning," Shula explains, "means that the players are so prepared for a game that they have the skill and confidence needed to make a big play."

I have found this style of training to be effective, particularly for war-fighting tasks. I always strive to practice until perfection every

time. And no, I don't achieve perfection, but I do drive myself hard to get to a level of perfection that by my definition is nearly impossible to attain. And often it means I have to do a task over and over again, rather than simply debrief the minor errors.

For example, in flying we have "boldface procedures." These are emergency procedures so critical they are written in boldface type and must be memorized perfectly, down to the letter, comma or hyphen. A pilot must be able to recite them without defect. This process ensures the crewmember has them memorized correctly and can recall them during an emergency.

The procedures are practiced on every training flight and must be written down once each month. Crewmembers know these procedures cold. We keep practicing so we can do the task with confidence and proficiency when it counts.

Often I see folks going through the motions to fill out a square. Just how close to perfection

did you try to get during your last suit up in chem gear? Did you get it down to the last snap, bootlace, tape location, or was it all "close enough?" And this isn't just about chem warfare. It applies to every task: self-aid and buddy care, pallet build up, deployment line processing, unit control center checklists, etc. Work hard to make all your actions perfect.

Another benefit to over learning is that by learning your assignment or task inside and out, you are ready for the inevitable "audibles," to use the football analogy, that are called out just before the snap. You are prepared to make on-the-fly adjustments at the last moment. Your flexibility is increased, and you are more likely to have a successful outcome -- the winning edge.

So, for your next warrior day, exercise or training event, dig deep and give it your all. Try to achieve realism and perfection. In Shula's words, "You play at the level you practice, so practice hard."



We're deep into a week-long exercise that requires us to further develop our combat skills. In the short term, we're practicing our ability to deploy troops and equipment, generate airpower and execute a winning combat mission so that we're ready for our January Operational Readiness Inspection. The long-term aspect is the ORI process makes us better at handling real-world taskings.

This exercise has been fast paced because we have a lot to cover. This places an extra burden on all leaders -- NCOs, senior NCOs, officers and commanders alike, to stress the fundamentals: 1) understand what the team is facing, 2) communicate the goal and plan to the team and 3) work hard at execution.

By the end of the exercise, we'll have a lot of areas that need improvement. Teams that win always work on improving and that's what our Operational Readiness Exercise is about -- improving our combat skills.



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# Big Country reports first West Nile fatality

Base medical officials remind members chances of base infections very remote

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson  
Dyess Public Affairs

While the first suspected human fatality from West Nile virus in the Big Country has been confirmed by the Taylor County Public Health District, Dyess officials are urging base members to not be alarmed.

"As part of on-going monitoring, workers at the public health element here have been setting mosquito traps at various areas around the base," said Col. Schuyler Geller, 7th Medical Group commander. "We have not had any mosquitoes test positive for West Nile on Dyess."

The fatality was an elderly man from Merkel, Texas, who also suffered from several other prior medical problems. There were also several dead birds suspected of being infected with the virus found in his community. Health officials ask people to not touch dead birds, as they are the most common carriers of the virus.

However, Dyess officials remain confident that the chances of the virulent disease appearing as a threat at Dyess are remote at best.

"We did have West Nile in our stables

"We did have West Nile in our stables last year, so I would not say with absolute certainty that (no threat) exists, but, if present, (it) is very, very small."

Col. Schuyler Geller  
7th Medical Group commander

last year, so I would not say with absolute certainty that (no threat) exists, but, if present, (it) is very, very small," Geller said.

While the elderly are the most susceptible to West Nile virus, Geller points out only a very small number are at risk.

"About 1 percent of mosquitoes are estimated to carry West Nile virus and, of those bitten by that 1 percent, only about 1 percent will have symptomatic illness with low grade fever, muscle aching, and/or fatigue," Geller added.

More information about the West Nile Virus is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/).

## Watch for 'skeeters!'

Mosquitoes carry the West Nile virus. While the chances of being infected with the virus are remote, the following hints will not only protect from the virus, but also pesky mosquito bites in general.

- Avoid outdoor activities from dusk to dawn, as this is when mosquitoes are likely to bite.
- Cover as much of the body as possible (long pants and long-sleeved shirts).
- Wear light-colored clothes because mosquitoes are less attracted to them.
- Use mosquito repellent containing N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or DEET.
- Remove all discarded tires, as they are great breeding sites for mosquitoes.
- Clean out gutters to ensure proper drainage.
- Keep pools clean and chlorinated.
- Change water in birdbaths at least once a week.
- Turn over childrens' wading pools after play time.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites on their properties.

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(Courtesy of Air Force Print News service.)

# BRAC Air Force news story deemed a hoax by officials

By Tech Sgt. David Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- An e-mail hoax has been circulating through inboxes. The e-mail contains a spoofed Air Force Print News story about proposed base realignment and closure actions allegedly affecting all services.

Air Force public affairs officials were alerted to the hoax by a military officers' association in California. The e-mail takes a legitimate Air Force Print News story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignments," published July 23, and adds a fake list of Department of Defense installations for "closure or realignment."

Officials immediately dismissed the e-mail as a hoax, citing that the ongoing BRAC process is nowhere near complete.

They have not made any assessments, decisions or recommendations for closures and realignments to the BRAC Commission, according to Nelson Gibbs, the assistant secre-

tary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

As part of the budget justification, defense officials must submit a number of reports and certifications to justify the need for the BRAC 2005 round, Gibbs said.

"This will occur in the February 2004 time frame," Gibbs said. "As such, recommendations (now) would be premature and not in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC law."

The law establishes procedures that must be followed step by step to develop information, studies, plans and reports needed for such recommendations, he said.

"While we have done much, we are still in the early stages of the formal BRAC process," Gibbs said.

The Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act prescribes a sequential process officials must follow before they can legally make recommendations for potential closures and realignments of military installations.

DoD officials must submit a force-

structure plan based upon an assessment of probable threats to national security through the 20-year period beginning with Oct. 1. The plan includes probable end-strength levels and major military-force units needed to meet these threats. Units include Air Force wings, Army divisions and Navy carriers and major combatant vessels.

Officials must also submit an installation inventory to comprehensively list the number and categories of military installations worldwide, both by military department and by active and reserve forces.

The secretary must further submit a description of the inventory necessary to support the force-structure plan. The description also includes excess infrastructure and infrastructure capacity, and an economic analysis of the effect of potential closures and realignments.

If the secretary determines a further round of BRAC is needed, he must certify that an additional round will result in annual net savings for each military department

beginning no later than fiscal 2011.

On a parallel track, BRAC law also requires by Dec. 31 the secretary to propose for public review and comment the selection criteria DoD plans on using to make recommendations.

The criteria must at least include:

- Military value as the primary consideration.
- Extent and timing of potential costs and savings.
- Economic analysis of the impact on local communities.
- Ability of community infrastructure to support current and expanded missions.
- Impact of specified environmental costs.

Department officials must finalize the criteria by Feb. 16 and publish them in the Federal Register.

Questionnaires used to obtain the base data will be adjusted for service-unique functions and common business-oriented functions.

Through this process, each base will be treated fairly and equally, according to Gibbs.

# Safety never takes a break

Though 101 Critical Days of Summer have passed, safety still critical year round

By Senior Airman  
Zachary Wilson  
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess community ended the 101 Critical Days of Summer with signs of improvement from last year, but base officials say service-members and their families should not get complacent.

This year's 101 Critical Days of Summer ended on Labor Day.

"An accident is an accident any time of the year," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "Just because we are not within the 101 Critical Days of Summer timeframe doesn't mean that we can let our guard down."

There are things to keep in mind for the upcoming seasons that were not as applicable during the summer, said Bo Wells, ground safety manager. With colder months approaching and people engaging in winter sports activities, airmen should ensure they are prepared.

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"Just as we are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, safety never takes a day off either. With the on-going war on terrorism, the Air Force is more dependent than ever on having a mission-ready military."

Bo Wells  
Ground safety manager

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Traveling also becomes inherently more risky as road conditions deteriorate.

"Taking time to make sure your vehicle is road-worthy is time well spent," Wells said. "Also, allowing a few extra minutes of travel time should be a part of your risk management mindset."

The importance of risk management is always critical, especially during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, the most statistically dangerous time of the year, said Wells.

While the Air Force witnessed a

high amount of motorcycle fatalities, with 23 this year compared to 19 last year, the service as a whole fared better this year in the four-wheel vehicle category, Wells said.

There were 40 fatalities this year compared to 49 last year.

"Unfortunately, Dyess did suffer the tragic loss of an airman in a motorcycle mishap during the 101 Critical Days of Summer," Wells said. "However, on a positive note, there were only two other reportable mishaps, both on duty, for the remainder of the period."

"The Air Force also improved rel-

ative to on-duty fatalities with five this year compared to eight last year," he said.

"Just as we are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, safety never takes a day off either," Wells added. "With the on-going war on terrorism, the Air Force is more dependent than ever on having a mission-ready military. By thinking about the risks involved in your activities and taking actions to mitigate those risks, you can do your part in accomplishing this noble mission."

## At a glance...

The Air Force fared better this year in four-wheel vehicle fatality numbers, but did worse in two-wheel vehicle accidents.

	2002	2003
Four-wheel	49	40
Two-wheel	19	23

# NCO

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“Right now I am focusing on my permanent change of station,” she said. “When I get there, I am eager to start mentoring the young airman I will be supervising.”

Soboloweski credits the mentorship she herself has received for her successes.

“I have been taught early in my career to always do you your best, no matter how small the task at hand is,” she said. “I have always lived by and will continue to do so the rest of my Air Force career.”

“Leadership is what makes the difference,” she continued. “If you have leadership who supports, encourages, and motivates you, you will always do your best!”

**If Dyess has no DUIs during the month of September, the base will receive a goal day in October.**



**Dyess DUI  
countdown**



# AMC

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He saved more than \$65,000 by redistributing unused survival equipment, coordinating new design funding for a \$100,000 material tracking storage system, developing a tracking system for aircrew and individual equipment items for life support. Fontenot also saved more than \$4,000 in the first quarter of implementation and discovered a \$299,000 shortfall in the night vision goggle program for his group, which he reduced by 85 percent.

Fontenot also provided short-notice sustainment deployment briefings for more than 400 aircrew and maintenance people for Operation Enduring Freedom. While deployed himself in support of OEF, Fontenot was the NCO in-charge of life support and supervised operations in two separate geographic areas. Additionally, in the absence of the life support superintendent, he performed as the superintendent for 100 days.

While Fontenot is grateful for the award, the two-time previous aircrew life support NCO of the year admits the secret to his success is the men and women he served with.

“I do feel that it is an honor to be recog-



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

**Master Sgt. Jaen Fontenot, 436th Training Squadron, inspects a parachute. Fontenot recently netted an Air Mobility Command award.**

nized for doing the job, but I would not have won it without the help of my shop,” Fontenot said. “It takes more than one person to do this job - everyone had a hand in me winning this award. At Little Rock, my life support shop was a total team -- I was just the lucky one who received the award.”

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**TEAM DYESS****Warrior of the Week****Staff Sgt. Travis Tazier**

**Unit:** 7th Component Maintenance Squadron avionics test station journeyman

**Job description:** I maintain and operate nine computerized test stations used to test and repair avionics line replaceable units for the B-1.

**Time in the Air Force:** Four years

**Time at Dyess:** Three years and three months

**Hometown:** New Orleans

**Family:** Wife, Ashley

**Job impact on the mission:** I provide serviceable avionics line replaceable units to flight line technicians to ensure the B-1 meets its mission goals.

**Best Air Force memory:** My promotion to staff sergeant.

**Career goal:** Make chief master sergeant.

**Editor's note:** Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors can nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week.

To nominate a Warrior, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson at 6-4266. All nominees must be cleared through their squadron leadership.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

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

Maj. Robert Weaver II

**First Sergeant:**

Master Sgt.  
Dennis Crego

**Personnel:**

- Officers: Five
- Enlisted: 287
- Civilians: One

**Mission statement:**

Provide qualified work force to support the wing's global power and the Air Mobility Command tenant's global reach airlift missions. Perform on- and off-equipment maintenance on avionics, fuels, egress, pneumatic, electro-environmental and propulsion systems on 36 B-1 aircraft and provide limited support to the 317th Airlift Group's 29 C-130s. Also manage the Air Force's only B-1 and F-101 Engine Repair Center.

**Future goals:**

- Continue to be the backshop force behind the world's premier bomb wing.
- Practice, improve and peak our maintenance readiness for January's Operational Readiness Inspection.
- Provide a physically fit, well-trained and safety-conscious maintenance corps.

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# Are you ready?

## Air Force's new fitness test expected to start by early 2004

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

The Air Force plans to change the way it evaluates airmen's physical fitness next year by implementing a consolidated evaluation consisting of scores on a timed run, a set amount of crunches and push-ups based on age and gender, and body composition measurements.

"The question Dyess members should be asking themselves is 'Am I ready?'" said Capt.

Paul Yenter, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron. "The new test will be much more in-depth than the current test in regards to evaluating total physical fitness."

While the Air Force has not released the exact standards of the the new test or when it will go into effect, Yenter believes the test could begin as early as next year.

"The test is going to be tough

enough where it will prevent most people from passing who do not regularly exercise," Yenter said. "If people are able to pass the run but fail any other part of the test or vice versa, they will fail the entire evaluation."

**"The question Dyess members should be asking themselves is 'Am I ready?'"**

*Capt. Paul Yenter,  
Health and wellness center*

While the test is going to be more difficult than the current one, Yenter emphasizes that with proper training, people can be successful.

"The best way to train for the run is to run," he said. "The best way to prepare for the push-ups is to do push-ups, and of course, the best

way to prepare for the crunches is to do crunches."

Yenter stresses there are right and wrong ways to prepare for the test.

"For running, don't do too much at one time," he said. "If you can't do a mile and a half, fine. Start out with what you are comfortable with and work up."

Yenter also advises that brisk

walking is a good way to start out if a member hasn't run in a long time.

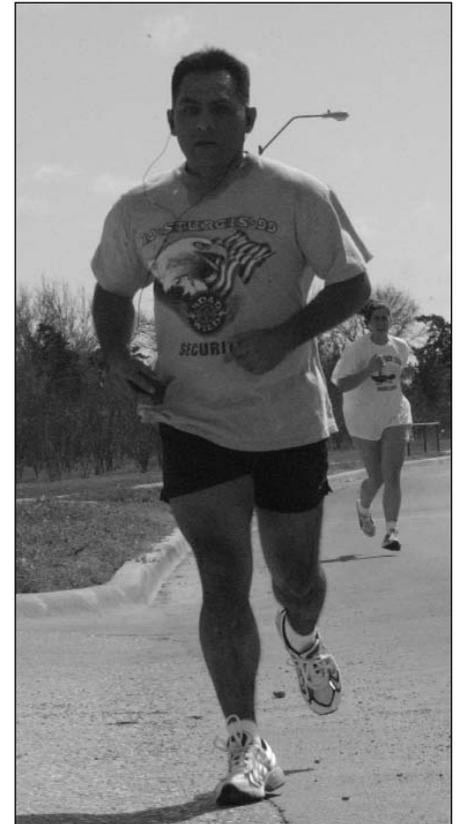
"Once the time comes to take the test, a person should be able to run more than just a mile and a half," he said. "The mile-and-a-half test is just the time they are being evaluated on."

Yenter said the correct way to do the exercise is to start in the "up" position with hands slightly wider than shoulder-width apart. Stop when the elbows form a 90-degree bend and go back up keeping the back straight the entire time (see photo and related story below).

"Once you begin doing push-ups, keep doing them until you are physically unable to do any more," he said. "Then do them from your knees until you don't have any more energy. Repeat this at least two or three times a day."

For crunches, Yenter recommends keeping feet straight and arms folded across the shoulders. The body should come up to the knees before coming down again.

"It takes a lot of work to get physically fit, but when your work section is mandated to authorize you up to 75 minutes three times a week to exercise, people should definitely take advantage of it," he said.



Airman Shawn Baldauf

**A Dyess member participates in one of the base's 5-K runs held throughout the year. Health and wellness center officials recommend starting out a slow but steady pace for individuals who have not run in a while.**



### Correct way to perform push-ups

Here are some pointers on the correct way to do push-ups.

- Always keep your hands slightly wider than shoulder-width apart, with fingers together and pointing straight ahead.
- Start in the "up" position while keeping arms straight.
- Inhale as you lower yourself toward the floor.
- Stop when your elbows form a 90-degree bend. There is no need to touch the chin or chest on the floor.
- Exhale as you push yourself up from the floor.
- Don't lock elbows at the top of the move.
- Your back should be straight. Don't let it sag and don't stick your bottom in the air.

For more information about proper techniques and other workout hints, call the health and wellness center at 6-4140.

## Phase I ends, base gears up for Phase II 'war fighting'

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

With the Phase I portion of this month's Operational Readiness Exercise complete, the base is preparing for the war-fighting portion of the exercise when Phase II begins Saturday.

The exercise is one of three the base will undergo to prepare for the Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection in January.

"In contrast to previous exercises, we are using a 'run' philosophy versus a 'walk' philosophy -- less emphasis on training and more on evaluation," said Lt. Col. Brian Oakeley, 7th Bomb Wing plans and programs.

During the Phase II portion of this exercise, Dyess will also continue to practice the Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations. The base used the

C-CW CONOPS for the first time during the last exercise in April and will get even more training on the new way of operating in a war environment.

"Because of advances in knowledge about chemical warfare, the base can now be divided into a variety of chemical zones and ground defense sectors," said Oakeley. The Phase II will continue through this weekend with "deployed" Dyess members donning mission oriented protective postures gear and working extended shifts until Monday.

The next exercises are slated for November and December and the ORI begins at the end of January.

"We must exercise the way we plan to execute during the inspection," Oakeley said. "The ACC ORI is scheduled for Jan. 21-31. By giving our best with attention to detail in this and every exercise, we will perform with flying colors during the ORI."



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

### 'Fore!

**Capt. Philip Tumminio, 7th Bomb Wing legal office, takes a swing during the Busted Putter golf tournament Monday at the Diamondback Golf Course in Abilene. The tournament matches Dyess members with members of the Abilene community.**

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## Vietnam Wall in Abilene

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, is at Nelson Park in Abilene through Sunday.

The Wall is available for viewing 24 hours a day at no charge. Volunteers are still needed.

To volunteer, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

## Flight medicine closed

The flight medicine clinic will close at noon Sept. 19 for an official function.

Morning sick call for that day will be unaffected. The flight medicine clinic resumes normal hours Sept. 22. For emergencies, call the flight surgeon at 6-2334.

For more information, call 6-2334.

## Gate hours

- The Tye Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

- The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 1:50-

4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.

- The Maryland Gate is open to school pedestrians and construction vehicle traffic from 7:15-8:30 a.m., and 3-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-6982.

## Watering restrictions

Dyess has recently implemented stage one watering restrictions.

In stage one, watering is permitted only once a week from midnight to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight on a day determined by the last digit of the house address.

If the last digit of the address is 7 or 8, water on Sundays; 9, Mondays; 0, Tuesdays; 1, Wednesdays; 2, Thursdays; 3 or 4, Fridays; 5 or 6, Saturdays.

For more information, call the housing flight at 6-2150.

## Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend

clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

Urgent, but non-emergency off-base care during after hours and weekends requires pre-authorization by the on-call primary care manager.

The manager can be reached at 6-2334. TriCare personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs.

Patients residing on- or off-base should call 911 for ambulance response or go directly to one of the downtown emergency rooms for illnesses or injuries involving loss of life, limb or sight.

## New travel rules

Beginning in October, members are no longer required to bring orders to pay for temporary duty or permanent change of station commercial air travel with their government travel cards. Orders will still be required for Air Mobility Command rotators or if a member does not have a government travel card.

For more information, call

Master Sgt. Bruce Warren at 6-1435.

## Bicycle rodeo

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 is hosting its 16th Annual Bicycle Rodeo Sept. 27.

The event is open to all children in grades 1-6.

Registration for the event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at VFW Post 6873 located at 1049 Veterans' Drive.

Free food and soft drinks will be provided.

For more information, call Cliff Hollis at 692-1111.

## Air commando reunion

The Air Commando Association annual reunion will be held Oct. 10-12 in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

For more information, call 1-850-581-0099.

## Layaway available

The Four Seasons stores now offers layaway for its customers.

For more information, call 698-1573.

**CALENDAR*****Today, Sept. 12, 2003*****Combined Phase I/Phase II exercise transition day**

**The Vietnam Wall Experience**, through Sunday at Nelson Park.

**Women's Golf Day**, 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4385.

**56 Club Night** at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

***Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003*****Combined Phase I/Phase II exercise resumes**

**Youth bowling league party**, 10 a.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Thunder Alley**, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Late Night**, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

***Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003***

**Sunday brunch**, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

***Monday, Sept. 15, 2003*****Combined Phase I/Phase II exercise ends**

**Family child care training course**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the family child care center located at 366 Ave. D. For more info, call 6-2839.

**Intramural bowling**, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Monday Night Football Frenzy**, 8 p.m. at The Hangar Center and The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

***Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003***

**Tiny Tots reading hour**, 10 a.m. at the base library. For more info, call 6-2618.

**Bingo mania**, 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

***Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003***

**Wing Right Start**, 8 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5730.

**Racquetball tournament**, 10:30 a.m. through Sept. 19 at the sports and fitness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

***Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003*****U.S. Air Force 56th Birthday**

**The thrift shop** is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays.

**Dyess Top 3 meeting**, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

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

***Upcoming events***

**Sept. 19 -- Combined Federal Campaign kickoff/burger burn**

**Sept. 19 -- POW/MIA Day retreat ceremony**

**Sept. 20 -- Texas Rangers trip, sponsored by outdoor recreation**

**Sept. 20-21 -- The Mesquite Grove Golf Course club championship tournament**

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**Racquetball tournament**

The sports and fitness center hosts a racquetball tournament from Wednesday to Sept. 19.

Play begins at 10:30 a.m. each day.

For more information, call 6-4306.

**Intramural sports**

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons are set to begin this month.

- The flag football preseason tournament is under way. The regular season games will be played Mondays through Thursdays starting Sept. 22.

For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

- Intramural bowling teams begin rolling at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

- The Friday Fun League gets under way at 7 p.m. today.

- The Youth League, which is open to kids ages 5-18, starts bowling at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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

**Women's Golf Day**

Fridays are Women's Golf Days at 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

The cost is \$8 per person, which includes nine holes of golf and a 15-minute lesson.

For more information, call 6-4384.

**Club championship**

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course hosts the club championship Sept. 20-21.

For more information, call 6-4384.

**Airmen's Golf Day**

The next Airmen's Golf Day is Sept. 21 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

Enlisted members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 can golf for half-price.

**Poker 5-K run/walk**

The Poker 5-K run/walk will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

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# OPERATION DINING OUT

## Dyess celebrates 20 years of enlisted heritage

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 750 Dyess people gathered Saturday to honor and celebrate enlisted heritage and esprit de corps during the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out at the Abilene Civic Center.

The event, titled "Operation Dining Out -- 20 Years of Enlisted Heritage," gave every airman, NCO and senior NCO in attendance the opportunity to share Dyess' enlisted achievements throughout the past 20 years with their guests as well as each other.

"It was great," said Tech. Sgt. Karen Steffes-Graves, 7th Bomb Wing legal office and the dining out's Madame Vice. "By far, this year's dining out was more fun than it ever has been."

The evening of enlisted heritage started off with a social hour at 6 p.m. Enlisted members

and their guests spent this time getting better acquainted with their fellow enlisted brothers and sisters.

As the mess convened, it wasn't long before the camaraderie and tenacity of the enlisted corps swung into full effect with the introduction of Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, mess president and the formal party. But, from the start, this year's dining out had a bit of a twist to it.

Col. Jonathan George, 7th BW commander, was a member of the formal party that evening. However, in accordance with enlisted dining out protocol, officers are not permitted to attend. So, George was "tested" and given the rank of master sergeant for the evening and officially inducted into the Dyess Top 3 by Senior Master Sgt. Donna Biddle, dining out committee co-chairperson.

Lyssy also recognized the attendance of retired Chief Master Sgt. Kenny Dean. Dean

has attended every Dyess Enlisted Dining Out in the past 20 years of its existence.

Since this would be the command chief master sergeant's last dining out, Lyssy, decided to take a vote of the mess to see whether he or the Mister and Madame Vices would make the grog bowl punishment decisions.

The mess declared that the Mister and Madame Vices would "call the shots" with Lyssy assuming a final veto. And, as with most dining outs, the pounding of spoons on tables soon became the introduction to the first of many trips to the infamous grog bowl.

As the festivities began to wind down, guest speaker, retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry "Hoss" Savoie, picked up the microphone. Speaking from the heart, Savoie inspired many in attendance with his straight forward message.

"Things are tough right now," Savoie relayed to the mess. "But we are professionals trained to do

a job. We are a team, and we are going to make our mission a success. We can do it."

After Savoie's motivational speech came to a close, Lyssy added a little more spice to the evening's events with a unique farewell -- sending himself to the grog bowl.

As Lyssy prepared to take his journey to the grog, Savoie barked out, "A chief never goes it alone." And then, one by one, every chief master sergeant in the room stood up and made their way to Lyssy's side at the grog.

As this year's celebration of enlisted heritage and esprit de corps came to a close, many people made some lasting memories and some even planned to repeat this unique enlisted experience next year.

"It was simply a great time and good fun," Steffes-Graves said. "Every year it keeps getting better -- everyone needs to make sure that they come next year."



Photos by Airman Shawn Baldauf

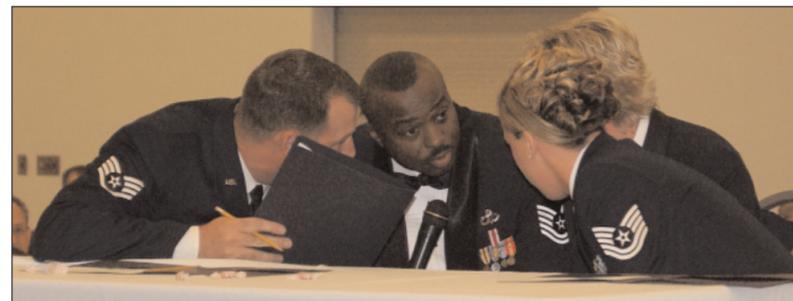
Master Sgt. John Reinoehl, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, and Master Sgt. Bryan Bolin, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, prepare the grog bowls Saturday at Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out at the Abilene Civic Center.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry "Hoss" Savoie speaks to the mess at Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out. The 24-year Air Force veteran gave a motivational speech reminding the enlisted audience that they are a well-trained professional team who can meet any challenge they face.



Above: Tech. Sgt. Karen "Big Bopper" Steffes-Graves, dining out Madame Vice, gets ready to "hammer" anyone who violates the rules of the mess. Right: Kelly George and retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry "Hoss" Savoie tack on the rank of master sergeant on Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, at the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out, Saturday.



The dining out promotion board discusses the proper honorary "rank" to bestow upon Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, at the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out.



Above: Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, and retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry "Hoss" Savoie, dining out guest speaker, "tip their cups" after their trip to the grog. Since this was Lyssy's last dining out, he gave a unique farewell to the mess by sending himself to the grog bowl. Following Lyssy's example, every chief master sergeant in attendance also accompanied him to the grog.



Marine Gunnery Sgt. Carroll Monte pours Marine Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz a cup of grog following the mess president's grog challenge during the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out.

COMMUNITY



**Child care training**

The family child care center offers a free training course for people to become home day care providers starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call 6-2839.

**Babysitter training**

There will be a babysitting training clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 27 at the youth center for children ages 10-18.

For more information, call 6-4797.

**Kids classes**

The youth center offers cheerleading, Kajukenbo and gymnastic classes.

For more information, call 6-4797.

**'Tots' reading hour**

The Tiny Tots reading hour starts at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

**Pool hours**

The Heritage Club pool is open 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1-7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Sept. 30.

Patrons can purchase pool passes at a reduced rate.

For more information, call 6-2402.

**'Parents' meeting**

The family member program flight hosts a "Parents for Children" meeting at 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at The Hangar Center.

The meeting is especially geared toward parents that have children enrolled in the youth center, child development center, family child care or school age programs.

For more information, call Kathie DeShasier at 6-2618.



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**You 'bowl' me over**

Special Agent Jose Martinez, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 222, teaches his daughter Arianna how to bowl during the Bowl For Kids' Sake at Dyess Lanes Saturday. More than a dozen bowling teams raised over \$4,500 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America in the Company Grade Officers Council-sponsored event. The Martinez's team, the Pin Pals, raised the most money during the fundraiser. Other members of the team were Tech. Sgt. Nancy Martinez, Staff Sgt. Jaime Mirkes and Airman Rebecca Matulle, all 7th Operations Support Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Ian Mirkes, 7th Security Forces Squadron.

**Thrift shop hours**

The Dyess Thrift Shop, run by the Officers Spouses Club, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with consignments from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. Consignments on Saturdays are taken from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The thrift shop is located at 382 4th Ave., across from the temporary lodging facility.

For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

**History month**

There are openings for people to head up the Black History Month and Women's History Month observance committees.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 6-4123.

EDUCATION



**Language testing**

Spanish Language Proficiency testing will be done at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20 and Dec. 9 at the military personnel flight.

People wanting to take the test must have at least a secret security clearance. Testing is limited to five people per session and is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Air Force does not pay members Foreign Language Proficiency Pay for Spanish unless a member goes to an approved location and speaks Spanish there daily for official purposes. Language certification is valid for one year from the test date.

For more information, call John Bullard at 6-5763.

CHAPEL



**Chapel schedule**

**Catholic:** Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

**Protestant:** Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary. Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

The base chapel has information about the other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4224.

**Purple ribbons**

Base members of the Wiccan religion are reminded that wear of the purple ribbons worn for "Pagan Pride Day" Sept. 21-22 are restricted to civilian clothing only.

For more information on the observance, call Richard Caldwell at 795-2625.

MEDICAL



**Cancer screenings**

The base women's health clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for TriCare Prime patients.

To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

OFF BASE



**Texas Rangers**

Outdoor recreation offers a trip to the Ballpark at Arlington Sept. 20 to see the Texas Rangers take on the Anaheim Angels.

The cost is \$30 per person. Cost includes ticket price and transportation.

For more information, call 6-2402.

**Fiesta Texas**

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor.

To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

**Sea World**

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

The free single-day admission is also available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fla., Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Va., SeaWorld Orlando, Fla., and SeaWorld San Diego.