

# Peacemaker

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## 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 17

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
74	58	+4
40	11	0
60	42	+10

FY-02 Flying Hour Curve: +55.5

Source: 7th Operations Group

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As of: Sept. 16

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	72.4%
78%	89.6%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

# AF focuses on improving quality of life

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON -- Acknowledging that the current operations tempo has placed a severe strain on airmen, the secretary of the Air Force told the service's first sergeants that supporting quality of life issues is one of his top priorities.

"I view this as one of the Air Force's most critical challenges," said Dr. James Roche at the Worldwide First Sergeant's Conference held recently in Jacksonville, Fla. "(Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. John Jumper and I are absolutely committed to creating conditions to enhance workplace effectiveness and increase the quality of life for our members and their families."

The secretary spoke of a "fundamental contract" between volunteer military members and their families and the American public, which benefits from their



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

**Tamara Barker, spouse of Master Sgt. Richard Barker, 40th Airlift Squadron, uses the family support center's resource library. According to James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, educational benefits for servicemembers and their families is first on his agenda in improving quality of life within the Air Force.**

collective sacrifice.

"This partnership is built on understanding that families, as well as the servicemember, contribute immeasurably to the strength of the American military," he said. "As a result, we need to make a tangible and sub-

stantive commitment to improving quality of life. Action, not talk, is what it will take to deliver this goal."

Education benefits, for both the servicemember and the family, were first on the secretary's agenda.

"We're funding tuition assistance at 100 percent starting Oct. 1," he said. "To increase our support for military (family members) in public schools, we've asked each base to appoint a full colonel to represent our interests in their local school boards. Our military children will now have an advocate to support their needs."

Early indications show this is having a positive effect, particularly with testing requirements and admissions criteria. A similar new initiative will combine education with career development.

"I'm proud of our new initiatives to increase Air Force Institute of Technology attendance... and to make advanced education available to those senior enlisted members who qualify for our graduate degree programs," Roche said.

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# Dyess B-1 bomber finds home at Air Force museum

By Chris McGee  
Air Force Museum Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO -- One of a fleet of aircraft commonly identified as the backbone of America's long-range bomber force and a vital enabler of U.S. global power projection found a new home at the U.S. Air Force Museum Sept. 10.

Flown in directly from the 7th Bomb Wing, a Dyess B-1 landed on the

runway behind the museum to join its expanding aircraft collection.

The bomber has been retired from active flying status after 16 years of service.

Museum restoration staff members will prepare the aircraft for public display before placing it in the museum's new 200,000 square-foot third hangar. The hangar is currently under construction and scheduled to open in Spring 2003.

"The B-1B will replace our B-1A

currently on display in our airpark," said retired Maj. Gen. Charles Metcalf, museum director. "It's really special to get this particular B-1B as it has an extensive operational background. Our B-1A was a test aircraft."

Designated tail number 84-0051, the museum's B-1B came to Dyess on July 9, 1986.

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# Knowing you're ready

## Dyess SNCO reflects on importance of preparation

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome  
Dyess Public Affairs

We're constantly reminded of the importance of being prepared. Although I've always liked to think I was ready for anything I could have experienced in my career, there were several events which taught me the difference between "thinking" I was ready and "knowing" I was ready.

I was stationed at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., for about seven and a half years. During my tour there, we were told repeatedly our sub-tropical base, located about a half-hour south of Miami, was overdue for a hurricane. Indeed, we experienced several hurricane watches and warnings over the years, but nothing more than a strong thunderstorm ever rolled through our area.

Until Andrew. On Aug. 24, 1992, 10 years ago last month, Hurricane Andrew barreled ashore from the Atlantic and smashed into South Florida. One destruction-filled day later, 44 people were dead and \$30 billion worth of property was in ruins. (Twenty-one more people died when Andrew came ashore again a few days later at Lake Charles, La.)

Although Homestead AFB suffered extensive damage in the storm, miraculously, no one from the base was even seriously injured. At the order of our wing commander, the vast majority of us had fled in the two days before Andrew roared through our area.

But not all of us were prepared. When we received the order to evacuate, I had exactly \$10 in my bank account, three maxed out credit cards and a car which was running on fumes.

Fortunately, my Public Affairs chief, who temporarily stayed behind, arranged for me to leave with his family and another co-worker. (Later, when it was his turn to leave, he even saved my car by using it to get out of town!) That experience taught me to build and maintain a savings account, manage my finances a little better, and have a plan for when disaster hits.

About three years later, I was assigned to Korea when there was a sudden death in my very immediate family in Mississippi. Although I don't know if anyone could ever be prepared for an event like that, I certainly wasn't ready for it by any means. In addition to the devastating emotional impact, there was the ordeal of making funeral arrangements and other decisions my family never wanted to talk about.

I've also been deployed several times. Although some deployments came with several weeks' notice, there were a few times I was on the road only a few hours after being given the order to deploy. And I admit -- there were a couple times I wasn't as ready to go as I should have been. For example, last fall I received a call from my unit



Roger Edwards

**A residential area in South Florida suffers the devastation of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. In one day 44 people were killed and \$30 billion worth of property was in ruins.**

deployment manager at 10:35 p.m. telling me to be ready to go by 9 a.m. the next morning. Although I was up to date on my mobility training, there were a few things I told myself I'd get around to doing -- like updating my will, working out a bill payment schedule with my wife, getting recently-altered uniforms out of the cleaners -- that, well, I didn't get around to.

Disasters, death and deployments aren't exactly the most pleasant topics of conversation. Many people don't even want to think about such things, but these are all facts of life. Avoiding the issue will only make it worse when these events occur.

We may never be totally prepared when catastrophe strikes or when it comes time to leave our families for months at a time, but there are things we can do to lessen the pain.

Have a plan ready for when disaster strikes. Don't wait until it's time to evacuate to figure out what to do with the pets or to protect irreplaceable items.

Take the time to go over important documents such as wills, life insurance, powers of attorney and other family matters. Discussing these issues now can give you and your family peace of mind later.

Although deployments don't have many of the difficult elements of the first two subjects, it is very much a daily reality. More and more, the prospect of leaving your home base to go on a deployment is not an "if" but a "when" issue. Get ready now -- check with your UDM or agency deployment person to make sure you're good to go on training, have all of your shots, and have your professional and personal gear ready at a short notice. We may not know when the next time we have to leave is, but our families and our country deserve for us to be ready.



Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force Chief of Staff

On this, the 55th Anniversary of our Air Force, I feel a special obligation to express my appreciation to you, our current group of Airmen leaders -- you who have given so much of your lives to the growing of our Air Force and to the peace and prosperity of our great nation. We Airmen are a magnificent collection. Our view of the world from air and space makes us unique. Even those who come to us from other walks of life feel our energy and understand the power of our competencies above the earth. We are still young, we are still much closer to the beginning than to the end. We have fresh discoveries before us, all exciting, all compelling, all relevant. In any case involving the care of the United States of America, our Airmen will be there. We will stand with others in the uniform of our Nation as a team. We will give our all and when that is not enough we will give our blood. This team that has given so much will suffer no outcome save victory, and I am proud to number myself among those who lead the greatest Air Force on earth.



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# POWs, missing heroes show true meaning of patriotism

## ACC commander stresses importance of recognition day

By Gen. Hal Hornburg  
Air Combat Command commander

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- Today is National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day, a time for us to pay special tribute to all Americans who were taken prisoner of war or are missing in action.

On this day we reaffirm our commitment to those still missing and renew our pledge to make every effort to obtain the answers to their fate. We can do no less for these



American heroes and their families. We owe these men and women a

debt of our most sincere gratitude. We have an obligation to remember their courage, their determination and their valiant patriotism.

By their actions, they showed us the true meaning of dedication to duty and self-sacrifice.

But remembrance alone is not enough. It is our sacred duty to honor and uphold the principles they fought to maintain -- those principles that define our way of life.

We can never repay the debt we owe history's brave men and women; but we can, and must, continue to honor their memories and their families for the tremendous sacrifices they've made for this nation.

Our nation relies on us to defend

its liberty. We are powerful and we are prepared. We will never let this great nation be intimidated.

The cost of freedom remains high; it's a price that has been paid in the blood of America's soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen. Despite this staggering cost, however, we must persevere to forever ensure the sacrifices made by these noble men and women were not in vain.

On every day, I encourage you to remember and honor our POWs and our fellow warriors who are still unaccounted for. They deserve our deepest reverence and thanks for all they have sacrificed for this country and for our freedom.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

## ACTION LINE



Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin  
7th Bomb Wing commander

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

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

will quickly exceed my limit, thereby preventing further e-mails from reaching me.

**Response:** You bring up some excellent points. First, leaving your system logged in to the network and unattended while TDY is not a secure option.

There are two ways people can access their e-mail from remote locations -- through the Remote Access System or through an internet connection, accessing the Dyess Webmail server at <https://webmail.dyess.af.mil>. We strongly encourage customers to utilize these services to keep in touch and maintain their mailboxes while TDY or on leave. When you log off from the workstation that stores your .pst file all of your e-mail is stored in your account on the e-mail servers, and you can access it through the two ways mentioned.

Once you return home and log into your workstation, your e-mail will once again be automatically delivered to the .pst file. If someone can't maintain their mailbox while TDY, they can contact their workgroup manager and request a temporary increase in the inbox size. However, they will not be able to send any new e-mail out until they return and reduce the size of their mailbox below the standard size.

### Inbox concern

**Comment:** I support the 7th Communication Squadron's mandate to keep the e-mail in our inboxes below a certain size limit. I have no problem configuring my e-mail software to divert all incoming e-mails to my hard drive to keep my inbox virtually empty. This is crucial for me because if I'm TDY, I sometimes receive large files that would otherwise exceed my limit. The squadron also mandates our workgroup managers install software patches on all computers.

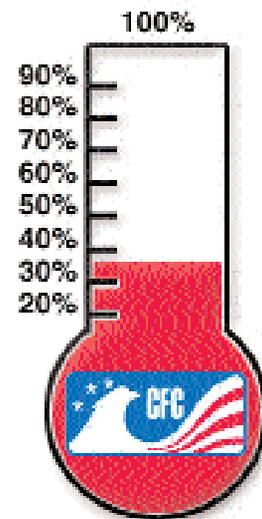
My problem is that my workgroup manager said if we do not install the patches within a specified time, all non-compliant computers would be "cut-off" from the network. However, if I am TDY and my computer is rebooted to install the patch, my profile's e-mail software no longer keeps my inbox empty; I

### CFC Update

The base reached 36 percent of its goal for the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign during the second week.

The following Dyess units and offices have reached 100 percent:

- 13th Bomb Squadron
- Air Defense Council
- Air Force Audit Agency
- 7th Bomb Wing safety



### Letter to the editor

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Dyess Air Force Base Honor Guard presided at my father's funeral at Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, on Aug. 13.

My father, John Williams, was a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and a World War II veteran. He had requested a military burial.

I wanted to commend your honor guard for the outstanding job they did at his funeral. It was an extremely hot and humid day and, I'm sure, very uncomfortable for the honor guard. But they did a beautiful job even with the extreme heat. It was indeed an honor to my father and to my family to have this tribute. I can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,  
Pat Williams

# 34 airmen graduate ALS

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice  
Dyess Public Affairs

Thirty-four Dyess airmen celebrated their first major professional military education milestone with family and friends during the Airmen Leadership School Class 02G graduation ceremony Sept. 12 at The Heritage Club.

**Staff Sgt. Shawn Gillespie**, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was named the John Levitow Award winner and earned the class leadership award, while **Senior Airman Scott Mayberry**, 7th AMS, took home the academic achievement award. **Senior Airman Michael Gleissner**, 11th Air Support Operations Squadron, and **Staff Sgt. Joshua King**, 7th AMS, were distinguished graduates.

Other class 02G graduates are:

**Senior Airman Eduardo Albarracin**, 7th Mission Support Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Phillip Austin**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Eugenio Benitez-Torrez**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Amanda Bird**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Aaron Bunn**, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Senior Airman Leigh Collins**, 7th LRS

**Senior Airman Corey Davis**, 7th LRS

**Staff Sgt. Martin Dimmett**, 7th Munitions Squadron

**Senior Airman David Garcia**, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

**Senior Airman Christopher Holdren**, 7th LRS

**Senior Airman Jennifer Houcek**, 7th Medical Operations Squadron

**Senior Airman Maurice Hutchinson**, 7th Component Repair Squadron

**Senior Airman Bryan Larry**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Kenneth Laun**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Enrique Martinez**, 39th Airlift Squadron

**Senior Airman Jason Meek**, 9th ASOS

**Staff Sgt. Brandon Northern**, 712th ASOS

**Senior Airman Freddie Palacpac**, 317th Operations Support Squadron

**Senior Airman Brian Rowlands**, 7th MUNS

**Senior Airman Richard Russell**, 7th MUNS

**Senior Airman Tracy Sizemore**, 9th Bomb Squadron

**Senior Airman Pedro Tamez**, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Senior Airman William Taylor**, 40th AS

**Senior Airman Eldon Visitacion**, 9th ASOS

**Senior Airman Jason Warfield**, 317th OSS

**Senior Airman Douglas Weisser**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Clay Wheeland**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Charles White**, 7th AMS

**Senior Airman Charles White**, 39th AS

**Senior Airman Joshua Zehler**, 7th LRS

## Quality

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On the home front, the secretary is looking to beef up family support programs, with special attention paid to spousal employment and communication.

"One area I'm pleased about is our initiative to improve spouse employment and create exportable skills," he said. "In a test program at Cannon (Air Force Base, N.M.), we partnered with industry and taught 17 spouses how to create their own online businesses."

As a testimonial to that program's success, two of the 17 spouses made permanent change of station moves and took their businesses with them to the new locations.

"Our vision is to partner with industry and bring this capability to every family support center in the Air Force," Roche said.

In addition, the secretary said he wants to increase the flow of information to families in these times of increased operations tempo.

"We must communicate with families," he said. "Accurate, timely information and honest communication

is the best medicine to overcome the anxiety and stress created by demanding work schedules, frequent deployments and the challenges of the military lifestyle."

Roche said these actions are important investments in the people who maintain and operate the service's complex systems, not examples of hollow philanthropy.

"In my 40 years of military and business experience, I have learned that people remain the most important resource in any organization," he said.

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## TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week

### Airman 1st Class Erika Sarinana

**Unit:** 7th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

**Job description:** Passenger  
travel clerk

**Time in the Air Force:**  
Two years and three months

**Time at Dyess:** One year  
and nine months

**Family:** Single

**Hometown:** El Paso, Texas

**Job impact on the mis-  
sion:** I process travel informa-  
tion for deployed personnel as  
well as other overseas travel.  
**Career goals:** I plan on earn-  
ing a doctorate in child psy-  
chology

**Best Air Force memory:**  
During the last combat chal-  
lenge, my team won fifth place.

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



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

## TEAM DYESS 7th LRS profile

### Leaders:

**Commander:**  
Maj. Ray Lopez

**First Sergeant:**  
Master Sgt. Amy Morgan

### Personnel:

- Officers: 13
- Enlisted: 410
- Civilians: 21



### Mission statement:

To provide timely and sustained integrated logistics support dedicated to efficiently moving people, materiel and fuel while providing implementation guidance and execution for the deployment process to the 7th Bomb Wing and tenant units.

### Future goal:

To fully integrate the many different elements of the squadron into one cohesive unit capable of meeting all of the 7th Bomb Wing's objectives.

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

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# Dyess *Peacemaker* now online

By Airman 1st Class  
**Matthew Rosine**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*



Many people use the internet as a primary news source to find up-to-date information from around the world. Now, people on the internet can find the latest happenings at Dyess because the *Peacemaker* is now online.

“The *Peacemaker* is a key informational source for the Dyess family,” said 2nd Lt. Jennifer Donovan, 7th Bomb Wing public affairs internal information chief. “Putting the *Peacemaker* on the internet is a big step in spreading the word about the outstanding women, men and

mission of Dyess -- telling the story of the 7th Bomb Wing, 317th Airlift Group and the Air Force to a fuller spectrum of America.”

The *Peacemaker* will be posted online every Friday to coincide with the its regular weekly publication.

By going online, the *Peacemaker* is able to expand its regular weekly distribution of more than 6,000 issues each week.

According to Dyess web administrators, the *Peacemaker* is not only a

welcome part of the Dyess web page, but it has already started receiving some notice from the public.

“We have already received lots of great feedback about the *Peacemaker* being online,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Petty, 7th Communications Squadron, NCO in-charge of Web administration. “Since we started putting it online three weeks ago, several people have e-mailed me saying how great it is to see the *Peacemaker* online.

“Several parents have also told me it is great to see what is going on here at Dyess,” Petty added. “Being able to see all the opportunities and possibilities available for their kids really hits home for them.”

The *Peacemaker’s* online format is provided to the public in a portable document format. As a .PDF file, most computer operating systems should already be programmed to read it. For systems without the proper viewing software, free downloads are available online.

To view the *Peacemaker* online, visit the Dyess home page at [www.dyess.af.mil/pa/news/news.htm](http://www.dyess.af.mil/pa/news/news.htm).

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# Case lot sale begins Saturday

By Airman 1st Class  
Lindsey Maurice  
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess grocery shoppers can select from hundreds of discounted products Saturday and Sunday during the commissary's "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale."

From foods to diapers to detergents, the products included in the sale will have substantial markdowns, said Wendell Smith, Dyess Commissary assistant store director.

"We just want to see our customers happy," Smith said. "That's why we have events like this -- because customers love good deals and the case lot sale gives our customers the opportunity to save even more."



Since commissaries sell groceries at cost, profits are not the motivation for case lot sales, said Bob Vitikacs, executive director for operations and product support at the Defense Commissary Agency.

"The promise of increased sales convinces manufacturers to sell products at much lower prices than customers will find anywhere else. That means our average customer savings of 30 percent can increase dramatically," said Vitikacs.

Products to be included in the sale are muffins, brownie and cookie mix, cookies, cheese crackers, popcorn, cereal, juice, coffee, soup, yogurt, pizza, lasagna, toilet tissue, paper towels, diapers, dog and cat food, cat litter, laundry detergent, fabric softener, body wash, trash bags, and much more.

Customers can also use coupons found in the Family Mega Bucks, Money Saver and Family magazines during the sale, Smith said. Customers can find these coupon books at the commissary, he added.

The commissary is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 6-4802.



Congratulations to the following superior performers for September 2002.

7th Bomb Wing director of staff -- **Staff Sgt. Candy McGinnis**

7th Operations Group -- **Staff Sgt. Jim Schuler**

7th Maintenance Group -- **Tech. Sgt. Glen Rogers**

7th Mission Support Group -- **Master Sgt. Ed Dominguez, Tech. Sgt. Jamie Anderson, Tech. Sgt. Warren Busbee, Senior Airman Jesse Keil and Airman 1st Class Jason Iverson**

7th Medical Group -- **2nd Lt. Timothy Harrelson**

317th Airlift Group -- **Capt. Travis Buford**

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# We Care Team lends Big Country helping hand

By Airman 1st Class  
Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess We Care Team lives by the Air Force core value of service before self and can be found almost anywhere a helping hand is needed in the Big Country.

"We are called the We Care Team because we are a group who really cares about our community," said Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, WCT coordinator.

The We Care Team is a charitable organization of base volunteers who donate their time and effort to help people, places and organizations in need.

**"It is a great opportunity to do something fun and different on the weekend as well as show our appreciation to the local community."**

Airman 1st Class Brittany Marion  
*We Care Team member*

Often donating its efforts in support of elderly people in the Big Country, the WCT has performed many small miracles in the form of repainting homes, repairing and rebuilding projects, and cleanup and trash removal.

The WCT has also donated its time to others in need through projects such as helped restore the 12th

Armored Division Memorial Museum building, built the Abilene State School park for the handicapped and volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity.

"I joined the We Care Team to give back to the community," said Airman 1st Class Brittany Marion, WCT member. "Our projects really mean a lot to people. They appreciate our help so

much (that) sometimes they are almost in tears when the project is finished."

Over the past two years, the team has averaged more than 25 volunteers for every project, often spending more than eight hours per project. Since its first project in August 2000, the WCT has volunteered more than 5,000 man-hours of support in the community.

Currently the WCT has more than 300 members, but team members say there is always room for more.

"I think everyone should do at least one project," Marion said. "It is a great opportunity to do something fun and different on

the weekend as well as show our appreciation to the local community."

This Saturday, the team has four projects already scheduled, including one with Habitat for Humanity and one for the Abilene State School. The team is also going to tear down a shed and move it to the city dump for a local elderly woman and prepare packages for deployed Dyess troops.

People interested in joining this week's WCT projects can come to the base chapel annex at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information about the WCT, call Storey at 6-4123.

## Museum

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During its service life, the aircraft flew primarily training missions, recording 4,882.4 flight hours during 1,071 sorties. It earned the distinction of being the first B-1B to reach 2,000 flying hours.

Recently, the B-1B has flown into the national spotlight as an important weapon platform in America's war on terrorism, the B-1B has been employed extensively as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, bombing key Taliban targets and cave networks in Afghanistan.

*(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*



Jay Lawrence

As the Air Force reduces its inventory of B-1s, this Dyess bomber, "Texas," is now calling the U.S. Air Force Museum its new home.

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### POW ceremony

The Dyess Prisoner of War/Missing in Action retreat ceremony is at 4 p.m. today at the base parade grounds.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Briann Poblete at 6-2601.

### Toastmasters

The next Dyess Toastmasters meeting will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-1046.

### Commander's call

There are mandatory 7th Bomb Wing commander's calls at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 27 at the base theater.

For more information, call, Maj. James Dorough at 6-2121.

### Free child care

Certain 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 child-care 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 child-care office will work to have it reserved for a later date.

For more information on availability and eligibility requirements, call Iris Amerine at 6-2839.

### 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 or technical sergeant.

Dormitory managers serve two years.

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



## This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Editor's Note: This Week in Air Force History is a column with information provided by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian.

**Sept. 20** -- The Air Force announced remote controlled airplane tests would be made from the ground by using television in 1950.

**Sept. 21** -- The XB-70 experimental aircraft made its first flight in 1964.

**Sept. 22** -- The first non-stop jet aircraft flight across the Atlantic Ocean was made in 1950.

**Sept. 23** -- Day and night bombardment tests by the Army resulted in the sinking of the battleship Alabama in 1921.

**Sept. 24** -- Eight C-54s airlanded 65 tons of ammunition and C-rations to troops at the newly recaptured Suwon Air Base, Korea, in 1950.

**Sept. 25** -- Gen. Carl Spaatz was appointed the first Air Force chief of staff in 1947.

**Sept. 26** -- Transfer of personnel, bases and material from the Army to the Air Force was ordered in 1947.

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# Don't be victim of theft

## 7th SFS warn Dyess people to be aware

**By Ralph Hatcher**  
7th Security Forces Squadron

There has been a noticeable rise in the number of thefts at Dyess recently.

The recent rash of robberies have included a wallet left on a dash, a cell phone on a console, a purse between two seats and military gear in the back seat of a car.

Many thefts can easily be avoided by applying some simple crime prevention methods.

Some tips to help people from becoming victims are:

**Keep valuables hidden.** Thieves look for a score with a good escape route. Don't openly display purses, wallets, shopping bags or anything that could easily be converted to cash.

**Make homes look active.** Thieves look for occupancy cues like outdoor

lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers or flyers hanging on door knobs. Use an inexpensive light timer, and ask a neighbor to keep the yard clean of papers.

**Don't hide house keys.** Thieves know how to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots or above door ledges. Instead, give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.

**Lock doors and windows securely.** Thieves prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from a distance. Another opportunity to steal exists when windows are left slightly open to allow ventilation. Keeping car doors locked and windows rolled up is a big deterrent.

**Don't tell.** Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like "You've reached the Brady's, we're away on vacation. Please leave a message." Thieves love to hear

they have plenty of time to break in and steal.

**Don't advertise.** Don't pile up empty boxes from a new computer, DVD player or stereo on the street for the garbage man. Thieves appreciate knowing there is expensive stuff inside to steal. Break the boxes down or cut them up to conceal the items better.

**Increase security.** Install solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows. For help, call the 7th Security Forces Crime Prevention for a free in-home survey. Home, office, apartment, rental house and commercial surveys are available for all Dyess personnel.

**Don't leave the motor running.** Don't leave an unattended car running. A thief will be given the opportunity for free stuff and a free way to transport it.

For more information, call Ralph Hatcher at 6-1654.

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**CALENDAR*****Today, Sept. 20, 2002***

**Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony**, 4 p.m. at the base parade grounds. For more info, call 2nd Lt. Briann Poblete at 6-2601.

**Eight ball couples pool tournament** from 6-9 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

***Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002***

**Adult/child nine-hole golf tournament**, noon at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

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

***Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002***

**Commissary case lot sale** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the commissary warehouse. For more info, call 6-4802.

***Monday, Sept. 23, 2002***

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

***Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002***

**Tricare service center ribbon-cutting ceremony**, 1 p.m. at the 7th Medical Group. For more info, call Capt. Dave Brown at 6-5419.

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

***Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002***

**Happy Landings brief** for spouses new to the military from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

***Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002***

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

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**COMMUNITY**



**Children's readings**

The Dyess Hispanic Heritage committee hosts children's story readings from 10-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at the base library until Oct. 10.

For more information, call Airman Karla Pelayo at 6-2412.

**OFF BASE**



**Abilene Job Fair**

The Abilene Job Fair will be from noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Employers will be recruiting for a variety of professional, technical, administrative, medical and transportation related occupations. Several major recruitment firms will also be at the fair.

People interested in attending the event are encouraged to bring several resumes.

For more information, call the family support center at 6-5999.

**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 hosts a gospel music workshop at 7 p.m. Oct. 1-4 at the base chapel.

The workshop, taught by Michael Minor, a minister of music at the West Point Baptist Church,



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

**A taste of culture**

2nd Lt. Amilcar Rubio, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, serves an authentic Hispanic dish to Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, during the Dyess Hispanic Heritage Month taste fest Monday. The taste fest was one of several events planned by the Dyess Hispanic Heritage Committee for September and October. Other planned events include children's story readings at the base library, as well as salsa and meringue classes at The Hangar Center, and a special dinner at The Heritage Club. For more information, call Airman Karla Pelayo at 6-2412.

Hattiesburg, Miss., will focus on choir etiquette and musical techniques.

The workshop will culminate with a musical concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 5.

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**



**Ribbon cutting**

The 7th Medical Group will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Tricare service center at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the medical clinic.

For more information, call Capt. Dave Brown at 6-5419.

**Minimal operations**

The 7th Medical Group will have limited operations Sept. 27.

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

**EDUCATION**



**Degree opportunity**

A Midwestern State University representative will be available at the base training and education services office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

The representative will be on hand to provide information about earning a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences to Dyess people.

For more information, call William Phillips at 6-2146.

**Eagle Eyes:  
A Neighborhood Watch Program**

Category 1 of suspicious activities:

*Surveillance -- Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.*



See it. Report it.  
You can make the difference! Call 6-2131



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Airman Meghan VanBuskirk, 7th Services Squadron, puts the finishing touches on the cake for Dyess' celebration of the Air Force's 55th birthday.

# From Operation Vittles to Operation Enduring Freedom, The Air Force celebrates 55 years of air superiority around the world

By Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine  
Dyess Public Affairs

On July 26, 1947, President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act authorizing a new branch to the U.S. military -- On Sept. 18 that same year, the U.S. Air Force was born.

Fifty-five years later, the Air Force celebrates yet another year as the world's most powerful air force.

"(The U.S. Air Force) shall be organized, trained and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations," said President Truman. "The Air Force shall be responsible for the air forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except otherwise assigned and in accordance with integrated joint mobilization plans for the expansion of the Air Force to meet the needs of war."

Within a year of its birth, the Air Force had its first opportunity to prove itself as it began the largest airlift operation the world

had ever seen -- the Berlin Airlift.

In June 1948, the Soviet Union halted all traffic by land and water into and out of West Berlin, Germany, in an effort to seize full control of the city. Soviet authorities cited technical difficulties as their reason for the closure of traffic.

The Berlin Airlift, which was unofficially known as Operation Vittles, began on June 26 when U.S. Air Force C-47s utilized the only remaining three air corridors and initially dropped more than 80 tons of food into West Berlin. Landing one aircraft every three minutes, the Air Force helped sustain the 2.5 million inhabitants of the city for the next 11 months.

Throughout the next 50-plus years of service, the Air Force played key roles in events like the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Allied Force.

In the Korean War, Air Force F-86s maintained air superiority by claiming 792 MiG-15 aircraft

while losing only 78 in air-to-air combat.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Air Force reconnaissance aircraft confirmed that bases were being constructed in Cuba for intermediate-range ballistic missiles. The Air Force also kept the island of Cuba, as well as the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean areas, under constant surveillance, providing the U.S. Navy with data on scores of ships enroute to Cuba.

Operation Desert Storm called for more than 55,000 men and women in the U.S. Air Force to provide ten days of continuous air operations against Iraqi military targets, allowing Coalition Ground Forces to crush Iraqi forces within two days.

Even today, the Air Force demonstrates its core values by its efforts supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

"From the days of providing humanitarian relief during the Berlin Airlift to the historic display of airpower during Operations Desert Storm and

Allied Force, and now in the war on terrorism, our airmen have served with extraordinary integrity, selflessness, and dedication," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff. "Across the spectrum of operations, whether standing guard for deterrence, conducting joint combat operations, fulfilling our global expeditionary commitments, or defending the homeland, our Air Force has answered its nation's call."

"We owe much to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision resulted in an independent Air Force," Jumper added. "Today we celebrate our heritage and look forward to a bright future thanks to airmen across the globe."

From the loud and cumbersome "Gooney Birds" of the 1940s to the sleek and deadly B-1 bombers of today, the U.S. Air Force has changed its face several times over the past 55 years but one thing has remained constant -- the Air Force's dedication to President Truman's mandate for "prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations."



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The F/A-22 "Raptor" is the Air Force's fighter of the future. With a maximum speed of more than 1,500 miles per hour, the Raptor can destroy enemies with either its 20mm cannon or internal missile bays.



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The F-84 "Thunderjet" was one of the Air Force's early fighters of choice with a maximum speed of 620 mile per hour, six .50 caliber guns and eight rockets. During its service life, the F-84 became the first Air Force jet fighter able to carry a tactical atomic weapon.



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Above: A B-1 bomber takes off at Dyess. The B-1 is considered by many Air Force officials to be a necessary weapon on the modern battlefield. Left: U.S. Air Force C-47s line up at Tempelhof Air Field, West Germany, unloading supplies during Operation Vittles. The Berlin Airlift, which began in 1948, was the first real test of the fledgling Air Force.

Above: The B-25 bomber was the primary bomber of choice for the Air Force during the first years of the Air Force's existence. Right: In 1948, the Soviet Union closed all land and water transportation in the city of West Berlin, which left only three 20-mile wide air corridors available for the city to receive supplies. To provide aid to the city's population, the Western Allies began the world's largest humanitarian aid operation called the Berlin Airlift. During the Berlin Airlift, aircraft landed every three minutes for 11 months to drop food, coal and other materials to the city's 2.5 million people.



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Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

A deployed weapons loader signals that munitions are ready to be loaded for an Operation Enduring Freedom mission.

# Cholesterol: Health officials educate Dyess

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice  
Dyess Public Affairs

September is National Cholesterol Education Month and Dyess Health and Wellness Center officials are educating Dyess men and women about cholesterol and the risks of having a high blood cholesterol level.

"A person's blood cholesterol level is very important," said Capt. Paul Yenter, Dyess chief of health promotions. "It has a lot to do with a person's chances of getting heart disease. In fact, the higher a person's blood cholesterol level, the greater his or her risk for developing heart disease or having a heart attack."

Heart disease is the number one cause of death for men and women in the United States, Yenter said. Each year more than one million Americans have heart attacks and about half a million die from heart disease.

According to Yenter, when there is too much cholesterol in a person's blood, it builds up in the artery walls. Over time, this buildup causes hardening and narrowing of the arteries and blood flow to the heart is slowed or blocked. Blood carries oxygen to

## Risk factors for low density lipoprotein (bad cholesterol) are:

- Cigarette smoking
- High blood pressure
- Family history of heart disease
- Age (men 45 years or older and women 55 years or older.)
- Obesity
- Physical inactivity

the heart and if enough blood and oxygen cannot reach a person's heart, he or she may suffer chest pains. If the blood supply to a portion of the heart is completely blocked, the result is a heart attack said Yenter.

"Many people are unaware their cholesterol level is too high," Yenter said. "It is important to find out what your cholesterol numbers are, so you can keep them low."

Yenter encourages everyone 20 years and older to have their cholesterol measured at least once every five years.

"It is best to have a lipoprotein profile blood test done to find out

your cholesterol numbers," Yenter said.

This blood test gives people their total cholesterol, which is made up of the low density lipoprotein (bad cholesterol) -- the main source of cholesterol buildup and blockage in the arteries, and the high density lipoprotein (good cholesterol) -- which helps keep cholesterol from building up in the arteries, Yenter said.

Yenter also listed factors that affect a person's cholesterol level.

"A variety of things can affect cholesterol levels including a person's diet, weight, physical activity, age, gender and heredity," Yenter said. "However, a person can control certain factors such as their diet, weight and physical activity."

Saturated fat and cholesterol in food makes the blood cholesterol level go up, Yenter said. It's important to reduce the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol in one's diet.

Being overweight is also a risk factor for heart disease because it tends to increase cholesterol, Yenter said. Losing weight does not only help lower LDL and total cholesterol

levels, it can also help raise HDL.

"Regular physical activity can also help lower LDL and raise HDL levels," Yenter said. "It also helps you lose weight."

Yenter suggests people exercise 30 minutes a day.

He also stressed how men and women have to be more cholesterol conscious as they get older.

"As women and men get older, their cholesterol levels rise," Yenter said. "Before the age of menopause, women have lower total cholesterol levels than men of the same age. After the age of menopause, women's LDL levels tend to rise."

Other major risk factors that can affect a person's amount of bad cholesterol are cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, low HDL and a family history of heart disease.

People wanting to know more about cholesterol can sign up for the two-part cholesterol education class at the HAWC, by calling 6-4140. The next class will be Oct. 2 and 9.

To schedule a cholesterol measurement appointment with a primary care manager, call the 7th Medical Group appointment desk at 6-4677

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# The BIG Screen



The Dyess theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6 - 12 years old is \$1.25, and children under 6 are admitted free.

## Friday

**The Adventures Of Pluto Nash** -- *Eddie Murphy, Rosario Dawson* -- Pluto Nash, the owner of a night club on the moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. He'll also have to deal with an evil clone of himself, his robot sidekick and his gun-toting mother.

PG-13 (*violence, sexual humor and language*)

## Saturday

**Blood Work** -- *Clint Eastwood, Wanda De Jesus* -- Former FBI director Terry McCaleb, who has recently recovered from a heart transplant, is tracked down by a woman investigating the death of her sister. McCaleb is reluctant to take on the case, which looks like a simple robbery, but eventually relents when clues start to point to a possible murder.

R (*adult situations, language, violence*)

## Pool tournament

There is an eight-ball couples pool tournament from 6-9 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

## Karaoke

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

For more information, call 6-4305.

## 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.

## Football frenzy

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

For more information, call 6-2405.

## Dart tournament

There is a dart tournament from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

## 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.

## Bowling

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

For more information, call 6-4166.

## Tune up special

The auto skills center offers a tune up special this month. Customers receive a 10 percent discount on labor and parts.

For more information, call 6-4179.

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