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## 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 23

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
92	64	-9
45	35	-3
72	57	-5

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -2.0

Source: 7th Operations Group

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## 317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 16

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	75.6%

# Under construction

## Road repair begins on Arnold Boulevard Monday

Story and photo by  
**Senior Airman Matthew Rosine**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

Road construction will begin on Arnold Boulevard Monday.

During the three-month phase one construction project, the south side of the boulevard -- the two out-going lanes -- will close from the stoplight at the front gate to the base traffic circle. The northern lanes will be used as a two-lane road for in- and out-bound base traffic. The phase one project will also impact a small section of Louisiana Road next to the stoplight.

The Tye Gate will be open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to help traffic flow. Other gate hours and procedures should remain the same throughout the project.

"The road is in need of repair," said 1st Lt. Damon Dalby, 7th Civil Engineer

Squadron, chief of construction management. "These repairs will help reduce the high amount of maintenance the road requires. Once complete, the changes will have a very positive effect on Dyess."

While the project will be beneficial, base officials say it may require some initial adjustments from base drivers. Drivers may be inconvenienced by things such as long waits at the front gate, turning right onto Louisiana Road or merging into and out of the base traffic circle.

"This project will affect a lot of people for quite a while," Dalby said. "Drivers need to be aware and ready, so they can take the time they need and drive safely."

While under construction, road signs will be posted along the boulevard to keep drivers informed.

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John David Chapman, a base contractor, adjusts the leveling of a Total Station survey machine while doing a survey along Arnold Boulevard. Construction begins on the boulevard Monday.

## SECAF approves medal for Texas flood relief efforts

By Senior Airman  
**Matthew Rosine**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche authorized awarding of the Humanitarian Service medal to people who distinguished themselves by direct meritorious participation during the flood relief efforts in Taylor County, Texas from July 6 through Aug. 5, 2002.

To qualify for the award, each individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit providing direct humanitarian relief actions within the designated disaster area. The individual must have been physically present within the defined disaster area and either contributed directly or influenced relief efforts.

"This is a tremendous way to say 'thank you' to some very self-sacrificing people," said Staff Sgt. Jeremy

Alvarez, 7th Mission Support Squadron awards and decorations. "These people reached out to those in desperate need of help when they needed it the most. They really deserve this special recognition."

In order to receive the medal, eligible personnel must provide proof of entitlement for the award to the 7th MSS military personnel flight.

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Team Dyess is still on track with no incidents of DUIs from Sept. 16 to Oct. 15.



Courtesy photo

## 53 seconds of respect

By Staff Sgt.  
Mikhael Middleton  
7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Fifty-three seconds. Have you figured it out yet? That's right! That is how long it takes when the national anthem is played every day at 5 p.m. All that is required from you is to stop what you're doing and render the proper respect for those 53 seconds. That is less than one-thousandth of your day. It is a special time when you can remember your oath, your fallen brethren and the passion and pride that "Old Glory" represents.

There are some pretty basic rules for showing respect for the flag. If you are driving at 5 p.m., just stop your car and pause in the comfort of the air conditioning. If you are outside in civilian attire, placing the right hand over the heart is sufficient. In uniform, saluting is required until the last note has played. Everyone must remember to face the flag or the sound of the music if the flag is not visible.

How many times have you seen someone avoid or even ignore rendering the proper respect for the flag? I had to ask myself, "Is it really so hard to donate a small portion of the day to this cause?" Someone before you gave his or her life for what that flag represents.

The American flag took lifetimes to develop. It went through the early stages as a reflection of the old world origin of the colonists. The colors red, white and blue were first used in 1737. At that time, the three colors together represented colonial unity.

With each state came a different style of flag. "Don't Tread on Me" was a favorite among the southern colonies as relations grew more strained with Great Britain.

Massachusetts, Virginia and South Carolina had very different versions of this same flag, but with basically the same meaning. The colonists had a large number of flags expressive of ideals and sentiments such as another Virginian flag declaring "Liberty or Death!" With the growth of a nation, the United States flag became a symbol. Today, the flag is strong and mature and will only change with the addition of new states.

Mere definitions are not enough to describe what has been put into the American flag. The stripes symbolize the 13 colonies that originally constituted the United States of America. The stars represent the states of the union, which have changed over the years in number and design. The meanings of the colors as represented in the flag today are, white for purity and innocence; red for valor and sacrifice; and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

After a little time in thought, I hope my words will be taken to heart. I hope you can understand there's much more to the flag than I could ever put on paper.

The flag is something to respect. It is not something to be disregarded. It is not something to be forgotten.

Lastly, remember those notes sounding at the end of the duty day are not a wasted 53 seconds of your time.



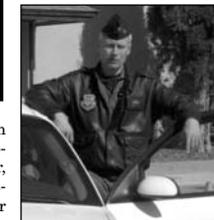
Closeout for fiscal year 2003 programs has gone very well. Leadership at all levels has carefully managed our precious resources and postured us well for this next fiscal year. The new fiscal year begins next week on Oct. 1.

We will precede the new month with safety and training days that focus on our most important resource -- our people. This is critical because October is packed with activity.

It will take a lot of solid leadership to flow together the Operational Readiness Exercise Phase I, flying Surge, visits by the Air Combat Command commander and the Secretary of the Air Force, and an ORE Phase II.

We have the team to make October a win for us. The opportunity is ours -- be safe, press hard, work smart and win!

## ACTION LINE



Col. Jonathan George  
7th Bomb Wing commander

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil) and leave your message. All messages will receive a response. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone. The Peacemaker staff reserves the right to edit all incoming Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines may be published.

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# Jumper addresses global chiefs

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force's top uniformed leader addressed more than 90 air chiefs from around the globe Sept. 16 as part of the Air Force Association's Airpower Symposium.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's comments covered a broad range of topics, including the making of today's heroes, the importance of unmanned aerial vehicles and the regaining of the service's expeditionary heritage.

Some Dyess people were present to help with and share in the symposium. Airman Justin Stephan, Staff Sgt. Julian Thomas and 1st Lt. Lisa Kirsch volunteered their time to support this world-wide event.

During his presentation, Jumper said U.S. airpower's early history was of an expeditionary nature.

"We started off with an expeditionary Air Force, dating back to (World War I) in the early expeditionary force of Gen. John Pershing," Jumper said. "(During World War II,) we watched Jimmy Doolittle take bombers off the deck of a carrier -- We watched bold airmen deploy down into North Africa."

That expeditionary role deteriorated following World War II as the military and the Air Force settled



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper addresses an Air Power Symposium at the Air Force Association's annual convention Sept. 16 with more than 90 international air chiefs in the audience.**

into their Cold War roles, Jumper said.

"We faced one giant adversary, and we stayed planted in one place," the general said. "Our expeditionary roots eroded for a while."

About 40 years later, the expeditionary nature began to creep back into the service as a result of contingencies that demanded an expeditionary force, Jumper said. Such contingencies began to appear in the early 1990s.

"Operation Desert Storm provided the need for an

expeditionary air force and sent us to reclaim our heritage," Jumper said. "(Today, we) observe the success of our airmen in conflicts throughout that volatile decade of the 90s, in Bosnia and in Kosovo."

The general said today's Air Force, like the expeditionary air force of the past, is making its own heroes.

"We called (World War II) heroes 'the Greatest Generation,' but we (are making) our own 'Greatest Generation' today," Jumper said. "In this recent conflict, one hero who comes to mind is Capt. Kim Campbell, who had her A-10 (Thunderbolt II) badly shot up while working with the 3rd Infantry Division. With a complete hydraulic failure, she was able to take her plane back into Kuwait and put it on the ground.

"That is an act of heroism that is characteristic of the outstanding airmen we deal with, day-in and day-out," he said.

Another example, Jump-

er said, is the retired Air Force pilot who came back to duty when he realized the importance of the mission he had done during his active service.

"Lt. Col. Muck Brown is an A-10 pilot," Jumper said. "He has a son, Nick, who serves in the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army. During the recent war in Afghanistan, Muck's son wrote to him and told him how important the A-10s were to the operation of the 10th Mountain Division. Nick told his dad that seeing the A-10s in action made him understand why his dad was so passionate about his work for so many years."

Finally, Jumper talked about the expansion of the role of unmanned aerial vehicles.

In Iraq, the Air Force found new applications for the Global Hawk, Jumper said.

"We found new ways to think about the Global Hawk, about the Combined

Air Operations Center and about (the RC-135) Rivet Joint," Jumper said. "And we found occasion to put the Global Hawk up over the Medina Division, south of Baghdad. The Global Hawk was seeing down through a dust storm where you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. But the Global Hawk could, and the (E-8C) Joint Stars could, and the B-1 (Lancer), with its ground moving target radar could."

By integrating technology, taking intelligence from the Global Hawk and merging it with that from other intelligence assets, coalition forces were able to pinpoint the exact locations of enemy targets, Jumper said.

The technology allowed the Air Force to see through a sandstorm that had some media outlets claiming a timeout in coalition activities.

"The enemy made the mistake of thinking we couldn't see him any better than he could see us, and that was a tragic mistake for the Medina Division," Jumper said. "I had to smile when I thought of the news commentators talking about a 'pause.' I was wishing at that moment I could ask the Medina Division commander if he thought there was a pause, as thousands of sorties a day came down on them."

According to attendees, the symposium and its message were well received.

"I really had a great time being there," said Stephan, a loadmaster with the 39th Airlift Squadron. "It was great just being a part of it. It was a good opportunity to meet people and experience a unique part of the Air Force. I wish I could be a part of it every year."

(Senior Airman Matthew Rosine, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



Courtesy photo

**During his address, Jumper spoke about regaining the Air Force's expeditionary heritage, today's heroes and the importance of unmanned aerial vehicles.**

# Dyess to emphasize safety education Tuesday

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess will host its next safety day Tuesday.

The semi-annual safety days are meant to emphasize personal risk management.

"The purpose of the safety day is to educate people about ways to lower your personal risks," said Lt. Col. Davis Walette, 7th Bomb Wing chief of safety. "We need to show people how to practice good personal risk management."

Col. Jonathan George, 7th BW commander, will host four briefings Tuesday. They will take place at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the base theater.

While Air Combat Command typically stresses flight line safety during the semi-annual directed safety days, Walette said the day's message is not exclusively for flyers.

"Safety is all-encompassing," Walette said. "Every person from the wing commander to the newest airman should take the time to reflect on (their safety) and do something to better it."

Of special interest to wing leadership will be motorcycle mishaps. Casualties from motorcycle-related incidents have increased by 8 percent over the last year, according to the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The NHTSA stated that, per vehicle mile, motorcyclists are about 26 times more likely than a passenger car occupant to die in a traffic crash. Motorcycles are also more likely to be involved in a collision with a fixed object, with 12 percent of motorcycle mishaps reported as such accidents compared with 9 percent for passenger cars.

The state of Texas was third in line for the most motorcycle fatalities in 2002, according to the NHTSA. Texas suffered 247 motorcycle fatalities, closely following Florida and California, which reported 319 and 323 motorcycle-related deaths, respectively.

The NHTSA further estimates that helmets saved 692 motorcyclists' lives in 2002, and that 449 more could have been saved had they all worn helmets. The Air Force also requires motorcyclists to wear orange reflective vests, to increase the motorcyclist's visibility as well as the awareness of other motorists.

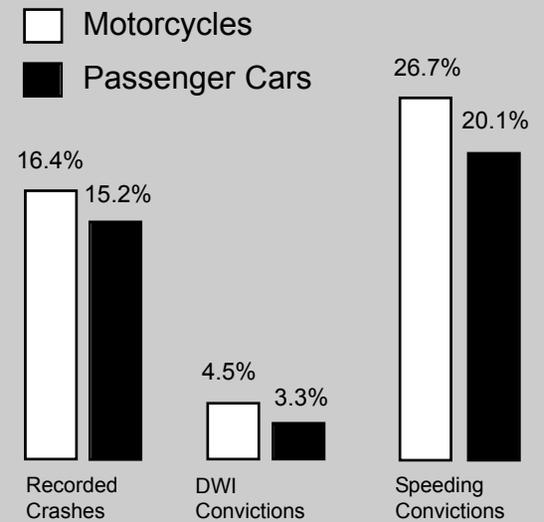
"We cannot eliminate risk completely," Walette said. "But we do have safety standards in place, and following those standards can mitigate some of that risk."

We hope that, by the end of the safety day,

everyone will be a little wiser," Walette added. "People are our number-one resource, and we cannot afford to lose anyone to poor risk management, especially in times like these."

## The 'wheel' deal...

Previous driving records of drivers in fatal traffic crashes in 2002, as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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**TEAM DYESS****Warrior of the Week****Tech. Sgt. Marina Moore****Unit:** 7th Services Squadron**Job description:** Military training manager**Time in the Air Force:** 14 years**Time at Dyess:** Three and a half years**Hometown:** San Antonio**Family:** Husband, Tech. Sgt. Jewell Moore; son, Joe Ray; daughter, Kaycee**Job impact on the mission:** I develop programs to train and maintain proficiency as well as improving duty performance including all upgrade training.**Best Air Force memory:** Going to Chicago with the services team to accept the Hennessey Trophy in May 2002.**Career goal:** To retire from the Air Force and become an elementary school teacher.**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 Matthew Rosine at 6-4266. All nominees must be cleared through their squadron leadership.

Airman Shawn Baldauf

**TEAM DYESS****7th Services Squadron profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Lt. Col. Terri Ford

**First Sergeant:**

Master Sgt.

Doug Bingham

**Personnel:**

• Officers: Five

• Enlisted: 82

• Civilians: 317

**Mission statement:**

To provide unparalleled services to Team Dyess.

**Future goals:**

- Personal accountability
- Improve communication
  - Improve training
  - Taking care of people
- Process control and refinement



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## GTC updated Wednesday

*Commercial air travel to be charged to member's government travel card*

**By Senior Airman  
Matthew Rosine**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

The government travel card will add a new aspect to its program Wednesday.

Once in effect, orders will no longer be required to procure commercial air travel. Tickets will be charged to the individual's government travel card.

"It will be a learning process," said Master Sgt. William Warren, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron travel management office. "The traveler will have to claim their airline costs on their travel voucher."

Officials say the GTC update will eliminate the need for people to bring orders to the commercial ticket office to pay for temporary duty assignments or permanent

change of station air travel.

According to Warren, this process will bring Dyess in line with 11 other Air Combat Command bases, which began using this process up to three years ago. This process will also prepare Dyess for when the Defense Travel System comes on line as early as 2005.

Orders will still be required for Air Mobility Command rotators. People who do not have a government travel card will also be required to have orders.

"Transactions can now be handled over the phone or via email," Warren said. "Everything from reservations and e-tickets to receipts -- it will save every traveler valuable time away from their duty section."

For more information, call Warren at 6-1435.



Courtesy photo

### Past meets the present

**Col. Jeffrey Beene, 7th Operations Group commander, retired Chief Master Sgt. Lucien Thomas and Lt. Col. Karl Shawhan, 13th Bomb Squadron commander, pose for a photo during the recent 13th Bomb Squadron Association's reunion in St. Louis. Several Dyess people attended the event and were able to meet more than 100 former 13th BS members. Attendees ranged from currently active-duty people to veterans of Vietnam, Korea and World War II.**

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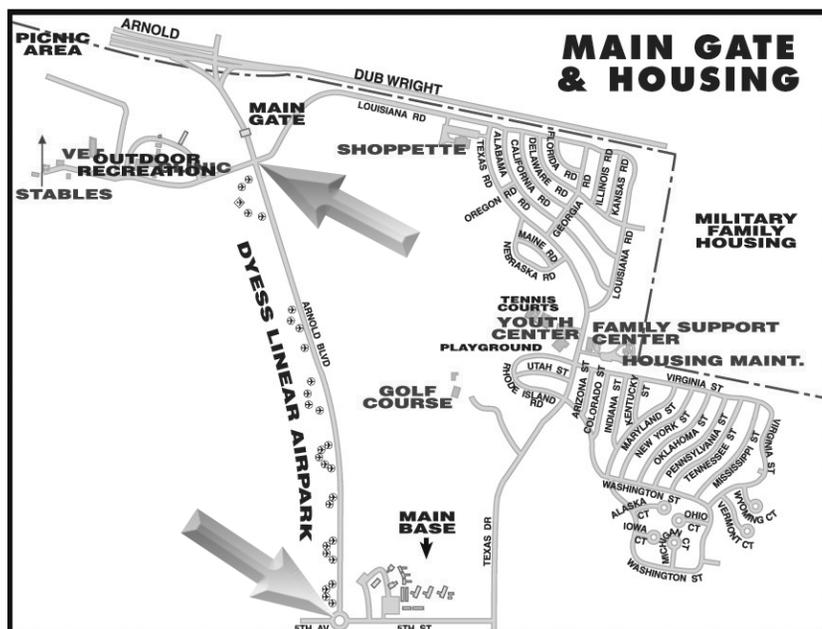
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"I know this will be a pain for some," Dalby said. "Construction projects like this usually cause some temporary inconveniences, but this project is necessary to improve the base infrastructure."

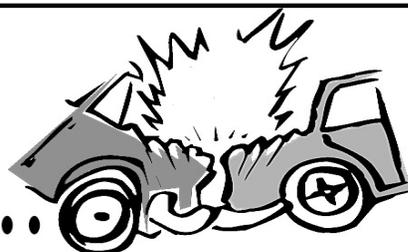
Dates and times for Phases two, three and four of the project have not yet been announced.

For more information about the construction project, call Dalby at 6-5616.



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Don't drink  
and drive ...



Designate  
a driver.

## Medal

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Supporting documentation may consist of temporary duty orders, a letter of appreciation, an enlisted or officer performance report reflecting participation, a decoration, citation or other official document which verifies the individual participated in the flood relief efforts.

Once verified, the MPF will update the individual's records. "We have already updated records of individuals on the list that the wing compiled, which can be seen on our web page. If you are eligible, but weren't on the list come and see us -- we'll help however we can," Alvarez said. "These are people who deserve this recognition."

The Humanitarian Service Medal was established Jan. 19, 1977. The medal is a U.S. service



medal and does not preclude or conflict with other service medals or decorations awarded on the basis of valor, achievement or meritorious service.

For more information, contact your awards and decorations at 6-5731 or go online to [www.mil.dyess.af.mil/7mss.Mpf\\_web/Main%20Page/mpf.htm](http://www.mil.dyess.af.mil/7mss.Mpf_web/Main%20Page/mpf.htm).

(The Air Force Personnel Center contributed to the story.)

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## This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Sept. 26** -- Congress ordered the full transfer of personnel, bases and material from the U.S. Army to the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

**Sept. 27** -- P-47s set a distance record of over 600 miles while escorting B-17s on a bombing raid into Germany in 1943.

**Sept. 28** -- Cpl. Frank S. Scott became the first enlisted fatality in U.S. Signal Corps aviation history in 1912.

**Sept. 29** -- A new parachute jump record of 42,449 ft. was set in 1950.

**Sept. 30** -- The Berlin Airlift Operation was officially terminated in 1949.

**Oct. 1** -- U.S. Air Force military personnel launched a Snark intercontinental ballistic missile during testing in 1957.

**Oct. 2** -- The United States' first turbojet, the Bell P-59A, made its first flight in 1942.



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# The Race is on!

## Most on-time take offs

### Sept. 1-24

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Tech. Sgt. John Ammons  
Staff Sgt. Dallas Osburn

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Tail no. 6122  
Staff Sgt. Howard O'dell  
Senior Airman Jesse Walters

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Tail no. 6108  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Bush  
Staff Sgt. Rufus Franklin

Tail no. 6126  
Tech. Sgt. Steve Howell  
Staff Sgt. Dylan Michon

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Staff Sgt. Victor Pietruccia  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Filice

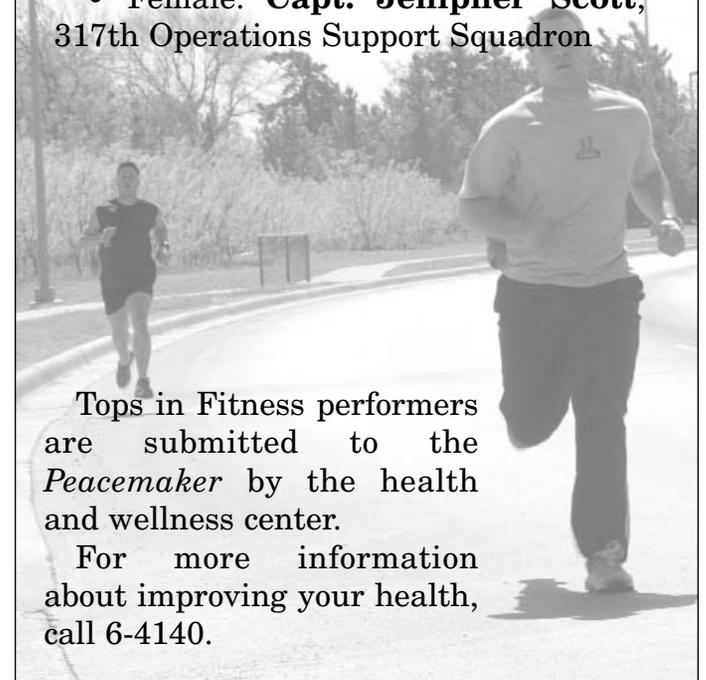
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## Tops in Fitness

Dyess' top performers on the Air Force Cycle Ergometry test are:

- Male: **Senior Airman Robert Wheeler**, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- Female: **Capt. Jenipher Scott**, 317th Operations Support Squadron



Tops in Fitness performers are submitted to the *Peacemaker* by the health and wellness center.

For more information about improving your health, call 6-4140.

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### Arnold repairs

Repairs to Arnold Boulevard will begin Monday. Phase one of construction will last three months.

The base will employ all reasonable means to minimize disruptions to base traffic.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Damon Dalby at 6-5620.

### Bicycle rodeo

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 hosts its 16th Annual Bicycle Rodeo Saturday.

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.

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

### 7th CONS closed

The 7th Contracting Squadron will close at noon Oct. 3 for an official squadron function.

For emergencies, call 660-5072 or 665-2185.

### Football frenzy

The 7th Services Squadron hosts

Monday Night Football Frenzy at 8 p.m. Mondays at The Hangar Club.

The event is open to all ranks. Special discounts are available for club members.

For more information, call Stephanie Kraly at 6-2936.

### Airmen's Attic closed

The Airmen's Attic will not be open Saturday.

The next openings are Oct. 4 and 18. People who need uniform items can shop from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 6-5999.

### Technology show

The 7th Communications Squadron hosts its annual Information Technology Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 8 at The Heritage Club.

Major technology companies will demonstrate their latest computers, hardware and accessories. Experts will be on hand to discuss IT future challenges.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Christine Wood at 6-1133.

### Gate hours

- The Tye Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 1:50 - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 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.

### Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning.

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.

For more information, call 6-2334.

### Watering restrictions

Dyess has 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 7th Civil Engineer Squadron housing flight at 6-2150.

### Air commando reunion

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

For more information, call (850) 581-0099.

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**CALENDAR*****Today, Sept. 26, 2003***

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

**NCO/Senior NCO Induction ceremony**, 3 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-1170.

***Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003***

**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. 28, 2003***

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

***Monday, Sept. 29, 2003***

**Chief Lyssy retirement ceremony and luncheon**, 9:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-3476.

**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. 30, 2003***

**Safety Day**

**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, Oct. 1, 2003***

**Phase I operational readiness exercise begins**

**CFC/Chief's Group golf tourney**, 7 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4385.

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

***Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003***

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

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

***Upcoming events***

**Oct. 4 -- Hispanic Heritage luncheon**

**Oct. 8 -- Military retiree luncheon**

**Oct. 10 -- Chief's Group breakfast**

**Oct. 10 -- Wing retreat ceremony**

**Oct. 13 -- Columbus Day**

**Oct. 15-17 -- Phase II operational readiness exercise**

**Oct. 19 -- Airmen's Golf Day at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course**

**Oct. 30 -- Base car wash grand opening**

**Oct. 31 -- Halloween**

**Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day**

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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. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

## Today

**Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** -- *Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino* -- In the third installment of the Spy Kids series, Juni and Carmen face a new foe, The Toymaker. In order to defeat the Toymaker's plot to overtake the youth of the world, the two junior super-spies must battle their way through a virtual reality video game the Toymaker designed to defeat them.

Rated PG (*Action sequences*)

## Saturday -- 2 p.m.

**Free Movie** -- Tickets for this free movie showing are available at the Dyess Base Exchange and Burger King. For more information, call 636-4320.

The movie is rated PG-13.

## Saturday -- 7 p.m.

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## Oct. 3

**S.W.A.T.** -- *Samuel L. Jackson, L.L. Cool J* -- When a notorious drug lord is captured, he makes a live television offer of \$100 million to anyone who can free him from police custody. Now, it is up to the Los Angeles S.W.A.T. team to deliver the drug lord into federal custody despite being constantly harassed by ruthless and well-armed reward seekers.

Rated PG-13 (*Violence, language and sexual reference*)

## Oct. 4

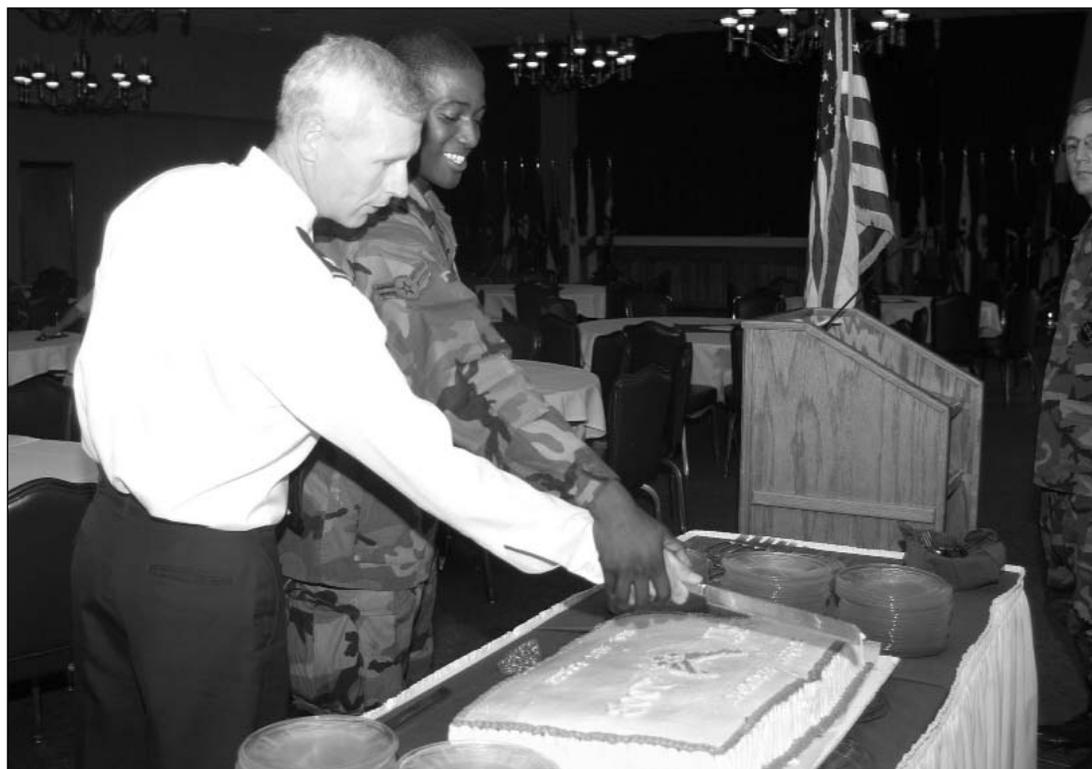
**Open Range** -- *Kevin Costner, Annette Bening* -- A ruthless rancher named Baxter tries to take over the town of Harmonville and create his own "outlaw state," during the final years of the Wild West. Before it is too late, four "freegrazer" cattle men are forced to team up against the rancher to end his ways of brute force and scare tactics.

Rated R (*Violence*)

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# Air Force celebrates 56 years of air operations



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Wesley Anderson Jr., 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, cut the Air Force birthday cake at The Heritage Club Sept. 18. This year's cake was baked by Staff Sgt. Patricia Alexander, 7th Services Squadron.

**By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

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

The National Security Act described the new ser-

vice's role: "(The U.S. Air Force) shall be organized, trained and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations.

"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 expan-

sion of the peacetime components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war."

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

Within a year of its birth, the Air Force had its first opportunity to prove itself when the fledgling

force began the largest airlift operation the world had ever seen -- the Berlin Airlift.

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

The Berlin Airlift, unofficially known as "Operation Vittles," began on June 26, 1948 when U.S. Air Force C-47s utilized the only remaining means of traffic -- three air corridors -- to drop food into West Berlin. Landing one aircraft every three minutes, the airlift helped sustain the city's 2.2 million inhabitants for the next 15 months.

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

In the Korean War, Air Force F-86s claimed 792 MiG-15 aircraft losing only 78 aircraft in combat.

During the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, Air Force reconnaissance aircraft confirmed bases were being constructed in Cuba for intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

The Air Force kept Cuba, areas of the Caribbean and the Atlantic Ocean under constant surveillance, providing the U.S. Navy with data on scores of ships at sea enroute to Cuba.

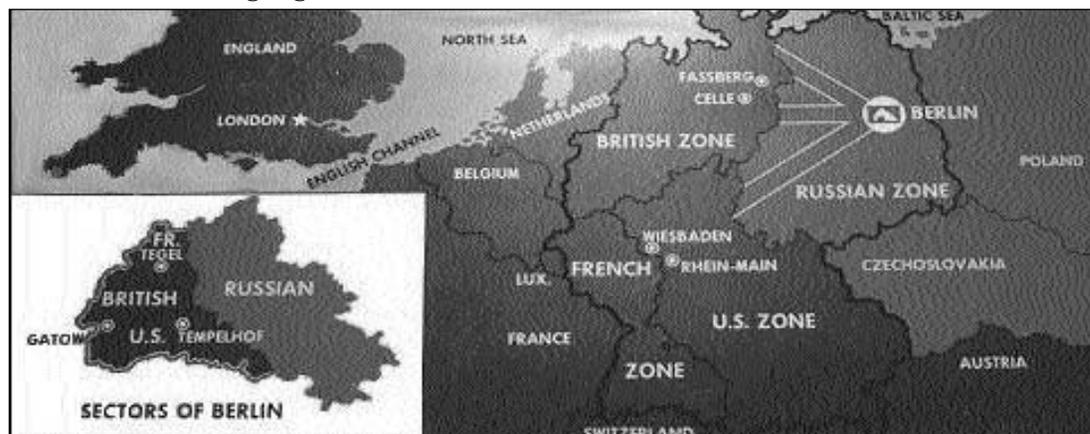
Operation Desert Storm saw more than 55,000 U.S. Air Force men and women provide 10 days of continuous air operations against Iraqi military targets, allowing coalition ground forces to virtually crush the Iraqi military in two days.

Today, the Air Force continues its dedication to freedom by supporting both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The U.S. Air Force may have changed several times over the past 56 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."



Courtesy photo



Courtesy graphic

Above: In 1948, the Soviet Union closed all land and water transportation to 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 in 1948 called the Berlin Airlift. During the airlift, allied aircraft landed in West Berlin for 15 months to drop food, coal and other materials to the city's 2.2 million people. Left: U.S. Air Force C-47s line up at Tempelhof Air Field, West Germany, unloading supplies during "Operation Vittles" (the Berlin Airlift's unofficial name). The airlift was the first real test of the fledgling U.S. Air Force.

# 'We must be strong'

## Dyess honors POWs, MIAs with ceremony, resolve

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess members and their Abilene neighbors paid tribute to Americans who are ex-prisoners of war, servicemembers and civilians who remain unaccounted for, and their families during a ceremony Sept. 19 at the Dyess Visitors Center and Memorial Park.

The guest speaker for the ceremony, held on the national POW/MIA Recognition Day, was retired Army Col. Bruce Wallace, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff Deputy Director for Operations of Counterinsurgency and Special Activities.

The colonel served in World War II, where he narrowly escaped capture by the Nazis by killing his guard after his B-17 was shot down over Germany. He also served in Korea, where he suffered a hairline fracture in his neck, which he bore for six weeks before finally getting medical attention.

Wallace also served America during the Vietnam conflict before retiring in 1978.

Wallace brought a fiery message of determination to those in attendance. He called on Americans to keep their focus in the war on terrorism and to remember the cause for which they fight.

"We must be strong," Wallace said during his address. "There are many people in this world that want to be where (America is) -- on top. Only through strength can we maintain (our position) and defeat those who oppose freedom."

Wallace, together with Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, placed a memorial wreath at the Dyess Visitors Center and Memorial Park to honor the memories of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for America. Wallace then offered a toast called "One More Roll," written by Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Coffee while in captivity during the Vietnam conflict.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Retired Army Col. Bruce Wallace delivers a speech to attendees at Dyess' memorial ceremony Sept. 19. The solemn event brought tears to many eyes as people remembered the sacrifices made by America's veterans, past and present.



From left to right, 1st Lt. William Pogue, 13th Bomb Squadron, Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and retired Army Col. Bruce Wallace offer a toast entitled "One More Roll" at the Dyess ceremony in observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 19. The toast was written by Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Coffee while in captivity during the Vietnam conflict. Many people from the base and the Abilene community came to the Dyess Visitors Center and Memorial Park to honor America's uniformed heroes and their families.



The Dyess Honor Guard performs a 21-gun salute following the playing of Taps at Dyess' ceremony honoring America's prisoners of war and people still missing in action Sept. 19.

# MUNS commander throws first pitch

By Capt. David May  
Dyess Public Affairs

It was a quick game of "catch" between brothers -- in front of millions of major league baseball fans.

Lt. Col. Victor Rodriguez, 7th Munitions Squadron commander, threw out the first pitch to start the major league game between the Texas Rangers and Anaheim Angels Saturday. His brother, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez played catcher for him.

"The night was too much to put into words," said Victor. "The whole experience was absolutely fantastic."

The game was a very special occasion for both brothers because they were recently reunited after 23 years of separation. Victor, who shares the same father but has a different mother than Alex, is nearly 16 years older.

After joining the Air Force in 1980, Victor only heard small bits of information about his brother.

It wasn't until much later that he learned Alex was a major league ballplayer



Master Sgt. Ricky Butler

**Alex Rodriguez walks off the field with his brother, Lt. Col. Victor Rodriguez, 7th Munitions Squadron commander. Victor threw out the first pitch at the Rangers game Saturday. Alex caught the pitch.**

who had been the No. 1 overall draft pick in 1993 and is currently one of the highest paid athletes in history.

"I heard the name 'Alex Rodriguez,' and I knew I had a brother named Alex, but I never put two and two together," said Victor.

Finally, when his father, told him, the lieutenant colonel said he was both

surprised and pleased.

With Victor serving overseas for nearly 12 years straight, the brothers had no contact until Victor recently came to Dyess to take command of the 7th MUNS. Soon after arriving, Alex and his father contacted Victor and invited him to a game at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Victor accepted and the

three were reunited Aug. 16. Soon after, Alex asked Victor to throw out the first pitch in Saturday's game against the Angels. Victor readily, though with some reservations, agreed.

"I was so nervous," said Victor, "Not only because of all the people and the fact that the game was televised, but I also wanted to make a good showing for the Air Force."

And make a good showing he did, according to at least one attendee. "He did well -- like a normal baseball player," said 1st Lt. Jose Valle, 7th Munitions Flight commander. "It looked like a strike right over the plate -- and his brother caught it."

After that, the good fortune continued for the family as A-Rod homered twice during the game, once in the fourth inning and once in the sixth, to help the Rangers rout the Angels, 13-4.

If A-Rod is as superstitious as many baseball players, he may want his big brother at every game after such a performance.

"I plan on going to at

least a few of the games next year," said Victor, "And possibly a game in Miami, if I can find the time."

Even though they've only been reunited a short time, a mutual admiration seems to have already formed.

"When I first saw him on television, I was really impressed with his demeanor and how he handled himself," said Victor, "And now that I'm getting to know him more, I am even more full of admiration for the man he has become."

During an interview with the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Alex expressed how proud he was to have a successful brother protecting his country in the military; a sentiment that many Texas Rangers fans apparently agree with.

"They first introduced me as being an Air Force member stationed at Dyess," said Victor of his moment on the mound, "And before they even mentioned that I was Alex's brother, the crowd went wild. They were cheering for me as a military member. It felt really good to be a member of the Air Force at that moment."

## Air Force officials announce marathon results

By Sue Baker  
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- More than 3,300 runners from 48 states and eight foreign countries ran in the seventh Air Force Marathon Saturday.

Opening ceremonies took place at 6:30 a.m. Wheelchair competitors began the 26.2-mile race at 7 a.m.; individual runners started at 7:05 a.m.; relay teams and half-marathon (13.1 miles) runners at 7:30 a.m.; and 5K runners at 8 a.m.

Individual overall male winner was Hendrick Vanloon of Kleine-Brogel, Belgium, with time of 2 hours, 37 minutes and 44 seconds. Second-place male winner was

Chris Juarez of San Antonio with time of 2:41:27. Taking third place was Robert Schnell of Tucson, Ariz., with time of 2:44:58.

Individual overall female winner was Jill Metzger of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, with time of 3:05:35. Second place went to Sandy Hundley of Hilliard, Ohio, with 3:05:42. Finishing third was Kathy Flannagan of Cincinnati with 2:14:27.

Patrick Doak of Cumming, Ga., was the first male wheelchair competitor to cross the finish line with winning time of 1:50:48. Grant Berthiaume of Tucson finished in second place with time of 2:07:56. Gerardo Maldonado of Macungie, Pa., came in third at 2:12:08.

Holly Koester of Cleveland was the first-place female wheelchair

competitor with winning time of 3:12:49. Christy Campbell of Kitchener, Ontario, was the second-place female wheelchair competitor with time of 3:20:50. There was no third-place female wheelchair finisher.

The first-place relay team to cross the finish line was the Miami Valley Track Club of Fairborn, Ohio, with time of 2:21:05. Second-place relay team was National Guard Born 2 Run from Carmel, Ind., finishing in 2:29:54. The third-place relay team was 5033 AETC Services-Team Vance of Enid, Okla., in 2:38:51.

The first male overall half-marathon winner was Raymond Youngs of Manchester, N.H., with time of 1:12:25. The second-place finisher was Michael Streff of

Custer, S.D., with time of 1:18:29. Finishing third was William Woodward of Seattle with time of 1:20:27.

The first female overall half-marathon winner was Heidi McKenna of Beavercreek, Ohio, with time of 1:32:21. The second-place finisher was Tracy Wood of Oakwood, Ohio, with time of 1:34:36. Cheryl Chaney of Troy, Ohio, finished third with a time of 1:40:05.

Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Aeronautical Systems Center commander, presented awards to the top three finishers in all categories.

Final race results can be found on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Next year's Air Force Marathon is scheduled to take place Sept. 18.

# Falcons defeat Wyoming, 35-29

**Story and photos by  
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U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons went to their strengths on a fourth-and-one midfield gamble and it paid off. The effort let the Falcons hold on to a 35-29 lead over Wyoming during their football game Saturday.

Stuck at midfield in a



**Wyoming running back Ivan Harrison is swarmed by Air Force defensive end Monty Coleman (No. 42) and linebacker Trevor Hightower.**

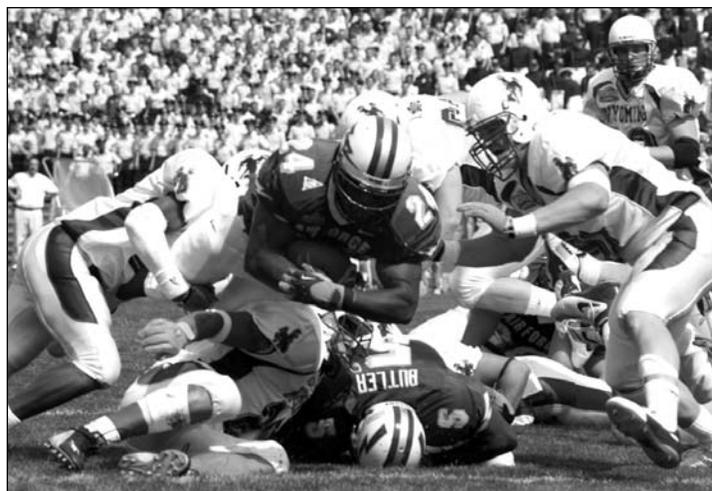
fourth-and-one situation with 2:05 left in the game and a six-point lead, the safe play for Air Force would have been to punt the ball away.

But letting Wyoming quarterback Casey Bramlet get his hands on the ball one more time was not a recipe for success, according to the academy coaches. Bramlet had already wreaked 398 yards of passing havoc on the Falcons and had proven that nothing short of close-air support was going to slow him down.

Likewise, the failure to gain a yard on that fourth down play would have given Bramlet excellent field position and enough time to go for the end zone and the win.

So Air Force turned to its nation-leading rushing game and signature option attack to gain the first down.

"You always look forward to going for it," said Falcons right guard Jesse Underbakke. "You never want to punt in that situation."



**Air Force fullback Adam Cole plows his way into the end zone to put the Falcons up 21-6 over the Wyoming Cowboys Saturday. Air Force went on to beat Wyoming 35-29 and advance to 4-0. Air Force's next opponent will be Brigham Young University Sept. 27.**

Neither did the coaches. "I made that decision right away," said Fisher DeBerry, the academy head coach. "We're in the conference race right now, and we have to take some chances. It's a game about making plays in clutch situations."

DeBerry called for his signature triple-option running play, but the Wyoming defenders were expecting the run.

Reading the defense and guessing Wyoming was

anticipating another shot up the middle, Falcon quarterback Chance Harridge called an audible, changing the play to a double-option right to halfback Joe Schieffer.

Harridge took the snap and rolled right, then saw a linebacker lining him up for the kill.

"Joe concentrated and stayed with it, and I pitched to him," said Harridge.

Schieffer ran to the Wyoming 43-yard line for a

5-yard gain and the first down.

Out of timeouts, Wyoming could not stop the clock as the Falcons ground out three more running plays and ended the game with a 35-29 win.

"We just played vintage Air Force football and ran right at them," said Harridge, "And they couldn't stop it."

The Falcons ended the day with 431 rushing yards and 530 total yards on offense, retaining their status as the nation's top Division I rushing offense.

"It was a typical Air Force-Wyoming football game," said DeBerry. "I don't know who picked us to win by 20 points over Wyoming, but I'd like to know him and know what he knows that I don't know."

The win also advances the Falcons' record to 4-0 and gives them the top spot in the Mountain West Conference.

Next up for the Falcons is conference foe Brigham Young University on Saturday.

## Intramural sports

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons get under way this month.

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

- The Friday Fun League is currently under way at 7 p.m. each Friday.

- The Youth Bowling League, open to kids ages 5 - 18, has also started.

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

- The intramural flag football regular season begins Monday. Games are played beginning at 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

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

## 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 the golf course at 6-4384.

## Paintball classic

Outdoor recreation is hosting its Fall Paintball Classic Oct. 4.

The tournament will be composed of 5-man teams. The cost is \$100 per team.

The winning team will be presented with the paintball traveling trophy.

For more information, call 6-2402.

## Airmen's Golf Day

The next Airmen's Golf Day is Oct. 19 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. Enlisted members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 can golf for half-price.

For more information, call the golf course at 6-4384.

## Club tournament

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course hosts its Beat the Pro and Club Manager golf tournament Oct. 24.

The cost is \$35 per person. The cost includes green fees and cart rental.

Tee time begins at noon. All golfers must have an established handicap.

Prizes are available such as a new vehicle, a cruise or a new set of golf clubs for holes-in-one.

For more information, call 6-4384.

## Paintball guns

Outdoor recreation now has paintball guns for sale. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.