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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 2

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

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -115.2

Source: 7th Operations Group

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As of: Aug. 25

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Reliability
78%	75.4%

Dyess NCO gets STEP promoted

By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess member recently was surprised with a brand new set of master sergeant stripes under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program during a squadron commander's call Aug. 28.

Newly-promoted Master Sgt. Ed Powell, 7th Supply Squadron NCO-in-charge of the B-1 aircraft parts store, was caught completely unaware when Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th BW command chief master sergeant, arrived during the morning briefing. However, they were there for other reasons as well.

After the briefing, George called the surprised technical sergeant to the front of the formation.

"You are out of uniform, man," George said as Lyssy made his way to the front with a set of master sergeant stripes.

Powell had originally

thought he was being awarded a decoration.

"I had a decoration lost in the system and I knew people were working to get it resolved and I figured when I saw the colonel and chief that was what this was about," Powell said. "I never expected it would be something as huge as this."

He is credited with creating a "profound impact on the B-1 war machine" by his squadron leadership.

"Powell manages two B-1 mobile readiness spares kits and the wing integrated communications package, valued at \$126 million, to ensure that we are 100 percent war-ready at all times," said Maj. Raymond Lopez, former commander of the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron during the time Powell's package was submitted.

"Powell is a model citizen and a leader in his career field who sets the example for all to emulate," Lopez said.

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Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Newly-promoted Master Sgt. Ed Powell, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO-in-charge of B-1 aircraft parts store, checks the status of some aircraft parts. Powell was promoted Aug. 28 under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Three-quarter scale Vietnam Wall replica comes to Abilene

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is coming to Nelson Park next to the Abilene City Zoo Sept. 11-14.

The Wall is traveling in from El Paso and will be escorted from Sweetwater, Texas, by hundreds of volunteer motorcyclists. The exhibit will be available for viewing 24 hours a day at no charge for admission.

Opening ceremonies commence at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 12 with performances by the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band, the Dyess Base Honor Guard and the Dyess Elementary Choir. There will also be flyovers by Dyess' own B-1s and C-130s.

The Vietnam Wall Experience crosses the country every year, allowing millions to see and touch the mirror-black surface inscribed with the names of over 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. Materials will be furnished for rubbing names from the Wall, and psycho-

logical, spiritual and medical services will be available on-site for the duration of the exhibit.

Visitors will have the opportunity to find their loved ones' names on the Wall by using the name catalog or by asking a volunteer for assistance at a computer station.

While dozens have volunteered their time and effort toward the Vietnam Wall Experience, more volunteers are still needed for every aspect of the event.

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Americans will never forget 9/11

By Sarah Anne Carter
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- I, Sarah Anne Carter ...

The pictures are considered stock photography by most news organizations now. News organizations use the photos today to emphasize a news event, usually involving terrorism or, most recently, the release of the report about how U.S. intelligence acted prior to that day. Yet, every time I stumble upon a picture from Sept. 11, 2001, I pause. The pictures still affect me.

... having been appointed to government civil service in the United States Air Force ...

My current position doesn't quite show how loyal to the Air Force and my country I am. People I've met in this professional environment often joke that I'm blue through and through.

I was born at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., to a young airman and his wife. I grew up on military installations across the United States and in several foreign countries.

My family bonded through the experiences of moving, separations due to schools, and the countless temporary duties. And now that I've grown up, I'm working for the Air Force.

... do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the

Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ...

My first day of permanent civil service, I took the oath. And it truly meant something. I had seen enemies attack my country several months before.

When I went to work on Sept. 11, 2001, evil men were plotting to destroy the lives of hundreds of innocent people. I was in shock with the rest of America when the World Trade Center towers were attacked.

And then, the terrorists got personal. They hijacked a plane and directed it straight toward the Pentagon where my father was sitting in his blue uniform serving his country.

... that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter ...

Many hours were spent that morning wondering how many members of my family would be alive at the end of the day. One of my brothers and I were relatively safe in Omaha, Neb.

My mother and my other brother were in Washington, D.C. I received several panicked phone calls from my mother who was not only wondering where her husband might be and when her son might be able to get home from



U.S. Air Force photo

A section of the Pentagon was destroyed after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Two years later, many Americans are still affected by the attacks.

school, but if she should evacuate her house at Bolling Air Force Base after she heard a loud explosion.

... So help me God.

Each minute that morning seemed to last forever. And then, the phone rang, and I heard my father's voice.

The day ended and all five of us considered ourselves immensely blessed to still have an intact family. So many people that day did not have the same ending.

All five of us pause when we are

reminded of that day, whether it's when we see the pictures on the news or hear conversations about that day. On Sept. 11, 2003 -- two years later -- I plan to walk in to work at an organization where I'm serving my country, and my father will walk into the Pentagon wearing his uniform proudly.

My mother and brothers will count their blessings. And I know that sometime during that day, we will all take time to pause.

Sept. 11, 2001 -- we will never forget.



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ACTION LINE



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 and leave your message.

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Area Defense Counsel at 6-4233



Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

Enlisted heritage, fun, esprit de corps

Dyess celebrates Enlisted Dining Out

By Master Sgt.
Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

The 800 or so Dyess people attending the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out Saturday at the Abilene Civic Center are planning for an unforgettable evening of enlisted heritage, fun and esprit de corps.

But Senior Master Sgt. Donna Biddle, a Dining Out committee co-chairperson, wants to ensure people keep a few things in mind to help everyone enjoy the evening to its fullest.

"The purpose of the Dining Out is to enjoy a night of celebrating enlisted achievements, but there are a few things I've seen happen which can make things uncomfortable or awkward," said Biddle, also the family support center's deputy director.

To help ensure the evening runs smoothly, Biddle advises participants to observe the following courtesies:

- Turn off cellular phones and pagers once inside the



Courtesy photo

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Terry "Hoss" Savoie will be the guest speaker at Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out Saturday.

civic center.

- Do not leave the mess while it is convened.

- Be on time.

Attendees should also be familiar with the "rules of the mess." Although violators of these rules and other breaches of Dining Out protocol will be dealt with in traditional fashion -- a trip to the famous "grog bowl" -- Biddle said these actions demonstrate a lack of respect.

"Leaving at intermission, as I've seen people do at previous Dining Outs, is disrespectful to guest speakers," she said. "While exceptions can be made for bona fide

emergencies, people should stay and enjoy the entire event."

A photographer will be available during the social hour to shoot portraits of participants for \$10 each.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Terry "Hoss" Savoie will be this Dining Out's guest speaker. Savoie served in the Air Force from 1969-1993.

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, will serve at the president of the mess. Master Sgt. William McElhinny, 7th Bomb Wing Inspector General's office, and Tech. Sgt. Karen Steffes-Graves, 7th BW legal office, will serve as "Mister Vice" and "Madam Vice" respectively.

Dress for the occasion is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Women must wear skirts.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. and the mess convenes at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Biddle at 6-5999 or Master Sgt. Daniel Hutson at 6-7646.

Rules of the Mess

1) Thou shalt not arrive within 10 minutes of the appointed hour.

2) Thou shalt make every effort to meet all guests.

3) Thou shalt move to the mess when thou hearest the chimes and remain standing until seated by the president.

4) Thou shalt not bring lighted smoking material into the mess.

5) Thou shalt not leave the mess whilst convened. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature.

6) Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with a toast.

7) Thou shalt ensure thy glass is always charged when toasting.

8) Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect. Degrading or insulting remarks will be frowned upon by the membership; however, good-natured needling is highly encouraged.

9) Thou shalt not murder the Queen's English.

10) Thou shalt not open the hangar doors (talk shop).

11) Thou shalt always use proper toasting procedures.

12) Thou shalt fall into disrepute with thy peers if the pleats of thy cummerbund are not properly faced.

13) Thou shalt also be painfully regarded if thy clip-on bow tie rides at an obvious list. Thou shalt be forgiven, however, if thou also list comparably.

14) Thou shalt consume thy meal in a manner becoming a gentleperson.

15) Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the president first shows approval by laughing.

16) Thou shalt express thy approval by tapping thy spoon on the table. Clapping thy hands will not be tolerated.

17) Thou shalt remember the president never errs and thou shalt not question any presidential decrees.

18) When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the president and guests to depart.

19) Thou shalt enjoy thyself to the fullest and summon a chariot should thou partake of too much grog.

20) The president of the mess reserves the right to add to or change the rules at his discretion.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Dyess chief master sergeants make sure the grog has all the proper ingredients during last year's Enlisted Dining Out.

Grog bowl procedures:

Report directly to the grog bowl and salute the president of the mess.

Face the grog.

Charge a cup, and toast, "To the mess."

Drain the cup's contents without removing it from your lips.

Invert the empty cup over your head and yell, "Team Dyess!"

Return the cup.

Face and salute the president of the mess.

Return to your seat after leaving one dollar.

Should any deviation from these procedures occur, the violator will be ordered to return and repeat the sortie.

STEP

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"I was able to see Sgt. Powell in action while we were deployed to the desert," Lyssy said during the promotion. "He did an awesome job and made it happen over there. He exemplified the saying 'without supply, you don't fly.'"

The Fort Worth native was also surprised when his family was able to be there to witness his accomplishment before attending school.

"I was really happy for him," said 9-year-old Ed Jr. "I am very proud of my dad."

Powell's wife, Maria, agreed.

"I was so surprised when I found out," Maria said. "We have been here for eight years and I never would have expected something like this to happen."

The STEP program, created in 1980, is designed for unique circumstances that, in the commander's judgment, clearly warrant an outstanding enlisted member's promotion. Under STEP, commanders may promote a limited number of



Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Master Sgt. Ed Powell poses for a photo with his wife, Maria; son, Ed Jr.; and daughter, Latricia, after his STEP promotion Aug. 28.

airmen with exceptional potential to the grades of staff sergeant through master sergeant.

"I have always had a desire to be the best and do the best that I possibly could," Powell said. "I try and always take pride in what I do and it is great to see that paying off."

Wall

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"It's going very well, as new people call in every day," said Carolyn Adams, chairperson of the volunteer committee. "I'm ready and excited (for the Wall to arrive). I can hardly wait until Tuesday morning."

The event also features the Quilt of Tears, a quilt created by the loved ones of veterans whose death was related to Agent Orange, as well as a photo exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute. These exhibits will be in the Discovery Center, adjacent to Nelson Park.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble at 6-3480 or to volunteer, contact Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

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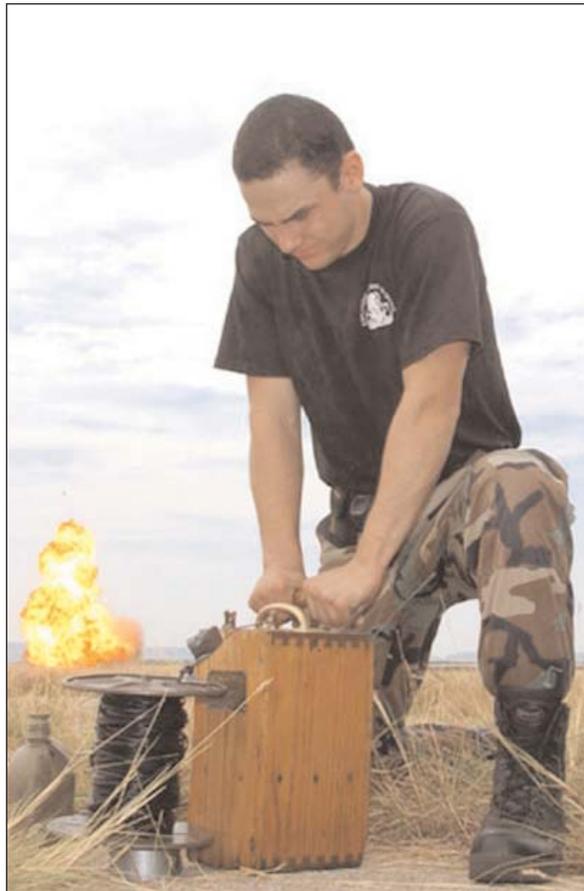
Retired Lt. Gen. William Thurmon, the guest speaker at the Star of Abilene dedication ceremony, was misidentified in the Aug. 22 edition of the *Peacemaker*.

Thurman was not a former commander of the 7th Bomb Wing. He became the the Aeronautical Systems Division' deputy for the B-1 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1981 after the B-1 program was re-instituted.

Also, flight medicine sick call was misidentified as regular sick call in a *Peacemaker* news brief. There is currently no regular sick call available for Dyess members. For same day appointments, call 6-4677.

The *Peacemaker* staff strives for 100 percent accuracy in all reporting and regrets these errors. To report any errors in the *Peacemaker*, please call the *Peacemaker* editor, Senior Airman Matthew Rosine at 6-4375 or send an e-mail to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil.

Local Advertisement

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Airman 1st Class****Travis Meyers****Unit:** 7th Civil Engineer Squadron**Job description:** Explosive Ordnance Disposal apprentice**Time in the Air Force:** One year, five months**Time at Dyess:** Five months**Hometown:** Moore, Okla.**Family:** Single**Job impact on the mission:** I provide a response force for Dyess' B-1s, C-130s and F-16s and F-18s at Fort Worth Naval Air station Joint Reserve Base. I also render safe disposal of or mitigate any nuclear, biological, chemical or conventional munitions.**Best Air Force memory:** Graduating from EOD school.**Editor's note:** *Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors can nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week.**To nominate a Warrior, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson at 6-4266. All nominees must be cleared through their squadron leadership and must present a professional military image.*

Airman Shawn Baldauf

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

Lt. Col. Darren Daniels

First Sergeant:Master Sgt.
John Reinoehl**Personnel:**

- Officers: 14
- Enlisted: 298
- Civilians: 98

**Mission statement:**

A professional engineer team providing the highest quality services to sustain and improve the 7th Bomb Wing, its mission and resources anytime, anywhere. We are responsible for acquisition, construction, operations maintenance and repair of property and utility systems. We provide readiness, engineering, housing, disaster preparedness, ordnance disposal, environmental stewardship and fire protection and prevention services in support of B-1 and C-130 missions.

Future goals:

- To renew and revitalize Dyess
- To provide supreme combat capability and unsurpassed quality of life through the new millenium

Local Advertisement

17 Dyess NCOs graduate NCOA

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Seventeen Dyess members graduated from the NCO academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, recently.

The graduates are:

Staff Sgt. John Ammons III, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bates, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. George Carter IV, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Deems, 7th Medical Group

Tech. Sgt. Roderick Fernandez, 39th Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Sydney Forster, Jr.,

7th Maintenance Group
Tech. Sgt. Maxie Hinojosa, 7th Services Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Terry Kramer, 7th Munitions Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michael Lyon, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Julie Mateu, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Prather, 7th LRS

Tech. Sgt. James Simpson, 7th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Bennett Stone, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Shannon Russell, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Wesley Rucker, 7th EMS

Tech. Sgt. Scott White, 317th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Youngblood, 7th Munitions Squadron



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Patriot Day

Col. Thomas Bell, former 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, salutes the flag with members of the Dyess honor guard during last year's Patriot Day retreat in remembrance of 9/11. This year's retreat will be 5 p.m. Thursday at the base parade grounds. The retreat will be sponsored by the 317th Airlift Group. For more information, contact your first sergeant.

E-mail submissions to Peacemaker@dyess.af.mil

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The winner is... Most on-time take offs in August

Tail no. 5064
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hicks
Staff Sgt. Matthew Caffrey

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Tail no. 6110
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Watering restrictions

Dyess has recently implemented stage one watering restrictions.

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

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

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

Dining Out

Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out is Saturday at the Abilene Civic Center.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. Military members must wear the mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Female military members are required to wear skirts.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie is the guest speaker.

Civilian partnership

The Civilian Partnership with Dyess meets at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday at the Heritage Club. For more information, call Marti Bottila at 6-2960.

Vietnam Wall in Abilene

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., is coming to Nelson Park in Abilene Sept. 11-14.

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

To volunteer, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

Thrift shop hours

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

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

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

Flight medicine sick call

Sick call for patients of flight medicine only is 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday.

There are 30 minutes (longer if needed) allotted for each sick call, but arriving at the end of sick call may still delay regularly scheduled visits.

Patients arriving late to sick call will be asked to return at another time or schedule an appointment to minimize interference with patient visits that have already been scheduled. Patients arriving early may either wait in the lobby or return at the scheduled time.

For more information, call flight medicine at 6-4677.

New travel rules

Commercial air travel will be charged to individuals' government travel cards en lieu of orders beginning in October. This change will eliminate the need for members to bring orders to pay for temporary duty or permanent change of station air travel to the commercial

ticket office. Orders will still be required for Air Mobility Command rotators or if a member does not have a government travel card.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Bruce Warren at 6-1435.

Watch for runners!

Slow down and use caution when passing troops running or standing in formation on base. Be particularly observant during early morning and early evening hours for squadrons conducting physical training. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Polanco at 6-5537.

Monitoring monitors

Dyess people are reminded that when they log onto a government computer, the use of that computer constitutes consent to monitoring.

Unauthorized use of government computers can adversely affect an Air Force member's career.

For more information, call Capt. Tobias Len, Area Defense Counsel, at 6-3328.

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This week in
AIR FORCE HISTORY

Sept. 5 -- Two condemned naval vessels were sunk during Gen. "Billy" Mitchell's bombing tests in 1923.

Sept. 6 -- The first fragmentation bomb was tested in 1916.

Sept. 7 -- A new manned flight altitude record of 126,200 ft. was set by Capt. Iven Kincheloe flying the Bell X-2 in 1956.

Sept. 8 -- The first "Atlas F" operational missile squadron was installed at Schilling Air

Force Base, Kansas in 1962.

Sept. 9 -- Sgt. Duane Hackney became the first living enlisted man to receive the Air Force Cross in 1967.

Sept. 10 -- Major James Doolittle set a new world speed record averaging 294 mph over a 3 kilometer course in 1932.

Sept. 11 -- General Curtis LeMay was awarded the Hap Arnold Trophy and named Aerospace Man of the Year in 1964.

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CALENDAR*Today, Sept. 5, 2003*

Combined Federal Campaign/Homeland Defense Golf Tournament, 8:30 a.m. at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

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

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

Company Grade Officers Bowl For Kids Sake, at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-2861.

20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out, 6 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center.

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. 7, 2003

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

Monday, Sept. 8, 2003

Busted Putter/Busted Racquet, 1 p.m. at Diamondback Golf Course and Fairway Oaks in Abilene.

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

Dart night, at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003

Combined Phase I/Phase II exercise begins. For more info, see pages 14-15.

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003

Military retirees luncheon, noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-4980.

Civilian Partnership With Dyess meeting, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2960.

Airman Leadership School Class 03-G graduation, 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003

Patriot's Day

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

317th Airlift Group retreat ceremony

The Vietnam Wall Experience, through Sept. 14 at Nelson Park.

Upcoming events

Sept. 15 -- Combined Phase I/Phase II exercise ends.

Sept. 17 -- Wing Right Start at The Heritage Club.

Sept. 18 -- Dyess Top 3 meeting, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

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COMMUNITY



Cookie bus

The Cookie Bus will run during the upcoming Phase I/II exercise. Bring all baked goods to The Heritage Club drop-off point 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 7 and 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Sept. 8.

For more info, call Master Sgt. Mann at 864-1538.

Gate hours

- The Tye Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:50 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.
- The Maryland Gate is open to school pedestrians and construction vehicle traffic from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-6982.

'Tots' reading hour

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

For more information, call 6-2618.

Pool hours

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

Patrons can purchase pool passes at a reduced rate.

For more information, call 6-2402.

EDUCATION



History month

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

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



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Bingo!

Roy Elliott and Sarah, his wife of 47 years, enjoy a game of Bingo at The Hangar Center Sept. 2. The Hangar Center hosts a Bingo night every Tuesday evening.

Language testing

Spanish Language Proficiency testing will be done at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Dec. 9 at the base education office.

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

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

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

Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m.

Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

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

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

has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

After-hours and weekend authorizations for urgent, but non-emergency off-base care requires preauthorization 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.

MEDICAL



Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group

Cancer screenings

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

To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

OFF BASE



Texas Rangers

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

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

For more information, call 6-4179.

Fiesta Texas

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor. To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

Sea World

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

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

Disney discount

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering active duty military members complimentary five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Tickets, valid for admission to Disney's theme parks, water parks and more at the Walt Disney World Resort now through Dec. 19.

Active duty members may also purchase five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets for \$99 each for up to five family members or friends.

For more information, call (407) 939-7424.

Phase I/II begins

Exercise tests ability to deploy, fight

Dyess begins a Phase I/II exercise Tuesday.

The exercise is one of three the base will be performing to prepare for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in January.

The exercise tests the wing's ability to mobilize and deploy to a forward operating location and begin flying sorties. This exercise scenario will simulate the wing deploying to a (bare-base location) somewhere in the (Pacific theatre.)

While many base personnel have participated in Phase I/II exercises, base officials stress this exercise is unique.

"In contrast to previous exercises, we are using a 'run' philosophy versus a 'walk' philosophy -- less emphasis on training and more emphasis on evaluation," said Lt. Col. Brian Oakeley, 7th Bomb Wing plans and programs. "Each individual must be meticulous in his or her job, have up-to-date mobility requirements and possess knowledge of Ability to Survive and Operate guide procedures to make this exercise a success."

There are two separate stages to the exercise.

During Phase I, all deployable people and equipment identified will process and simulate deploying. The inspector general has tasked more than 350 tons of cargo and more than 500 people.

When Phase II begins, the wing will determine which people and equipment will be needed to execute the mission. These may not necessarily be the same as those processed during Phase I of the exercise and is not limited to the Phase I tasks.

During Phase II, "Base X," where the members have simulated deploying to, will be considered a notional base and does not represent any specific location. As a result, Base X is subject to a wide array of exercise inputs.

Another aspect of this exercise is the employment of Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations. Because of advances in knowledge about chemical warfare, the base can now be divided into X Chemical Zones/Ground Defense Sectors (see map). These areas may have different Mission Oriented Protective Posture levels based on their level of contamination from any simulated chemical strikes. This includes the use of transition points.

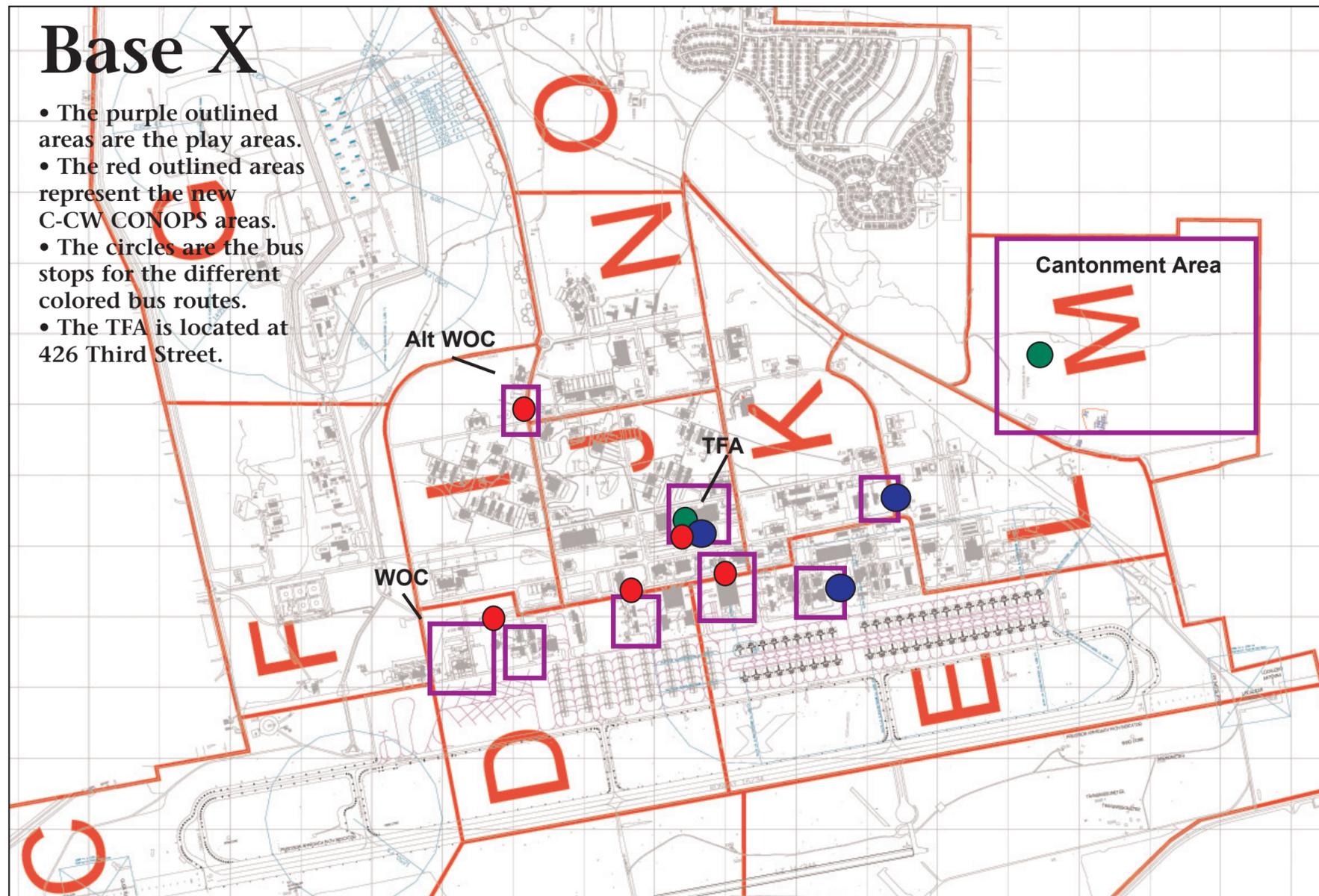
Participants in the exercise are also reminded:

- As per Air Combat Command's inspector generals' office, cell phone use is prohibited during Phase II.
- Individuals identified as not having a gas mask must carry a simulation letter provided by your unit.
- Host nation personnel must wear a letter "H" on their right breast pocket of their ground crew ensemble. The letter must be placed on two-inch wide green duct tape or masking tape.
- A new alarm condition, Alarm Green, will be added to the exercise.
- Alarm Red will be divided into two categories: Alarm Red Air and Alarm Red Ground.

Procedures for the alarm conditions are outlined in the Dyess' local ATSO guide. The guide is available online at

Base X

- The purple outlined areas are the play areas.
- The red outlined areas represent the new C-CW CONOPS areas.
- The circles are the bus stops for the different colored bus routes.
- The TFA is located at 426 Third Street.



wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7ces/flight/cex/dyessatso.htm. Paper copies of the local ATSO guide will be provided to all players before the start of Phase II.

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

For more information about the exercise or the inspection, people can go online to wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/7xp/exercise.htm or call the base plans and programs office at 6-1606.

C-CW CONOPS

Because of advances in knowledge about chemical warfare, the base can now be divided into X Chemical Zones/Ground Defense Sectors.

Transition Points are established between Chemical Zones to control entry to and exit from the different areas. These are the only authorized points by which a person may

transit a CZ.

At a TP, personnel can expect to see a sign showing the sector as well as the current MOPP level and the time of the last update.

When issued, reference the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness' locally developed ATSO guide for additional C-CW CONOPS guidance. This guidance will replace the current Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Vol. 4.

Field food services

The mobile kitchen trailer in the cantonment area will provide these meals at the following times:

- **Breakfast** -- Meals Ready to Eat will be handed out from 6 to 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$3.25.

- **Lunch** -- Hot meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.25.

- **Dinner** -- Meals ready to eat will be handed out from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3.25.

- **Midnight** -- Hot meals will be served from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$3.25.

The TFA during exercise

The toxic free area will be located in Bldg. 7008 at Third Street.

All deployed and host nation people must process through the TFA at the beginning of their shift and at the end of their shift. Participants must bring the following items for processing through TFA:

- Military identification card
- Dog tags
- Ability to Survive and Operate Guide
- Reflective belt
- Mask
- C-1 bag with chemical ground crew ensemble
- A-1 items, helmet, canteen full of water and web belt
- Line badge (if issued one)
- Simulated M8 paper booklet

Members will need the things listed above, but the TFA will only check ID cards and dog tags. Unit deployment managers will check the rest before the exercise starts to help streamline the process. Manning rosters will be used to ensure players process in and out of the play area.

No privately-owned vehicles are deployed to Base X. Parking will be to the west of the TFA.

People reporting to their duty sections will enter at the west side of the building. There will be people working in the area available to give assistance as needed.

After processing, they will exit the building from the north side and board a bus to the play area.

At the end of a shift, they will board a bus from their duty sections to the TFA and enter through the north side of the building.

For more information about the exercise activities or requirements for players, contact your unit deployment manager.

Shuttle bus service

The 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron will provide shuttle bus service during the base exercise. There will be red, blue and green routes beginning and ending at the toxic free area, located in Bldg. 7008 on Third Street.

The shuttles will go as follows:

- The **red shuttle** is a 29-passenger bus starting at the TFA. The route is about a 15-minute round trip.

The stops will be at wing operations center in Bldg. 4120; the control tower at Bldg. 4300; the manpower office at Bldg. 5003; and then the AWOC at Bldg. 6222.

- The **green shuttle** will only run during cantonment area shift changes. This shuttle is a 29-passenger bus starting at the TFA.

The primary route is about a 20-minute round trip. The shuttle's only drop off point will be at the entry control point of the cantonment area.

- The **blue shuttle** will be used for the main play area. It will have one 44-passenger bus and two 29-passenger buses. The route is about a 20-minute round trip.

The blue bus route will make stops for all maintenance people at Bldg. 5020; the vault at Bldg. 8031; supply at Bldg. 5280; and logistics readiness at Bldg. 8016.

- The munitions storage area shuttle will have prearranged runs during shift changes with a 44-passenger bus. During these runs, the route will take about 25 minutes.

Football tourney kicks off intramural season

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
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Can it be football season already?

The season, which doesn't traditionally kick off until October, began with a pre-season tournament Tuesday night between the teams that are already signed up for the upcoming season.

The single-elimination tournament offered players, coaches and referees the chance to fine-tune some of their skills while not having to worry about winning, losing or scoring points.

For some teams, showing up was enough.

"This pre-season tournament was a pretty good idea," said Brennan Vice, 317th Operations Support Squadron coach/player. Vice's team was rolled on 23-0 by the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron in the only game Tuesday night that was not a forfeit. "While obviously we have a lot to work on, it gave us a good idea of who is going to come out to our games and what exactly we need to fix."

The pre-season tournament will take a breather for next week's Phase I/II Operational Readiness Exercise but should conclude by Sept. 19.

The regular season will begin Sept. 22.

"We are hoping we can wrap up the playoffs



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Members of the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron celebrate after their team's victory over the 7th Security Forces Squadron during the flag football base championship last year.

before winter sets in, but it all really depends on Mother Nature," said Staff Sgt. David Paquin, 7th Services Squadron intramural sports coordinator.

The upcoming season promises some surprises as the effects of last year's wing re-organization are still being felt by the intramural community.

"Last year was a little different for us and it will continue to be interesting to see which teams come out as the best," Vice said. "Before the re-org, the bomb and airlift squadrons had the best teams in the league and everybody else just tried to catch up. Now those maintainers are all consolidated under aircraft maintenance squadron teams and (the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron) has also really come out strong in base sports.

Some perennial contenders are still in the mix, such as the 7th Security Forces Squadron, which lost in the base championship game last year. The 7th CES demonstrated that it has the depth and skill to challenge for a post-season berth this fall.

However, much like the pro league, predicting the base intramural flag football champion is like predicting the next time rain is going to fall in Abilene.

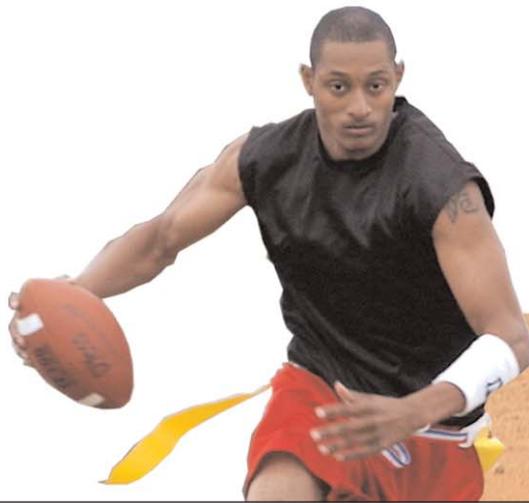
At press time, the winner of the pre-season tournament was still unknown.

Check next week's *Peacemaker* for full results.

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