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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Nov. 18

	Monthly	Flown	Current Status
	77	52	0
	41	26	+1
	62	35	-6

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: +13.3

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Weekend Weather



SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
Isolated Showers
High 70
Low 53



SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy
Isolated showers
High 52
Low 48

Weather courtesy of 7th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Nov. 10

	Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
	78%	69%

The Power of Green

Dyess wins national award for environmental stewardship

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess' 7th Civil Engineer Squadron was recently named a 2003 Green Power Partner of the Year Award winner. Dyess is the first federal installation to ever win this Green Power Leadership Award.

The Green Power Leadership Awards are a recognition program of the Green Power partnership -- a national program working to reduce the environmental impact of electricity generation by using green power sources such as wind energy, solar energy and biomass energy.

"It is a tremendous honor," said Tom Denslow, 7th CES base energy manager. "When we went to 100 percent wind energy this year, we were just doing our jobs."

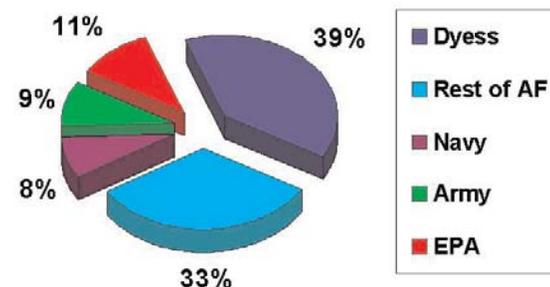
"Unbeknownst to us," Denslow added. "We made Dyess the nation's single leading wind-energy purchaser ahead of the city of Chicago -- representing almost 20 percent of the federal government's green power."

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Wind turbines such as these provide more than 78 million kilowatt hours of electricity to Dyess -- enough electricity to power an estimated 8,000 American households. All of Dyess' electrical power is now pollution-free.

Who is buying Renewable Energy in the United States?

Gigawatt Hr "Green" energy use '03



* National averages according to the Department of Energy

New tax relief program aids military, families

By K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Legislation signed by President George Bush on Nov. 11 increases the death gratuity payment to \$12,000 and provides that the full payment is tax-free.

That portion of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 is retroactive to Sept. 10, 2001, to provide for servicemembers who died in the terrorist attacks the following day and in the ongoing global war on terror, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton. She is the director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

"If you are killed on active duty, regardless of

whether you're in theater or in a training accident or die from disease, your family receives \$12,000 death gratuity that is not taxed," she said. "That's a big change. In addition, any future increases to the death gratuity will remain tax-free."

The tax act also provides for extra tax-filing time for servicemembers serving in contingency operations.

The act also includes modifying eligibility criteria of tax-exempt veterans organizations; tax-free treatment of homeowners' assistance program payments; suspension of tax-exempt status for designated terrorist organizations; and extension of victims' tax relief to astronauts who die on space missions.



This coming week is a time when Americans all over the world celebrate the wonderful life we live. Though life in the United States may not yet be perfect we're closer to it than any other society.

As we reflect on our good fortune, let's also use this coming week to remember our brothers and sisters who are still serving in dangerous hot spots around the world. Remember that your dedication --whether stateside, deployed or mobilized -- is key to our success of being defenders of liberty and guardians of hope!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came together to make the Blazin' in the Park a huge success. All the hard work was much appreciated!

This week in *Dyess History*



Nov. 23 -- Maj. Jim Adamski, 7th Bomb Wing director of staff, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1984.

Nov. 24 -- Chief Master Sgt. Robert Simpson, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, raised his right hand and enlisted into the Air Force in 1978. Simpson currently serves as Dyess Air Force Base's fire chief.

Nov 26 -- Air Combat Command News Service announced that the 7th Bomb

Squadron environmental flight was recognized as the top environmental flight for a small base in 1997. The flight was also praised for giving Dyess the honor of being named the top pollution prevention base in ACC and having the best natural resource management program in the command.

This week in Dyess history was compiled by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian.

Action Line

Safer bus stop?

Q I have a concern regarding the bus stop that my middle school-aged daughter uses every morning. The stop was changed to another location, and the new bus stop does not have adequate lighting. With winter on the way, there will be children waiting for a bus in an area that is overgrown with weeds and has no lights.

I contacted the bus transportation office and was told they couldn't change the location, because it was decided on by the base. I am worried that a child will eventually be injured at this bus stop.

A The bus stop that children normally use in your area is currently not accessible due to the closure of the west end of Virginia street. This closure was required in order to fence off the construction site. In the meantime, the bus picks the children up by the volleyball court on nearby Washington street. The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron has monitored the area since you voiced your concern. 7th CES determined that it is feasible to put an automatic timer on the volleyball court lights. The lights will now be on from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Additionally, two of the lamps will be turned so that they shine in the direction where children wait for the bus. This should improve the situation. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

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.

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.



Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

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Base exchange at 692-8996
Chapel at 6-4224
Civil engineering at 6-2253
Commissary at 6-2434 or 6-3610
Military equal opportunity at 6-4123

Inspector general at 6-3898
Base housing at 6-2150
TRI-Care at (800) 406-2832

Finance at 6-2274
Office of Special Investigations at 6-2296
Public Affairs at 6-2862
Safety at 6-5574
Security forces at 6-2131
Youth Center at 6-4797
Base operator at 6-3113
Child Development Center at 6-4337
Family Support Center at 6-5999
Area Defense Counsel at 6-4233



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'Cleared for takeoff'

Dyess Air Traffic Controllers among first to get state-of-the art simulator

By Capt. David May
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Seventy-two hours -- that was how long Master Sgt. Zef Smith, 7th Operational Support Squadron chief controller, and his flight chief had to convince Air Combat Command that Dyess was ready to be one of the first to receive the new Tower Simulator System.

The system is a state-of-the-art computer simulation with wrap-around panel views of the sights that air traffic controllers see from their vantage point in the base tower. The program simulates aircraft flying in and out of Dyess, taxiing, making radio calls and responding in real time to controllers just as in real life, making it a powerful training tool.

Getting it here proved to be a challenge, though, Smith said. Air Combat Command gave bases just three days to present a plan to receive and house the system.

"We just said, 'Slide everything off the desk, and let's figure out what we need to do, because we're not going to lose this thing,'" Smith said.

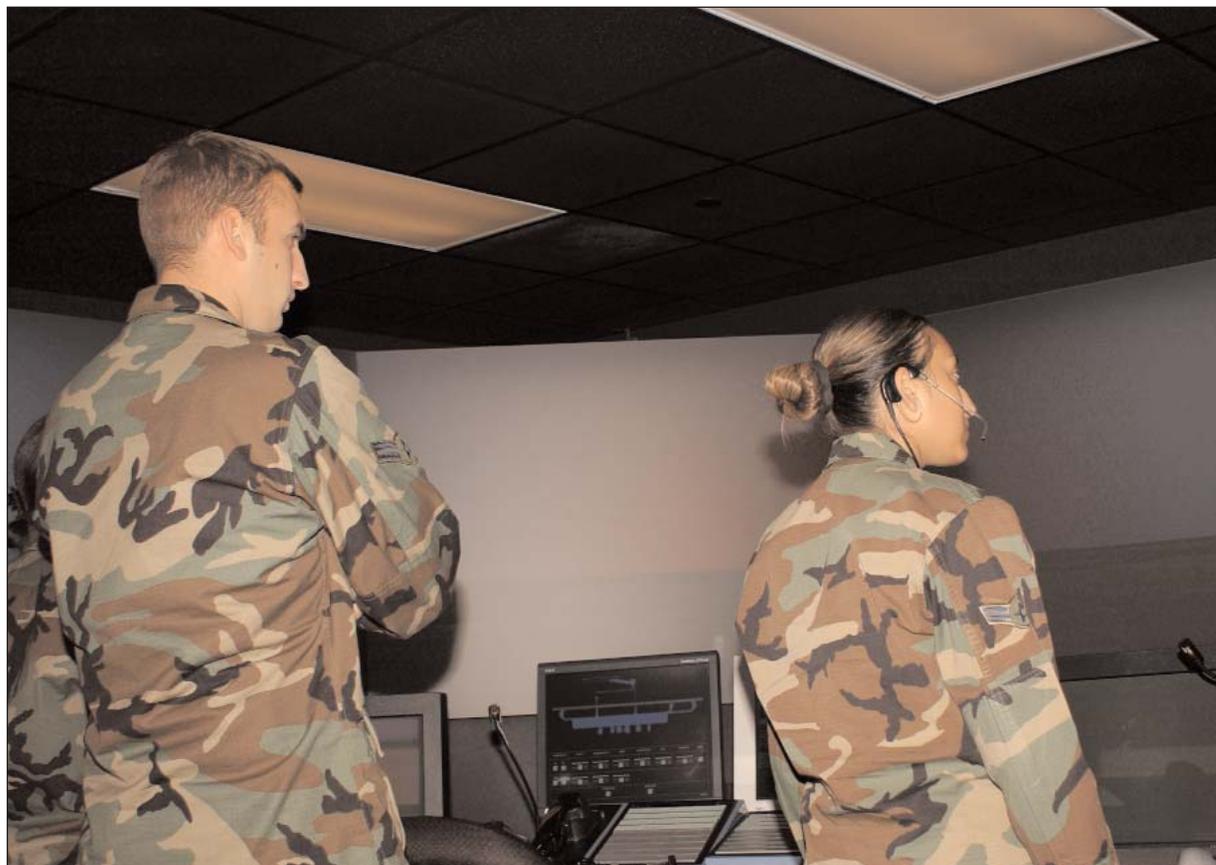
With help from the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, the small team outlined how they would accommodate a system that would need an entire room just to house.

"Billy Rich at CE did great work," Smith said. "The area (where it's now housed) was a conference room. We got our plans in place before the deadline and showed ACC we were serious."

Dyess was chosen to be the second location for the system, behind only Barksdale; ACC



Airman 1st Class Ryan Popescu, 7th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller loads a training situation into the tower's new simulator. The simulator allows users to control traffic in a number of different settings



Airman Aaron Walker

Airman 1st Class Defina Ortiz controls traffic while Airman 1st Class Ryan Popescu supervises. The airmen, both 7th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers, were using the new tower simulator to conduct training. Training a brand new air traffic controller normally takes nine months, but the new simulator is expected to cut initial training time by 20 to 30 percent.

also funded about \$36,000 of the needed modifications.

Smith credited Staff Sgt. Charles Bushong, 7th OSS controller, with doing much of the legwork to get the room ready and interfacing with the contractors after the Dyess selection. Because the team setting up the system was going to each base in order, having to return to a base would throw off the entire schedule.

"They (the contractors) said it was the best cutover they had ever had. (Bushong) made it easy for them to do their job," Smith said.

Nearly two months later, their work is beginning to pay off. With staff already learning to create intense scenarios and seven students currently in training, Smith hopes for his new controllers to be fully qualified much more quickly than in times past.

"Average training time for brand-new controllers from the time they arrive at Dyess until they are fully qualified is about nine months," he said. "We're hoping to cut that by 20 to 30 percent."

The simulator allows for shorter training

times by allowing the controllers to practice scenarios that in the past they may have waited weeks to see.

"We can simulate the C-130s doing their different approaches or the B-1s doing combat departures without having to wait for it to happen for real," said Smith.

Airman Delfina Ortiz has trained on the system several times and is excited about another aspect of it -- the ability to load runways and taxiways from other locations.

"We can learn another base before we even change duty stations," she said.

One of the people already familiar with the system is Airman 1st Class Ryan Popescu. A fully qualified ATC, Popescu is learning to create scenarios to help train the new students coming in.

"In tech school we had a prehistoric version of this thing," he said. "But the voice recognition is much better with this one."

He believes the simulator will help the new students early on in their training, but was hesitant about overstating its use.

"Nothing beats live traffic," he said.

Award

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According to Denslow, because of Dyess' tremendous purchase of 80 gigawatt hours of green power, the Department of Energy nominated Dyess for the award.

"No federal installation has won this award -- ever," Denslow said. "It has always been won by civilian organizations, companies and cities for example. But, the Department of Energy decided they should nominate us."

The Green Power Leadership awards are judged by the DoE as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Resource Solutions.

Of all the Green Power Leadership annual awards given, the Green Power Partner of the Year award is

considered the highest honor presented.

Dyess' successful purchase of renewable energy was the result of a competitively-awarded energy supply contract issued by the Defense Energy Support Center to the TXU Corporation, a Dallas-based utilities company.

The two-year contract, which began Jan. 1, supplies Dyess with electricity provided by wind turbines throughout Texas.

"This means that we now comply with the executive order 13123, requiring the federal government to be using a minimum 2.5 percent renewable energy by 2005," Denslow said. "Since we have exceeded the goal by 4,000 percent."

Due to Dyess' change to wind energy, the base has helped make Air Combat Command, headquarters Air Force, Department of

Defense and the federal government reach its energy conservation goals.

Denslow also points out that Dyess should be federally energy compliant for energy standards until approximately the year 2015.

Following utility deregulations across Texas in 2002, Dyess reevaluated its power concerns. Before deregulation, Dyess spent 7 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity and wind power currently costs 6.9 cents per kilowatt-hour. Despite the current dip in the cost of regular electric power, by switching to wind power Dyess has managed to keep its "electric bill" the same.

And, despite providing more than 78 million kilowatt hours of electricity to the base -- enough electricity to power an estimated 8,000 American households -- all of Dyess' electrical power is

now pollution-free.

"The benefits are far-reaching," Denslow said. "We have eliminated use of all pollution-making conventional electricity which negates the production of over 100 tons of nitrous oxides, 105 tons of sulphur dioxides and 5,800 tons of carbon dioxides per year. Further, it sets Dyess in front of all of the rest of the federal government and sets the bar for the rest to follow."

While Dyess' 100 percent renewable energy usage far exceeds the national standards, according to base energy officials the \$1.5 million wind power contract is only the beginning.

"Dyess has already set the bar way up there with innovative programs such as the effluent water project," Denslow said. "Everybody used to jump the bar at six feet -- well, now Dyess has set the bar to ten feet."

But, Denslow stresses that Dyess' success was not a single-handed victory at any level.

"We just keep getting further ahead of everyone else," Denslow said. "But, that is because we continue to receive tremendous support from people above like Mike Cintaro, the Air Force's Utilities Engineer, and from below meaning every individual person at Dyess."

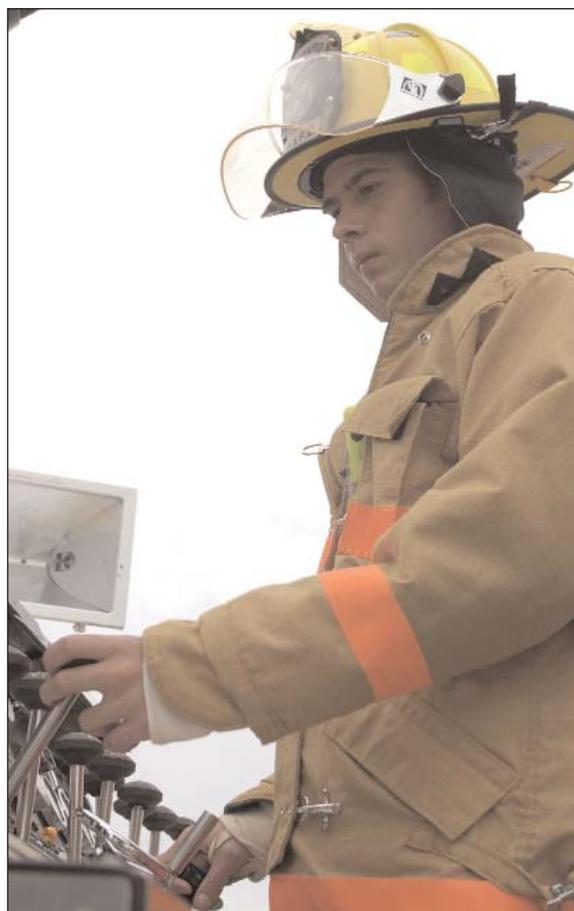
According to Green Power Partnership Program officials, since Dyess' switch to 100 percent wind energy, eight other Air Force bases have signed up with the Partnership as well as seven other Department of Defense installations in Texas.

The other three 2003 Green Power Partner of the Year winners are Johnson and Johnson Inc., the University of Pennsylvania and the city of Portland Ore.



Do your part, be water smart!

Local Advertisement

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Senior Airman
Heath Hammitt****Unit:** 7th Civil Engineer Squadron**Job description:** Firefighter**Time in the Air Force:** Three years
and four months**Time at Dyess:** Three years**Hometown:** New York**Family:** wife, Nicki; daughter,
Mackenzie**Job impact on the mission:** I am
ready at a moment's notice to drive and
operate firefighting vehicles in order to
provide fire protection to aircraft and
the base populace.**Career goal:** To continue being a fire-
fighter after separation from the Air
Force.**Best Air Force memory:** Fighting a
fire during Operation Iraqi Freedom on
an F-15 that was fully loaded with mis-
siles and ammunition. All the weapons
were detonating in the fire, but we con-
tinued fighting the fire to ensure the
pilot's safety.**Editor's note:** *The Dyess Warrior of the Week*
is selected by unit squadron commanders, first
sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron
basis.

Senior Airman Ryan Summers



Airman 1st Class Tim Bazar

Don't be a dummy**Airman 1st Class Patrick Maples, 314th Civil
Engineer Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base,
drags a mannequin during the 12th Annual World
Firefighter Combat Challenge in Ottawa Nov. 8.****Local Advertisement**

Leadership: what does it really take?

By Col. Schuyler Geller
7th Medical Group
commander

We have been blessed with great articles on leadership in the last few weeks. I shall attempt to comment adding my own minor inputs.

Leadership can be defined as the process, good or bad, of influencing a group towards a common goal.

Military leadership requires, in addition, a need for a sacrificial and personal "calling" to a higher image or ideal.

As Col. William Foote, 7th Mission Support Group commander stated recently, we all must be leaders if only of ourselves.

But how does this occur?

Is one "struck by lightning" or suddenly enlightened in a deontological vice existential trance?

No. It is one of the great myths that leaders are born or suddenly made. It is experience that makes leaders, but experience is the only teacher that gives you the test before the lesson.

In his leadership article, Col. Robert Dickmeyer, 7th Maintenance Group commander wrote of such costly tests and the grim price of failure. One might attempt to sit for all of the exams, but it is far better to learn from others' successful test-taking techniques.

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander spoke of vision and Col. Jeff Beene, 7th Operations Group commander spoke of example. I am a physician.

I became a physician because I observed a great

"I became a physician because I observed a great physician, my father, at work, and I admired and respected his accomplishments and human interactions as he went about his appointed rounds in the 1950s. I have tried, with varied success, my entire life to become as great a healer as he was. It was a lofty target but its height was its greatest attraction."



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Bennis and Nanus in Leaders stated that "(true) vision animates, inspires, and transforms purpose into action. The first thing you naturally do is teach the person to feel that the undertaking is manifestly important and nearly impossible." My father was a master at creating the vision and setting the professional example.

Many of you may not be so fortunate as to have had such an example at the head of the dinner table most nights.

That is of no matter. Examples setting lofty visions abound and should

be found in your senior non-commissioned officers and officer leadership in your workplaces. Moreover, there are centuries of examples free for the price of a library card or now, one might just digitally "Google" it for full-text versions of great writings from your desktop.

I would suggest to you that great leaders voraciously devour all good works for their edification.

"We are what we eat." If you eat high-glycemic index carbohydrates like simple sugar-laced junk foods, you will become fat and sluggish.

If you read or watch trash, the same results occur, but to your mind instead.

Two short reads that I suggest are Robert Burns' Advice to a Young Friend and William Wordsworth's Ode to the Happy Warrior.

Much is said in a few short lines of honor and duty and the nature of

man. Unfortunately, studying the lessons before the tests as I have suggested will only affect your thoughts, beliefs and/or feelings.

Frank Outlaw's poem Quote me on it -- about thoughts becoming words, words becoming deeds, deeds becoming habits, habits becoming character and character becoming our destiny is where the rubber meets the road -- our behavior.

Only in our behavior will our destiny be manifest and measurable. It is in our behavior that we will know our mission completion rate and how often and accurately we can lay iron on target. Even the accusations in Revelations against each of the seven churches began not with, "I know thy thoughts," but rather the phrase, "I know thy works."

And, don't dwell upon the fact that those works are not perfect, as Col. Richard Johnston, 317th

Airlift Group commander's article states, but don't be guilty of Laodiceanism, show some passion about your works.

It is a fact of human nature that we all can say what Paul said of himself in Romans 7:15 about not practicing what he would like for he had come to know that mere knowledge was not enough. If you want to just seek any source of knowledge it might just as easily contain nothing but dark, depressing thoughts about alienation and hopelessness -- sort of like watching 24-hour news channels.

If you seek to be uplifted, understand that we all need active examples in our lives that we want to believe in and trust. "Trust is the emotional glue that ties leaders and followers together" (Bennis and Nanus) and you instinctively know who you will trust.

The leaders you want to emulate are those that perform with a sense of urgency and excellence demonstrating mastery in their area of expertise.

They maintain good order and discipline in their lives on- and off-duty while judging others in acquiescence to Portia's plea for justice tempered with mercy (Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene 1) and act everyday as though their job makes the difference in the success or failure of their respective squadron, group or wing's mission -- for all are necessary and true.

Read about and observe good examples; then, lesson absorbed, step out and take the test.



Mentoring is developed as 'iron sharpens iron'

By Col. Jeffrey Beene

7th Operations Group commander

Solomon, a man known for his great wisdom, wrote some of the earliest thoughts on mentoring.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Mentoring, just like a blacksmith crafting a sword, is the personal, deliberate interaction between a person interested in molding the character of another.

Practically, the best way for me to describe mentoring is to reflect upon the man I consider to be my first mentor.

Col. Cribbs was my "housemaster" in high school. The "house" system in my high school was a collection of six houses, three boys and three girls, each named for great Americans. All four classes were in the same large room to start the day and for other special occasions such as pep rallies. Seniors were in charge and everyone looked up to them. In Thomas A. Edison House, our housemaster, Col. Cribbs, was the most respected -- almost legendary. He had enlisted in the Navy in World War II. He eventually served in the Marines. Later, he earned a commission in the Army Air Corps and ultimately became a career airman when the Air Force became a separate service in 1947.

Following an impressive military career, Col. Cribbs became a school teacher in my hometown of Cleburne, Texas. A man committed to his country and his family, all four of his children were raised with a desire to serve. One son became a fireman. One son an Air Force pilot. One son a career Marine officer, and his daughter is an Air Force brigadier general serving on the Joint Staff. Countless kids in my hometown were influenced by his personal involvement, or mentoring -- successful military officers, NCOs, doctors, lawyers and just plain great citizens.

I became a protégé (mentoree) of Col. Cribbs as a freshman in his physical science class. I knew there was something about him -- his reputation, his character -- that motivated me to learn from him. He was not a soft guy -- gruff in appearance and always tough in expectations and discipline. But, he cared about young people, and all of us respected him.

At some point, I shared my desire with Col. Cribbs to serve in the Air Force and to try and attend the Air Force Academy. That's all it took to start the "sharpening" process and a mentoring relationship. He took a sincere personal interest in me -- a key mentoring element. From what I should study, to what I should do to pursue my dream, he counseled me. Often, he would share personal "war stories" and life experiences.

Eventually, I went to work for him on his farm where he continued to teach, train and counsel. An investment of time, yes, but mostly a sincere interest in helping me realize my potential. This is mentoring, and anyone can do it -- in their family, at work, as a citizen or as a professional.

As airmen, we all need a mentor and need to be a mentor. To develop airmen -- one of our core competencies -- requires mentorship. The good news is there is nothing difficult about it. There are resources to help you such as AFI 36-4301, but basically it just takes a sincere desire to help someone develop mission, professional and personal skills -- just like Col. Cribbs did for me.

If you're a supervisor, think about not only what it means to lead but what it means to mentor your airmen. For everyone, look to your supervisor and respected peers for the mentorship you need to develop. Don't hesitate to ask that person for some personal time. Any airman worth his salt will be more than happy to talk and work with you.

As you reflect over the next several weeks on this special series of leadership and mentorship articles, I encourage you to challenge yourself to become a better leader and mentor. In your quest to develop as an airman and to develop airmen, expect to do something great for your nation and your Air Force.

Tobacco users have new, easier way to quit

Story and photo by
Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Want to quit using tobacco products but don't have time to attend smoking cessation classes?

The American Lung Association has the answer -- 1-800-548-8252.

This toll-free number patches callers through to a certified registered nurse or respiratory therapist who help tobacco users build a personalized treatment plan, schedule therapy or just discuss their cravings.

In the past, Dyess people who had the desire to try to quit smoking had to sign up to take a four-week course at the Health and Wellness Center. Dyess no longer offers the smoking cessation classes on-base, and has instead begun recommending the hotline to people who wish to quit, said Maj. Eileen Loflin, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron.

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have to miss any duty time attending classes," she said. "People have been telling me they like the convenience of not having to go to class."

The program seems to be working flawlessly so far. Within the first two weeks, 25 people enrolled. That is more than the entire number enrolled for smoking cessation classes all of last year, Loflin said.

It works like this -- first, the person desiring to quit smoking calls the toll-free number between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. They get the opportunity to speak with a registered medical professional. After evaluating the individual circumstances, the specialist sets up a treatment plan for the caller and they get the flexibility of calling whenever they need to talk during the set hours.

The best part is that it is free, said Michael Mark, American Lung Association call center manager.

"This service is completely free of charge to anyone who has the desire to quit," Mark said. "The only costs a person may incur are if

the person requires therapy or medication."

When a person has a craving, they call the center and speak to a representative.

"We let people do most of the talking when they initially call us," Mark said. "Usually by talking about their problems, they can come up with their own solutions. Also, once they begin talking, their craving usually disappears."

The professional at the ALA understand the dangers and difficulties of tobacco use and want to help people break their habit, Mark said.

"The time to quit is now," he said. "The longer a person smokes, the more they become at risk for health problems later on down the road."

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317 MXS increases output, safety with new stands

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

The 317th Maintenance Squadron recently began saving time and increasing safety with the implementation of a new set of isochronal repair stands.

The stands are used for the inspection, maintenance and repair of the Dyess C-130 fleet. There are only two other sets of such stands in the Air Force, and none more advanced than the ones now in use at Dyess.

"These stands allow us to bring in C-130s once a year to patch them up and keep them flying for another year," said Capt. Gerald Gallegos, 317th MXS flight commander. "We take care of any structural cracks and the like, then send them back into the fight fully repaired."

The stands were inspected by Lt. Gen. Baker, Air Mobility Command vice commander, during a base visit Nov. 13. The general toured the maintenance squadron and the fuel hangars and also conducted a vice commander's call.

"(Baker) was impressed by the work the 317th MXS has already done with our previous resources," said Capt. Dereck Barnes, 317th MXS maintenance operations officer. "He commended the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop for



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Staff Sgt. Arno Gretillat explains C-130 engine inspection to Lt. Gen. John Baker, Air Mobility Command vice commander during a tour of the 317th Airlift Group Thursday. Baker also inspected the 317th's new isochronal repair stands during his visit to the base.

their outstanding work as well."

The procurement, design and construction of the new stands took nearly three years, but 317th Airlift Group officials said they are eager to see the time and safety benefits the upgrade will bring.

"The old stands had to be broken down and reassembled for each aircraft they serviced," Gallegos said. "The new stands are contoured to the body of the C-130 and require no such extra

work. That saves us about 12 hours a day just in equipment maintenance."

The new stands should also greatly reduce work-related injuries. The old stands often had faulty brakes, substandard construction and other critical problems, 317th AG officials said.

"I feel like these new stands are a step in the right direction," said Senior Airman Robert Larson, who broke his leg working on the old stands three years ago.

Local Advertisement

Base Marines collect toys for area children

By Airman 1st Class
Kiley Olds
Dyess Public Affairs

While most children celebrate the holidays by opening presents on Christmas morning, other less fortunate children may not share that same joy and excitement this year.

The local Marine Corps Reserve is working to see that they do. Their Toys for Tots program in partnership with the Abilene Salvation Army helps ensure that area children in the Big Country who might not receive a gift will be able to do so this Christmas. They are collecting donated new and unwrapped toys until Dec. 23 at various locations.

"Nothing is more important to a young child than a toy at Christmas time," said Marine Staff. Sgt. Allen



The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program accepts toys and monetary donations to purchase new and unwrapped toys for less fortunate children who may not receive anything this holiday season. Volunteers help collect donations as well as distribute the toys at the Abilene Civic Center Dec. 20, 21 and 22.

Lipson, Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program coordinator. "Imagine what it would feel like if there was nothing under the Christmas tree. This program provides hope for these children who might not have anything else this Christmas."

So far this year, Toys for

Tots has raised more than \$300 and collected more than 6,000 toys with an ultimate goal of 20,000 toys by the end of the donation period. Last year the program raised about \$3,600 and collected more than 16,000 toys, Lipson said.

"The national average of

donated toys distributed through this program is two per child," he said. "The Big Country has such a big heart and does so much that -- with their support -- we are able to exceed the national average and give each child an average of four toys."

On base, toys can be

dropped off at the Dyess Child Development Center or at the Marine Corps Detachment. In Abilene, the Toys for Tots program has a variety of locations where people can drop off their toy donations such as the Fire Department, the Police Department and city hall, Lipson said.

All donations to Toys for Tots will be distributed at the Abilene Civic Center Dec. 20, 22 and 23 by program volunteers, he said.

For more information about donations or volunteering for the Toys for Tots program, call Lipson at 6-5850, ext. 1032, or visit the Marine Corps detachment building.

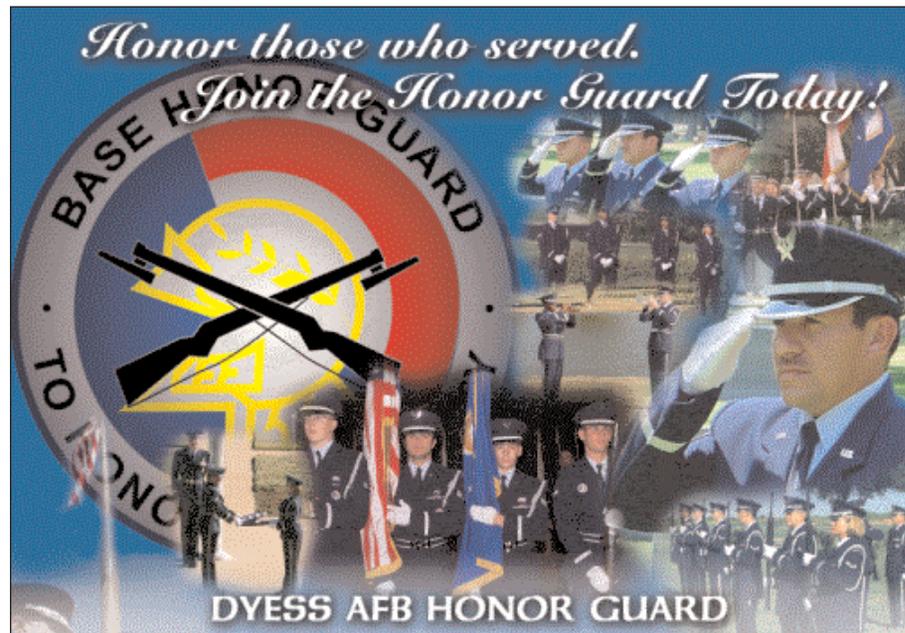
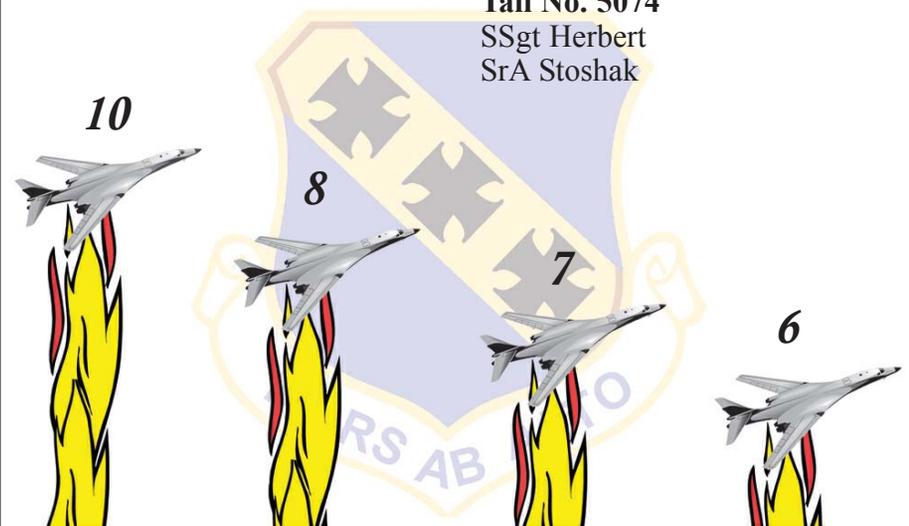
Families interested in receiving a donated toy may visit the Abilene Salvation Army to pick up an application which determines program eligibility.

Most On-Time Takeoffs

Nov. 1-19

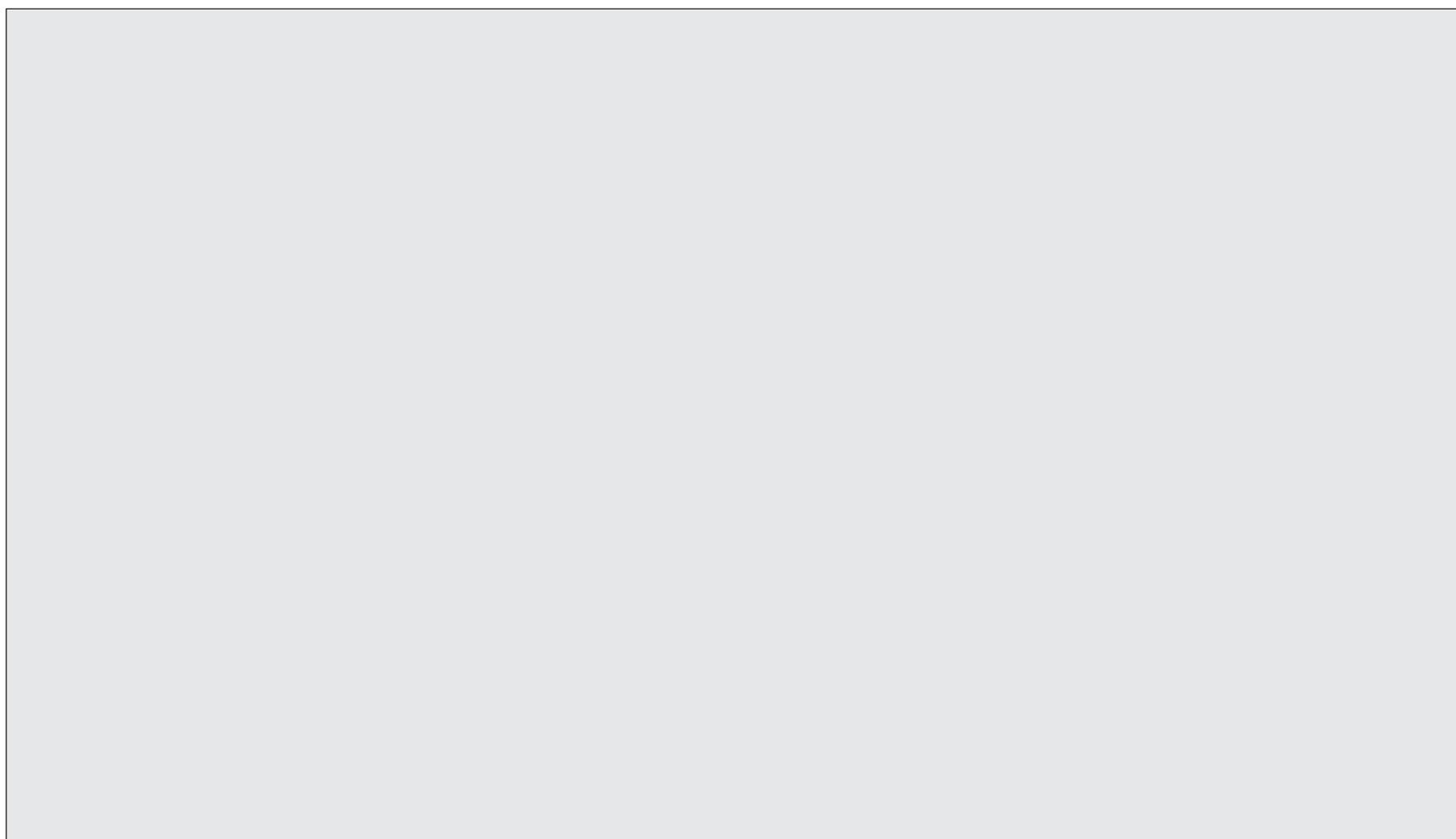
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Suicide, violence prevention

Suicide and violence in the workplace prevention training is mandatory for all active duty and civilian members once every 15 months. Briefings will be held at the base theater on Dec. 10 at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Check with your unit training manager to ensure you are current on training.

For more information, call Staci Vileta at 6-5499.

Traffic construction update

Motorists driving from the 7th Medical Group clinic can't make a left turn from Louisiana Road to exit the main gate

The 7th Security Forces Squadron has barricaded the former left turn lane and posted a sign prohibiting the turn. All traffic must turn right.

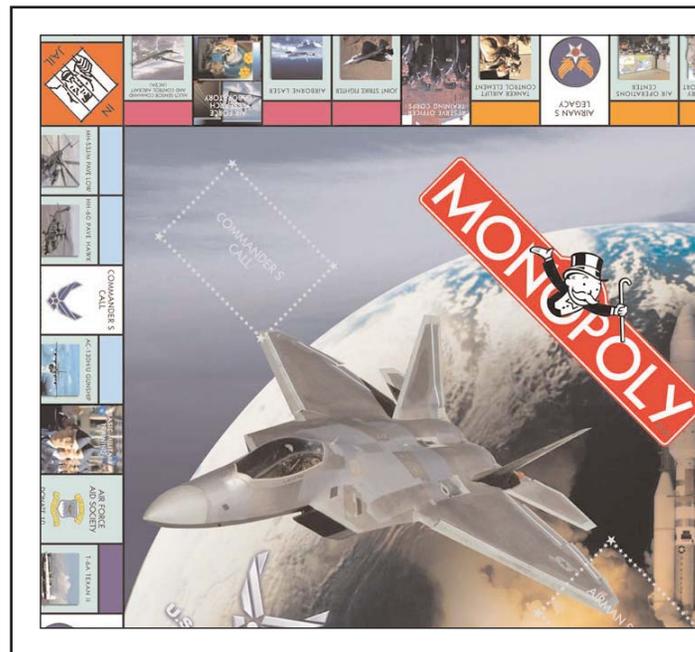
For more information, call 6-2131.

Gate hours

- **The Tye Gate** is open from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **The Delaware Gate** is open for housing residents only from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:50 to 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



Air Force 'Monopoly'

Air Force Edition Monopoly will be available at the Dyess base exchange Dec. 1. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary wings. Players can navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-2 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III

from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m., and 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-2131.

Flu shots

The flu vaccine is available base-wide as long as supplies last. Flu shots can be received from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the immunization clinic.

For more information, call 6-8538.

Base stickers to be renewed

Dyess vehicle's with an "03" sticker need to re-register before it expires in January with the Squadron pass and registration office

For more information, call 6-3088.

Peacemaker submissions

To submit a news brief for the *Peacemaker*, e-mail it to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil the Thursday prior to the week of publication.

Service hours

Medical

Dyess clinic -- 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday

Dining facilities

Longhorn -- Breakfast 6 to 8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dinner 4 to 7 p.m., Midnight 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mon-Fri. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Midnight 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sat and Sun.

Fitness

Dyess fitness center -- 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat-Sun.

Customer service

Military Personnel Flight -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

Finance -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri

Legal -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. Walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays

Notaries, powers of attorney: walk-ins from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

To advertise your hours in the *Peacemaker*, e-mail peacemaker@dyess.af.mil or call 6-4375.

Dyess Chapel



Chapel schedule

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

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

Jewish: For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149.

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

Scouting for food

Boy Scout troop and Cub Scout packs 296 will be scouting for food for Operation Warm Heart 9 a.m. Saturday in base housing for needy Dyess airmen and their families.

The scouts will only collect unopened, non-perishable food items. To donate, place food items in a bag that can be seen from the street outside your home.

For more information, call 6-1739.

Cookie Donations Needed

The Dyess first sergeants are requesting donations of cookies to pass out to airmen in the dorms and to send to deployed members.

Drop-offs will be between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 4 and 5 and between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 7 at The Heritage Club. All types of cookies, store-bought or home-made, are welcome.

For more information, see any Dyess first sergeant or call Tonya Harencak at 793-1222.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments can be taken from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month.

Craft Skills hours

The Dyess Crafter's Haven Skills

CALENDAR



Today, Nov. 21, 2003

7th Medical Group retreat, 5 p.m. at the base traffic circle.

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003

Fall Classic Paintball tournament, 9 a.m. at the Dyess paintball fields. For more info, call 6-2402.

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, Nov. 23, 2003

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

Monday, Nov. 24, 2003

Holiday kickoff, 5:30 p.m. at the chapel. For more info, call 6-4224.

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

Monday Night Football Frenzy, 8 p.m. at The

Development Center has extended business hours to include all Monday's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 6-8203.

Tree lighting ceremony

The Dyess Chapel will conduct the annual Christmas tree and Menorah lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Monday in front of the chapel.

For more information, call 6-4224.

Observance month committees

The military equal opportunity office is looking for volunteers to join committees for upcoming observance months.

The upcoming months are Black History Month in February, Irish History Month in March, Jewish Observance Month in April, and Asian Pacific Islander Month in May.

It is highly encouraged to have a diversified group of volunteers interested in any or all of the observances. People interested in joining committees do not have to be of any specific descent.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melinda Edwards at 6-4226.

Cancer screenings

The 7th Medical Group Women's Health Clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for Tri Care Prime patients.

For more information, call the 7th MDG Women's Health Clinic at 6-5432.

Hangar Center and The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003

Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Hangar Center. For more information, call 6-2405.

Turkey Trot 5K run, begins in front of the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

Abilene firefighter appreciation, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the chapel. For more info, call 6-4224.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003

Happy landings, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003

Thanksgiving

Upcoming events

Nov. 28 -- Family day

Nov. 29 --- Grapevine Mills shopping trip

Dec. 1 -- SNCO/NCO induction ceremony

Dec. 2 -- Ethics forum

Dec. 14 -- Phase I/II begins

228 YEARS YOUNG

LOCAL MARINES CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE CORPS

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

Hundreds of U.S. Marines stormed the Heritage Club Saturday to celebrate the 228th birthday of "The Corps."

"This is a tremendous evening," said Marine Chief Warrant Officer, Carlos Descehne, 1st Direct Support Platoon commander. "It offers us a chance to celebrate the proud heritage and traditions of the Marine Corps."

The evening's celebration began with a social hour. As new acquaintances were made and old friends caught up with each other, attention was sounded and the birthday ceremony began.

After the posting of the colors, the Marine Corps birthday cake was ceremonially escorted in and the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael Hagee's birthday message was read.

Following the birthday message, the cake cutting ceremony began and Marine Chief Warrant Officer Bradley McCoy cut the cake. The first pieces of the cake were then served to the youngest Marine, Lance

Cpl. L.D. Knox and oldest Marine, Master Sgt. B.S. Strickland in attendance at the ceremony.

Once the ceremony was complete, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. of the Marines Corps, David Sommers took the stage.

He spoke to the audience about what it meant to him to serve in the military.

As part of his speech, he retold a favorite "war" story about two friends who both joined the Marine Corps and served together in Vietnam.

As the story unfolded, their squad of Marines were crossing a rice paddy when one of the friends was shot during a surprise attack. As the Marines' took cover against the enemy fire, one Marine tried to leave cover to rescue his friend, but was pulled back. Again, he tried and was pulled back and warned not to try to save his friend -- it was too late to save him. Moments later, through a rain of bullets, the Marine leapt from cover and raced to his fallen comrade. Scooping up his friend, he turned and launched them both for the safety of cover, but he was hit by enemy fire. Although wounded, he tried to continue and was shot a second time. Despite his second wound, the Marine continued to drag his friend inches closer to safety when he was shot a third time.

Moments later, the wounded Marines were pulled into their squad's covered position. When the medic announced that the first Marine was already dead and began working on the one who went back for him, the ranking officer asked the young man why he had risked such a dangerous and worthless action.

The young Marine replied, "It was worth it. It was worth



Marine Sgt. Maj. David Sommers, speaks to those in attendance at the Marine Corps birthday ball, Saturday.

it, because with his last breath he said, 'I knew you would come.'"

It was this message of brotherhood in service and to America that we all represent, Sommers said.

Sommers then had veterans in attendance stand and be recognized for their service to their country. He also turned the floor over to veteran and good friend, retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Troy Hensley, who spoke about some of his personal thoughts on serving his country.

While the ceremony and birthday celebration were honoring the Marine Corps, many other servicemembers found the evening's events special.

"This is just awesome," said Army Sgt. Huard Harral. "This is the first time I have celebrated the Marine Corps birthday, but I feel motivated. It just goes to show that it doesn't matter what uniform you wear, we are all red, white and blue underneath."

"This evening has been just wonderful," agreed Tech. Sgt. Arthenia Temple. "It is so full of

spirit and meaning. I really like the way the guest speaker recognize the veteran's in the room. I especially loved the heart-felt story he told -- when he said 'I knew you would come,' it gave me chills. More Air Force people should support events like this."

As with many birthdays, the birthday party itself began after the dinner was over.

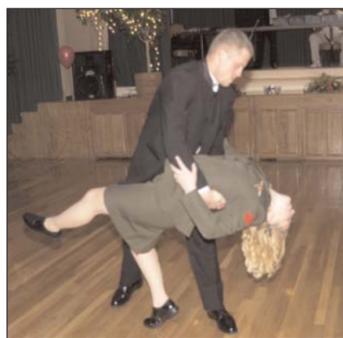
Birthday party-goers had access to karaoke, two dance floors with disc jockeys and a photographer.

While the celebration represented the 228th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, to many in attendance it represented the honoring of the tradition and the heroes who choose to devote their lives to America -- the men and women of the U.S. military.

"I think tonight is fantastic -- the camaraderie between the services the brotherhood of America's servicemembers," said retired Marine 1st Sgt. Michael Walker, director in training at S.W.A.T. "God bless the Corps and God Bless our nation."



Above: Marine Chief Warrant Officer, Bradley McCoy cuts the Marine Corps birthday cake during a ceremony Saturday honoring the 228th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Right: Many Marines attending the birthday ceremony enjoyed activities such as dancing. Below: Marine Lance Cpl. Efrén Gonzalez, left, Marine Sgt. Brad Livingston, center, and Marine Lance Cpl. Mike Sanchez croon some Karaoke tunes at the Marine Corps birthday celebration, Saturday.



Marine Gunnery Sgt. Monte Carroll, reads aloud the Marine Corps birthday message from the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael Hagee, as part of the 228th Marine Corps Birthday ball ceremony, Saturday.



Marine Sgt. Francisco Martinez prepares the ceremonial sword before the birthday cake cutting ceremony begins.

CMS crushes SVS 20-6 in intramural football action

Story and photos by
Senior Airman
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Dyess Public Affairs

Showing pass, Frank Vandevander tucked the ball and exploded forward scrambling quickly through the defensive line into the end zone for the two-point conversion -- sealing the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron's undefeated record and victory over the 7th Services Squadron, 20-6.

Taking control of the game from the start, Vandevander fired a quick 25-yard strike to James Yerger who put the CMS crew on the scoreboard and into a 6-0 lead after a dropped extra-point attempt.

Taking the field, the 7th SVS offensive machine stuttered on their first few plays. But, after a 60-yard juggling catch by Bryan Powell, Services caught momentum and scored on a precision play to James Lind.

The CMS defensive did not roll

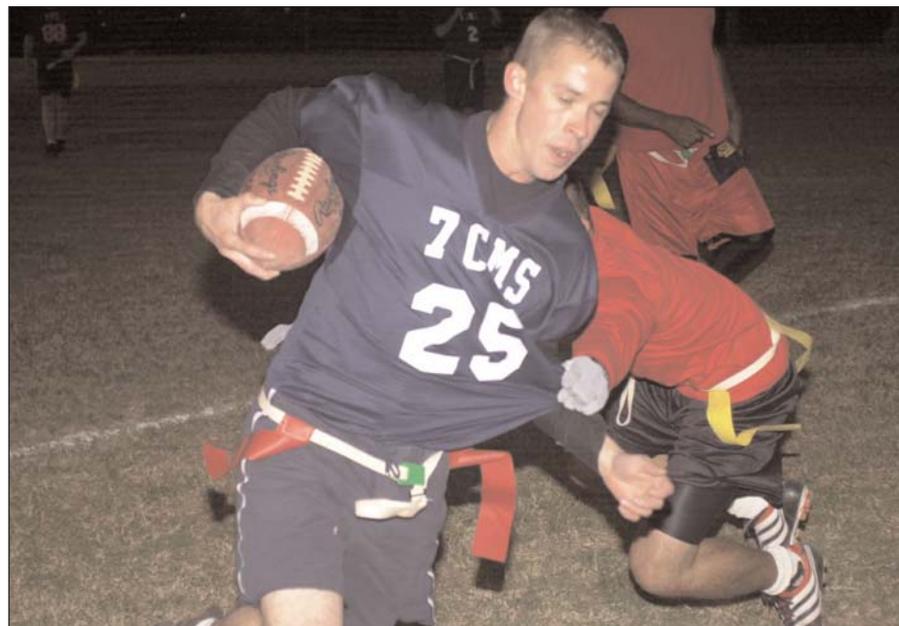
over, however, and Isaac Guerra sacked Powell on the extra point try.

Unable to pick up enough yardage, the CMS offense turned the ball over at mid-field and let their "Big D" take over.

SVS went for it on fourth down, but Michael Forester powered through the offensive line sacking SVS quarterback Lamars Sales -- ending the drive and, giving CMS team possession with good field position.

With the momentum back on their bench, CMS dumped a short pass to David Hammond. Hammond danced along the sideline, evading SVS defenders for a 30-yard scramble and put another six on the board. Despite his best moves and a drive toward the end zone, CMS' Quincy McGill was stopped inches from scoring the 2-point conversion.

Down again, Powell took the helm for the SVS squad. Stretching out the defense, Powell's cannon-like arm began unloading the deep ball, but the



David Hammond, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, scrambles away for a 30-yard gain as his team thumped the 7th Services Squadron 20-6 in intramural football Tuesday.

cannon proved to be too powerful, overthrowing several passes including one 60-yard bomb.

While CMS's defense was forced to stretch, it didn't break and McGill made a leaping pick and

20-yard return to give possession back to his offensive crew. After the turnover, CMS decided to try a little razzle-dazzle with a reverse.

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Local Advertisement

Sports Shorts

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot 5K walk/run is Tuesday in front of the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

The winner in each category will win a turkey donated by the fitness center and a two-day pass. Anyone finishing the run in 17 minutes or less will receive a two-day pass from the wing commander.

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

Intramural sports

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons are now underway.

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

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

- The intramural flag football games begin at 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

For more information, contact

the sports and fitness center at 6-4306. the HAWC at 672-6565.

Outdoor rec winter hours

Outdoor recreation is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

Paintball guns

Outdoor recreation has paintball guns for sale. Special orders are available.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

Massages

Massages are available at the Health and Wellness center.

One hour and half hour full-body massages are available as well as a 15 minute chair massage.

For more information, call

Youth classes

The Dyess Youth Center is offering cheerleading, gymnastics and Kajukenbo classes.

For more information, call the youth center at 6-4797.

Football frenzy

Monday Night Football Frenzy is at the Hangar Center each Monday.

Prizes are available for club members.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2405.

Paintball tournament

The Fall Classic Paintball tournament begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Dyess paintball fields.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

Sports submissions

Submit *Sports Shorts* news briefs to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil or call 6-4300.




Hey Sports Fans!



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about scores and standings, call
the fitness center at 6-4306.



Football

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The SVS defense wasn't fooled at all and busted the play. Then Hammond used some razzle-dazzle of his own, bouncing through the swarming defense to the 5-yard line. With 49 seconds remaining in the half, CMS went with an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" attitude and put the ball back into Hammond's hands on a 5-yard touchdown reception. Using the "Hammond scoring threat," Vandevander pumped faked to Hammond and scrambled into the end zone for two.

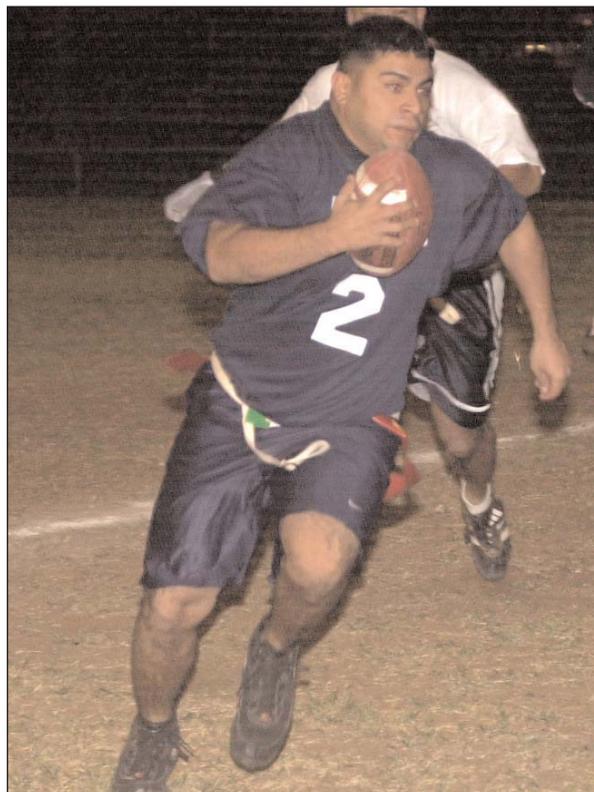
Down by two scores, Powell went on another offensive bombing run, pounding the CMS passing defense like a howitzer. Unfortunately, between dropped balls and a couple of penalties, the SVS team was forced to turn the ball over with time still on the clock.

Using the remaining first-half seconds, CMS tried the long ball to squeeze in one more score, but SVS David Paquin, pulled down a goal line interception to end the half.

As the second half got under way, both teams focused their offensive and defensive game plans.

While both teams moved the ball with solid offensive gains, neither defense allowed any points to be added.

Late in the second half, CMS began pulling



Issac Guerra, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, intercepts a pass during his team's 20-6 rout of 7th SVS Tuesday night.

out all the stops and surged deep into SVS territory.

With only a few minutes left, CMS's new

quarterback, Joe Vojtasek marched the team downfield and took another shot at the end zone with a smoking pass to Hammond. Unfortunately, the pass was batted by Paquin and the ball wobbled crazily in the air until a focused Hammond made a reaching, falling, bobble-catch in the end zone for another CMS score.

The CMS cheers quickly turned to groans of disappointment when the referee's penalty flag hit the ground cancelling out the score. SVS swarming defense then quickly shutdown the CMS offense on their remaining downs.

With the ball back in their possession and the two-minute warning being sounded, SVS brought Sales back to the QB slot. Marching the SVS machine down the field, it looked as though a comeback was in the works until CMS' McGill picked off another pass at mid-field.

On CMS' first play, Sales returned the favor with his own pick and another shot at leading SVS to a comeback victory. SVS did move the ball, but the CMS defense managed to hold them off until the final gun sounded a 20-6 CMS victory.

"We did pretty well tonight," said Anthony Stewart, CMS coach. "We have enough talent on this team that we should be able to win it all. But, we still have a few big games ahead so we are just going to concentrate on playing well."

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card, but may sponsor guests. 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.

Nov. 21

Intolerable Cruelty -- *George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones* -- A divorce lawyer (George Clooney) frames the wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones) of a client so that he can get out of his marriage without a settlement. She vows revenge by planning to marry the lawyer and then divorce him for a large settlement. Things start to spark in all directions when she actually begins to fall for him.

Rated PG-13 (*sexual content, language and brief violence*)

Nov. 22

Under the Tuscan Sun -- *Diane Lane, Raoul Bova* -- A recently divorced American writer (Diane Lane) is fed up with her job goes on vacation in Italy. When she decides to stay she eventually finds a more rewarding life and a new chance at love.

Rated PG-13 (*sexual content and language*)

Nov. 28

Good Boy -- *Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken* -- A young boy (Liam Aiken) adopts a dog but gets more than he bargained for when the dog turns out to be an intergalactic traveler who has come to Earth to investigate why his fellow canines have given up their mission to colonize the planet.

Rated PG (*mild crude humor*)

Nov. 29

Beyond Borders -- *Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen* -- A philanthropist socialite (Angelina Jolie) falls for a medical student turned international disaster relief worker (Clive Owen). Over the course of several encounters, disasters and wars, their romance gradually blossoms. When he disappears and is thought captured by foreign enemies, she undertakes a dangerous mission to locate him.

Rated R (*language and war-related violence*)



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