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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Jan. 14

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
88	36	+2
39	15	+3
72	28	+4

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: +40.5

Source: 7th Operations Group

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As of: Jan. 13

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	67%

7th MDG wins ACC award for best facility

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The 7th Medical Group recently sewed up honors as the best medical treatment facility in Air Combat Command for customer service and patient service innovations.

"For us, (this award) is a vindication for the way we have chosen to go about doing business," said Col. Schuyler Geller, 7th MDG commander. "We are being recognized for taking some chances, doing business a little differently than other people and we are being rewarded for what we have been able to achieve with our movement to Open Access."

Open Access was among many factors that led to the clinic's award. The program is a transition to a mission-driven customer focus, Geller said. Open Access is an initiative that satisfies acute medical requests within four hours and routine requests within 32 hours.

"These efforts catapulted the 7th MDG above all other ACC medical treatment facilities in customer service metrics to include satisfaction with clinics, medical care and provider access," Geller added.

"The base clinic has made some very significant changes in the two years since my family has been here," said Christa Rosine, a 7th MDG customer. "When we first arrived at Dyess, an appointment would have to be scheduled a few weeks in advance and the appointment would take several hours. Now the appointment can be made for that day or the next. I can be seen almost immediately and be out in 15 minutes."

Because of its successes, the 7th MDG earned designation as a TRICARE Management Authority Access-to-Care pilot site last year and garnered $1.2 million for a wide range of access-enhancing initiatives, Geller said. There are only three facilities in the entire Department of Defense that are Access-to-Care pilot sites and Dyess is the Air Force's only such site.

"We used the money we received so far to upgrade our telephone systems and router capabilities to access more phone calls," Geller said.

Dyess' patient service innovations reduced the access wait time for patients by 31 percent and the number of visits by 18 percent, while reducing the no-show rate by 33 percent, according to 7th MDG statistics.

"The no-show rates were absolutely killing us -- fixing that was the single largest improvement we have accomplished here," Geller said. "We have guaranteed people to be seen within a day or day and a half from calling, so we have earned their trust and they don't feel they need to block up that appointment three weeks from now."

At the end of this month, the Air Force-level winner will be announced at the annual TRICARE conference.

"We are excited to be chosen the MAJCOM winner and are certainly hopeful that being the only Air Force facility to gain recognition as an Access to Care pilot site gives us an advantage," Geller said. "I think we have a real good shot at being the Air Force's nominee to compete against the other services."

Airman Robert Morris

'Sir, I assume command'

Col. Jonathan George, new 7th Bomb Wing commander, takes the wing guidon from Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander, during the wing change of command ceremony Jan. 10. George replaced Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, who was assigned to U.S. Southern Command, Miami.

Dyess Air Force Base welcomes...

Gen. John Handy
commander, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command

Stay or go...

What servicemembers ought to consider when re-enlisting

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Editor's note: The following editorial is based on the opinions of the author alone and does not reflect the views or position of the Peacemaker staff, Dyess Air Force Base or the U.S. Air Force.

"Should I stay or should I go?"

Every military member has asked themselves that timeless question as the time to re-up draws nearer.

In this day and age of quality of life initiatives, huge selective re-enlistment bonuses for some career fields, high NCO promotion rates, targeted pay raises and an ever growing opportunity for service members to earn a degree, it can be easy for a military member to focus only on the great things the military can offer.

While these benefits are great -- offering military members security and allowing them to work toward the goal of retiring after only 20 years -- military members should ask themselves one question before they make their decision:

Am I prepared to continue to defend this country and the principles of freedom and democracy upon which it was founded, even if it means making sacrifices those in non-service roles could not even begin to comprehend?

Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Paul Peck, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron pnuedraulics specialist, re-enlists during a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Not long ago, I was having a conversation with a friend who was deciding whether or not she was going to re-enlist. My friend described the large selective re-enlistment bonus that was available for the career field she was in, the education programs she planned to enroll in and the next base she wanted to go to.

I was impressed with all the benefits and programs the Air Force offers to retain people, as well as the fact that my friend had done all her homework. However, I was curious to know if, after thinking about all her options, whether my friend had asked herself a question similar to the one I asked myself earlier.

Not once had she mentioned how she felt as a military member and if she was prepared to put the Air Force's core values first. After I asked her, she was taken back by the bluntness of the question for several seconds, but replied that yes, she would be willing if the time came we would once again have to take up arms in the face of aggression as well as remain true to the core values.

While my friend's answer represents many of the same feelings of people in the military, the question still should be asked on a more regular basis.

While I am in no way disparaging the programs the Air Force offers or the people who use them (I myself have been a beneficiary of many of these), I believe when the time comes -- not only for re-enlistment, but also during stressful situations where people find themselves soul-searching -- military members should place all the side items and benefits aside and reaffirm the position they took when the first entered this Air Force.

Before considering an SRB or similar initiatives, servicemembers should reflect on their participation in the world's most powerful aerospace force and make sure they are whole-heartedly prepared to serve their country to the fullest extent, even if it means making the ultimate sacrifice.

Action Line

Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@-dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

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Comment: There are too many people speeding through base housing. People need to slow down or they are going to hit a child!

Response: Controlling traffic through areas like housing is very important for many obvious reasons, not the least of which is the safety of pedestrians and other motorists alike.

The housing areas are of special concern because of the concentration of children and the construction project which is diverting traffic onto other streets.

I asked our 7th Security Forces Squadron to increase patrols in housing, to include the shoppette area during peak traffic times.

I also ask base members to keep safety in mind and honor the posted speed limits. We are not setting up speed traps; we are trying to keep our people safe.

One can only imagine the tragedy of a child being hit by a vehicle going too fast in housing -- it would be devastating to all of us.

Anyone noticing violations should report them to the Law Enforcement Desk at 6-2131 or Crime Stop at 6-4100 for immediate assistance.

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Dyess officer wins Leo Marquez award

By Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

An officer from the 7th Munitions Squadron recently received the 2002 Air Combat Command Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award for Outstanding Munitions/Missile Maintenance for a Field Grade Officer.

Maj. Kirk Kehrley, 7th MUNS commander, received the award for his outstanding job efficiency, knowledge and sustained work performance.

Despite receiving the award, Kehrley insists that he hasn't done anything to earn the award.

"It is not me that won this award -- it was the squadron," Kehrley said. "Absolutely everything that I receive any kind of credit for, I attribute to the squadron. They are hard-working professionals who know what needs to be done and then do it."

During 2002, Kehrley and his munitions warriors achieved a 99.9 percent quality verification inspection rate. His team was selected to lead the way for the integration of the conventional rotary launcher for the 7th Bomb Wing. He also initiated a $25 million B-1 munitions consolidation and realignment project, prepared conventional bomb modules for immediate deployment following Sept. 11. His team also prepared Joint Direct Attack Munitions for Ellsworth Air Force Base's B-1s and Whiteman AFB's B-2 bombers.

Despite being the commander of a new squadron, Kehrley and MUNS deployed and supported the Air Force's overseas operations.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, more than 1,250 JDAM were assembled for the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing and Kehrely witnessed a 99.8 percent munitions release rate. Kehrley and 7th MUNS supported Operations Northern Watch, Joint Endeavor, Southern Watch, Anaconda and Enduring Freedom. The team sometimes supported two operations at the same time.

Maj. Kirk Kehrley

Kehrley's efforts in education were also cited with his receipt of the ACC-level award. During 2002, the major's authored works on munitions which were featured in "USAF Nuclear & Conventional Weapons Safety" and "Air Scoop" magazines. Kerhrley also published 18 munitions operating instructions as well as a 25-page commander's guide covering safety, career development course, military equal opportunity, substance abuse, weight and physical fitness programs and use of the government travel card.

Despite the praise and recognition, Kehrley attributes all of the-success to the men and women of MUNS who serve with him everyday.

"It's the folks behind the fences who are building, working and maintaining, that make all these things happen," Kehrley said. "It is my three and five levels, not me, that are doing this tremendous work and really getting the job done.

"(Because of these hard-working professionals), you could put anyone in here and they would look good," Kehrley added.

NCO wins ACC award for education and training

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess NCO was awarded the Air Combat Command 7th Mission Support Squadron Air Force education and training manager award for fiscal year 2002.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Rose, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance flight NCO-in-charge of scheduling, received the 7th MSS award in the support category.

"If anyone deserves this recognition its Sergeant Rose," said 2nd Lt. Melinda Santos, 7th MOS maintenance training flight commander. "He always gives 110 percent and never asks for anything in return."

Rose said his job is similar to that of a personnelist in the 7th MSS military personnel flight, only his shop is in charge of the 7th Maintenance Group's education and training.

Rose has been a great asset to the Dyess maintenance team, said Master Sgt. Sonya Salisbury, 7th MOS chief of maintenance training.

One of his many accomplishments between Oct. 1, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2002 was expertly managing the headquarters ACC and Air Education and Training Command off-station major command mandatory course schedule for Dyess, Salisbury said. Rose ensured 126 personnel were trained and managed $250,000 in temporary duty funds.

Rose was also directly responsible for the scheduling of 846 training detachment events with 67,680 training hours at a 98 percent training effectiveness rate, a rate that exceeded the ACC standard, Salisbury added.

Airman Robert Morris

Tech. Sgt. Richard Rose, right, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance flight NCO-in-charge of scheduling, goes over some training with Tech. Sgt. James Crawford. Rose was awarded the Air Combat Command Air Force education and training manager award for 2002.

"(The 16-year Air Force veteran also) took the lead benchmarking an automated career development course tracking system, which allows access to every technician's upgrade training information," Salisbury said. "The system saved more than 100 hours a month in manual research of upgrade training statuses while increasing CDC visibility."

Snyder received base recognition as the logistics training flight NCO of the year for 2001 and as the 7th Logistics Group NCO of the quarter for April to June 2002. Before the wing reorganization in August, Rose worked under the 7th Logistics Support Squadron.

"It's nice to be recognized," Rose said. "But everything I was credited for is really a group effort by all the support people -- without them none of it would be possible."

Dyess NCO earns STEP promotion

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess NCO was promoted to technical sergeant Jan. 10 under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Snyder, 7th Maintenance Group quality assurance inspector, was presented his new stripes by Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins, 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces commander. Hobbins visited the base last week for the 7th Bomb Wing change of command ceremony.

"When General Hobbins, (Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, former 7th Bomb Wing commander) and the chiefs came into our building, I thought it was just part of the usual (distinguished visitor) tour," Snyder said. "I never would have guessed it was to STEP promote me. When they told me the news I was in total shock. It was definitely one of the greatest moments of my career."

Airman Shawn Bauldaf

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Snyder, 7th Maintenance Group quality assurance inspector, checks a technical order during a routine inspection. Snyder was recently promoted to technical sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Snyder has notched numerous accomplishments during his eight years at Dyess as a crew chief with the 9th Bomb Squadron and as a QA inspector.

"Ken was a staff sergeant wearing tech sergeant shoes," said Senior Master Sgt. William Hartman, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron superintendent. "His work ethic and dedication to his job as a B-1 maintainer spoke volumes of why he was deserving of this promotion."

Early in his career, Snyder was well known for his outstanding work in the Air Force, Hartman said.

In 1997, Snyder helped launch 24 sorties as a lead crew chief in support of Operation Desert Thunder. With minimal personnel and improvised tools for the first two weeks of the deployment, Snyder and his crew were able to maintain four B-1s.

Snyder also helped launch the B-1's first combat mission during Operation Desert Fox in 1998, resulting in the aircrew's success in bombing the Republican Guard.

During his final year as a 9th BS crew chief, Snyder helped the squadron secure 884 sorties with 3,754 flying hours.

The 11-year Air Force veteran also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as he was requested by name by the 7th Operations Group commander. During this time, he helped sustain continuous operations for 121 days delivering 103 on-time sorties, accumulating 935 flight hours and the release of 839 joint direct attack munitions.

"The stats (from his service during OEF) speak for themselves -- a 99.88 percent release rate and an 84.4 percent mission capable rate," Hartman said. "They directly reflect Staff Sgt. Snyder's work ethics, commitment to our success and ability to sustain."

Snyder also helped deliver the B-1's first-ever launch from ground alert status in support of Operation Anaconda. Out of the more than 71 sorties he helped deliver at that time, five more ended in ground alert launches.

Snyder garnered honors as the 2002 7th MOS NCO of the quarter for July to September.

His supervisors, wing leaders and numbered Air Force officials have applauded his work in the QA field, Hartman said.

"Ken's performance in QA is just awesome," Hartman said.

In addition to conducting hundreds of evaluations and inspections on personnel and equipment throughout the 7th Maintenance Group, Ken also maintains weight and balance files on all B-1 aircraft assigned to Dyess, Hartman said.

"Weight and balance is a critical program, which ensures the safety of every flight of our B-1 aircraft," HArtman added.

In a recent staff assistance visit by 12th Air Force, Ken's weight and balance program netted zero defects.

"The bottom line is Ken is a military professional through and through," Hartman said. "If anyone deserved this promotion, he did."

102 Dyess airmen earn stripes in January

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

January sees 102 Dyess airmen adding another stripe to their sleeves. Senior airmen selected below-the-zone have a bullet next to their names.

January Dyess promotees are:

To senior master sergeant

Glenn Elder, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

To master sergeant

Ronald Barnard, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tod DuCray, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Michelle Moreno, 7th ADOS

Jeffrey Rud, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Robert Rush, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

To technical sergeant

Marco Degois, 40th Airlift Squadron

Jaime Falcon, 7th MOS

Rene Gonzalez, 7th MOS

Monte LeBlanc, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Curtis Lewis, 7th CMS

David McDonald, 317th AMXS

Kenneth Snyder, 7th Maintenance Group

James Steele, 7th Munitions Squadron

To staff sergeant

Raymond Blank, 7th Communications Squadron

Kevin Castillo, 7th ADOS

Tonya Ford, 712th Air Support Operations Squadron

William Fundling, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

David Garcia, 712th ASOS

Charles Gerans, 317th AMXS

Ryan Ginivan, 317th AMXS

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TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Matthew Higgins

Unit: 7th Aeromedical/Dental Operations Squadron

Job description: Preventative health assessment monitor for the 7th Bomb Wing. I am responsible for identifying, projecting and scheduling active-duty members with preventative medical appointments to meet all individual medical readiness requirements for deployment eligibility.

Time in the Air Force: 11 years

Time at Dyess: 11 years

Family: Wife, Heather; and sons, Ian and Miles

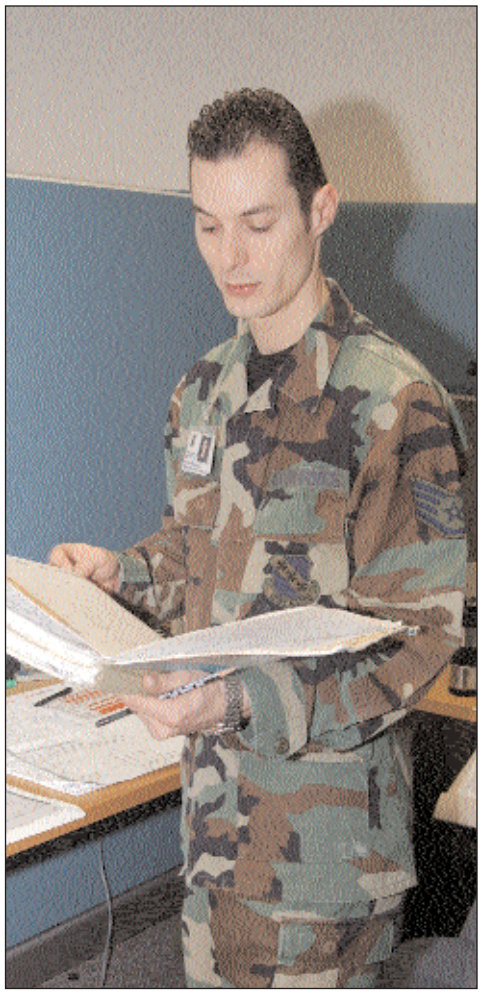
Hometown: Dallas

Job impact on the mission: Ensure deployment of healthy, medically ready combat people in support of the 7th BW.

Career goals: Complete my bachelor's degree in business and continue to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

Best Air Force memory: The birth of my oldest son at the Dyess hospital (in 1996), with my friends and co-workers assisting and providing great medical care.

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



Airman Robert Morris

TEAM DYESS

7 ADOS profile

Leaders:

Commander:
Col. Steven Gulbranson

First Sergeant:
Senior Master Sgt.
William Bradley

Personnel:
- Officers: 22
- Enlisted: 61
- Civilian: Eight

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Liza Smallwood, 7th CS
Brandi Southerland, Detachment 1
Leigh Spear, 317th AMXS

To senior airman
Johnathon Ashford, 317th AMXS
Christian Barnes, 7th AMXS
David Barnes, 317th Airlift Group
Phillip Bateman, 7th AMXS
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Joshua Borders, 317th AMXS
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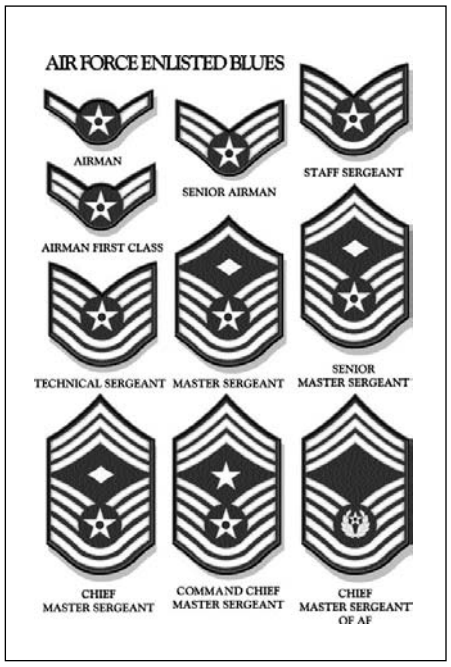

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• **Jennifer Plourde,** 7th SVS
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Patrick Williamson, 7th CES
• **Frances VanTress,** 7th OSS
• **Antonio Villarreal,** 28th Bomb Squadron
Scott Yonushonis, 7th EMS
Sergio Zamora, Jr., 317th AMXS

To airman 1st class
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Carl Dill, 7th CES
Nicolas Dyke, 7th AMXS
Caleb Eastman, 317th AMXS
Justin Garces, 7th EMS
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Cody Ratliff, 7th CES
Sylvester Ricks, 7th AMXS
Marcia Tyler, 7th SVS

To airman
Jennifer Cabarloc, 7th LRS
Uwemediimo Essien, 7th MDOS
Leonor Roman, 7th AMXS
Andrew Surber, 7th AMXS

Congratulations to the following December superior performers:
7th Bomb Wing staff -- **Chuck Carson**
7th Operations Group -- **1st Lt. Karen Wild**
7th Maintenance Group -- **Senior Airman Chad Farley**
7th Mission Support Group -- **7th Contracting plans and programs flight**
7th Medical Group -- **Force health management team**
317th Airlift Group -- **Airman 1st Class Sammy Myracle**

Local Advertisement

Nine Dyess members violate UCMJ

By Tech. Sgt. Victoria Apodaca
Dyess legal office

The Docket

Nine Dyess Members were recently administered Articles 15 for Uniform Code of Military Justice violations.

• A captain was fined $1,500 pay per month for two months, with $1,000 of the fine for two months suspended, and given a reprimand for being drunk at a forward operating location. The captain violated UCMJ Article 133 -- Conduct unbecoming an officer.

• A second lieutenant was fined $100 pay per month for two months and given a reprimand for violating a lawful general regulation and a no-contact order by conducting a personal intimate relationship with her flight training officer while assigned as a student in officer training school. The lieutenant violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Failure to obey a regulation.

• A senior airman was given a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class and a reprimand for using a government computer for personal use and violating an order to be on quarters by leaving home to work a part-time off-base job. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Violation of a general regulation and violation of an order.

• A senior airman was given a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class, fined $400 pay, and given 45 days extra duty for showing up late to work two days in a row. The airman violated UCMJ Article 86 -- Failure to go.

• An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to the rank to airman and 30 days correctional custody for violating a lawful order to move into government quarters from off base. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Failure to obey an order.

• An airman first class was demoted to airman, fined $619 pay per month for two months, with $519 of the fine for two months suspended, a reprimand and restriction to the base for 60 days for drinking alcoholic beverages while under the legal age of 21 and violating a lawful order to sign out of the unit when traveling outside a 100-mile radius of Abilene. The airman violated UCMJ Article 92 -- Dereliction of duty and Failure to obey an order.

• An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days correctional custody, and a reprimand for drinking alcoholic beverages while under the legal age of 21. The airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ -- Dereliction of duty.

• An airman was given a suspended reduction in rank to airman basic and 30 days correctional custody for showing up late to work, drinking alcoholic beverages while under the legal age of 21, and being incapacitated for duty because of previous overindulgence in alcoholic beverages. The airman violated UCMJ Articles 86 -- Failure to go, 92 -- Dereliction of duty, and 134 -- Incapacitation for performance of duties through prior indulgence in intoxicating liquor or drugs.

• An airman was given a suspended reduction in rank to airman and 30 days correctional custody for violating a lawful order to cut the grass. The airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ -- Failure to obey an order.

Some or all of these members were subsequently administratively discharged. Names of Article 15 violators are not released.

In each Article 15, the member's commander considered the offense and the punishment based on individual circumstances. These circumstances included the nature of the offense, record of the servicemember, need for good order and discipline and effect of nonjudicial punishment on the member.

Individuals with prior misconduct usually receive more severe punishment than first-time offenders. Therefore, punishment for similar offenses may vary based on factors not listed here. When punishment is suspended, it does not take effect unless other misconduct occurs, generally within the six months following the Article 15.

COURTS-MARTIAL:

• A military judge convicted Airman Blake Britner, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, in a general court-martial Nov. 20.

Britner pleaded guilty to one specification of being absent without leave, two specifications of going from his place of duty, one specification of failing to show up to his place of duty, and two specifications of larceny.

Britner was given a bad conduct discharge, 18 months confinement, and fined all his pay and allowances.

• A military judge convicted Airman Heather Crutchfield, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, in a special court-martial, Nov. 20.

Crutchfield pleaded guilty to one charge of wrongful use of cocaine, one charge of being absent without leave, one specification of failure to pay a debt, and one specification of breaking restriction.

Crutchfield was given a bad conduct discharge, six months confinement, and fined $100 pay per month for six months.

• A military judge convicted Airman 1st Class Adam Disiere, 7th CES, in a special court-martial, Nov. 25.

Disiere pleaded not guilty to one charge of larceny, but was found guilty. Disiere pled guilty to one charge of dereliction of duty, and one charge of going from his appointed place of duty.

Disiere was given a bad conduct discharge, four months confinement, reduction to the rank of airman basic, and fined $500 pay per month for four months.

Local Advertisement

British government: U.S. pets traveling to U.K. must still be licensed into quarantine

By Maj. Michele DeWerth
3rd Air Force chief of public affairs

Cats and dogs coming into the U.K. from the U.S. must still be licensed into quarantine, according to the British Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The U.K. government extended the Pet Travel Scheme to the U.S. as of Dec. 11. Now, officials said, if owners comply with all proper procedures, their animals should be able to enter the country without having to spend six months in quarantine.

However, DEFRA said that in these initial months, when official certification is not available and/or there are no approved routes and carriers, all cats and dogs must first be licensed into quarantine, and the owner can then apply for early release.

This is a vast improvement for the quality of life for pet and pet lover alike, officials said.

"We're extremely pleased that the British government has now included the U.S. in the PETS program," said David Feehan, Headquarters 3rd Air Force Chief, International Law, who has been involved in the process since its inception.

"This can significantly reduce the time that owners are separated from their pets, as well as significantly reduce the out-of-pocket expense incurred by the traveler," Feehan said.

> **"The best advice I can give to anyone beginning this process would be to do your homework (bookmark the Web site and check it daily), become well-versed in the requirements and remain flexible."**
>
> Pat Miller
> *Royal Air Force Alconbury family support center*

Even though a cat or dog still has go into quarantine now, the process could be for as little as five days if all the procedures have been followed.

One Department of Defense civilian recently took advantage of this opportunity.

"The recent news (about the Pet Travel Scheme) warmed my heart -- I was so excited," said Pat Miller, personal financial consultant, newest member of the Royal Air Force Alconbury family support center staff, and "mom" to Mili a 7-year-old cocker spaniel.

Miller, who had hoped the U.S. would be added to PETS, had started Mili, (short for Mili Lani her American Kennel Club registered name) on the Pet Travel Scheme process on May 23, 2002, because she knew the process would take nearly seven months to complete.

The process includes microchipping first, followed by a rabies shot and a blood test 30 days later. Six months after a blood test with successful results, the animal can leave the U.S. and enter the U.K. without having to spend six months in quarantine (please see www.defra.gov.uk for the complete list of procedures).

Because it is a new process, Miller has some advice for other pet owners trying to bring their cats or dogs into the U.K.

Miller cautioned "people to be very, very careful and fully understand what they are doing before putting their kitty or puppy on a plane," otherwise, they may end up with extended separation time and added expense (that may not be reimbursable).

"The best advice I can give to anyone beginning this process would be to do your homework (bookmark the web site and check it daily), become well versed in the requirements and remain flexible," she explained.

She discovered it is best if pets do not arrive on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. Additional fees could be levied during these times.

As a personal financial manager, Miller also has advice on planning for the cost involved. Although the costs will certainly be less than when a six-month quarantine was the norm, the expense is still significant. Miller's costs associated with quarantine were more than $800.

"It's not free, but it was well worth the money spent as far as we are concerned," she emphasized.

And a U.S. military member can recover some of the costs.

"(The quarantine facility) did give me an invoice to present for relief," she said. "(And) I can apply for reimbursement of some of the quarantine fees as part of my PCS expenses."

Above all, Miller stressed it's important to "start early." If someone thinks he or she may get an assignment to the U.K., it's best to get the family pet in line with the DEFRA requirements.

"If you don't get the assignment, you will not have done anything that will harm your pet; if you do get the assignment, you won't be scrambling to meet all requirements at the last minute," Miller reasoned.

"Early planning can mean the difference" between a short or lengthy separation, she said.

Editor's note: Mili arrived by air Dec. 19 into London's Gatwick airport. She was transported by an approved carrier to the quarantine facility the same day. Mili was released to her happily awaiting "mom" five days later.

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U.S. defense leaders say draft not necessary

By Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The all-volunteer force took nearly a generation to come to fruition, but has since proved its worth in combat.

Thirty years after then-Defense Secretary Melvin Laird established the all-volunteer force, some politicians are again calling for resumption of a military draft. Defense leaders are crying foul; they do not want it, and they do not need it.

A senior defense official briefed media in the Pentagon on the advantages and history of the all-volunteer military force Jan. 13.

"There was no military in the world at that time of comparable size that operated on a volunteer basis," the official said. He explained that Great Britain had a volunteer military, but it was nowhere near as large in either absolute numbers or in percentage of population as what the United States was attempting.

The force took 10 to 15 years to come to fruition, and it was not proven in combat until the Persian Gulf War in the early 1990s.

"I would argue that the fine performance of our forces in the Persian Gulf War in 1991, the fine performance you've seen in a variety of crises in the last 10 years, including operations in Afghanistan this last year and continued operations in the greater Southwest Asia region, indeed reflect the excellence of that force," the official said.

The official debunked the notion that the all-volunteer force would lead to a higher percentage of blacks and other minorities being killed in a war. He said blacks comprise only a slightly higher percentage of enlistees than found in a comparable age group in the general population -- 21 percent of military servicemembers versus roughly 14 percent of the general population.

This official also refuted the oft-held notion that military recruits come from the "poor and uneducated" in American society. He said military recruits come from among the best-educated and most-intelligent segments in society. The vast majority of recruits are high school graduates. By the time they complete their first term of enlistment, many have at least some college.

"We demand a higher level of educational aptitude achievement for most of our recruits than is true of the population at large," the official said. "So we are aiming to get an above-average population in terms of enlisted recruits."

The all-volunteer force is the envy of other countries around the world and of civil society, the official said.

He said countries in western Europe and even former Communist-Block countries in eastern Europe are following the lead of the United States and asking for this country's help in establishing all-volunteer militaries.

The military's high esteem in civil society is evidenced by the high level of success former servicemembers have when they leave the military.

"(Former servicemembers) successfully are offered positions in civilian life and often go on to very senior posts," the official said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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7th Bomb Wing announces quarterly award nominees

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

Forty-three Dyess members vie for top honors in nine categories as the base holds its quarterly awards luncheon today at The Heritage Club.

The nominees for the 2002 fourth quarter are:

Airman of the Quarter
Senior Airman Tiffany Crossley, 7th Medical Support Squadron
Senior Airman John Hanson, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Kaishla Holloway, 7th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Sydney Kneubuhl, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman Sean Norris, 7th Comptroller Squadron
Senior Airman Nathan Summers, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Victoria Apodaca, 7th Bomb Wing
Staff Sgt. Stoney Bair, 7th OSS
Staff Sgt. Charles Francks III, 317th Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Josef Johnson, 7th MDSS
Tech. Sgt. Trey Munn, 7th EMS
Staff Sgt. Clint Thornburg, 7th Communications Squadron

Senior NCO of the Quarter
Master Sgt. Larry Dorsey, 7th Medical Operations Squadron
Master Sgt. Tracy Graves, 7th OSS
Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Hall, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Robert Palmer, 7th LRS
Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th BW
Senior Master Sgt. Alfred Taus Jr., 40th Airlift Squadron

First Sergeant of the Quarter
Master Sgt. Ricky Butler, 7th Munitions Squadron
Master Sgt. Amy Morgan, 7th LRS

Honor Guard Airman of the Quarter
Airman 1st Class Amy Golata, 7th MDOS
Airman 1st Class Greg Hutchinson, 7th CMS
Senior Airman Christopher Rodgers, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
1st Lt. Johnnie Foster Jr., 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Capt. Keith Holmes, 7th LRS
Capt. Thomas Howe, 39th AS
Capt. Eric Hresko, 28th Bomb Squadron
1st Lt. Mark Jensen, 7th CMS
1st Lt. Saje Park, 7th BW

Civilian of the Quarter Category I
Jill Allen, 7th CMS
Gayle Hetzel, 28th BS
Ann Landenberger, 7th ADOS
Lisa Meyers, 7th Comptroller Squadron
Lori Spear, 7th CS

Civilian of the Quarter Category II
Diane Areskog, 7th Services Squadron
Patrick Clancy, 317th Operations Support Squadron
William Held, 7th CPTS
Ann Jackson, 7th MDSS

Civilian of the Quarter Category III
Margery Barton, Human resources office
Pamela Kahao, Non appropriated funds accounting office
Gerald Marshall, Dyess clubs
Charles Mosley, Auto skills center
Angela Sewitsky, Dyess Inn

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Officer assignments move beyond 'seven-day option'

By Maj. John Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER -- Following Secretary of the Air Force guidance, personnel officials have reviewed and improved what was called the "seven-day option" policy.

Those officers who would be eligible to separate or retire instead of taking an assignment will now get more decision time and a general officer's review of the assignment before having to make a potentially career-ending decision. In the past, these officers were given seven days to apply to leave the Air Force.

After intense study of the processes that lead up to those critical decisions, personnel officials have made changes that will result in more formal communication earlier in the process between assignment teams, commanders and the affected officer. This will let members and the Air Force make the best possible decisions on potential moves.

Before an officer leaves the Air Force as a result of a permanent change of station-related decision, a general officer will "ensure that it's the right decision for the individual and for the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, the personnel center commander.

Only about 1 percent of officers typically express the intention to leave the Air Force instead of taking an assignment, officials said.

"What hasn't changed is that our first priority remains filling Air Force needs so we provide a ready and capable Air Force for combatant commanders," said Col. Chris Miller, director of assignments. "What has changed is that we're taking extra care to consider the impact on future capabilities of letting an experienced officer leave the service who we might possibly be able to retain.

"That sometimes means we need to work with individuals and commanders to explore all reasonable options," he said.

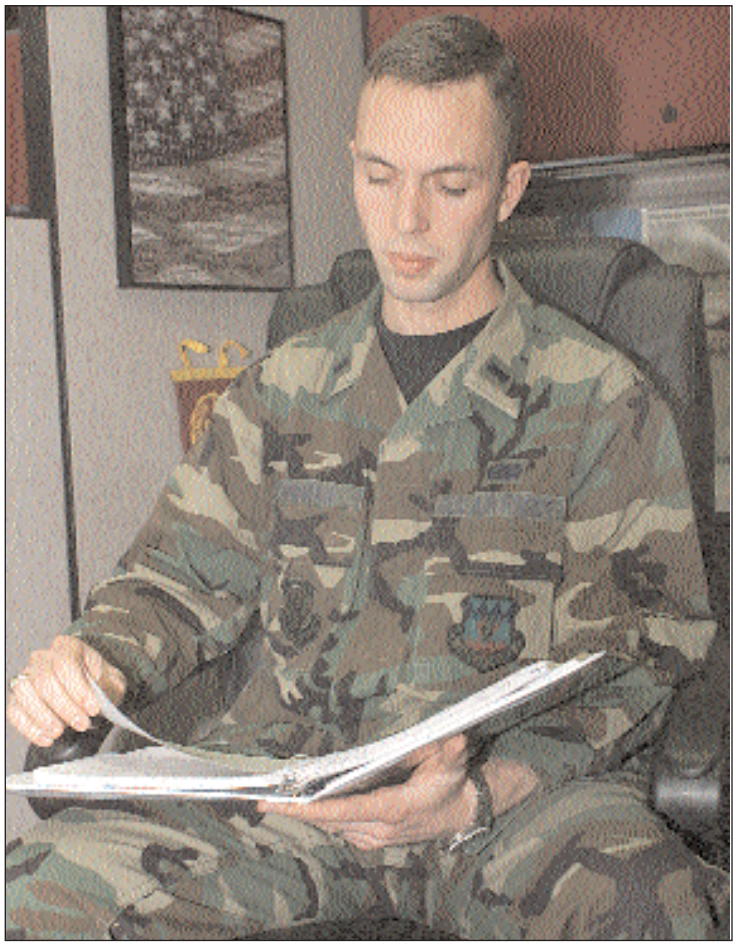
"The needs of the Air Force come first," O'Riordan said. "We will not be able to please every person. But it's worth the effort if we can find some common ground to retain a valuable officer."

For now, senior leaders have agreed that enlisted assignment procedures do not need to change, officials said.

"We've looked hard and found no clear benefit to changing today's enlisted assignment system," said Chief Master Sgt. Carlton McCoy, superintendent of the airman assignments division.

"Of course that doesn't mean we aren't always looking for ways to improve. It only means we're not making any changes to the enlisted assignment declination policy at this time," the chief said.

The Air Force Personnel Center is currently reviewing a wide range of officer and enlisted personnel policies, especially as they may be affected by the Air Force chief of staff's Force Development vision, officials said.



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First Lt. Bill Rodman, 317th Airlift Group, reviews instructional material. Under new guidance from the Secretary of the Air Force, officers such as Rodman, who are eligible to separate or retire instead of taking an assignment, can take more than seven days to decide if they want to apply to leave the service.

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Jan. 17 -- Strikes by B-52Gs and F-117As opened the Gulf War in 1991.

Jan. 18 -- The Wright brothers opened negotiations with the U.S. government for procurement of one airplane in 1905.

Jan. 19 -- Three 2-pound sandbags were dropped in the first simulated bomb drop experiment in 1910.

Jan. 20 -- The Air Service's Army Corps headquarters was organized at Neufchateau, France, in 1918.

Jan. 21 -- The Army made the first radio-telephonic transmission from an aircraft in 1911.

Jan. 22 -- A 1959 U.S. Air Force study revealed fewer than 1 percent of UFOs could be classified as unknown.

Jan. 23 -- The first American military balloon ascension was made by the American Expeditionary Force in 1918.

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Jan. 13	John Mark Wesley	Victor and Candice Hunter

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Dyess aircrews poised for bomb runs over Iraq

By Louis A. Arana-Barradas
Air Force Print News

While the United States prepares for a possible war with Iraq, Dyess aircrews have not changed their daily training routine.

The airmen are not yet part of the huge U.S. military buildup that has taken thousands of troops to bases in the Middle East, but they know they may play a key role in a showdown with Iraq.

It's the same job 7th Bomb Wing aircrews have been doing since the start of the war on terrorism. They've flown more than 300 bombing sorties over Afghanistan without incident. A switch to targets in Iraq won't change their task.

"We're ready for whatever mission we have to do, wherever it is," said a 13th Bomb Squadron aircraft commander who goes by the call sign "Digit." A lieutenant colonel, he's piloted B-1 Lancers for more than a decade and has flown 18 combat missions over Afghanistan.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jack Braden

"Ziploc," "Sardot," and "Sporto" head for their B-1B Lancer bomber on the flight line. Though the Defense Department has not directed the 7th Bomb Wing to deploy bombers to a base closer to Iraq, aircrews know they could take part in any conflict.

"That's what we train for every day," he said.

But unlike Afghanistan, where there are few threats to the high-flying Lancers, flying over Iraq is fraught with danger. There, bombers face threats from fighter aircraft and a formidable integrated air defense system of anti-aircraft artillery and missiles.

"The defensive threat in Iraq is drastically different than what we face in Afghanistan," said "Sporto," a 13th Bomb Squadron captain. "Penetrating it will be more difficult."

"Sporto," a Lancer offensive and defensive weapon systems officer, also has 18 combat sorties over Afghanistan. He and his squadron are focusing more on the skills needed to penetrate Iraqi air defenses. But that's not all.

"We also want to make sure we have no friendly fire incidents," he said.

Digit said Dyess aircrews -- aware of the Iraqi threats -- continue to train like they always have. From making sure their shot records are up to date, to studying threats. Everyone's staying as proficient in their jet as possible.

"We're doing all the things to be ready to go to war," he said. "That's normal for us."

But the prospect of another war with Iraq has had its effects on wing crews. Digit said he's seen more "lean-forwardness" in everyone's poise.

Maybe last week's deployment of Lancers from Dyess' sister wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., had something to do with that. Dyess airmen know they're likely the next to go. But base spokesman Capt. David Honchul said the wing isn't deploying at this time.

"But we're ready for our turn when Ellsworth's forces return home," he said.

When -- and if -- that time comes, "Sardot" said he's ready to go. A 13th Bomb Squadron pilot, the first lieutenant has been flying the jet for one year. The training has prepared him, he said.

"The only difference I see in flying a training mission and a combat sortie over Iraq is the location and that we'll be dropping live weapons off our jet," Sardot said.

"Sporto" said B-1B Lancer aircrews may face tough anti-aircraft defenses over Iraq if there is a war. But the 13th Bomb Squadron offensive and defensive weapon systems officer said aircrews at Dyess are ready for the task. "The tactics we've developed will be successful," he said.

"Other than that, it's pretty much standard operations for us."

But "standard ops" for Lancer crews is no piece of cake. When Dyess crews fly sorties over Afghanistan, their missions are a grueling eight to 12 hours long.

In the aircraft's crew compartment, where an ant would have a hard time getting comfortable, the crew must focus on their mission.

Near their target, Lancers team up with a strike package that could include more than 100 aircraft. The strike force may also have fighters, tankers, surveillance, command and control and other aircraft. And aircraft from other services and allied nations could also be part of the force.

That's when the "simulated duress" of training turns into the real thing, Sardot said. When the Lancer's four crewmembers -- aircraft commander, pilot, offensive and defensive weapon systems officer, or WSOs -- must work as one.

It's the only way the bomber can successfully deliver its deadly cargo of up to 24 2,000-pound "smart" satellite-guided Joint Direct Attack Munitions. With the JDAM, the B-1 Lancer can hit 24 different targets on one mission.

"We've been flying combat missions for more than a year -- and been quite effective," said "Ziploc," a 13th Bomb Squadron WSO. "That's what we do."

A switch to bombing Iraq won't come as a surprise, he said. And it won't bring many changes to wing crews. Real missions are like the ones in training, and that's good.

"Because introducing new ways to do thing would also cause errors in our procedures," he said.

Ziploc has flown 19 combat missions over Afghanistan. He turns on the hip-hop music to pass the time and "fire up" his crew on long missions. Ziploc said he's confident of his abilities and those of the other members of his squadron, nicknamed "The Devils Own Grim Reapers."

"All I have to do is get my hat, and I'm ready to go," he said. "We're all ready to go."

Space available

The following flights are open for space available travel from Dyess:

• Tuesday, 8 a.m. to Pope AFB, N.C. The return flight is Jan. 24.

• Jan. 27, 7 a.m. to Laguna Army Air Field, Ariz. The return flight is Jan. 30.

Showtimes are two hours prior to takeoff. All travelers must show military ID cards plus one additional form of ID. Active-duty members must possess valid leave orders.

All flights are subject to cancellation without notice.

For more information, call 6-4505.

Enlisted spouses

The Dyess Enlisted Spouses Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the family support center.

For more information, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898 or Deena Lyssy at 795-2186.

Quarterly awards

The 7th Bomb Wing quarterly awards luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. today at The Heritage Club.

Contact your unit first sergeant to sign up.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dion Baker at 6-4584.

Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call Pat Clancy at 6-1046.

Photo hours

The base photo lab will shoot head and shoulder photos on the following days starting Tuesday.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Passports will also be on an appointment basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Full length photos will be Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The studio will be closed from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-4820.

Air Force Reserve

Air Force Reserve separation briefings are at 3 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 417, Room 304.

A weekly reserve briefing is held at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in Bldg 417, Room 304 for all Air Force members retiring or who have retired within the last five years.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 6-2957.

W-2 forms online

Active-duty and reserve military members can now view and print current-year W-2 forms using myPay, a secure online system run by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Servicemembers, military retirees, Department of Defense civilian employees and annuitants can also view and print their account statements and tax information online.

Members can use their social security number and personal identification number to log onto the system at https://mypay.dfas.mil.

ALS openings

The Dyess Airman Leadership School is looking for highly-motivated E-5s to join the team.

The school has several staff openings in the near future.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephanie Powell at 6-3495.

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CALENDAR

Today, Jan. 17, 2003

Wing quarterly awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

Push-up and sit-up contest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base fitness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

Wing Round-up, 4:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Comedy show, 8 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003

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

Late Night from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003

Family day bowling at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Monday, Jan. 20, 2003

Mexican lunch buffet, 11 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003

Barbecue lunch buffet, 11 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003

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

Poetry night from 6-8 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Upcoming events

Jan. 24 -- Babysitting classes, from 9 a.m. to noon at the base youth center. For more info, call 6-4797.

Jan. 25 -- Winter golf scramble, shotgun start at 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

Jan. 26 -- Super Bowl party, 5:30 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 -- Ski trip to Ruidosa, N.M. For more info, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

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COMMUNITY

Comedy show

A comedy show will be at The Hangar Center at 8 p.m. today. The cost is $5 for club members and $8 for non-members.

Seating is limited.

For more information, call Willie Cooper at 6-2405.

Tiny Tots Reading Hour

Children ages 1-5 are invited to the Tiny Tots Reading Hour from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

Vaccinations

The 7th Medical Group will administer the influenza vaccine to Dyess beneficiaries from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The vaccinations will be given at Allergy/Immunizations in the base clinic. Shot records are required.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Prunty at 6-1788.

Taste-o-rama volunteers

The African-American Heritage committee is looking for volunteers to help with its Taste-o-rama luncheon Feb. 14. at The Hangar Center.

The theme for this year's meal is "The soul of black folks."

For more information, call Senior Airman Katina James at 6-1206.

Chairpersons needed

The Dyess Military Equal Opportunies office is looking for volunteer senior NCOs or officers to be a chairperson for the following ethnic observance committees:

Womens History Month

Jewish Observance Month

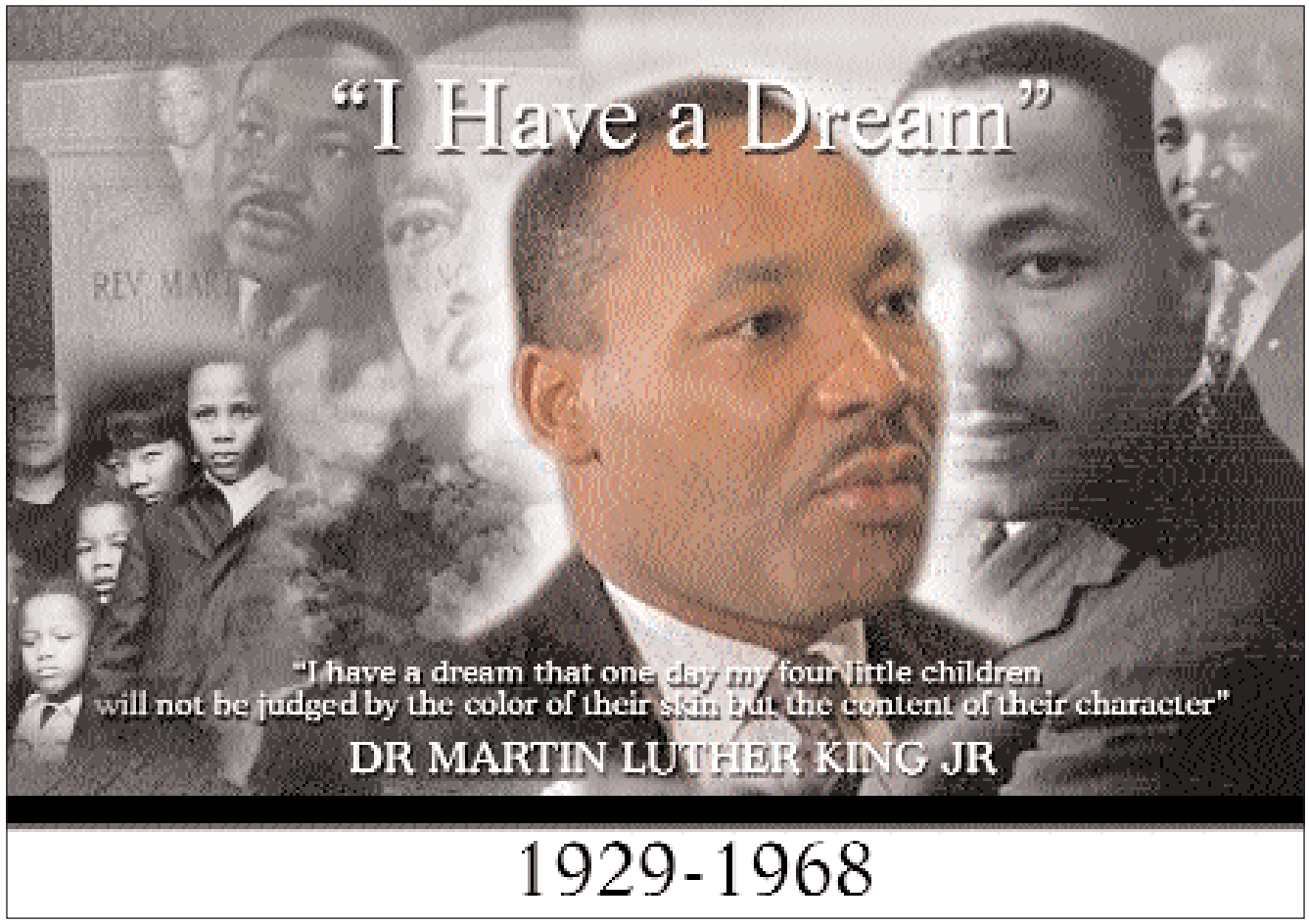
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

Retraining available

The 7th Bomb Wing Manpower and Organization office is looking for people interested in retraining into the manpower and organization career field, 3U0X1.

Applicants must be between the ranks of senior airman and master sergeant.



Graphic by Cheryl Jamieson

'I have a dream'

Monday is a federal holiday remembering the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a minister and Civil Rights activist recognized as an icon for the American Civil Rights Movement. King is often remembered for his moving comments and speeches such as his "I have a dream" speech and his letters from the Birmingham Jail. King was assassinated in 1968.

For more information, call the manpower office at 6-5024 or 6-4015.

Birthday meals

Quarterly birthday meals for the months of January, February, and March will be at 5:30 p.m Wednesdays at The Longhorn Dining Facility.

For more information, call 6-2241.

Car club

Outdoor recreation is looking for individuals that would be interested in joining a remote control car club.

Outdoor recreation will offer introduction into the hobby with tips on how to buy equipment.

For more information call 6-2402.

Crafter's Haven

The Crafter's Haven has a 20 percent discount on all holiday greenware, along with custom framing sales, throughout the month of January.

Road trip special

The auto skills center is offering a road trip special for the month of January. The special includes transmission service for $69.95 on most vehicles. Prices can vary depending on the vehicle.

For more information, call the auto skills center at 6-4179.

OFF BASE

ITT ticket sale

Special winter rates for 3,4, and 7-day Disney cruises are now available for all military members.

For more information, call ticket sales at 6-5207.

Ski trip

Outdoor recreation is offering a skiing trip to Ruidosa, N.M. Jan 31 to Feb 2.

The cost is $200 per person. Cost includes to transportation, lodging and lift tickets.

For more information, call 6-2402.

CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

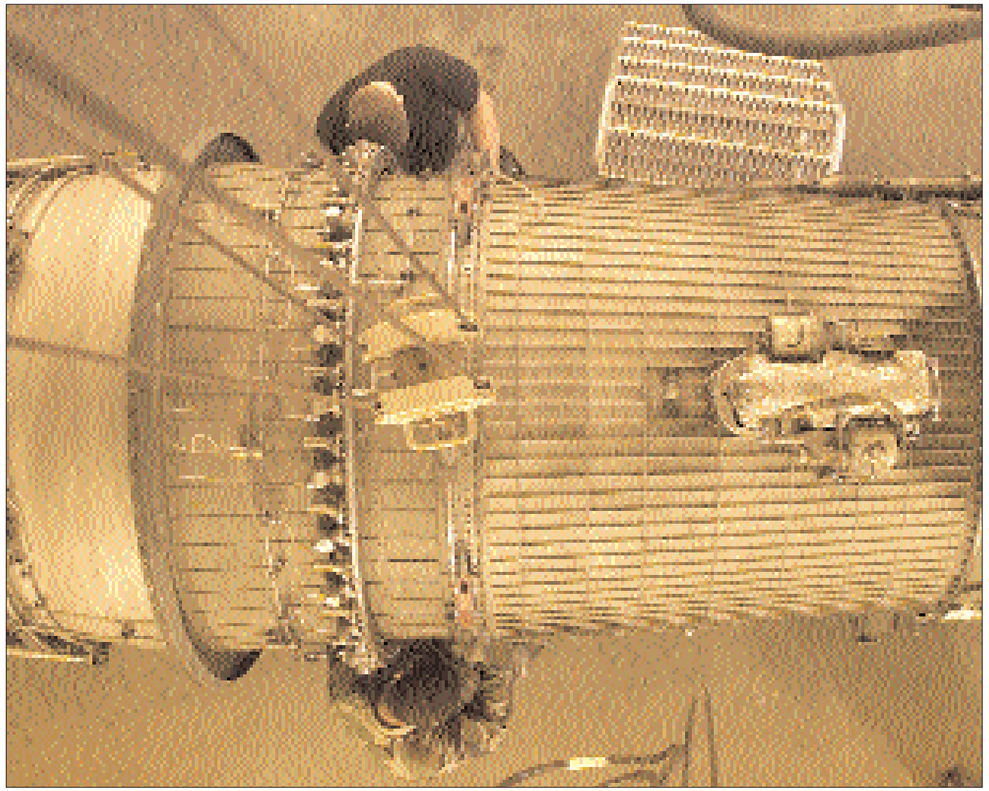
Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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

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

Other religions: The chapel has information on other religious services in the Abilene area.

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



Staff Sgt. Tracy Reisinger

Members of the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron Engine Regional Repair Center prep a F-101 General Electric-102 turbofan engine in the test cell. The test cell averages about 12 to 25 engine tests a month depending on engine flow. The tests can take between six hours to five days to complete.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Above: Airman 1st Class Vincent Palmer attaches a new oil gasket to a fuel injector on a trailer as part of a 180-day inspection The non-powered AGE shop performs maintenance on 33 3000-style trailers, eight 4000-style trailers, four hydraulic carts and two vacuum carts. Right: Airman 1st Class Jeff Arrasmith repairs fuel lines on a B-1 engine sitting on an AGE trailer.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Turn and burn

Dyess propulsion whizzes keep engines roaring

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

As the world looks forward to the 100th anniversary of powered flight this year, it is surprising to see how far the world has come since 1903. A century ago, the Wright brothers used a 200-pound engine that generated 12 horsepower to sustain 12 seconds of flight. Today's B-1 Lancer sports four F-101-General Electric-102 turbofan engines that can each generate over 85,000 horsepower and 30,000 pounds of thrust that propel the bomber to speeds exceeding 900 miles per hour.

The people who make sure the F-101 performs to those levels day in and day out can be found at the 7th Component Maintenance Squadron's propulsion shop.

"Without engines, there would be no Air Force mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Ron Boisjoli, the F-101 Engine Regional Repair Center superintendent. "The ERRC supplies the entire fleet of B-1s with jet engines to ensure mission readiness of the aircraft. We contribute spare engines and perform maintenance to make sure all of our engines are mission capable."

The shop repairs anywhere from 200 to 220 engines a year, Boisjoli added.

The center is split into four separate work centers with two shifts to keep up with the demands of maintaining more than 330 $7 million F101-GE-102 engines while keeping track of more than 250 parts on order.

The propulsion shop also recently demonstrated the quality of their work by setting a B-1 record for an engine time on wing average of 369 hours.

"That is a big deal for us because it demonstrates the durability of our engines," Boisjoli said.

Boisjoli credited the B-1 drawdown as one of the main causes of his unit's high mission capable rates.

"As more B-1s are put into the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center (at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.), the engines are stripped off and sent to us so we can hold more spares," the sergeant said.

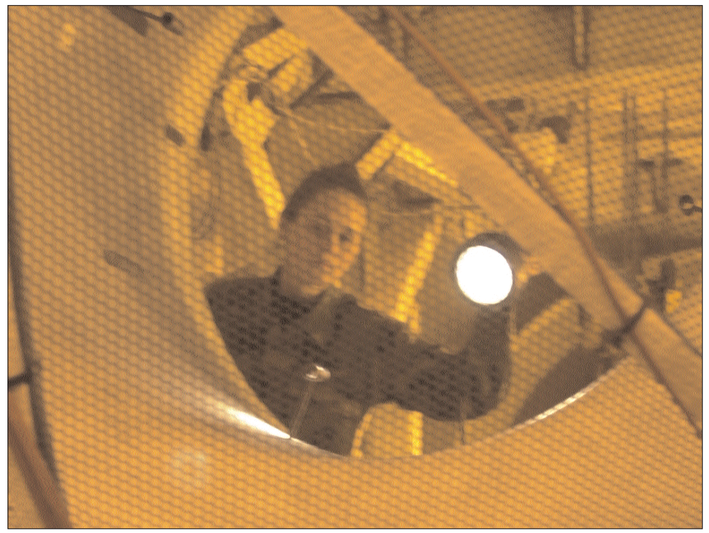
Boisjoli said there are usually 25 to 30 engines in the shop for maintenance. Some are in the shop for one to two days while others are in up to four months for complete rebuilds.

The propulsion shop is the only active-duty unit in the Air Force that does a complete teardown of engines.

"When an engine must be swapped out, it is taken to our shop for in-house maintenance," Boisjoli said. "If repairs are beyond the scope of what can be achieved here, the engine is shipped out to the depot in Oklahoma City for repairs."

Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Newly-promoted Senior Airman Greg Hutchinson checks the SKU numbers to get the location of tools to perform maintenance. The support section supports the mechanics by issuing, inventorying and calibrating tools, updating and issuing technical orders, and maintaining hazardous material.



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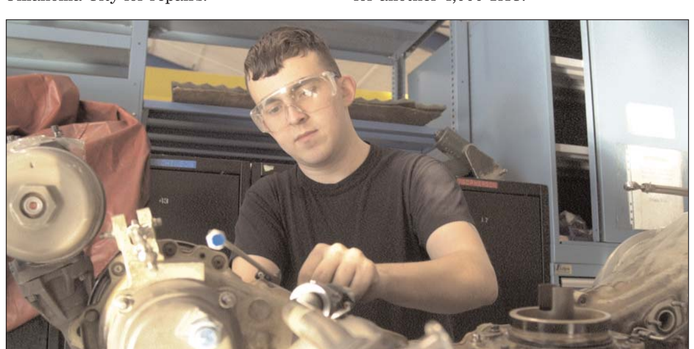
Airman 1st Class Ashley Crosby inspects an inset temperature regulator in the Engine Regional Repair Center test cell. The test cell allows members of the flight to run engines to perform tests.

Aside from their day-to-day duties, the flight also performs maintenance on each engine as the Total Accumulation Cycles reach 4,000. TAC is a relative number each engine's internal computer creates to track engine usage. By the time an engine reaches 4,000 TAC, it has to be brought into the propulsion shop and taken completely apart for a major overhaul where life-limited items within the engine are replaced and reconfigured before sending the engine out for another 4,000 TAC.



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Senior Airman Dave MacPherson safety wires a gear box on a F-101 B-1 engine. Much of the engine maintenance is done inside of the propulsion shop. The shop has 61 active-duty members and 22 Lockheed-Martin corporation contractors. Military members and contractors work side by side to get the mission done.

"An engine typically reaches 4,000 TAC after in eight years," said Master Sgt. Frank Spear, F-101 EERC flight chief. "However TAC is not measured in hours or miles but in the way it is used, so different things can influence how TAC is determined; like throttle usage or increased usage during wartime."

Once Spear and the other mechanics finish an engine, it is sent to the engine test cell. The test cell averages 12 to 25 engine tests a month depending on engine flow, with most tests taking anywhere between six hours to five days to complete.

The propulsion shop would not be able to do business without the support of the other two work centers. They are the support section and non-powered aerospace ground equipment section.

The support section supports the mechanics by issuing, inventorying and calibrating tools, updating and issuing technical orders and maintaining hazardous material.

The non-powered AGE shop performs maintenance on 33 3,000-style trailers, eight 4,000-style trailers, four hydraulic carts and two vacuum carts.

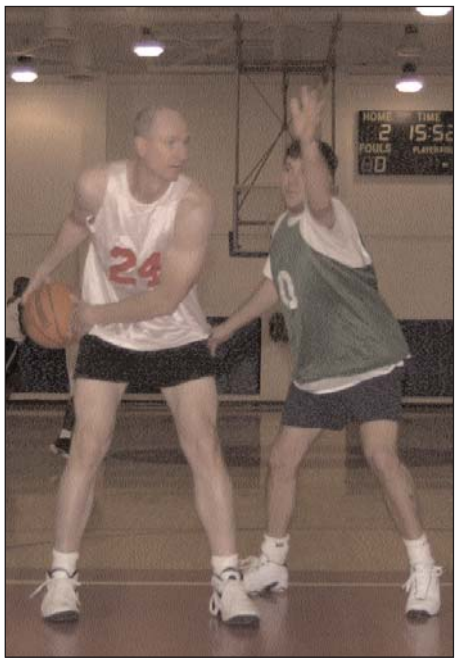
Another crucial part of this team are the 22 Lockheed-Martin Corp. workers assigned to the shop, Boisjoli said. The contractors perform the same maintenance as the military members in the shop.

"We all work hand in hand to make sure the mission gets done," Boisjoli said.

Maintainers maul Mission Supporters, 58-40

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs
and Senior Airman David Maurice
40th Airlift Squadron

The 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron beat the 7th Mission Support Squadron 58-40 in Over-30 intramural basketball action Tuesday at the base fitness center.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron center Mike Hollingsworth protects a rebound against 7th Mission Support Squadron's Steven Myers. Hollingsworth led the Maintainers to their 58-40 victory with 22 points and 21 rebounds.

Leading EMS in scoring, coach/player Mike Hollingsworth dominated the game with 22 points and 21 rebounds, followed by Maintainer Albert Daniels who picked up 17 points and four rebounds.

But even with an early nine-point lead, the Maintainers' quickly learned their victory wouldn't be that easy -- not with MSS' powerhouse Darrel Toney open.

Scoring 17 of his team's 22 first half points and banking three three-pointers, Toney kept the Supporters within six points of the Maintainers' score.

"(Toney) killed us," said Hollingsworth. "We were in a 2-1-2 zone, and he was hitting the 3's. He (was) our target for the second half."

As the teams headed into the second half, the Supporters quickly cut the lead to one point on a Toney three-pointer, his last basket with 16 minutes remaining, before the 7th EMS went on a crucial eight-point run. The run was topped off with points from Maintainers Erie Moss, Gregory Parks and Daniels.

The uptempo offense, anchored by the EMS trio of Hollingsworth, Daniels, and Bobby Winford, the Maintainers proved to be too fast for a tired 7th MSS.

Winford controlled the tempo of the second half, playing tight defense and running the fast break for the Maintainers, assisting Daniels on all 11 of his second half points.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

7th Mission Support Squadron's Darrell Toney drives past 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's James Kinsella. Toney led his 7th MSS teammates raining in four three-pointers and scoring 20 points.

7th MSS' Steven Myers and Michael Bradberry's late aggressive play attempted to keep their team in the game, with six points and three rebounds apiece. But Maintainers' Hollingsworth and Daniels' ability to cut to the basket kept the EMS on top for good.

"We just weren't able to run our offense and make our shots in the second half like we wanted to," Bradberry said. "We just need to regroup for the next time, but overall it was a good game."

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Fitness contest

The base fitness center is hosting a sit-ups and push-ups contest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m today.

The winners will gain points for their squadron toward winning the commander's fitness trophy.

For more information, call 6-4306.

Intramural racquetball

The squadron intramural racquetball season begins Tuesday.

Players interested in playing can contact their unit sports representative. If a squadron does not have a team, a unit sports representative can place members in the "Player's pool" where they are placed on another squadron's team.

For more information, call the base fitness center at 6-3697.

Winter golf scramble

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course is holding a winter golf scramble Jan. 25.

The shotgun start is at 9 a.m. The format is a two-man, nine-hole scramble.

There is a $10 entry fee, which includes a pizza lunch. The green and cart fee is $12.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Step aerobics

The Health and Wellness Center offers step aerobics classes from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Frank at 6-4887.

Squadron golf day

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course offers a special rate to squadrons who host a squadron play-day during the week.

The cost is $10 for airmen and $12 for NCOs and officers. The cost covers gree fees, club rental and cart fees.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Paintball stress buster

Dyess members can reserve the base paintball field for unit stress-buster challenges.

All equipment is offered at outdoor recreation.

The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To make a reservation or for more information, call 6-2402.

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Scores and more

Editor's note: All scores, standings and schedules are courtesy of the sports and fitness center and Dyess Lanes

Basketball

Dyess Varsity 2002-2003 schedule
Today to Sunday -- Martin Luther King Jr. tournament at Sheppard AFB, Texas.
Jan. 25-26 -- at Lackland AFB
Feb. 8-9 -- at Fort Sill, Okla.
Feb. 15-16 -- vs. Altus AFB, Okla.
March 1-2 -- vs. Sheppard AFB
March 8-9 -- at Sheppard AFB
March 15-16 -- Southwest Military Basketball Championships at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Intramural standings

American League

(As of Wednesday)	Won	Lost
7th AMXS #1	3	0
7th CES	2	0
317th AMXS	1	1
7th MDG	1	1
7th MUNS	1	1
9th BS	1	1
7th LRS	1	1
7th OSS	1	2
7th EMS	1	2
7th CMS	0	3

Jan. 6 results
7th EMS 48, 7th CMS 43
7th CES 52, 7th LRS 42
7th AMXS #1 62, 317th AMXS 49
7th MUNS 44, 7th OSS 37

Jan. 8 results
7th MDG 47, 9th BS 24
7th LRS 40, 7th CMS 37
7th CES 57, 7th EMS 33
7th AMXS #1 48, 7th OSS 21

Monday's results
317th AMXS 39, 7th MUNS 33
7th AMXS #1 56, 7th MDG 36
9th BS 39, 7th CMS 31
7th OSS 47, 7th EMS 27

Wednesday's games
7th CMS vs. 7th CES, 5:30 p.m.
7th EMS vs. 7th LRS, 6:30 p.m.
7th AMXS #1 vs. 9th BS, 7:30 p.m.
7th MUNS vs. 7th MDG, 8:30 p.m.

National League

(As of Wednesday)	Won	Lost
7th SVS	3	0
7th SFS	3	0
7th AMXS #2	1	1
39th AS	1	1
317th MXS	1	1
7th CS	1	2
7th CONS	1	2
317th OSS	0	2
7th MOS	0	2

Jan. 7 results
7th AMXS #2 35, 317th OSS 26
7th SVS 66, 7th CS 44
7th CONS 37, 7th MOS 22
7th SFS 53, 39th AS 24

Jan. 9 results
39th AS 44, 317th AMXS 38
7th SVS 59, 7th CONS 29
7th SFS 57, 7th CS 43

Tuesday's results
7th SVS 51, 7th AMXS #2 38
7th CS 54, 317th OSS 36
7th SFS 80, 7th MOS 29
317th MXS 18, 7th CONS 15

Tuesday's games
7th AMXS #2 vs. 7th CS, 5:30 p.m.
317th OSS vs. 317th MXS, 6:30 p.m.
7th SVS vs. 7th MOS, 7:30 p.m.
7th SFS vs. 7th CONS, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
39th AS vs. 7th CONS, 5:30 p.m.
317th OSS vs. 7th MOS, 6:30 p.m.
7th SVS vs. 7th SFS, 7:30 p.m.

Over 30 League

(As of Wednesday)	Won	Lost
317th AMXS	3	0
7th SFS	2	0
7th MOS	2	1
7th EMS	2	1
7th LRS	1	1
7th MDG	2	2
7th CES	1	2
7th MSS	1	2
7th MUNS	1	2
7th AMXS	1	2
7th CMS	0	3

Jan. 6 results
7th MSS 58, 7th CMS 37
317th AMXS 38, 7th MUNS 35
7th MOS 49, 7th AMXS 31

Jan. 7 results
7th SFS 2, 7th MDG 0 (forfeit)
7th CES 40, 7th LRS 31
7th EMS 68, 7th CMS 38

Jan. 8 results
7th MDG 50, 7th MOS 39
7th LRS 45, 7th MSS 24
317th AMXS 63, 7th AMXS 39

Jan. 9 results
7th MUNS 60, 7th EMS 48
7th SFS 46, 7th CES 45

Monday's results
7th MOS 52, 7th MUNS 49
317th AMXS 2, 7th MDG 0 (forfeit)

Tuesday's results
7th EMS 58, 7th MSS 40
7th AMXS 40, 7th CMS 34
7th MDG 53, 7th CES 42

Tuesday's games
7th MSS vs. 7th MUNS, 10 a.m.
7th CMS vs. 7th MDG, 11 a.m.
317th AMXS vs. 7th EMS, noon

Wednesday's games
7th AMXS vs. 7th SFS, 10 a.m.
7th MOS vs. 7th CMS, 11 a.m.
7th MSS vs. 7th CES, noon

Thursday's games
7th AMXS vs. 7th LRS, 11 a.m.
7th CES vs. 7th MUNS, noon

Bowling

ACC Bowling tournament

Four Dyess bowlers are attending the Air Combat Command tournament at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. The tournament ends today. Dyess' representatives are:
Blake Keating, men's high scratch division
Butch Allison -- men's handicap division
Victoria Bartos -- women's High scratch division
Stephanie Kraly -- Women's handicap division

League standings

Dyess Juniors/Majors

(As of Saturday)	Won	Lost
Strikers	32	24
Dancing Flamingos	34	22
Liar Liar POF	29	27
Pin Heads	17	39

Saturday's high scores
High scratch game -- Cory Easterling, 195
High handicap game -- Caleb Ondrusek, 213
High scratch series -- Ryan Starks, 519
High handicap series -- Stacy Brin, 643

Saturday's high scores
High scratch game -- Cory Easterling, 195
High handicap game -- Matthew Scruggs, 246
High scratch series -- Ryan Starks, 519
High handicap series -- Garrett Hutchinson, 711

Dyess Preps

(As of Saturday)	Won	Lost
Girls Rock!!	42	14
Team No. 2	31	25
Dumb Luck	26	30
Three Musketeers	26	30
Queen Bowlers	25	31
Team No. 5	18	38

Saturday's high scores
High scratch game -- Samantha Barker, 112
High handicap game -- Sarah Lombardo, 161
High scratch series -- James Jarvis, 315
High handicap series -- Katie Rogers, 492

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Samantha Barker, 158
High handicap game -- Tyler Gillespie and Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 208.
High scratch series -- Dori Armstrong, 399
High handicap series -- Wesley Brin, 536

American League

(As of Dec. 16)	Won	Lost
7th MOS	74	30
7th SVS #2	76	36
7th EMS	72	40
7th CMS	64	48
7th LRS #1	52	44
7th MXS/13th AMF	50	46
9th BS	58	54
7th MXS/9th BS	57	55
436th TS	48	64
7th CPTS	46	66
7th MDG	42	62
7th MSQ	41	71
7th LRS #2	40	72
7th SFS	32	64

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Curtis Hayes, 268; Tom Murphy, 267; Mark Kuhar, 257; Cristal Arnold, 204; Brandy Haefner, 172; Debra Norris, 153.
High handicap game -- Ben Sneed, 308; Chris Garcia, 308; Roger Burner, 307; Lindsey Maurice, 269; Jamie Allison, 254; Shirley Peterson, 250.
High scratch series -- Robert Dickmeyer, 720; James Templeton, 665; Don Cobb, 661; Sarah Webb-Frost, 576; Kathy DiCicco, 512; Keri Shea, 428.
High handicap series -- Nathan McLead-Hug, 808; Matt Morris, 779; Bryan Kelly, 778; Doy Brown, 725; Michelle Huff, 719; Becky Voegtlin, 681.

National League

(As of Dec. 10)	Won	Lost
7th CES	70	34
7th CMS	64	40
7th SVS	62	42
Services Command	62	42
28th AMF	59	45
7th Ammo	58	46
Team 5	57	47
13th AMF	55	49
7th MSS	52	52
317th AMXS	51	53
7th LRS #3	48	56
Giga Gutters	42	62
7th EMS	42	62
9th AMF	38	66
7th SFS	20	84

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Curtis Moses, 269; Annette Roberts, 268; Gerald Karkiewi, 257; Stephanie Kraly, 233.
High handicap game -- Fred Strojny, 318; Jim Haller, 316; Annette Roberts, 314; Julie Martin, 301
High scratch series -- Annette Roberts, 661; Gerald Karkiewi, 645; George Perez, 642; Stephanie Kraly, 550.
High handicap series -- Nathan Allison, 814; Annette Roberts, 799; Gerald Karkiewi, 792; Julie Martin, 763.

Dyess OSC League

(As of Jan. 8)	Won	Lost
Herky Girls	40	24
Crazy 8s	39	25
Lane Dames	37.5	26.5
Kiss My Average	37	27
Gutter Wynches	34.5	29.5
Herk Hotties	34.	30
OddBalls	33	31
Gutter Girls	31.5	32.5
Bowlin' Mamas	29.5	34.5
Wishful Thinking	25.5	38.5
Clueless	21.5	42.5
Split Happens	21	39

Jan. 8 high scores
High scratch game -- Stephanie Williams, 178; Deb Plourde, 176; Terry Johnston, 170.
High handicap game -- Deb Plourde, 230; Stephanie Williams, 222; Jean Adamski, 219.
High scratch series -- Stephanie Williams, 491; Cristie Arnold, 460; Terry Johnston, 454.
High handicap series -- Stephanie Williams, 623; Annette Howe, 613; Deb Plourde, 609.

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Valerie Robinson, 223, Terry Johnston, 213, Cristie Arnold, 202.
High handicap game -- Victoria Peck, 272; Angela Thomas, 271; Anna Boyd, 266.
High scratch series -- Stephanie Williams, 565; Jean Adamski, 525; Sheri Chandler, 510.
High handicap series -- Rendy Cones, 713; Kris Green, 700; Tiffany Hunter, 697.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

(As of Dec. 13)	Won	Lost
We Don't Care	64	40
1/4 Bowlers	64	40
HMO	60	44
Misfits	60	44
Are You Kidding?	53	51
Lucky Dawgs	51	53
Mixed Nuts	46	58
Team No. 2	45	59
Odd Couples	41	63
HNSB's	40	64
Team No. 3	38	66
Team 12	22	82

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Blake Keating, 255; John Bullard, 247; Margret McMillan, 245; Stephanie Keating, 243.
High handicap game -- Darren Crider, 306; Blake Keating, 283; Stephanie Keating, 271; Margret McMillan, 269.
High scratch series -- Don Cobb, 684; Margret McMillian, 658;Chuck Knight, 650; Joy Kahn, 593.
High handicap series -- Don Cobb, 795; Chuck Knight, 791; Linda Sneed, 739; Margret McMillan, 736.

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The BIG Screen

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

Today

Treasure Planet -- *Animated* **--** Fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins joins the space crew of an intergalactic expedition as a cabin boy. Befriended by the ship's cook, a charismatic cyborg named John Silver, Jim learns under his guidance and shows the makings of a fine "spacer" as he and the alien crew battle supernovas.

PG *(adventure action and peril)*

Saturday

Die Another Day -- *Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry* **--** Bond is on the trail of new villains -- the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. Along the way, Bond enlists the aid of Jinx and crosses paths with Miranda Frost, before following Graves to his lair in Iceland: a palace built entirely of ice.

R *(action violence and sexuality)*

Social hour

Social hour is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. today at The Heritage Club and The Enlisted Lounge.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Karaoke

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

For more information, call 6-4305.

Late Night

The Hangar Center's Late Night is from 11 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday.

The event is free for club members and $3 for non-members.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Poetry night

The Hangar Center is having a poetry night from 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Super Bowl party

The Dyess clubs are hosting a Super Bowl party at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Bingo mania

Bingo mania is 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at The Hangar Center.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Greenware sale

The Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center is having a 20 percent off sale on all holiday greenware this month.

For more information, call 6-4175.

Dyess Lanes

Dyess Lanes has gift certificates available.

For more information, call 6-4166.

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