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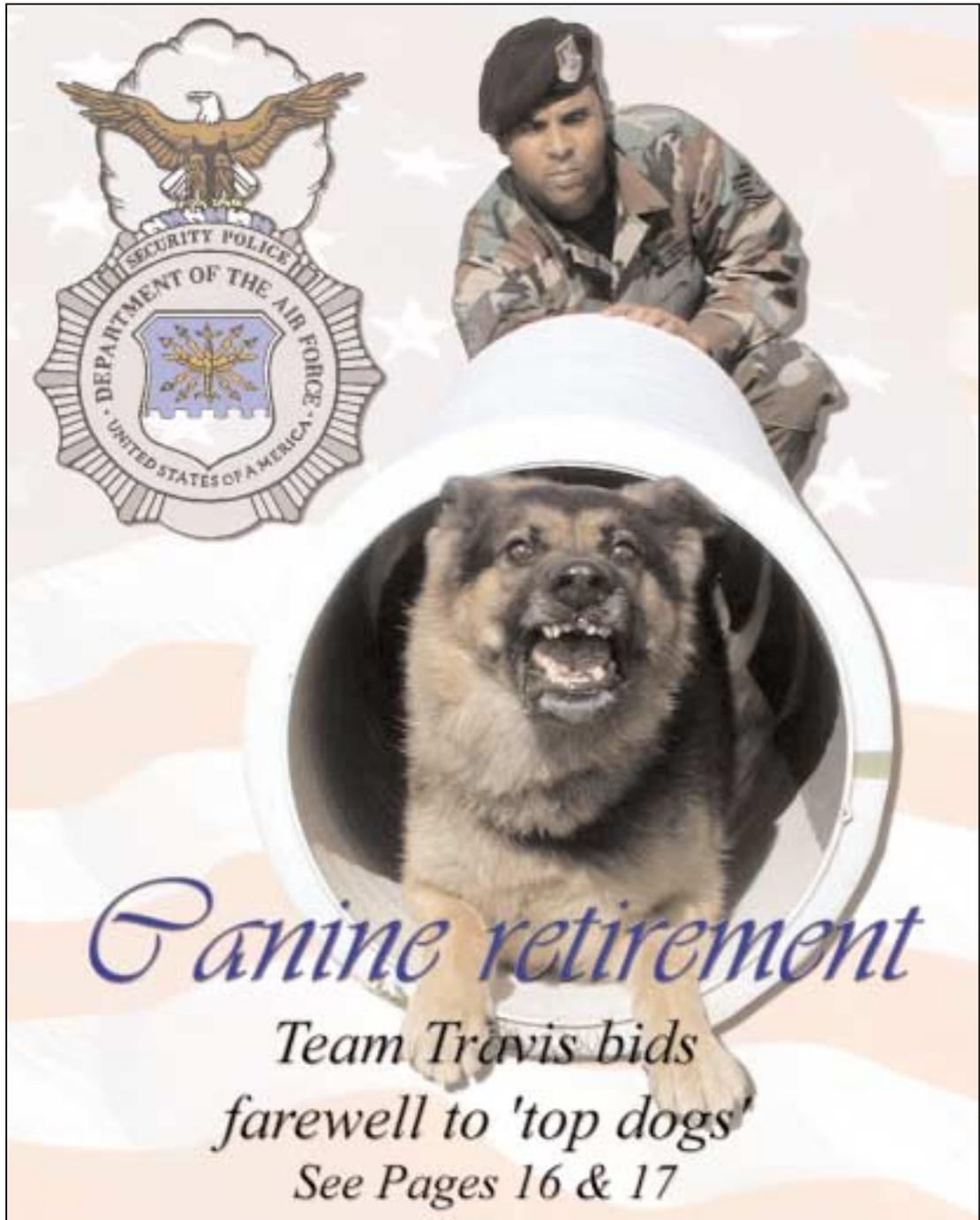
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Hindsight, 20/20 when reflecting on tragedy

By Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th AMW Commander

We are in a business which involves a certain amount of risk ... particularly for those of us who work on or near the flightline, flying or fixing an aircraft, moving cargo, maintaining ground equipment, vehicles or many other responsibilities.

We manage the many potential dangers by practicing sound safety procedures, working within the limits of our training, incorporating time proven work practices and improving those practices from time to time.

Despite our best efforts, a rare accident does happen ... and on May 21, 2002, such a tragedy struck at Travis.

We lost one of our own warriors that day — Staff Sgt. Mark Iriarte, a dedicated professional, working hard on the flightline became inextricably trapped between a door and building support beam at

Hangar 809. My heartfelt sympathy extends to Mark's family, friends and coworkers for their pain and loss. We all miss Mark and think of him often.

This fatal mishap was the culmination of several unfortunate factors. I applaud the well-meaning, lean forward attitude of those who were working with Mark that night. They were trying to do the right thing and accomplish the mission at hand as quickly as possible. However, as we scrutinize the events of that night, we can now pinpoint several things that may have saved Mark's life. Unfortunately, hindsight is 20/20. Yet we must learn from this tragedy. We must pull together as a team and prevent mishaps like this from ever happening again.

Following this accident, there have been several procedural changes throughout the Air Force ... particularly in how we operate hangar doors and how we train people for that respon-

sibility. Some of the key changes we have made here include the addition of mechanical features on a number of hangar doors, the implementation of new or revised training, checklists and inspection procedures.

What we do is based on what we know — so we looked hard at our training program. Training plans were rewritten, hangar door operators retrained and awareness briefings were conducted. Air Force training Forms 55 were expanded to include review of the hazards associated with hangar door operations. Hazard areas and related signs were painted, specifically identifying where a person may be in physical danger.

We also installed new switches on doors in Hangar 809, while upgrading electrical panels on doors in Hangar 810.

In addition, hangar door operations are checked monthly to ensure people continue to meet Air Force Operational

Safety Health standards and other requirements.

Sadly, all of these changes won't change what happened to Staff Sgt. Iriarte ... but these improvements can ensure the safe operation of hangar doors and may save a life in the future.

I encourage everyone to take a moment and look closely at your work areas — to see if there's a need for training or process improvement that will enhance safety. Tell your supervisor, superintendent and commander when a change needs to be made. Neither I, nor any other commander, supervisor or team chief will ask you to do anything you aren't trained to do.

People are our top priority. The nature of our business can be dangerous, but YOU can be the first line of defense that can prevent injury or even save someone's life. I want each of you to THINK SAFETY, work SAFELY and most importantly, watch out for each other.

Travis families are Child Development Center's priority

By Maj. Marcus Bass
60th Services Squadron

One of the greatest things about being a commander is being able to talk about the wonderful job people are doing.

As commander of the 60th Services Squadron, I am very proud of the people who serve and support our diverse range of agencies. Among those varied functions, which include dining facilities, billeting, recreation, among many others, services people are here to support and make life a bit easier for the Travis team.

When it comes to serving the Air Force family, our Child Development Centers at Travis top the list. As a father of two daughters enrolled in our CDC and youth center, I know how important this support is.

When you get down to it, the best way to communicate to the larger Travis community what we provide in terms of quality childcare, is to pro-

vide some basic facts and statistics about who we are.

First of all, we're very cautious about who we hire to look after our children. Many of our employees are related to members stationed at Travis, or others with close ties to the military community.

We currently have a pool of 168 appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees — all trained and qualified to supervise children in our three state-of-the-art daycare facilities. In total, more than 850 children are enrolled in our childcare and youth organizations.

During the first six months of employment, each Child Development program assistant must complete multiple Air Force Training Modules, which includes training on positive guidance and professionalism, identifying child abuse, reporting and preventing 'peer on peer' physical and sexual contact, pediatric first aid and food handler's train-

ing. In addition, our CDPAs complete assigned readings; to include CDC related Operating Instructions and Air Force childcare policies in AFI-34-248.

The bottom line: all CDPAs must make satisfactory progress toward and completion of the CDPA 15 training modules for continued employment. After they are trained, tested and observed, they are then qualified to provide childcare in one of the three facilities, and are supervised by a Child Development director and a Training and Curriculum specialist.

I think one of the best measurements of customer satisfaction is from direct feedback. Parents are surveyed annually and as recently as Sept. 23 of this year, parents with kids enrolled at the CDC No. 3, answered positively.

"Whatever I'm paying is worth it. I have peace of mind when my child is there," commented one.

"I feel 100 percent comfort-

able in this center, my daughter is safe and happy. Those are the things I love. Everyone we encounter is sweet, loving and always friendly. You are doing a great job. I am extremely pleased with the teachers and staff at CDC No. 3," stated another.

"Wonderful staff. I'm always informed," wrote another.

Another validation of our childcare services comes from outside organizations.

Our CDCs receive three unannounced inspections annually. In addition, Travis programs have been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and have been certified as a Quality Developmental Program, by the Department of Defense.

The Air Force family is our top concern ... and ensuring quality childcare is critical in this effort. Give us a call if you're interested in a tour of our facilities or to meet some of our staff.

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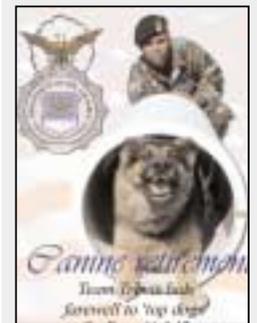
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On the cover: Staff Sgt. Albert Branch, 60th Security Forces dog handler, and his dog Bon attack the canine obstacle course.

'Smart card' a reality at Travis

Mass ID card issue slated to begin Oct. 22

By Staff Sgt. Mark Diamond
60th AMW Public Affairs

The current Department of Defense military identification card is fairly simple. It includes a mug shot, a social security number, a signature, and a few bits of personal information.

The card is primarily used as a form of identification at the Base Exchange and Shoppette and, during increased force protection conditions, the card is used to gain access to the base and base facilities.

Beyond that, military ID cards rarely see the light of day.

That's about to change.

According to Tracy Day of the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure System Program Office at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, by Jan. 22, 2003, all Travis personnel will be issued the U.S. military's new, high-tech ID, the Common Access Card.

Day and fellow AFPKI-SPO employee Paul McMillan, arrived at Travis this week to help the base in its transition to the new, smart ID card.

Although about 3,000 Travis personnel already carry the new Common Access Card, Day said that between Oct. 30 and Jan. 22, the Travis MPF is setting up a mobile registration unit to issue the high-tech ID card to the remaining active-duty personnel.

Prior to visiting the mobile registration unit, Day said it is important that Travis personnel update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, also known as DEERS. He also said people should bring their old ID card and a six- to eight-digit personal identification number.

Day said their goal is to process 170 customers per day — that's one customer every 15 minutes. To meet this goal, he said customers must update their personnel records prior to their card issue appointment.

McMillan said that by the time they begin issuing cards at Travis, their office will have accomplished the same process at nine or 10 other DOD organizations and bases, including the Pentagon.

"We've learned that it is vital to get base awareness prior to starting the mass card issue," added McMillan. "We've seen great success when the base is prepared."

In an American Forces Press Service article published in March, Mary Dixon, director of the DOD Access Card Office, said by March of next year, four million active-duty military personnel, selected reservists, DOD civilians and eligible contractor employees are expected to have the new ID card.

With the transition from today's basic green ID card to tomorrow's high-tech Common Access Card, McMillan said military ID cards will become an integral part of daily operations.

What makes the 'smart card' smart?

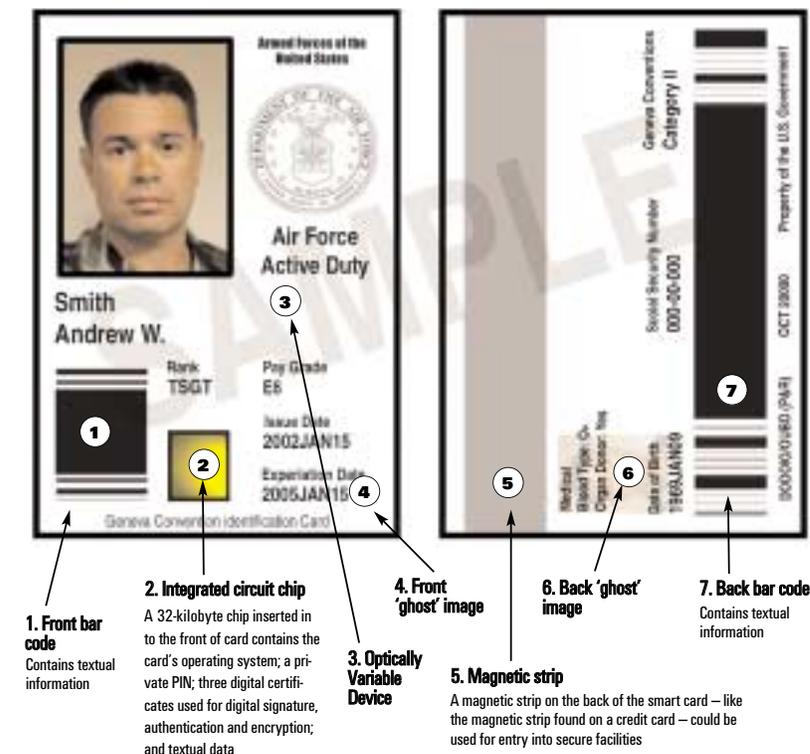
The Common Access Card, commonly referred to as the "smart card," is noticeably different than the ID card that military personnel have carried for years.

The back of the credit-card-sized smart card contains blood type and organ donor information, date of birth, social security number, Geneva Conventions category, a magnetic strip (similar to a credit card), and a bar code.

While not significantly different than the standard green ID card, the addition of a magnetic strip should play an important role in how the card will be used in future applications, such as entry into certain on-base facilities.

The front of the card also contains much of the same information that can be found on the old ID card: a mug shot, name, rank, pay grade, card issue and expiration dates, and a two-dimensional bar code. However, inserted into the bottom of the card is what makes the "smart card" smart — the highly touted Integrated Circuit Chip.

The fingernail-sized chip contains the smart card operating system, special applications, called applets, biometric data, fingerprints, a private personal identification number, and textual data such as full name, pay grade, gender, branch of service, government agency, duty status,



1. Front bar code
Contains textual information

2. Integrated circuit chip
A 32-kilobyte chip inserted in to the front of card contains the card's operating system; a private PIN; three digital certificates used for digital signature, authentication and encryption; and textual data

3. Optically Variable Device

4. Front 'ghost' image

5. Magnetic strip

A magnetic strip on the back of the smart card — like the magnetic strip found on a credit card — could be used for entry into secure facilities

6. Back 'ghost' image

7. Back bar code
Contains textual information

citizenship, date of birth, and more.

Additionally, the 32-kilobyte memory chip will contain up to three digital certificates used for digital signature, identification and authentication and encryption. The certificates will be used when processing electronic documents, e-mails and other Public Key Infrastructure-enabled applications.

According to McMillan, the Public Key Infrastructure, or PKI, uses technology that enables numerous applications, such as Medium Grade Service secure e-mail. Medium Grade Service e-mail allows unclassified e-mail traffic to be digitally signed and encrypted.

McMillan said smart card readers will be installed on all Travis computers by October 2003. He said at that time — according to a 1999 Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense memo (the Hamre Memo) — all military computer users will be required to digitally sign their e-mail messages.

To use the PKI certificates, a user simply slides their smart card into a card reader that will be attached to their computer,

and enters their six- to eight-digit PIN.

Day and McMillan explained that PKI electronically provides services such as digital signatures and e-mail encryption through the use of a private-public digital key pair. A key is a digital, computerized code uniquely tied to a user's identity. Together, the two simultaneously generated keys use an irreversible mathematical process, making it virtually impossible for anybody to determine the mathematical bond between the two.

In addition to the first smart card initiative — Medium Grade Service e-mail — McMillan said PKI offers the possibility of virtually hundreds of applications.

From secure Internet access, mobility processing and contracting e-commerce, to filing a travel and gaining entry to sensitive base facilities, the military ID card of the near future should spend less time in the wallet and more time helping the cardholder.

Smart Card Features

▶ A chip inserted in to the front of the Common Access Card contains the card's operating system; special applications (called applets); a private personal identification number; three digital certificates used for digital signature, identification, authentication and encryption; and textual data (i.e., full name, pay grade, gender, branch of service, government agency, duty status, citizenship, date of birth, and much more).

▶ The card also contains two bar codes which contain textual information, and a magnetic strip that can be used for entry into on-base facilities.

▶ In addition to the chip, bar codes and magnetic chip, the card includes "ghost" images on the front and back of the card.

For more information, go to <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>.

NEWS NOTES

Memorial service

All are invited to the memorial service for Tech. Sgt. Pauline Schlichtling scheduled for today at 3 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

So long chief

A retirement ceremony honoring the 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Base Flagpole. Retired Brig. Gen. Steven Roser and Col. David Lefforge, former 60th AMW commander, will officiate the ceremony. A retirement dinner for the Johnson family is scheduled for Oct. 24 at the Delta Breeze Club beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sylvia Crowder at 424-8115.

Travis Air Museum

The Museum is available free of charge to host retirements, reenlistments, birthday parties, Thanksgiving parties, Christmas parties and unit functions. Call 424-5605 or visit <https://www.travis.af.mil/museum> for more information.

Gospel celebration

The Gospel Choir of Chapel One is celebrating its 39th anniversary with a Gospel Music Concert Saturday at 6 p.m. Choirs from the community will be ministering selections.

Tuskegee Airmen ball

The Lee A. Archer Jr. chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. is holding its Fall Ball at the Travis Delta Breeze Club Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. The event includes dinner and dance. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, Director of the Air National Guard and son of the late Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. The theme for this year's event is, "Living the Legacy, Creating Opportunities." Dress for the evening will be mess dress semi-formal uniform, tuxedo or coat and tie, formal dress. The donation is \$30. For tickets and information, contact Gladys Towne at 423-7166, Master Sgt. Edward Hutchison at 424-7189 or Howard Gunn at 448-0589.

Scholarship opportunities

On Sept. 15, the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund a non-profit organization, announced a new program that allows every member of the military to obtain a college degree in business administration thanks to a new program from Grantham University, a fully accredited university. Grantham University is offering an unlimited number of scholarships to all of the nation's uniformed services members. The scholarship includes tuition, books and software. The scholarship program from Grantham University covers those expenses the military student normally would have to pay.

For more information on Grantham's military scholarship program and to download an application just go to <http://www.grantham.edu/fed/bus.htm> or call (800) 955-2527.

Realignment brings wing into line with chief's vision

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Verchio
60th AMW Public Affairs

The 60th Air Mobility Wing began its reorganization under the Chief of Staff's vision in a ceremony at Wing Headquarters Sept. 18, and according to the 60th Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Leonard Patrick, the implementation is moving forward ahead of schedule.

"We picked Sept. 18 as a date to begin our reorganization because it's a date that is rich in Air Force history," Patrick said referring to Sept. 18, 1947, when the Air Force became a separate service.

In the past organizational arrangement, some combat-support personnel within a wing were assigned to the operations group, others were assigned to the logistics group, and still others were assigned to the support group. Under Gen. John Jumper's vision, all wing combat-support functions will fall under the mission support group.

Under the CSAF's new directives, the only group that will not be realigned is the medical group.

All of the affected Travis

groups will feel the change, but the biggest change in the new wing organization is felt by the mission support group. In the past, the support group at Travis had responsibility for approximately 1,100 people in five squadrons. Under the new plan, the Travis mission support group commander has responsibility for more than 2,100 personnel and eight squadrons.

According to Patrick, "If you're not flying airplanes, fixing them, or healing people, you're in the mission support group."

"The new wing organization is a building block for Jumper's new task force concepts," Patrick said. "We need to look at how we're going to fight wars in the future, while learning the lessons of today's wars. If you look to the past, the way the Air Force was organized, it worked for that particular time-forward based with a known threat. However, the Air Force must continue to change to be ready for the next threat, and be ready for those emerging threats."

Patrick says that by reorganizing in this manner, the Air Force, Air Mobility Command and the 60th AMW are

all working off the same sheet of music.

"What is great about this organization is we've really opened the lines of communication," Patrick said. "By centralizing the combat-support functions under one commander, we can take personnel who are working together as a fine-tuned machine in peace time and transport them to the fight without missing a beat. Another benefit is the mission support group commander, either at home or forward based, gets people out of their functional stovepipes, and focuses them toward the big picture — the common goal of combat support."

This reorganization will also enhance the officer career paths of personnel in the respective groups.

In a recent article in Air Force magazine dated June of 2002, Jumper said in describing the role of the mission support group, that the Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of not only home-station employment and sustainment but also contingency deployment, beddown and sustainment. To do this, he said the mission support

group commander's role must encompass crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, combat support and more.

Jumper also stated the operational groups within the Air Force will now have a clear, defined vision of the big picture.

"Commanders of operational groups will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war," Jumper said. "There is an emerging necessity to more closely integrate tactical skills with execution at the operational level of war."

Patrick said the Air Force must continue to adapt its vision for the ever-changing face of war.

"We [the Air Force and Travis] are positioning ourselves to support future operations, and defend the country against any future threats," Patrick said. "The Air Force and Travis continue to operate at the tip of the sword. Any organization that doesn't look to improve its processes will not make history, it'll be history."

Air Force puts power behind club card

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

The Air Force is putting more power behind its club card system with a new Members First program. As of Oct. 1, Air Force club members get mandatory discounts whenever they show their club card.

At most bases that translates to a \$1 to \$2 discount on food purchases. However, at Travis the discount reaches much deeper — from a discount of \$1.75 off the lunch buffet to \$5.55 off Champagne Sunday Brunch.

Delta Breeze Club officials, however, caution that these aren't new discounts, but the same discounts Travis implemented last year. Travis is one of a few bases that already uses a two-tiered pricing structure for members and non-members.

"We have always offered substantial discounts to our members. Many of our discounts are already more than the minimum required by the Air Force," said Charles Thomas, DBC assistant manager Members.

First will bring some new benefits to DBC members as well, including a 10 percent discount on all members' personal functions, a \$2 discount on all special functions (including military) and one special members-only event each month.

But to get these discounts, club members must show their club card.

To help patrons ease into this new habit, the club is kicking off a two-month Card Me promotion with chances to win cash and prizes. Every time patrons show their club cards at the DBC, they get a Card Me entry form. Club members can also show their club card at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course, Travis Bowl and Pizzeria to get more Card Me entry forms.

There will be monthly prize drawings at Travis and all entries will be entered in the AMC grand prize drawing for \$1,000 on Dec. 3. In all, Travis personnel will win \$2,600 in cash.

Thomas said the timing of the new Members First and Card Me promotions with the annual membership drive should help more people see the

Members First

Program establishes required discounts*

	Minimum	DBC
■ Lunch Buffet	\$1.00	\$1.75
■ Champagne Sunday Brunch	\$1.00	\$5.55
■ Traditions Fine Dining	\$1.00	\$3 +
■ All special functions (including military)	\$2.00	NEW
■ Holiday buffets/dinner/events	\$2.00	\$6.40**
■ Members' personal functions	10%	NEW
■ Entertainment		
■ Members Only events: Spaghetti Feed on Nov. 14, Holiday Super Social Hour on Dec. 20		
■ When a member fee is charged, add at least \$2.00 to eligible non-member (Karaoke Night, Club Members save \$3 cover charge)		

*Applies to individual meals and other food purchases of \$4.00 or more
**Average savings. Specific savings could vary.

value of club membership.

The members-only events, Thomas said, will help paint the image of value for club members. The first event on Nov. 14 is part of a series of family-oriented events planned at Travis. The DBC will host a Family Spaghetti Feed from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring an all-you-care-to-eat salad, garlic bread and spaghetti buffet. Adult members pay \$5, children 6 to 12 pay \$2, and children 5 and under are free.

For more information about the Members First and Card Me promotions or the DBC membership drive, call 437-3711.

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First sergeants continue heritage

View Point

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Maddux
349th command chief

Continuing the heritage of our Air Force, the first sergeant prepares his or her people for battles abroad and guides them through troubles at home.

Carefully selected and formally trained, the first sergeant is the enlisted person responsible for maintaining discipline, order and morale in a unit.

That job description entails many dimensions, from counseling members who are not meeting military standards to counseling them on career progression and education.

Just a few years ago a visit from the grim reaper was more welcome than seeing the first sergeant. However, the first sergeant is now a confidante during personal, military or financial difficulties, an ally in struggles with civilian employers, and a contact for families.

The first sergeant implements the commander's policies and programs and, in turn, presents the commander an enlisted force fully prepared to carry out its military obligations.

Just as the military has a new generation of well educated, highly motivated reservists, it has a new generation of first sergeants to match.

In today's military environment of rainbow forces, seamless operations and Total Force is just one reason why the Reserve First Sergeant's Academy has closed its doors and moved their operations from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The Air Force First Sergeant's Academy will train all Air Force first sergeants — active duty, Reserve and Guard. A recent graduate is Master Sgt. Aretha Chandler, 349th Operations Support Flight, who

was in the very first class at the newly combined operations at Maxwell.

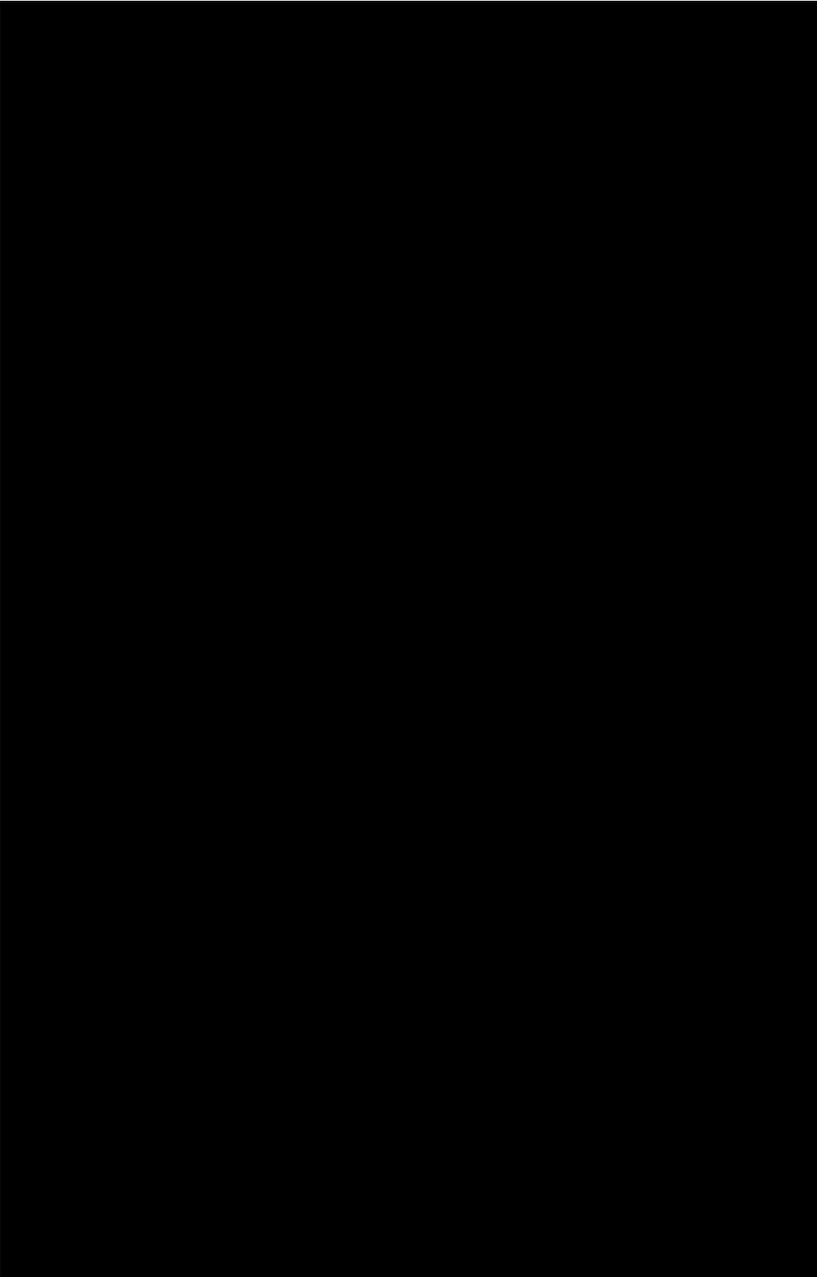
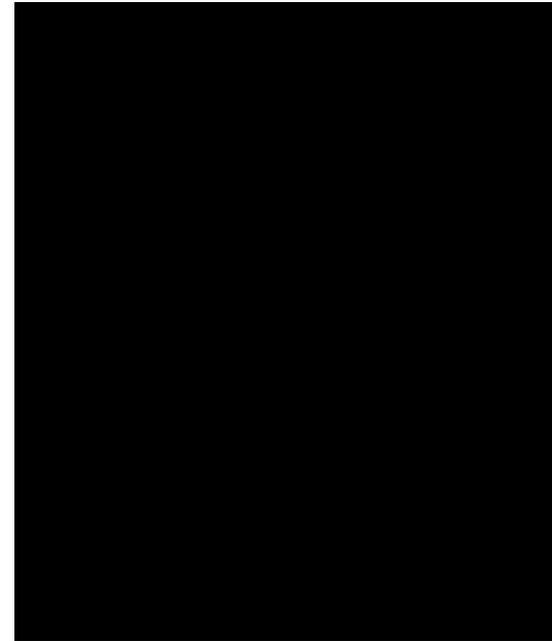
The First Sergeant Academy prepares selected senior non-commissioned officers to perform effectively by providing instruction on communication skills, unit administration, supply and facility management, drill, military justice and human relations.

I believe things are the same as when I went through the Academy. That is, they don't try and make first sergeants experts in any one thing, but teach them to find experts to get people help.

At graduation, each first sergeant finally receives their diamond. Their first diamond is "tacked on." This distinctive symbol on their uniform then identifies them as first sergeants.

I encourage all eligible enlisted members to consider this challenging job during their career.

Our next First Sergeant Selection Board will be in December. Personnel interested in being interviewed by the board must have their package completed and submitted to the Military Personnel Flights Personnel Employment section by Nov. 1. They can also answer your questions concerning the requirements for the package and the board.



Teens help themselves

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

Youth at Travis have a variety of activities and facilities available to them including team sports, fitness classes, art programs, the skate park and the Bowling Center. As members of the Teen Zone, they plan their own activities and fundraisers.

Each member pays \$40 per year to help defray the cost of activities. This year they have gone skating and bowling, gone to Scandia and the Jelly Belly Factory, had movie nights and dances and gone sailing on the San Francisco Bay. They would like to have more fieldtrips, but they need more funds.

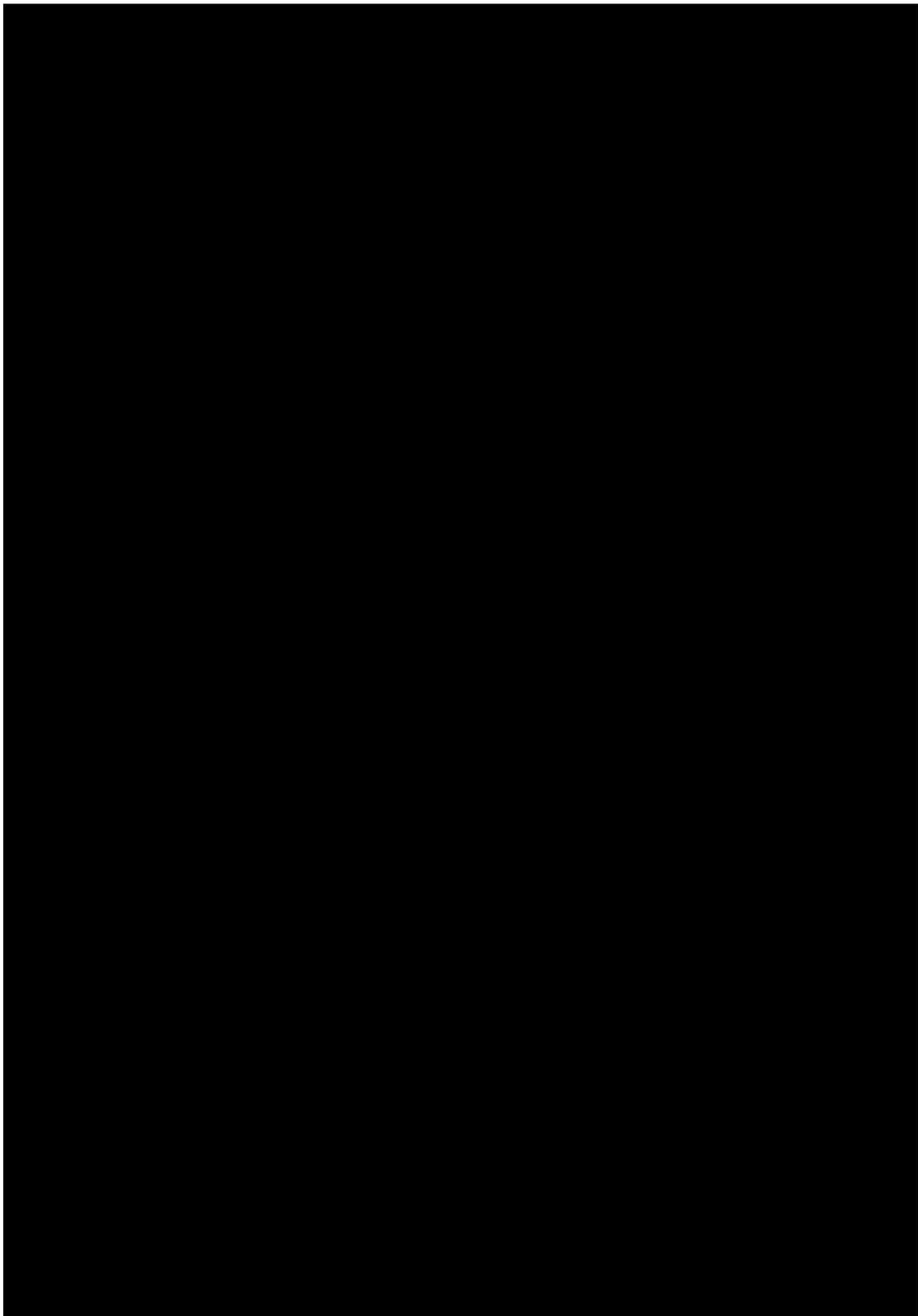
Instead of asking for donations, the youth have decided to hold a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 12 in the Teen Zone parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the Teen Zone. Travis personnel are invited to drop off unwanted items in to the Teen Zone, Bldg. 650, in the Mini Mall, by Wednesday.

Just about everything is accepted from clothing and toys to tools and household decorations. People should not donate large appliances, household toxic chemicals or mattresses. Remember, anything that does not sell at the yard sale will have to be disposed of by the Teen Zone, so only donate items in good condition. Call Larry Williams at 424-3131 for more information.



Courtesy photo

Joshua Williams and 15 other youth from the Travis Teen Zone spent the day on the San Francisco Bay as guests of the Presidio Yacht Club.





Stressed out?

Take time everyday to wind down. If you feel your stress level has progressed to an unmanageable level, call the Behavioral Health Clinic Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 423-5174.

ALS graduates future NCOs

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60th Operations Support Squadron

Adames Alexis

Davis Charles

Kongmanivong Ammarinh

Ledesma Brandon

Lillis Patrick

Summers Amy

6th Air Refueling Squadron

Trussell Jason

9th Air Refueling Squadron

Casillas Adelina

Trussell Jennifer

22nd Airlift Squadron

Factuar Daniel

Reynolds Nefertiti

60th Maintenance Group

Bates Aaron

60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Browning Bruce

Carr Desmond

Melo Daniel

60th Component Maintenance Squadron

Dahl Brennan

Dzwonczyk Dominic

Ford Phillip

Hudson David

Krampitz Victor

Thompson Christopher

60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Edmiston Jess

Kissman Gene

Mueller Andrew

Redway Travis

660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Gambles Joseph

Perkins Darius

Sawall Scottie

60th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Armijo Louis

Franks Brandon

Gonzalez Laury

Ifopo Laauli

Peele Samuel

Rowley Floyd

Saterfield Lawrence

60th Security Forces Squadron

Bowen Derrick

Smith Patricia

60th Civil Engineer Squadron

Dory Joshua

Grubbs Eric

Shamid-Deen Omar

Solis Laureano

Stewart Donald

Tagalicud Richard

Williams Paul

60th Mission Support Squadron

Coleman Dionne

60th Communications Squadron

McVey Jonas

60th Medical Operations Squadron

Lima Darion

Pollard Angela

60th Medical Support Squadron

Tempess Paul

60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutic Squadron

Burkett Charles

McElwain Wendy

60th Medical Surgical Operations Squadron

Dosado Glennfelicisimo

Gonzalez Ruy

Lacap MaryAnn

Lewis Michael

Pettit Tiffany

Taylor Melissa

Dental Squadron

Johnson JoAnne

Wright Toriano

615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron

Mitchell Jeffrey

Sullivan George

715th Air Mobility Squadron

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815th Air Mobility Squadron

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Shields Scott

364th Recruiting Squadron

Wagoner Brett

Engineering an acting career, not easy

By Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser
60th AMW Public Affairs

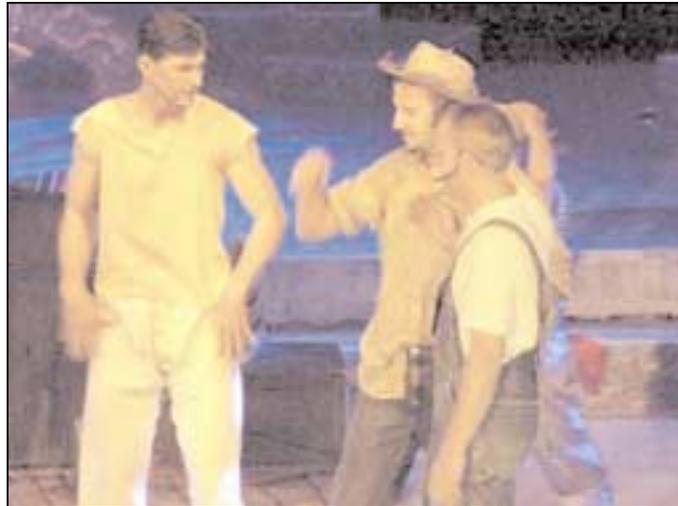
After a day in his uniform working side by side with fellow 60th Civil Engineer Squadron members, Airman 1st Class Jarrett Battenberg does a quick costume change for his evening role — an aspiring actor.

Working in the Air Force is a full-time job, but Battenberg said he enjoys the work ... almost as much as he enjoys acting in productions. He has spent the last two months driving an hour after work just to get to a two-hour rehearsal or performance in Sacramento for the 30th annual musical production, "Best of Broadway."

"Best of Broadway" is a not-for-profit organization where close to 200 volunteers, ranging in age from 7 to 70, bring the best Broadway hits to the Sacramento community in an effort to raise money for charities. Battenberg said he enjoyed the experience not only for the experience of acting and singing, but also because he was able to help the community by doing so.

"I've wanted to be an actor for as long as I can remember," Battenberg said. "I don't know why, it's just something inside.

"My dad is an actor and he always told me acting takes a lot of discipline," he said. "That is why I am so motivated." Even though driving to Sacramento



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Jarrett Battenberg from the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, left, plays the role of "Simon" in the Best of Broadway production of "Big River."

everyday uses a lot of gas and almost all of his free time, he said there's nothing he enjoys more.

Battenberg has been a part of JE Talent Agency out of San Francisco since he was 11 years old and has since played

an extra in "Inventing the Abbotts," a movie starring Jennifer Connelly and Joaquin Phoenix, and has been in multiple commercials. Battenberg's family moved to Petaluma when he was 8 and has since participated in various plays

and musicals throughout the area. He said it was very lucky for him he happened to get stationed at Travis, so he could continue acting in the local area.

The 23-year-old actor said he hopes to one day audition for American Idol, the newest talent search contest on television.

"Not everybody in the dorms likes the music I like, but people tell me I have a pretty good singing voice and I love to sing," he said. "I would love to be able to get on American Idol."

So what brought an aspiring actor into the Air Force?

"I love airplanes," Battenberg said. "I used to live near an airport and I loved to watch the planes take off. In CE, I'm not working with airplanes, but I do really love being in the Air Force."

After two years of service, he still isn't sure whether he'll reenlist.

"I really want to pursue my acting career, but with a war going on, that's a tough decision," he said.

Battenberg is scheduled to perform in the upcoming Benicia Old Town Theatre Group production called "More Benicia Follies." It is an original, unpublished musical revue of Benicia's history. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 18 to Nov. 10 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. at the B.D.E.S. Hall at 140 W. J St., Benicia.

CFC kicks off with \$11.3 million goal

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Wilhelmina Rolark inspired the gathering at Department of Defense's kickoff for this year's Combined Federal Campaign as she enthusiastically had the audience chanting, "If it's to be, it's up to me ... If it's to be, it's up to me."

"We're going to have the greatest CFC campaign — ever" said Rolark, president of the United Black Fund, in the deputy secretary of defense conference room at the Pentagon.

"You're out there in the boon-docks where you work hard trying to get people to part with some of their paycheck to give to someone who is in greater need than they are," she said.

The needs have doubled or tripled since Sept. 11, Rolark said. "That's an inspiration to make this the greatest campaign ever," she said.

This year's campaign runs

through Dec. 15. The CFC is the annual fall fund-raising drive conducted by federal employees. Each year, federal civilian and military personnel contribute millions of dollars to the CFC to benefit thousands of local, national and international nonprofit charities.

"Last year, the generous people of this department outdid themselves by giving more than \$12.5 million — \$1.5 million more than our goal," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, keynote speaker and vice chair of CFC. "This year, our goal is \$11.3 million, and I'm confident that we'll exceed that goal as well."

In 2001, Team Travis donated approximately \$350,000, and military outside Travis gave an additional \$80,000, according to Maj. Dilbert Jones, the installation project officer, and Master Sgt. William Barnes, the co-project officer. The total for the greater Bay Area CFC region was nearly \$3.2 million. This

year, officials have set the goal of \$275,000.

This year's DoD Combined Federal Campaign is dedicated to the memory of David O. "Doc" Cooke in honor of his many years of service as National Capital Area Combined Federal Campaign chairman. Wolfowitz said Cooke raised more than a half a billion dollars during his 11 years as CFC chairman of the board.

Cooke, who in more than four decades at the Defense Department was known as the "mayor of the Pentagon," died June 22 as a result of car injuries suffered June 6. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was DoD's director of administration and management and director of Washington Headquarters Services.

"His single motivation was his concern for improving the lives of others, including the men and women of the armed forces and the people of our community," Wolfowitz said.

"And speaking of helping others," he said, "DoD's service members and civil servants have been doing that on a heroic scale."

"They've elevated service to its highest expression in Afghanistan, along with other men and women who stand watch throughout the world and across our country in this war against terrorism," the deputy defense secretary said. "While they serve us so faithfully and so well, the charities of CFC give gifts of education, nutrition and life-giving support to those who need it, whatever the crisis, wherever it happens."

"It's significant, too, that almost every agency providing national and local relief following last September's attack is part of this campaign," he said.

Also taking part in the kickoff ceremony were Ann Veneman, secretary of agriculture and the CFC and national capital area chair, and Howard Becker, acting director of DoD's

administration and management, who served as master of ceremonies.

"President Bush has declared that this should be a September of service," Veneman said. "He has urged the American people to fight evil with acts of kindness by reaching out to a neighbor, by hugging a child or lending a hand to someone in need. What better way is there to show our service than to participate actively and give through the CFC?"

"Our goal this year is to raise \$50 million," Veneman said. "It's an ambitious goal. But the Department of Defense has been truly a leader in the CFC. You've had a 67 percent participation rate for the last three years."

"Public service in America today is not just another job," President Bush said. "It's an important act of citizenship."

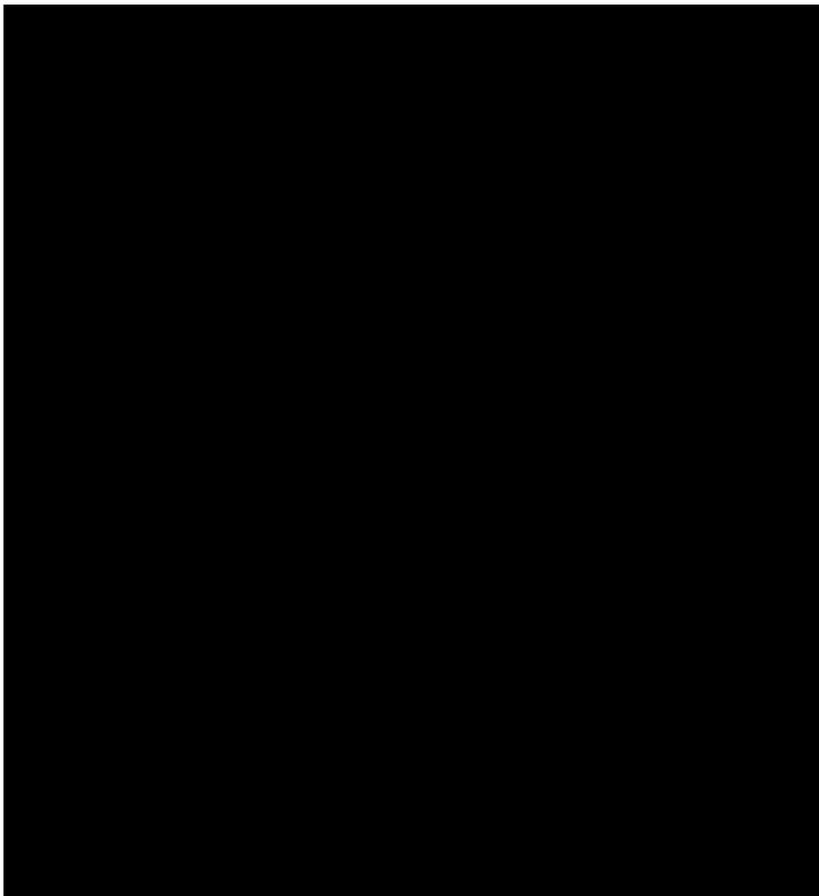
Active solicitation on Travis is scheduled to run through Nov. 8.



Olinda Cleffner / 314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Too hot to handle:

Travis firefighters compete against other firefighter teams Saturday at the Firefighter Combat Challenge in Katy, Texas. Team Travis placed first in the team category with Senior Airman Harry Meyers and Staff Sgt. Mike Melton placing first and second, respectively, in the individual category.



SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Manpower and Organization Office

Chief

Capt. Demetrius Wilson

Superintendent

Senior Master Sgt. Diane Foote

Mission

The Manpower and Organization office is the focal point for oversight of 7,192 manpower positions belonging to the 60th Air Mobility Wing, 15th Air Force and the band. The MO advises unit commanders on management issues affecting their authorized manpower and provides three core services that enhance the productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of the 60th AMW's mission and manpower resources.

Manpower requirements determination

MO interprets Air Force manpower standards to ensure wing manpower resources are properly allocated, measures organization's workload for input into the on-going Air Force manpower standards reengineering studies and assists commanders with changes to their manning document. MO roles also include coordinating with Personnel and Wing Plans offices in deliberate and crisis action planning, and guiding functional teams in the development of Performance Work Statements and Most Efficient Organizations for A-76 Cost Comparison studies. A-76 studies achieve greater efficiencies in operation by allowing the Air Force to fund identified shortfalls in our future budget.

Performance management

MO facilitates wing and unit strategic plan development; provides process improvement consulting focused on proven management



Courtesy photo

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Manpower and Organization Office provides core services to enhance Travis' productivity.

engineering techniques to achieve cost savings. It also reduces processing time, improves quality of life, and markets and administers the Air Force IDEA and PECEI programs. IDEA and PECEI rewards troops with cash for their cost saving suggestions and funds the purchase of new unit equipment if the purchase results in manpower savings.

Organization structure

MO acts as the focal point for unit activations, inactivations, redesignations and reorganizations.

Capabilities and recent significant events

The Manpower and Organization office responded to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by deploying members to help expeditionary commanders establish organizational structures and determine manning requirements to get the right resources in place to perform the mission.

Unit recognition

2000 Air Mobility Command Large Manpower Office of the Year

Officials announce new service dress nametag

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Oct. 1: the nametag.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the uniform at the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

Air Force officials decided last year that a nametag was needed on the service dress uniform. Several proposals were



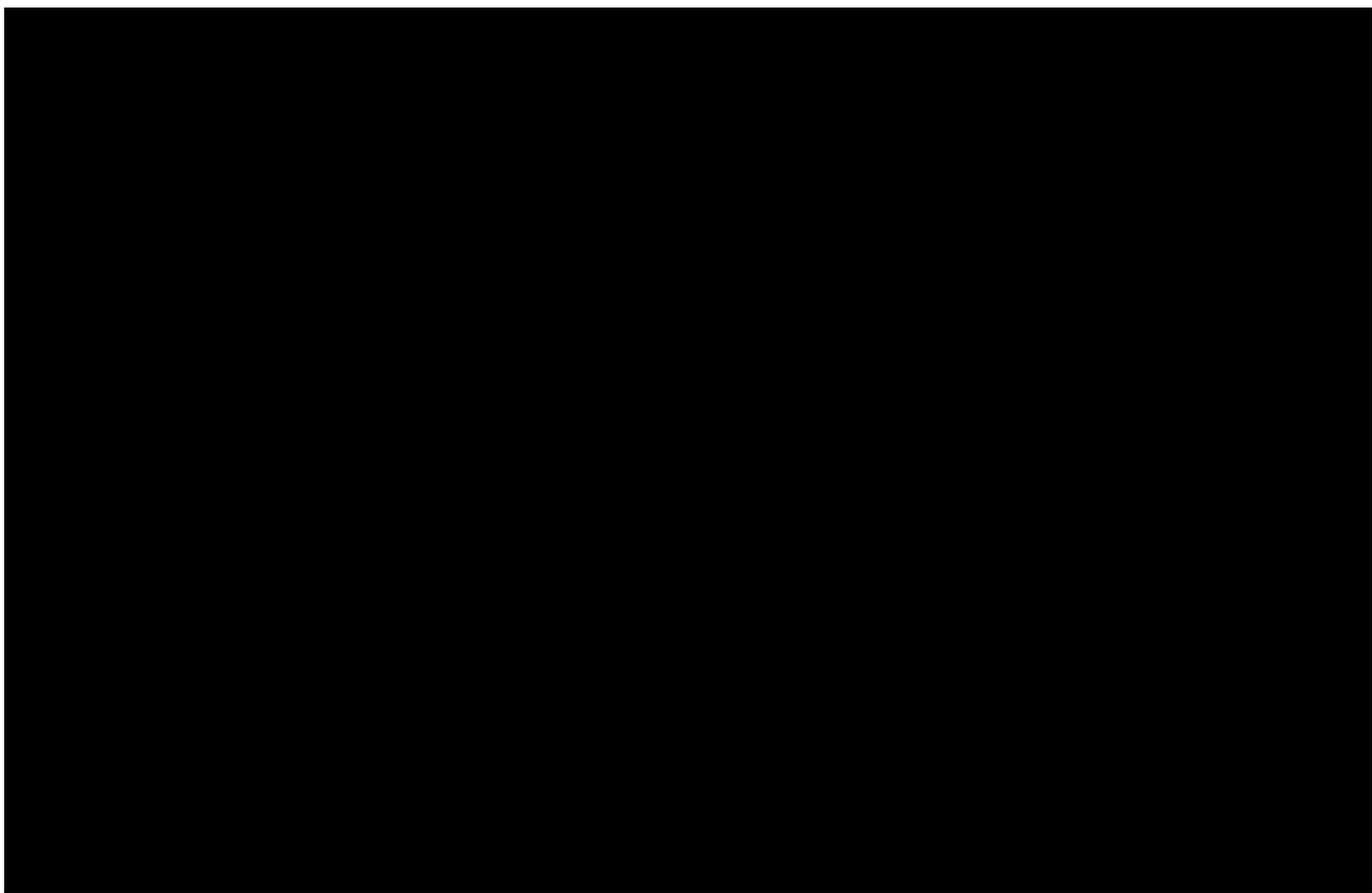
Tech. Sgt. James Rush / AFP

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reviewed and feedback was gathered from across the Air Force during several wear-tests.

The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force

Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.



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I'm an IMA now!



Senior Airman Aaron Hunter, 60th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, keeps an eye on aircraft during his shift.

ViewPoint

Story and photo by Maj. Linda Norwood
60th AMW Public Affairs

When I joined the Air Force Reserve's Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program to augment the active duty Public Affairs staff here at Travis, in many ways, it was a dream come true. Travis has always been a special place for me. As an enlisted person on active duty, I worked as an air passenger specialist here. I later returned to Travis, briefly, as a reservist with what is presently the 349th Air Mobility Wing. Since I've been here at Travis as an IMA, I've noticed that whenever I say I'm an IMA, many had no idea about the program.

For me, the IMA program is very exciting. It also provides an excellent opportunity to train and to contribute while working side-by-side with active duty staff. In doing so, I'm part of the active duty Public Affairs Team, so "seamless integration" will not be an issue. We have already developed a working relationship. I already know how things are done, who is responsible for what, how things flow and where everything is. So, I'm taking this opportunity to explain the program to promote a better understanding of how IMAs contribute to the overall mission.

IMAs are members of the Selected Reserve, an element of the USAFR's Ready Reserve. They are usually assigned to active Air Force units in order to support contingency operations or pre/post mobilization requirements. Like unit Reservists, IMAs are the first-line backup for the Air Force in the event of war, national emer-

gency or natural disaster. IMAs are one of the most flexible, responsive and cost effective elements of the Total Force. Most IMAs have served on active duty with the Air Force prior to their assignments within the Air Force Reserve. Many IMAs have valuable scientific and professional expertise or technical skills gained from previous Air Force assignments or civilian careers. Through this very cost effective program, the Air Force is able to take advantage of such resources.

IMAs are unique in that they operate somewhat unilaterally. They work outside the traditional structure of Unit Reservists in conjunction with the needs of their active duty units. In some cases, IMAs may be assigned to active duty bases where no reserve units are located. This allows commanders to determine the number of reservists they can accommodate based on their abilities to train them without regard to specific mobilization requirements. The IMA program is jointly administered by the active duty and reserve structure. The Air Reserve Personnel Center provides day-to-day management and administrative personnel support for all IMAs and is responsible for budgeting and allocating funding required for IMA training. Air Force MAJCOMs identify and justify their IMA requirements and supervise, train and use assigned IMAs.

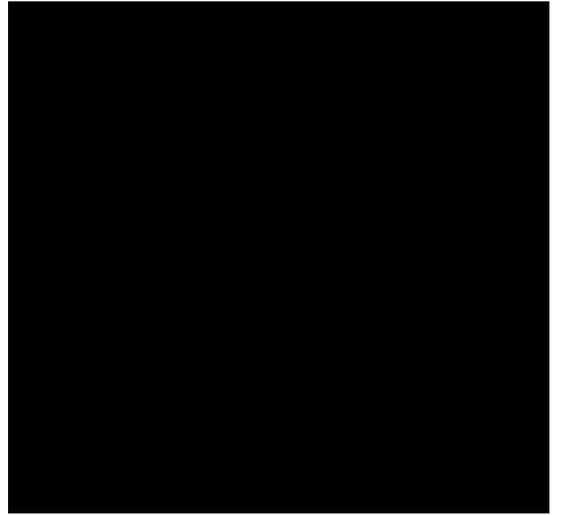
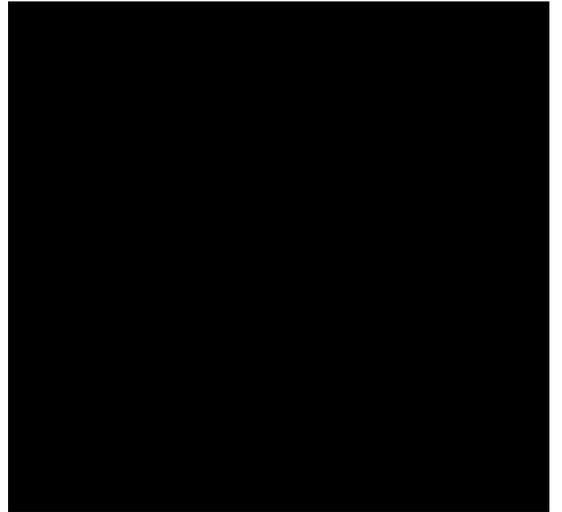
IMAs also work alongside active duty and reserve professionals from other services in joint and unified assignments and in Air Force-assigned positions of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Selective Service System. IMAs number approximately 12,000.

More information about the IMA Program at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>.



Kristine Cilia / Visual Information

Saluting the past: Duncan Miller, a World War II veteran, checks out a plane as it taxis in during a Tribute to Travis Fly In event Saturday at the Nutree Airport. Nearly 500 people attended the event.





Energy tip

Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the summer. You will save about 5 to 10 percent on the operating cost of the air conditioner for every two degrees of cooling you are willing to give up.



Staff Sgt. Mark Diamond / 60th AWW Public Affairs

Coming home again: Bob Vila, from the home improvement television show, "Home Again," signed autographs and gave out hats to Army Air Force Exchange Service customers during a guest appearance at the Base Exchange Sept. 26.

Announcements

Frame Shop needs

Self-framers need to come to the Frame Shop and remove their personal projects and materials or pay \$5 per month storage fee. All projects not removed or paid for will be disposed of. on Oct. 15. The shop hours are noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

The Frame Shop is also looking for part-time help. Experience is not required, but an artistic background is helpful. Call Human Resources at 424-4749 to apply.

SDC contest

The annual craftsman and photo contest will be held at Travis Oct. 31. All entry forms must be submitted by Oct. 29 to the Skills Development Center. Call 424-2929 or stop by the SDC, Bldg. 226, for more information or to volunteer to be a judge.

Membership drive

The Air Force Clubs Membership Drive is on offering extra incentives, including coupons and prize drawings for DoD civilians, active duty, reservists and retired military who join the Delta Breeze Club before December 20. Call the DBC at 437-3711 for more information.

Services

Today

▲ Movie Nights are for youth 13 to 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Teen Zone in the mini mall. Call 424-3131 for more information.

Saturday

▲ Late Niters in the Gold Rush Lounge are back. Dance to R&B and old school from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Delta Breeze Club. There will be dance contests, door prizes, drink specials and free food. Members pay \$2 and non-members pay a \$6 cover charge.

▲ The cheerleading clinic is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up in advance at the Youth Center. Call 424-5392 for more information.

Monday

▲ Monday Night Football is at the DBC at 5 p.m. Get free snacks and enter to win prizes with four football promotions.

Tuesday

▲ Story Time at Mitchell Memorial Library features sto-

ries about autumn from 9:30 to 10 a.m. with craft projects to follow the stories. Call 424-3279 for details or to volunteer as a guest reader.

Wednesday

▲ There is unlimited bowling from 3 to 5 p.m. at Travis Bowl for \$5 per person. Fee includes shoe rental.

▲ It's the last day to donate items to the Teen Zone for the flea market on Oct. 12. Call 424-3131 for more information.

Thursday

▲ Order an airman appreciation meal at the Sierra Inn from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

▲ Come to Comedy Night at the DBC, featuring Tech. Sgt. Dennis Gaxiola and other local comedians. Buy tickets in advance or at the door, \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call 437-3711 for more information.

Family Support

Monday

▲ Every Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. the Family Support Center offers spouse employment orientation for newly arriving spouses, spouses returning to work or spouses wishing to explore new career opportunities. Tap into career focus networking, look at hundreds of job opportunities and learn about career-development classes. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ The skills and self assessment class is from 8 a.m. to noon for job seekers. Explore different career paths based on personality type, skills, abilities and interests. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

▲ The change management class is from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn coping skills for career changes, lifestyle changes, relocating to a new base or job changes. Call 424-2486.

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ The car buying seminar is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The credit report workshop is from 10 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486

Weekly

▲ Find out what programs



Lynn Larsen / 60th Services Squadron

Go team: Kyle Terwilliger, 15, an avid Rams fan, sits between his two friends during Monday Night Football at the Delta Breeze Club. Corian Cook, 14, (left) and Markki Pitt, 14, are still friends with Terwilliger even though they are Buccaneer fans.

and services are available at the FSC by reviewing the center's monthly program calendar on the Travis Intranet at <http://w3.travis.af.mil/fsc/cindex.htm>.

▲ Receive free child care from the Air Force Aid Society at the child development center if your family is experiencing stress due to illness, moving or deployments. Pre-registration with the center is required no later than 3 p.m. the preceding Wednesday. For a referral certificate contact the FSC, family advocacy, chaplains, a medical professional, supervisor, commander, first sergeant or the child development center. For more information, call family support at 424-2486.

Family Advocacy

Dads' boot camp

The Boot Camp for Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only and is currently recruiting for new fathers-to-be. This three-hour workshop is held the second Friday of every month. For more information, please call 423-5168

Parenting class

David Grant Medical Center holds a parenting class for parents of children three and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, preventing problems before they occur, holding family meetings and

stopping problem behavior. Classes run for six weeks. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The Toddlers Playgroup is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children 18 months to 3 years of age. The Time For Us Playgroup is for children 3 to 5 years of age and meets Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup for infants up to 18 months old. Parents can network with other parents while the children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

The New Parent Support Program offers support, referral services, education, and information on a variety of subjects such as pregnancy, childbirth, fatherhood, newborn care, mother/baby care, growth and development, playgroups, breast/bottle feeding feeding, nursing mom's program, parenting, and more. Participants receive free home or office visits, free books, tapes and CDs. For more information, call 423-5168

Chapel

Catholic services

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m. children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Contemporary

Sundays, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3943.

Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

Doolittle Raiders invade Travis

By Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser
60th AMW Public Affairs

It was recently announced that the Doolittle Raiders are planning to celebrate their 61st reunion ceremony with Team Travis and the local community April 15 through 18.

"Every six years, cities vie for their selection by the Olympic Committee to host the Olympic games. Similarly, on an annual basis, cities and organizations vie to be selected by the Doolittle Raiders to host the annual Raider reunions," said Cathleen Handlin, Jimmy Doolittle Air & Space Museum Foundation project manager.

The reunion, which is rumored to be their last, will also help raise funds for Travis' newest museum foundation, the Jimmy Doolittle Air & Space Museum — a tribute to the Raiders and a way to raise public awareness of decisive moments in the military defense of the United States.

"Reunions provide a venue through which Americans can honor the Raiders' profound impact on our country's history," Handlin said. "We're happy to announce that the Raiders have selected Travis Air Force Base and the city of Fairfield as the site for their 61st annual reunion."

Sixty-one years later, the location of their reunion will allow the Raiders to come full circle. In 1942, Alameda Naval Air Station was the last patch of American soil they stood on before leaving for the infamous Doolittle Raid over Tokyo.

Training for the mission, however, started weeks before that.

In the Doolittle Raider accounts of the story, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, then commanding general of the Army Air Force, selected Lt. Col. James Doolittle to head a 'top

secret' mission in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Eighty volunteer Army Air Force pilots were selected to fly on this mission, known as the Doolittle Raid — a mission to bomb Tokyo as a symbolic revenge on Japan, although the pilots wouldn't learn of this until weeks into their training. They did know, upon volunteering, that it could essentially be a suicide mission. Not a single volunteer back out.

"We had no idea what this 'top secret' mission was, but we were all willing to volunteer," said retired Lt. Col. Harry McCool, then a lieutenant who was the navigator in the fourth plane to launch from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. "We didn't find out what the mission was until we were on the ship after six weeks of training."

Doolittle, an Alameda native and the first 15th Air Force commander, trained the pilots to launch their planes off the Eglin Field, Fla., runway, which was shortened to 500 feet — the length of the Hornet flight deck. This marked one of the first joint service missions in the history of the nation. The Doolittle Raiders said that without help from the Navy, they never would have been able to complete their mission.

In California, the bombers were lifted onto the Hornet's flight deck April 1, 1942, and the ship headed toward Japan. The Japanese had stationed their picket boats farther than expected, by about 700 miles, and the task force was detected sooner than planned.

After weeks of sailing and now 668 miles from Toyko, the B-25s were launched 12 hours ahead of schedule April 18, 1942. Doolittle, piloting the first plane, led the remaining 15 Army Air Force aircraft which launched for the first time off

the flight deck of the USS Hornet.

"It took about four hours to fly over (to) Tokyo," McCool said. "We dropped our bombs and then continued flying toward China until our fuel ran out, which took about nine-and-a-half hours. We knew going into the mission we probably wouldn't have enough fuel to reach China and we didn't think we would come back alive."

Of the 80 crewmembers who flew, 11 crews bailed out over China, four planes ditched or crash-landed, three men were killed and eight men were injured. One plane landed in Russia, where the crew was interned for 13 months before escaping through Iran. Eight men were captured by the Japanese in China. Three were executed, one died a prisoner of war and the rest were liberated in 1945. Of the 80 members, 67 received Chinese help.

All but one of the 16 planes dropped bombs.

"I've been asked what was going through my mind as I flew toward Japan, but I really don't know what I was thinking," McCool said. "I think most of us were just plain scared."

McCool does remember celebrating his 24th birthday in China, April 19, 1942.

"I remember I was on top of a mountain eating wax candy and drinking water from a tin on my birthday," he said. "It took me three days to get down the mountain and find a Chinaman, and another 10 to get to Chungking."

In total, McCool spent 13 days in China before leaving for India, and finally, home. He was a navigator throughout his 30-year career in the Army Air Corp. He said D-Day was the highlight of his life.

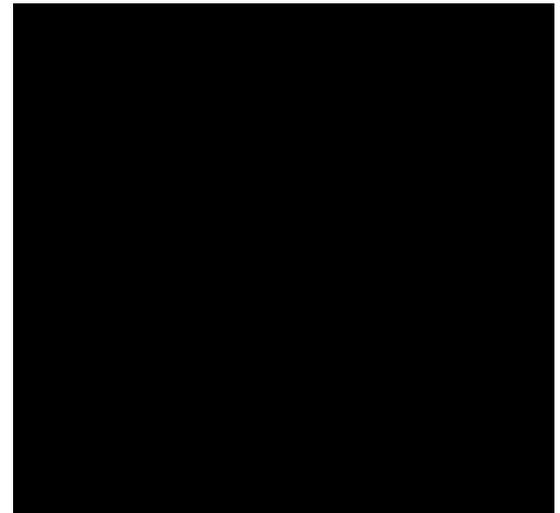
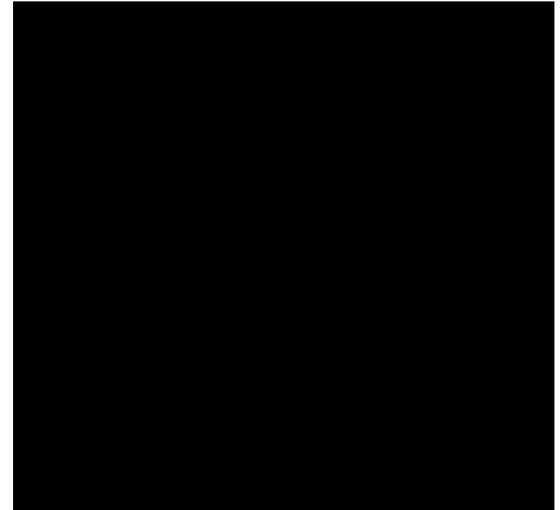
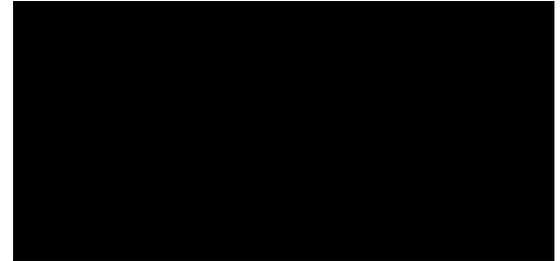
McCool and the rest of the Raiders have been enjoying an annual reunion since 1946. But

time is catching up with the Raiders. Each man is at least 80 years old, and more Raiders die with each passing year.

To remember their fallen comrades, the Raiders hold a closed ceremony, never witnessed by anyone who did not

fly on the mission.

A special case delivered to each reunion by Air Force Academy cadets holds 80 silver goblets. Each is inscribed with a Raider's name. (*Information courtesy of Air Force Print News*)



Raider events open to the public

» "Meet a Raider" dinner and luncheon programs on base and in the local community, attended by Raiders, Raider widows, and two of their Chinese rescuers. Dinners include a coat-and-tie event, as well as a formal gala evening.

» A joint military and civilian parade sponsored by the City Fairfield during its Centennial Year, featuring a B-25 fly-over and vintage WWII military vehicles equipped with full armament, driven by World War II veterans.

» A chance to interface with the Raiders at a wine and cheese tasting event with heavy hors d'oeuvres, held at the Travis Air Museum.

» A gala evening with the Raiders that includes entertainment and a well-known speaker.

» Several "Military History On Tour" exhibits featuring authentic high-impact memorabilia that honor all veterans, POWs, MIAs, and highlighting the Raiders' WWII era.

» A Doolittle memorabilia store, with satellite locations at each event.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

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Travis Credit Union wins distinguished service award



Courtesy photo

(Left to right) James Porter-Chairman of the Board-Travis Credit Union, Michael Weber, banking Officer for the USAF Comptrollers Office, Patsy Van Ouwerkerk-President and Chief Executive Officer, Travis Credit Union, Billy Perkins-Director Travis Credit Union and Lt. Col. Terry Ross, comptroller for Travis Air Force Base.

By Tech Sgt. Scott King

60th AMW Public Affairs

For the second time in five years, the Travis Credit Union has won the "Air Force Distinguished Credit Union Award." The national award is presented annually by the U. S. Department of the Air Force to the on-base credit union that has gone above and beyond its duty to provide financial service and financial education to Air Force members. Only one credit union is selected throughout the entire Air Force to receive this award.

"This is certainly fitting recognition for everything Travis Credit Union is doing for Team Travis," said Lt. Col. Terry Ross, 60th Air Mobility Wing comptroller.

The Air Force Distinguished Credit Union Award was presented Sept. 9 to Travis Credit Union Chief Executive Officer, Patsy Van Ouwerkerk, by Michael Weber, Banking Officer for the United States Air Force Comptrollers Office.

In his presentation, Weber noted that Travis Credit Union's nomination stood out from others because of the credit union's level of participation on base.

"We were particularly taken by a note from the previous 60th AMW Commander, Col. David Lefforge, who said, "You are incredibly special ... and words alone can't say how much we truly appreciate all you do."

In accepting the award on behalf of Travis Credit Union, Van Ouwerkerk said, "It's an honor to be selected and to be of service on the base. Even though I've been at the credit union a short time, I was immediately impressed by the depth and scope of the partnership we have with Travis Air Force Base."

Nominations for the award were completed in March. Criteria for the award were divided into several categories: Leadership and management, including quality of customer service, automated teller services, participation in base activities and adequacy of facilities. Financial education programs and training offered to the young people working or residing on base and special actions taken or extraordinary customer support.

In addition to participating in base activities, recognition events and publications, Travis Credit Union employees are active volunteers in many charitable events and children's programs on the base.

Travis Credit Union is a not-for-profit cooperative financial institution with a total of eight branches within Solano and Merced counties. Membership is open to those who live or work in Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Napa, Contra Costa or Merced counties. Travis Credit Union has more than 112,000 members and more than \$1.2 billion in assets.

Take me out to the ballgame

Travis joins Oakland A's for playoff run

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Travis personnel were once again called upon in the bay area to perform opening ceremonies at a major sporting event.

Tuesday, a flag detail of more than 30 people and the Travis Honor Guard opened up the Oakland Athletics playoff run by unfurling a giant U.S. flag and presenting the colors in front of more than 35,000 baseball fans.

"They didn't name the field after us, but as we held the flag tight while our National Anthem played, we stood straight and tall knowing that the game was brought to them courtesy of the United States Air Force," said Master Sgt. Derrick Givens, 60th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst. "The cheer of the crowd in no way compares to the backing and cheers of an entire nation in the fight against terrorism - it was a great day in my Air Force career and something I can tell my 10-year old about."

This is not the first time Travis has been highlighted during sporting events in the bay area. In May, in recognition of Memorial Day, the Air Force Band of the Golden West and the honor guard showed its stuff during pregame ceremonies for the San Francisco Giants. Following that, July 4th and 5th, Travis was highlighted with the Oakland A's by performances by the band, honor guard and flyovers of Travis planes.

"You guys are a hard act to follow around here," said Janette Golomic, promotions director for the Oakland A's. "Travis' people are always top-notch, professional and our fans love and have a lot of respect for what you guys do. I'm sure this is not the last time we will have you guys out here."

"I was extremely proud to stand out there and represent my base, my branch of service and my country," said Senior Airman Jennifer Clay, 60th Services Squadron food production supervisor. "I think when people saw us out there, they were reminded of how great this country is and how fortunate we are to live here. There is a sense of appreciation that comes from people — that makes it all worth it."

There was a tremendous round of appreciation shown by the A's fans following the unfurling of the flag and the presentation of the colors.

"There is no better feeling than to carry our nation's flag during an event such as this, with an understanding of how many people have given so much in the past to uphold the principles and freedom our nation stands for," said Senior Airman Donald Schaeffer, Travis Honor Guard — it was a great day for Travis.



(Above) Thirty members from Travis unfurl a giant U.S. flag during pregame ceremonies for an Oakland A's playoff game Tuesday. (Left) Senior Airman Jennifer Clay, 60th Services Squadron, helps unfurl the flag while the Travis Honor Guard behind her presents the colors. (Right) The Travis Honor Guard presented the colors in front of more than 35,000 professional baseball fans.



Falcons stun Utah Utes 30-26, remain undefeated

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SALT LAKE CITY (AFP) — A 20-yard play-action pass from quarterback Chance Harridge to halfback Don Clark in the corner of the end zone with 17 seconds left preserved Air Force's perfect season.

Clark's game-winning score was his second touchdown reception of the game, and marks the emergence of a passing game into the Falcons' arsenal.

The mainstay of the Falcon's offense — the running game — accounted for the Falcons' first points of the game, as they went up 6-0.

Then the game turned disastrous for the Falcons as the Utes unleashed their latest weapon, halfback Brandon Warfield. He was only a blip on the pregame radar screen, having carried 16

times for 32 yards in the two games since senior tailback Marty Johnson was hurt, and sitting down at third on the depth chart.

Warfield had the hot hand in the first half, running right into the middle of the Air Force defense for 144 yards rushing and three touchdowns. The Utes added to their scoring carnage with a field goal and a safety from a blocked punt. That left the Falcons behind 6-26 as they headed into the locker room at halftime.

However, they emerged a different team after head coach Fisher DeBerry's halftime speech.

"To be honest, I told them if they thought they were out of it, then they were out of it. But if you don't think we're out of it, then we're going to come back and win this game," DeBerry said.

"Nothing is impossible if you believe in it."

That belief manifested itself into 24 unanswered points. The Falcons comeback started with sophomore linebacker Anthony Schlegel forcing a Utah fumble on a well-timed blitz. From the turnover, Harridge hit Clark on a play-action pass for a 29-yard scoring strike. Ashcroft's kick was good, and the Falcons narrowed the score to 13-26.

Air Force continued delivering a lesson in smash-mouth football with its defense and special teams. A deflected kick by Falcons special teams led to an Ashcroft field goal, and cut the Utes' lead to 26-16. A Utah fumble and up-the-gut running by Harridge and halfback Leotis Palmer led to an Anthony Butler touchdown, cutting the Ute's lead to 26-23.

The Falcons defense forced Utah to punt with two and a half minutes left in the game. After Palmer returned the ball to the Air Force 40 yard line, Air Force

advanced the ball to the Utah 20. Once there, the Falcons coaching braintrust called the same play that Clark scored on earlier in the game. The play duplicated its previous success, this time with a 20-yard touchdown toss from Harridge to Clark with 17 seconds left in the game. Ashcroft's kick moved the score 30-26.

The Falcons defense batted away one last pass by Utah's quarterback to seal the win for Air Force.

The Falcons are now 4-0 and have led the Division I in rushing offense since the season started. Also, the Falcons moved up in the national rankings and are now 25th in the country on the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and 27th on the Associated Press writers' poll.

The Falcons' next challenge comes Saturday, when Air Force hosts service academy rival Navy.