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Proud to be a part of 'America's First Choice'

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th AMW commander

First let me say it is wonderful to be back at Travis AFB again and it is a dream come true to be given the opportunity to command the best wing in Air Mobility Command! My wife, Paula, and I wish to thank each one of you who made the change of command a great event for us. I know how terribly busy the men and women of the Travis Team have been over the last year and, especially, the last few weeks. Despite your constant demands, you managed to pull off a great show to welcome us and say goodbye to the Lefforges. Obviously, the wing has flourished under **Col. Dave Lefforge's** leadership and we wish **Dave, Debbie** and **Tex** best wishes as they head to Texas.

As I look around the wing, I see a beehive of activity whether it is preparing for an ORI, a visit by a foreign dignitary or preparing for the next deployment. As our Air Mobility Command commander, **Gen. John Handy**, said during his recent wing visit, we can expect the pace of operations to continue at a high rate as we press forward with the war on terrorism and protection of freedom around the world.

We have been given an opportunity to serve our nation when it needs us the most, just as our parents or perhaps grandparents' generation did in WW II and Korea. What you are doing today will help determine the kind of world in which our children and grandchildren will grow up. I am extremely proud of this opportunity and I am even more proud to be able



Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, prepares to present Leroy Sykes with a Prisoner of War Medal during Friday's POW/MIA ceremony. Sykes, was a POW during the Korean War.

to be a part of the wing known around the world as "America's First Choice."

As your new wing commander, it is my job to make sure you have the tools you need to do your jobs. It is also my responsibility to ensure your families are not forgotten and are provided the support they need as well. Taking care of each other is how we will get the mission done.

I look forward to getting a chance to personally meet and talk to you all as I move about the wing and visit your duty locations.

In the meantime, please accept my sincere thanks for all you have been doing for our nation and for making my family and me feel at home.

GOD BLESS AMERICA and the men and women of the Travis Team.

Responsibility for operational security, everyone's duty

View Point

Tech. Sgt. Kevan Blanco

349th Operation Support Flight, Intelligence

Protecting classified and sensitive unclassified information is a responsibility that extends not only to the uniformed members of the United States Air Force, but also to our families as well. We often take for granted our important role in protecting fellow airmen when we should be carefully guarding information that may help the enemy.

You can protect our fellow airmen and loved ones by practicing good operations security, better known as OPSEC. OPSEC is a security program designed to prevent all types of sensitive information, often unclassified, from getting into the wrong hands. Such information can be extremely valuable to our adversaries because it can provide information on our daily operations and, more importantly, our future plans and activities.

OPSEC is the process of denying adversaries information about the Air Force. We

want to protect Air Force capabilities and intentions by identifying, controlling, and protecting information associated with the planning and conduct of military operations or exercises. The key to successful OPSEC is identifying information, called indicators, which are tip-offs of impending activities. For example, unusual changes in duty hours, large numbers of TDY personnel to or from a unit, or increased aircraft sorties launched in a given time period could be valuable clues to an adversary. Remember: our adversaries don't necessarily need to know when or where we plan to conduct a certain operation; however they do need information concerning our capabilities and intentions so they can plan their war fighting strategies.

OPSEC is a continuous, systematic process involving security and common sense. We use it to analyze Air Force operations plans and programs in order to detect any weakness which may provide our enemies insights into our mission. The most important steps in the process are:

- ▶ Knowing your units mission
- ▶ Recognizing the adversary intelligence threat to your unit

▶ Being aware of your unit's critical information called Essential Elements of Friendly Information (EEFIs)

▶ Identifying indicators that might disclose this information

▶ Developing protective measures to eliminate these indicators, thereby denying our adversaries the information they need to plan their operations against us

Air Force members must be constantly alert for vulnerabilities in their units. For more information regarding specific elements of information we are all trying to protect, consult your unit's OPSEC monitor.

It is not only important to practice good OPSEC to protect the mission, but also to protect our families as well. Letting people know that your husband or wife may be away from home advertises to criminals that your family and possessions are more vulnerable.

OPSEC is not a collection of specific rules and instructions. Rather, it is a way of thinking that applies to any operational activity. Now might be a good time to discuss with your unit and your family the importance of maintaining a good OPSEC practices.

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ON THE COVER:

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker takes over the reins of the largest wing in Air Mobility Command.

AMOG deploys to Korea

By Tech Sgt. Dwayne Brown
615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron

"Missile launch, missile launch, missile launch!" crackles the public address system, echoing off the walls of the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, or H-TACC.

The once tranquil workplace, now filled to capacity — with warriors of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group, was at peak activity. Without hesitation, chemical defense masks are donned with precision. Numerous phones begin to ring, adding further to the barking announcement, as calls pour in from outside intelligence sources, reporting a myriad of information — a 747 airliner transporting evacuees out of harm's way is missing; a voice on another line requests an urgent aeromedical evacuation mission be diverted to transport hundreds of critically wounded U.S. and coalition forces from the front line; intelligence officers announce an airfield has been overrun by enemy ground forces, just minutes before a C-5B loaded with troops is due to land.

Through their gas masks, the group of tightly knit AMOG personnel sound like "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader as they diligently work to clarify and clas-

sify the seemingly endless fragments of information pouring into the Air Mobility Division of the Combined Air Operations Center. Finally, another announcement: "All missiles are down, all clear in the H-TACC." Sighs of relief sound as the energized AMOG members doff their masks.

Once again, the men and women of the 615th AMOG showed their stuff. Although not a real war, these battle scenarios of Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 2002 prepare AMOG airmen for wartime operations on the Korean peninsula. Members of the AMOG here deployed Aug. 9. They were comprised of a diverse group of air transportation specialists, airlift planners, information management, command and control, intelligence professionals and a U.S. Army ground liaison officer.

"The exercise was exciting because we worked and played as a team," said Staff Sgt. Kelly Lawrence of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, who managed the exercise's Integrated Tasking Orders.

UFL tests combined and joint communications, agency coordination (both inter- and intra-theater) and all procedures, plans, and systems needed to conduct contingency operations by the Republic of Korea and

the United States. The end result of UFL 2002 was realistic training for all exercise participants. At Osan Air Base, the AMOG members were greeted by a tent city, humidity and lots of rain as they set up shop in the H-TACC, the command center that houses the Air Mobility Division. The AMD is tasked with the mission of providing information systems and expertise to monitor airlift operations, filling the Combined Forces Commander's logistics requirements.

The 615th AMOG is the parent unit of the 615th AMOS, as well as the 615th, 715th, and 815th Air Mobility Squadrons. All work in unison to provide professional deployment teams and extend the air mobility infrastructure to meet America's worldwide objectives.

Each squadron in the AMOG contributes a blend of personnel from many different Air Force specialties to provide expertise at annual JCS-sponsored exercises and numerous operational taskings. The complex exercises are structured to provide realistic combat simulations of both air and space power; providing senior commanders with realistic training, aimed at improving command and control functions and battle planning.

"We have scripted situations



Courtesy photo

Members of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron fill sandbags in order to keep floodwaters out of their tent city during the real-world exercise.

thrown at us, such as an airfield suddenly finding itself under attack, then we scramble to divert all inbound aircraft to alternate fields — while simultaneously figuring out how to continue to get the troops and equipment where needed. It can get hectic, especially when we have to divert 20 or more missions out of harm's way and keep track of them," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Mendoza, 615th AMOS command and control specialist.

"My position in the AMD played a valuable role in the exercise by being able to track all cargo and personnel coming into the Korean Theater and providing ITV (intransit visibility) to deployed commanders on the status of their cargo and personnel," added Tech. Sgt. Josh Knoettgen, an air transportation specialist from the 615th AMOS.

"Using a variety of computer systems such as the Command

and Control Information Processing System and Global Transportation Network, I can give a detailed report of short tons of cargo inbound, type of cargo, and names of troops inbound to the war."

Staff Sgt. Ricky Todd, air transportation specialist from the 615th AMOS agreed, "It's important to maintain intransit visibility of both troops and equipment — if one doesn't pay attention to detail, things get lost in the system, and that's definitely not an option in wartime."

"Sure the hours were long, and conditions weren't so ideal, but it's all absolutely necessary to maintain an ever-present state of readiness; all to help Combined Forces Command in the Republic of Korea defend the peninsula against potential aggressors," said Airman 1st Class Marianne Sarinana, command and control specialist from the 615th AMOS.

Travis firefighters return from Afghanistan after three-month deployment

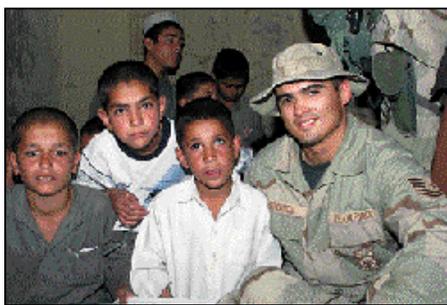
By Capt. Kim Garbett
60th AMW Public Affairs

Six Travis firefighters arrived in pitch-black conditions at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in early June greeted by tracer fire in the mountains west of the base. No moon was out, but thousands of stars lit the night sky. They slept in their desert uniforms that night in a tent on cots, their beds for the next few months. Upon waking up the next day, these Travis firefighters made an early impact.

These Travis firefighters deployed for more than three months to one of the most forward-operating bases in Afghanistan and recently returned home to their families. They worked with numerous allied and coalition nations as well as the United States Air Force's sister services. Their jobs included firefighting duties, assisting with the building up of a bare-base camp and coordinating visits to the local orphanages.

The Air Force mission at Bagram AB is the management of airfield operations. C-130s, C-17s, A-10s, a variety of Army helicopters and numbers of other aircraft are in and out of the airfield moving troops and cargo of all sorts on a daily basis.

During the firefighters' time at Bagram, Air Force Village, the rest of the installation grew and developed, but not without the aid of the Travis firefighters each step of the way. While general fire protection, crash, structural and medical duties were their primary focus, base set up and a variety of other odd jobs kept them very busy, including the addition of air condition units and running thousands of feet of electrical cable.



Courtesy photo

Six Travis firefighters deployed in June to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, returned home recently. In addition to firefighting duties, assisting with the build up of a bare-base camp, and coordinating morale and sporting events, Travis firefighters also went out into the local community.

War and battle conditions do not come without medical needs or casualties. Airman 1st Class Joe Torres, a Travis firefighter, mentioned he had the chance to work at the U.S. Army Hospital, referred to as CASH. He volunteered with basic emergency medical services for all personnel in the AOR.

Staff Sgt. Brett Wilson, a rescue crew chief, said the firefighters responded to a variety of in-flight emergencies at Bagram, trained on Army helicopters to become familiar with emergency shut-down procedures, crew

extraction and safety as well as weapons systems.

However, what stood out in Wilson's mind the most was the rescue of an Army Ranger who was severely injured while moving a pallet over dangerous terrain.

"He never complained, not once, as we rescued him from a 60-foot-deep well," Wilson said. "He had broken a leg, dislocated a shoulder and elbow, had a number of facial lacerations and had a number of other medical challenges. It was a pretty intense rescue for the simple fact that we didn't have the normal equipment for this and improvised."

They volunteered for this duty, and although they knew they were going to one of the most austere, bare-base locations, they were happy about it.

Senior Airman Richardo Campos, an engineer with the Travis Fire Department, said, "I was glad to be there. I was there for a purpose; I was there for freedom. I was proud to be there for everyone in the U.S.A.," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Verduzco, a fire department crew chief, said the time at Bagram AB was his proudest time in his 15 years in the Air Force. "I had an incredible sense of purpose," he said. "I was glad they didn't send us to any other location but that one. It was great to be playing a small part in history."

For Wilson, leaving was somewhat difficult. "We'd made a lot of improvements to the base, and we were leaving people and friends behind in harms way doing what we started," he said. "I felt like I had a sense of purpose there; it was tangible. When I returned to the States, the red, white and blue had a whole different meaning."

NEWS NOTES

Legal notice

Any persons having indebtedness to or claims against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Pauline Schlichting are asked to contact 1st Lt. Todd Koehler, summary courts officer, at 423-5160.

Tribute to Travis

A Tribute to Team Travis Fly In — hosted by local aircraft enthusiast and Travis supporter Duncan Miller — is Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Nut Tree Airport (Hangar E) in Vacaville.

The event includes a display of more than 20 warbirds, including a C-47 Conqey Bird. The West Valley Chorale and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West "Galaxy" will provide entertainment. The event also includes a free barbecue and free parking.

All military personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees and their families and friends are invited.

Housing

The Housing Office is surveying enlisted military members, living on or off base, who have exceptionally large families and have legal dependent children and a requirement for a home larger than four bedrooms. A wait list will be established based on the results of this survey. Enlisted members who are interested in participating in the survey can e-mail Mark Dupree, Travis housing manager, at mark.dupree@travis.af.mil. In the e-mail, provide the sponsor's name, when he or she was assigned to Travis, spouse's name, the children's names and ages, and the family's current address.

Museum volunteers

The Travis museum is seeking volunteers for two to three hours per week anytime from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Duties will include general office administration, public relations, Internet searches, creative projects and research on short subjects. Volunteers should call the Doolittle Air Museum reunion project manager at 424-4760.

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.



BRIG. GEN. BRAD S. BAKER



Staff Sgt. Mark Diamond / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Q and A's from 60th AMW commander

By Tech Sgt. Scott King
60th AMW Public Affairs

Q: What is your vision for Travis over the next few years?

A: Upon taking command of the 60th, I have found the wing is doing a tremendous job in its efforts against the worldwide war on terrorism — we're doing a phenomenal job, and I'm extremely proud of what we've accomplished so far.

My vision is to help people with good ideas on how to do things smarter, so we can sustain this effort for the unforeseen future and move forward without unnecessarily taxing our people beyond their limits. I also want to improve on what we have done, and to set the standard in Air Mobility Command on doing things smarter so we can be more responsive in this new world environment. There's no better place to do that than Travis. Our people are the experts, and have great ideas and it's my job to help turn them into reality.

Q: What are some of your top priorities?

A: People are my first priority. Without them, the mission does not get done. Taking care of our folks who are performing the day-to-day mission is always a top priority for me. Taking care of our families is also very important. We are seeing more and more deployments and that is rapidly becoming the norm. We are going to be doing more. We cannot abuse our folks and we need to look for ways for them to spend as much time with their families as possible.

Consequently, I'm going to be looking very hard at improving the services for families here. With the current high operations tempo, many families needs have changed, and I want to make sure we are meeting those needs. Facilities are also a top priority. We cannot afford to let our facilities slide — I'll be fighting hard to get funding, and I'm a firm believer that if people take pride in their facilities, it reflects in their work.

Q: What challenges and opportunities do you see ahead for Travis?

A: The challenge is how do we meet and sustain the high operations tempo. Longer TDY's are here to stay. That's not necessarily bad, and we just need to continue to look for ways to do things smarter. Current times are very, very busy. It's hard to find the time to take a step back and look at doing things differently and smarter.

There are people out there in the wing that have a better vision, and I am looking to them to come forward with great ideas so we can take them up the chain. Today, we have the opportunity to serve our country at a time when it needs us

the most. We've been given a challenge to fight a war on terrorism across the globe. As part of the war, we have been given the opportunity to make this world a better place for our children and grandchildren and we should take pride in that.

Being able to come back to Travis as the wing commander is a dream come true for me and my family. I am looking forward to serving my country alongside the people of this wing. Travis has set the standard for many years and will continue to set it. It's a great honor for me to command the 60th AMW and work with the 349th AMW to accomplish our mission. The enthusiasm is high and there is a great sense of mission out there.

New top chief

Whitman selected as new 60th AMW command chief

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, has selected Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman to be the 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief master sergeant.

As the highest ranking NCO at Travis, Whitman will advise the wing commander on matters concerning the welfare, effective use and progress of the enlisted members at Travis.

Whitman was born in Oxnard, Calif., on Aug. 6, 1956. He graduated from Huene High School, Oxnard, Calif., in 1974. In 1975, Whitman enlisted in the Air Force, competed technical school at Lowry

Air Force Base, Colo., and reported to his first assignment as an inventory management specialist at Torrejon Air Base, Spain. He most recently served as command chief master sergeant of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, the outgoing 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief master sergeant, is retiring. Whitman will assume the duties of 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief master sergeant on



Oct. 26.

Master sergeant convicted

By Col. Andrea Andersen
60th AMW Staff Judge Advocate

On Aug. 20, Master Sgt. Richard Giddens, 22nd Airlift Squadron, was court-martialed for communicating a threat and for using provoking words. Giddens elected trial by court-martial, in lieu of nonjudicial punishment, and was tried by a panel that included one-third enlisted members. He pled not guilty to both charges. The panel returned a guilty verdict on two counts of provoking speech (a lesser included offense of communicating a threat). Giddens' sentence included a reprimand and \$500 in fines.

On Dec. 16, 2001, Giddens was on board a C-5 aircraft as the chief flight engineer of a 22nd AS flight crew preparing for take-off on a forward-deployed mission from Dover AFB, Del. A technical sergeant from the Dover AFB ground crew boarded the aircraft to help Giddens resolve a maintenance discrepancy. The technical sergeant was of foreign descent with a noticeable accent. On board the C-5 flight deck, Giddens and the technical sergeant had a professional disagreement on how to resolve the maintenance discrepancy. After about five minutes of normal discussion, the technical sergeant resolved the

maintenance discrepancy. Immediately, thereafter, Giddens became irate at the technical sergeant. Giddens hastily stood up from his flight engineer seat, approached the technical sergeant and, in front of a senior airman and a captain, yelled to the technical sergeant, "I just want the forms to say that the damn test portion of the f— system is bad, G—d— it! Get the hell off the flight deck or I'm going to kick your a— down the steps," or words to that effect. The technical sergeant was shocked at Giddens' outburst and decided to walk away. While the technical sergeant was walking away, Giddens yelled at the technical sergeant, "Or maybe I should say Allah d— it instead," or words to that effect.

The 22nd AS captain on board took control of the situation and apologized to the technical sergeant for Giddens' outbursts. The technical sergeant did not react to Giddens' provocation. Instead, he reported the situation to his chain of command immediately upon leaving the C-5.

Initially, Giddens was offered an Article 15, however, since Giddens elected a court-martial proceeding and was convicted, he now has a federal conviction.

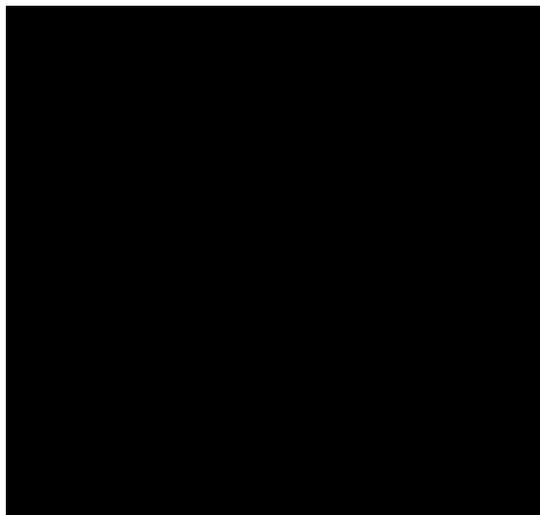
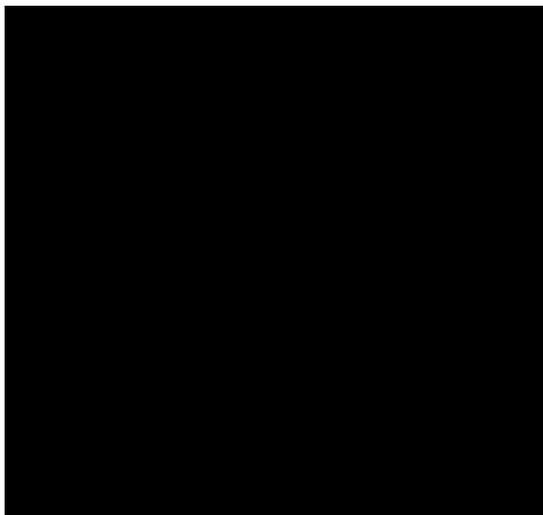
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Native American Meeting

The Travis Native American Heritage Committee is now planning the November 2002 observance month activities. The next meeting is Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room at the Delta Breeze Club. To RSVP or for information about becoming a member of the Native American Heritage Committee, call Senior Master Sgt. Michelle Charleville at 424-3895.

Job opportunity

The Base Education Center has two Veterans Administration Work Study positions open for individuals who are receiving VA educational benefits throughout their academic enrollment. Applicants must be attending school at least 3/4 time. The primary purpose of these positions is to provide support to active-duty and separated personnel and retirees seeking information or assistance using VA benefits at Travis. Duties include: provide accurate VA information in a tactful, courteous and articulate manner; promptly and courteously answer the telephone; accurately takes messages for staff members and deliver messages in a timely manner; establish and maintain VA records, lists, files and recurring reports ensuring information is readily available; use standard office software and printing equipment to create, copy, edit and print a variety of standardized documents, including word documents, spread sheets, database and graphic slide presentations. Applications are available at the Base Education Center, 580 Hickam Ave., Bldg. 246, "C" Bay. Submit application and resume to the Education Center, 60 MSS/DPE. For more information, call 424-1728.



Phone numbers to know

Base Exchange

437-4633

Swimming pool

424-5283

Education Office

424-3444

Family Advocacy

423-5168

Military pay

424-3925

Civilian pay

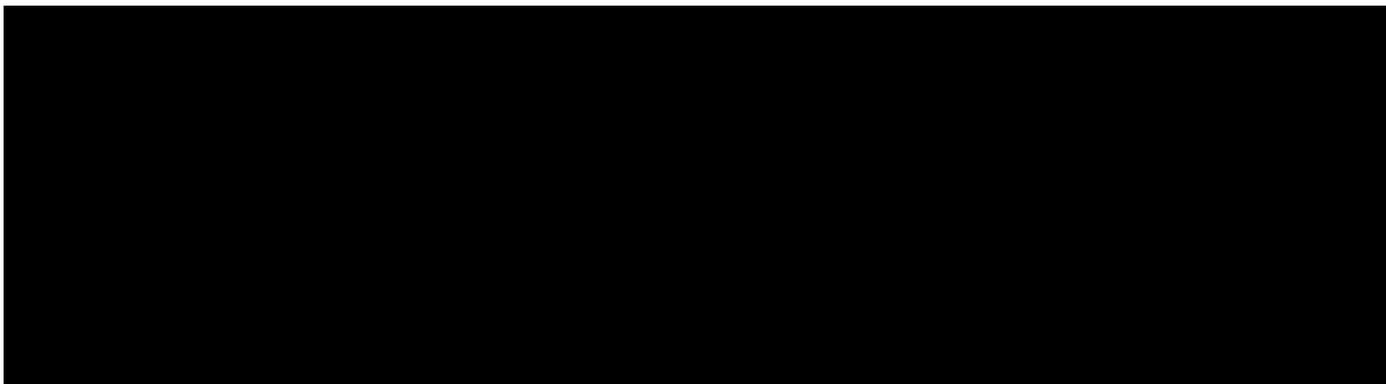
424-1777

Immunizations

423-5104

Security Forces

424-3293



TRICARE benefits for remote locations

David Grant Medical Center

A new cost-saving benefit, TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members, began Sept. 1. This new benefit is for family members of active duty sponsors who reside within the United States in locations designated as TRICARE Prime Remote. To be eligible for the new benefit, which is similar to TRICARE Prime, active duty family members must live with their sponsor. The sponsor must be assigned to a duty location and reside at a location that is at least 50 miles or more in distance, or approximately a one-hour drive, from the nearest military treatment facility. Active duty sponsors and family members must also be identified as eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Starting Sept. 1, like all other TRICARE Prime enrollees, family members now have access to a TRICARE Prime-like benefit that has no copayments, deductibles or claim forms to file, and providers who meet rigorous standards for providing quality health care. Enrollment in TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members is voluntary, but highly encouraged, especially for family members who live with their sponsors in areas far away from a military treatment facility. To enroll, active duty family members must complete and submit an enrollment application to

their TRICARE regional managed care support contractor. Applications received after the 20th of the month will result in enrollment effective the first day of the second month after their enrollment applications are received. For example, if an application is received Sept. 21, enrollment begins Nov. 1. Telephone numbers for managed care support contractors and enrollment applications are available online at www.tricare.osd.mil/remote/benes/adf.html. Shortly after enrolling in the TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members program, family members will receive a welcome letter and a TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members enrollment card in the mail from their regional managed care support contractor. On the day of their scheduled medical appointment, the card, along with their military identification card must be presented as verification of TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members enrollment.

Family members who need assistance locating a TRICARE network or authorized provider may contact their regional health care finder or TRICARE Service Center toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A list of the regional toll-free numbers is available online at www.tricare.osd.mil/main/toll-free.htm. A provider directory is also available online at www.tricare.osd.mil/provider_directory.html.



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Read a book at the base library.

Prostate cancer screening

In Honor of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, the David Grant Medical Center urology clinic presents prostate cancer screening for all military beneficiaries. The screening is scheduled to take place at the urology clinic today from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Facts:

- ▶ Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men.
- ▶ It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths.
- ▶ African American men are at significantly higher risk to develop prostate cancer.
- ▶ The American Cancer Society recommends PSA blood tests and digital exams annually starting at the age 50.
- ▶ Men with family history or for African American men, screenings may begin at the age of 45.
- ▶ Early detection is key to treatment and survival.

Free Prostate Cancer screening includes:

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- ▶ Educational literature
- ▶ Professionals to answer your questions

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Major AEF changes coming in June

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Major air expeditionary force changes are coming beginning with the start of Cycle 4 in June.

People and assets from two on-call wings will be embedded in the 10 AEFs while expeditionary combat support assets from throughout the Air Force will be "leveled." Also, some Air Reserve Component contributions to the AEF will be realigned.

The changes will enhance the ability of the AEF construct to handle both steady state requirements and surge support for contingency operations, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces.

"The thing that everyone needs to understand is (the AEF construct) has worked pretty well," Peppe said. "We know there are issues out there, and leadership is committed to fixing those issues."

The first change involves the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., and the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. These units, which currently operate in a 120-day rotational on-call status, will have their assets and people aligned throughout the 10 AEFs.

Each will be a lead wing, with aircraft and expeditionary combat support generally focused into two different AEF periods to facilitate teaming, Peppe said. Their change in status will not result in the movement of personnel or equipment to other bases.

Besides placing people from these two wings into the overall expeditionary combat support pool, the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center at Langley AFB, Va., is working to level ECS manning in all rotations.

"We're trying to rearrange ECS assets Air Force-wide so there's a leveling of assets across the 10 AEFs, so the capabilities and numbers are about the same," Peppe said. "This more even distribution of personnel will allow us to support a higher level of requirements."

Leveling the assets will make some airmen vulnerable to deployment sooner than they expected, while others will have their normal training periods extended.

"It may be that some (unit type codes) move from AEF 5 to AEF 3," the general said. "So, instead of having 15 months between cycles, they will have 12. Some are going to move backward, having 18 months versus 15 months, because the AEF Center is trying to match ECS assets, where possible, to where the 'iron' is moved."

For example, if F-16 Fighting Falcons from Mountain Home are assigned to AEF 7, the plan is to have Mountain Home expeditionary combat support assets in the same AEF.

"Is that causing some fluctuations? Yes, but the AEF Center is minimizing the shuffling," Peppe said. "Our assessment is that the AEF alignment of perhaps 10 to 12 percent of airmen will be affected by this fine-tuning."

The third change involves distributing Air Reserve Component assets across the AEFs to provide a more consistent level of the workload for the reserve component.

"The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute significantly (to the AEF construct) with aviation and support assets," Peppe said. "If you look at how they're postured right now, you'll see that they're heavily weighted in AEFs 7, 8, 9 and 10."

Better distributing the ANG and Reserve forces is especially important considering that ARC aircraft and people are also heavily involved in Operation Noble Eagle, Peppe said.

"We have to smooth-flow their availability so it gives us a more ideal mix throughout the AEF cycle," he said.

Peppe added that the Air Reserve Component will also realign ANG fighters by block type and geography.

The combination of these changes will help the Air Force better present its forces in the long term, Peppe said.

"The bottom line is we're making changes to maximize capability available across the board," Peppe said. "We want to smooth-flow capabilities across the AEFs and minimize the hills and valleys."

Seatbelts are hugs from your car!

Travis drivers use caution:

School has begun, children are around

Tailwind staff

The school year is now in full swing, which means Travis drivers need to raise their awareness of children walking to and from school.

According to a 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron safety briefing distributed to Travis unit safety representatives last week, during the past 20 years, injuries have continuously claimed the lives of more children (ages 1 to 19) in the United States than all diseases combined.

Senior Airmen Kevin Davis and Raul Torres, safety representatives for the 660th AGS, said that each year one in every five children require medical attention. Of those, 600,000 require hospitalization, 30,000 have permanent disabilities and 22,000 die.

The No. 1 most frequent and serious cause of injury is from pedestrian accidents, followed by drowning and bicycle accidents. Other causes of injury listed in the top 10 include: falls, scald burns, flame burns, suicides, assaults, choking and smoke inhalation.

Davis and Torres noted several key factors base drivers should be aware of to help ensure Travis children are safe when walking to and from school:

- ▶▶ Most school zones are posted at 15 mph during early morning and late afternoon hours.
- ▶▶ During early morning hours it may be dark and difficult to see children walking or riding bikes.
- ▶▶ Be cautious in neighborhoods without sidewalks where walking on the street is unavoidable.
- ▶▶ Watch for children crossing streets — both at crosswalks and other areas.
- ▶▶ The purpose of crossing guards is not to ensure vehicle traffic keeps moving. They stop traffic so pedestrians can safely cross the street.
- ▶▶ Be aware of locations on your route where children routinely catch the bus.
- ▶▶ Traffic must stop in both directions for a bus when it is displaying flashing red lights.
- ▶▶ Be aware that buses make frequent stops.
- ▶▶ Always be cautious when driving near schools, playgrounds and parks. These areas can be busy with children involved in sports, extended academics and other special events during normal school hours as well as evening hours and weekends.

Mentor training

A free mentor training conference is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Building 381 auditorium. This training is open to all parents, teachers, youth workers, mentors and anyone with an interest in effectively impacting the lives of youth.

DeVone Boggan, the director of the mentoring center in Oakland, is conducting the conference. Boggan promotes, develops and implements the concept of mentoring as a vehicle to transform lives and

effectively address the needs of youth of all backgrounds. From 1998 to 2000, DeVone served as a consultant to President Clinton's National Advisory Council on violence against women and children. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and has worked in the public and private sectors in the areas of public policy and administration, organizational design, human resource development, and management.

For more information, contact Jane White at 424-5266.

Travis celebrates Hispanic heritage

By Airman 1st Class Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Travis Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring a series of events and activities to run through Oct. 11. This year's theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Hispanic Americans: Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity."

To start things off for Hispanic Heritage Month, a kick-off luncheon was held on Sept. 18 at the Delta Breeze Club.

"The kick-off luncheon was a success," said Staff Sgt. Alex Cisneros, chairman of the Hispanic Heritage Committee. "The turn out of individuals for the luncheon was more than we expected."

From now until Oct. 11, Cisneros says there are several activities and events planned.

"One event we are sponsoring is a float contest for all elementary school students here," he said. "The theme for the floats is "Fiesta" and first through third prizes will be awarded for each grade level."

Along with the float contest, the Hispanic Heritage Committee will be sponsoring a college grant essay contest, which starts today, Cisneros said. The contest is open to all high school seniors here who are military dependants as well as military dependants currently enrolled in college.

"The topic for the essay is 'Why I want to further my education,'" Cisneros said. "The last day for submissions is Oct. 11 and the committee will select a winner once all submissions have been reviewed."

Cisneros adds all submissions should be submitted in the drop box located in the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs Office, bldg. 51, wing headquarters. The winner of the essay contest will receive a \$250 grant to help with his or her education.

Cisneros says the Travis community can also look forward to a Hispanic Cooking Class, a Salsa Chef contest and a Dinner and Dance at the Delta Breeze Club to close the celebration.

Throughout the year, the Hispanic Heritage Committee spends time in order to raise funds for their Hispanic Heritage Month activities. However, Cisneros says for some of the members of the committee, the 2002 celebration has a little more meaning since the 2001 celebration was cancelled due to the tragedy of Sept. 11.

"I think all of us on the committee are especially committed to ensuring our goals for this month's celebration are met." "Our goal is to spread Hispanic heritage and culture throughout Travis. Even though we are a small committee, we are determined to accomplish this goal," Cisneros said.

Scheduled events for Hispanic Heritage Month

Today through Oct. 11
College grant essay contest — all submissions should be brought to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office in the wing headquarters building.

Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Hispanic Cooking Class at Chapel Center

Oct. 8 at 11 a.m.
'Calling all Salsa Chefs' salsa contest

Oct. 11 at 6 p.m.
Dinner and dancing at the Delta Breeze Club

Submission does not guarantee publication! Contact the Tailwind at 424-2011.



Courtesy photo

Dancers with the San Jose Ballet Folklorico group *Alika Del Nayar*, perform a traditional Mexican dance during the Travis Hispanic Heritage luncheon at the Delta Breeze Club.

SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

The 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

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Mission

The 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron provides support for the maintenance of Travis' 37 C-5 and 27 KC-10 aircraft, producing daily, weekly and monthly maintenance schedules; controlling maintenance actions; and managing aircraft and mission statistics. The squadron is also responsible for managing 60th Maintenance Group real property assets and providing group-level mobility support for the 60th Air Mobility Wing. In

addition, aircraft maintenance and ancillary training for group personnel is developed, administered or performed within the organization.

Capabilities and significant events:

The squadron oversees the 60th Maintenance Group's \$144 million operations and maintenance and transportation working capital fund annual budget, and coordinates manning issues for the group's 1,805 personnel. The organization serves as monitor for all MXG Interservice Support Agreements and Status of Resources and Training reporting. The squadron also develops and coordinates programs and plans affecting the maintenance group. LOGNET, the group-wide management information system is con-

trolled and maintained by the unit.

The Maintenance Operations Squadron coordinates planning and execution phases of 60th MXG deployments in support of Wing commitments. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the squadron has coordinated the deployment and redeployment of 1,385 personnel to 35 locations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Squadron personnel analyze deficiencies in material consumption, equipment failure, training workload, labor-hour consumption rates, aircraft scheduling, launch reliability and mission capability rates. Maintenance squadron, group, wing and major command leadership use these maintenance metrics and indicators to allocate resources and maintain positive manage-

ment control for the C-5 and KC-10 weapon systems.

The squadron's training function graduates more than 400 students annually in courses covering six different aircraft maintenance career fields for personnel stationed at Travis and provides maintenance training support to Pacific Rim bases.

On Sept. 18, the squadron was re-designated from Logistics Support to Maintenance Operations. The unit gained an additional 45 personnel, which includes the Maintenance Operations Center.

Accomplishments and Unit Recognition

2001 AMC Logistics Training Flight of the Year
Travis Logistics Database named Best Practice by Aug. 2002 AMC Logistics Standard-

ization and Evaluation Team 2001 Base Champions, Intramural Women's Softball 2000, 2001 Base Champions, Intramural Bowling 60th AMW/SE Playing It Safe 5-year Award for zero DUIs in squadron, 1997-2002

Individual Recognition

Outstanding Performer, AMC Logistics, Standardization and Evaluation Program Inspection, Staff Sgt. Jessica Cokley

Tuskegee Airman Incorporated Military Award, 60th AMW, Senior Master Sgt. Peggy Miller

60 AMW Warriors of the Month, Tech. Sgt. Tyna Yarber and Airman 1st Class Lonya Foy

Below-the-zone promotion to senior airman, Senior Airman Courtney Jordan

Travis, NFPA 'Team Up for Fire Safety'

Courtesy article

The Travis Fire Department is joining forces with the non-profit National Fire Protection Association to spread the word about "Team Up for Fire Safety," this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 6 through 12.

This year's theme encourages children and families to recognize the role they play in keeping their homes fire-safe by focusing on three key safety messages: installing and testing smoke alarms; practicing home escape plans; and hunting for home hazards.

According to NFPA officials, 85 percent of all fires occur in the home, and most of these fires are preventable.

"When there is a fire, you may have only two minutes to get out of the home," said Master Sgt. Jerry Clark, assistant chief of fire prevention. "Having working smoke alarms and a well-practiced home escape plan are crucial so that everyone knows exactly what to do if a fire breaks out. Taking a few moments to inspect and correct common fire hazards in your home can make a real difference in your family's safety and well-being."

Fire Protection Flight officials plan to increase public awareness of "Team Up for Fire Safety" messages through skits at the Travis elementary schools, displays at the Base

Exchange, a fire muster, parade and open house at Fire Station 2.

"Fire safety is everyone's business and every fire safety team starts with firefighters and other first responders," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education.

"Team Up for Fire Safety" allows fire departments at Travis, and throughout North America, to collaborate with a variety of local partners, from sports teams to schools to local businesses, and especially, citizens of all ages, to drive home life-saving fire safety messages."

FPW is actively supported by fire departments throughout North America. NFPA has been the official sponsor of FPW for 80 years. Major funding is provided by FEMA's U.S. Fire Administration, Lowe's Home Safety Council and Underwriters Laboratories Inc., with generous support from First Alert.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical and life safety information to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards of quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922.



Archive photo

Fires like this one may cause more than material damage. Having working smoke alarms and a practiced fire escape plan are crucial in preventing loss of life.

Smoke alarms: the simplest, best tool to alert us to fire

By Peter Dolan
Travis fire chief

If only firefighters could snap their fingers and supply everyone with working smoke alarms, listed by a qualified testing laboratory, for every level of every home.

If only everyone tested their alarms every month, put in a fresh battery once a year and replaced alarms when they were more than 10 years old ... firefighters would feel more confident about the ability of families to survive a home fire.

Something so simple and so inexpensive really makes a world of difference when it becomes necessary to be alerted to fire. It's hard to believe that, despite smoke alarms being available to con-

sumers for many years, nearly 6 percent of American homes are still completely unprotected, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Half of all home fire deaths occur in these homes.

No smoke alarm can save your life if it isn't working, which, according to the NFPA, is true for about a quarter of the alarms installed in U.S. homes. Regular testing of your smoke detector is important to ensure your safety.

A 1993 study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Smoke Detector Project found that about 20 percent of the smoke alarms in people's homes were not connected to a working power source. Eleven percent of the units were missing batteries, 5 percent had dead batteries, 3 percent had discon-



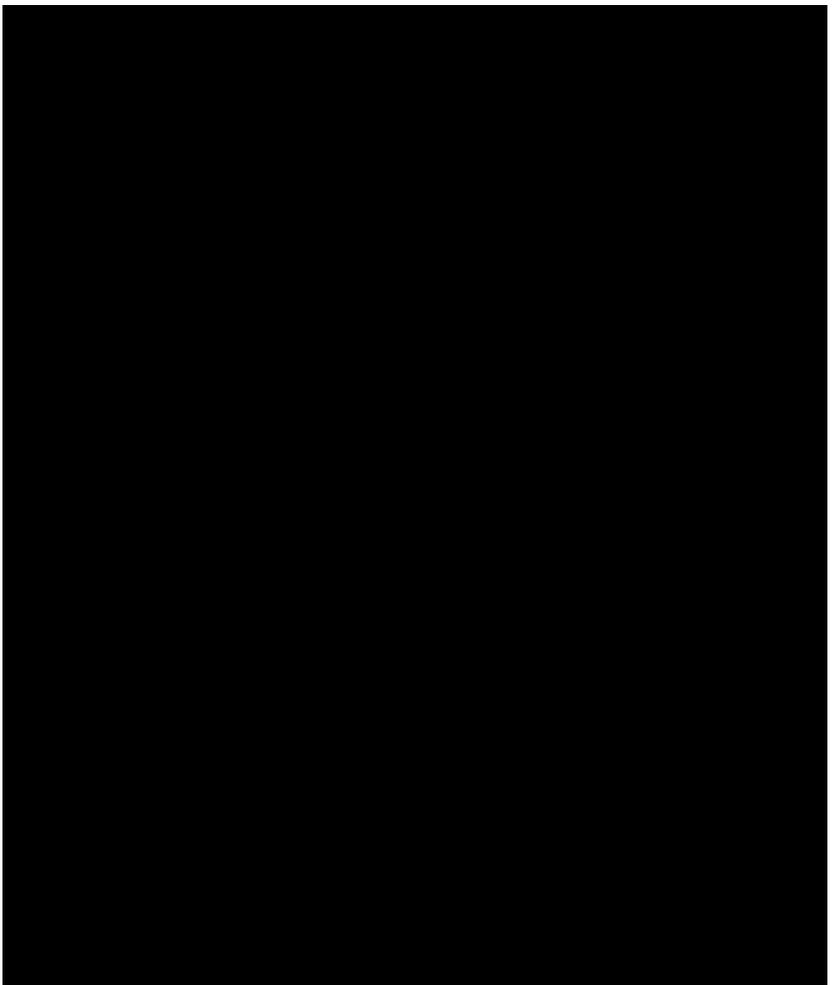
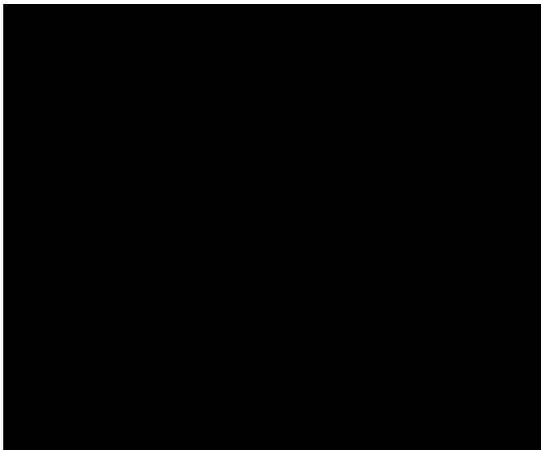
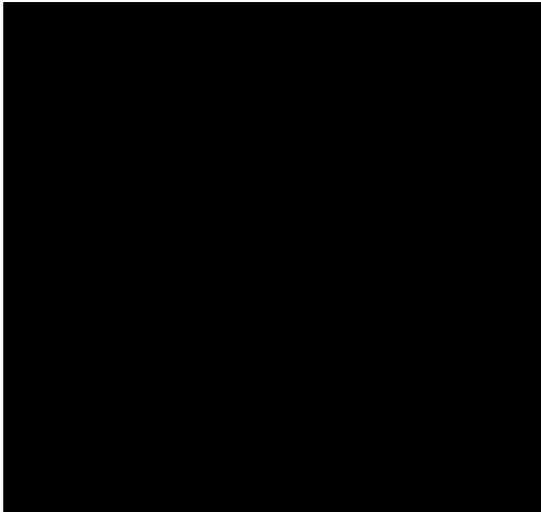
nected batteries and 1 percent had been disconnected from the power source.

At Travis, firefighters have seen with our own eyes the difference between a home protected by adequate smoke alarms and those without them. Help us

save lives by taking action today to ensure your family is well equipped to survive a fire in your home.

But don't stop there. An escape plan is part of a good overall home fire safety plan. With everyone in your household, plan two escape routes from every room, then practice your home fire drill at least twice a year. Have a central meeting place outside: next to the mailbox or next to the oak tree. And never go back into a burning building.

For more information on home fire safety, download the free fact sheets on the National Fire Protection Association's Web site at www.nfpa.org or the Travis Fire Department's Web site at <https://w3.travis.af.mil/60ces/fire/default.htm>.



AF surgeon general retires

By G.W. Pomeroy
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Advancements in modular medicine, pay and retention innovations geared toward attracting and retaining people and TRICARE for Life top the list of "home runs" of which retiring Air Force Surgeon General Lt.

Gen. (Dr.) Paul Carlton Jr., is most proud.

Carlton, who retired Monday, said that the current conflict has proven that "many of our concepts that were ideas before, were only ideas. Now we have data, and with data the ideas became facts."

The top fact during his three-year tenure is that, thanks to modularity, a wounded combatant has the highest chance of survival in combat history, Carlton said.

He cited a speech given by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld at the Air Force Academy in May, in which Rumsfeld said that the Air Force could now do with one airplane what took 10 airplanes to do in Desert Storm.

"The 10-for-1 is real," Carlton said. "Our smallest piece in Desert Storm was the 25-bed air transportable hospital that took 11 C-130s (to deliver). The two pieces we have right now, the SPEARR (Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response) — a one-pallet hospital — or an EMEDS (Expeditionary Medical System) basic — a three-pallet hospital — use only one C-130.

"Technological advancements that will assist medics in the field who take care of wounded soldiers, airmen and sailors at the point of wounding will lower the death rate further," Carlton said.

"The next big frontier is making sure our medics, at the point of wounding, have everything we can get for them to get a survival," Carlton said.

Carlton believes such advancements would not be possible if leaders are constantly focused on whether or not there will be enough people to carry out the mission. All services have been dealing with shortages of doctors and nurses in recent years.

After presenting projections to senior Defense Department budget officials in 2001, AFMS officials were allowed to work with their service counterparts to develop several innovations to alleviate the problem, Carlton said.

Carlton is pleased that critical skills specialty bonuses, incentive special pay increases, increases in multiyear special pays, student loan repayments and increases in board certification payments have begun yielding results. He is optimistic that their impact will grow.

But the most "huge home run" of all for Carlton was TRI-

CARE For Life, which allows military retirees who are 65 or older to be treated, if not in a military medical facility, at least at government expense. It was an issue of supreme importance for Carlton.

"I thought we had not taken care of them as we had needed to and as they deserved for having preserved the freedom of our country," Carlton said. He said he believed TRICARE For Life would be approved at the end of his tour at the earliest. It occurred in fiscal 2001.

"Again, that's not a 'me' thing; that's a 'we' thing," Carlton said. "An awful lot of people worked hard on that; an awful lot of retirees worked on that; and Congress was receptive."

As he moved into retirement, Carlton said there is more for him to do, but his role will change.

"A senior officer in our Air Force is a salesman, a cheerleader who sets the course, facilitates, encourages...there's a variety of things that a senior officer does," he said. "Upon retirement, in many ways, a senior officer who retires has more freedom to advocate for the Air Force, to engage the Congress, to make sure that we have adequate money, to make sure we're doing the right research and development."

Carlton said he envisions more military involvement, at least in the short term, in homeland defense.

"You're seeing that already," he said. "In the short term, I see no other alternative than to use military medical assets to respond to mass casualty events. Over time I think we can fix that but at this time we have not."

Carlton, who received the Airman's Medal for his role at the Pentagon in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, believes he has something to offer in terms of homeland defense across the board.

And he has a plan.

"I'd like to work with one state and build a model for the nation in terms of homeland security: for natural disasters, for terrorist events, for food [poisoning] outbreaks, for anything," Carlton said. "What's the algorithm that should be used by every state? But if I can help build one example, I honestly believe that if you get one state up and you learn lessons, as you should, that other states will say 'Well, that makes sense for Maryland but in Virginia it's a little bit different.' But it's the same concept."

Library unmasks love of reading

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

Some children take to books like a duck to water, while others can't seem to get into reading. Experts say there are two ways to encourage a love of reading in a child: the first is to read to them from an early age; the second is to find something they are interested in and want to read about.

For many unwilling-readers in the third through sixth grades, the "Goosebumps" series was the key that opened their minds to reading. "Goosebumps," by R.L. Stine, is a series of horror stories aimed at the elementary school reader.

They are not too scary or gory, but have enough mystery, action and suspense to keep kids interested to see what happens next.

Although "Goosebumps" are not the only books in the genre, they are defi-

nitely popular. Along those lines, the Harry Potter series, by J.T. Rowling, is also exciting and mysterious but with a magical theme instead of horror. These seem to be the kinds of books children seek out during the month of October with Halloween on their minds.

Susan Gilroy, the librarian at the Mitchell Memorial Library at Travis, encourages children to read by putting part of her extensive collection of masks on display and calling it, "Goosebumps."

"I have been collecting masks for many years. I have some authentic rubber masks that are from movies and quite a few antique masks from the 50s and 60s," said Gilroy.

Some of the classic masks, like Count Dracula and the Wolfman, are replicas from movies adapted from books. Others, like the Terminator, might inspire a teen to pick up a sci-fi book.

"Our goal is to get kids to read,"



2nd Lt. William Gurnabon / 60th Services Squadron

The Mitchell Memorial Library will display "Goosebumps" — a collection of classic Halloween masks — during the month of October. The idea is to entice children and teens into the library and spark their interest in reading magical, mysterious, adventurous and even scary books.

Gilroy said. "If my masks will bring children and teens into the library, maybe we can convince them to pick out a book

once they are here."

For more information about the library call 424-3279.

Travis NCO prepares for ironman

Story and photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser
60th AMW Public Affairs

In 1987, a 210-pound Marvin Shockey — watching a televised Ironman race from the comforts of his living room — turned to his wife and said, “I bet I could do that.” She began laughing so hard she nearly fell off the couch. Unamused, he decided then and there he would begin training and within five weeks, he finished his first 10K race.

In October, nearly 14 years and about 100 triathlons later — and 30 pounds lighter — the master sergeant is scheduled to participate in the 2002 Ironman Triathlon World Championship — otherwise known as Hawaii Ironman World Championships, the toughest, most difficult race in the eyes of triathletes.

An Ironman race includes a 2.4-mile open water swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. The terrain and routes in Hawaii give this particular race an extra challenge not found in other Ironman races.

Shockey was actually scheduled to participate last year, but due to mission requirements after Sept. 11, he was unable to attend. He had been trying for 12 years and was finally picked up by a lottery in which 200 people out of 3,000 were selected. He later found out he was to participate as a member of the Air Force team. Military teams have reserved slots in the lottery — five male and two female slots for each service.

“Because I’m part of a military team, the Air Force is helping by giving me orders and sponsoring as much as they can,” he said. “Now, because the Air Force is helping us out, my wife will be able to go with me.”

Shockey, a KC-10 flight engineer at Travis, admits his training isn’t as strenuous as it could be, but he still manages to fit a 10-hour training program in even with his normal duties and additional schoolwork. In addition to a full workweek and training for an Ironman race, he also manages to take night classes that will get him his teaching credential.

His training includes a 2,200- to 2,800-yard swim three days a week, a one- to two-hour bike ride twice a week and a five- to seven-hour bike ride on the weekends, and running roughly 25 miles a week. His long runs average between 12 and 16 miles.

“I’ve never received any formal training,” Shockey said. “My wife was my initial swim coach because I had never swam before. I’ve always just learned from reading and racing. But I would like to put in a thanks in to my long-time training partner Master Sgt. Jonnie Hilyard for his help. Master Sgt. Dennis Jones from the 60th Services Squadron, another Ironman triathlete, has also been a big help. And I’m really grateful to Tech. Sgt. Nonato Icatar who has been keeping up on my Air Force paper work at headquarters services.” Shockey said he also receives helpful advice on his strokes and swimming techniques from the Vacaville Masters, a club for swimmers.

“I also use a software program called PC Coach which helps me create three-week training schedule,” he said. “I try to stick with it as best I can, but I have to be flexible with my work and school schedule.” He said his colleagues have been very supportive of him taking the time to train.

“To do an Ironman, his training has to include tons and tons of long endurance training,” said Hilyard, from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron. “He works very hard — triathlons are his life.”



Marvin Shockey leaves the Fitness Center parking lot on a training ride. Shockey is training for the 2002 Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Hawaii.

Hilyard said he first met up with Shockey in 1998 when he was preparing to do the Escape from Alcatraz — his first big race. When he found out Shockey was also a big triathlete, he started training with him.

“He helped me out a lot,” Hilyard said. “He taught me a lot about training and techniques and he made me a lot faster. I started winning events and getting better at racing.” Hilyard said he doesn’t compete in triathlons now but mostly sticks to cycling.

“Master Sgt. Shockey is stronger now than ever before and he’s much faster than when I first knew him,” Hilyard said.

Shockey said his wife Julie of 20 years, and children Jillian, 17, Cathryn, 15, and Stuart, 12, have been a great source of support. “They are my road crew,” he said.

Shockey plans on arriving in Hawaii early to adapt to the climate change between Travis and Hawaii, familiarize himself with the route and meet up with his fellow team members. He said he is looking forward to training and meeting other Air Force athletes.

“I don’t dare predict what kind of time I’ll get that day, but I’m confident I can finish the distance,” he said. Shockey said he has been working on speed training in addition to endurance training to help decrease his race times.

“Just the fact that he can complete an Ironman is a feat in itself,” Hilyard said. “I can’t wait to see him on TV.”

Shockey said his motivation for this race comes from his love for the sport and the personal challenge. He plans on working toward a career in triathlon sports and wants to help develop a better local junior or youth triathlete program.

Shockey began his Air Force career in the Reserves as a crew chief, then a boom operator on the KC-135A. He then started his active duty career as a boom operator cross training to the C-141B as a flight engineer. In 1997, he cross-flowed to the KC-10 as a flight engineer at Travis. He is due to retire in less than a year.

Other Air Force team members are Kelly Phillips, Sara Whittingham, John Blackmon, Elliot Graves, Dave Walick and Robert Wieland. The 2002 Ironman Triathlon World Championship is scheduled to air on NBC Nov. 23.

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cer heads the team. Other members on the team include security forces, the active-duty member's squadron commander, and representatives from the life skills support clinic and Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

FAP officials have taken a community response approach when dealing with allegations of child or spousal abuse.

"Our role is to assess all family members for what they may have witnessed and any maltreatment they have experienced," Davis said. "We're here to assist with the safety of all the family members including suicidal and homicidal issues, and any other risk for family maltreatment."

Additionally, FAP officials have made significant progress in using automation to standardize and ensure uniform assessments across the Air Force.

"We have processes and products that are built into our software so commanders, first sergeants and clients receive standardized information at each FAP [location] they encounter," Davis said. "This has greatly enhanced our credibility with customers, while allowing us to provide the best clinical care possible to our clients."

While credibility is something the FAP has built over the years, Davis said there are still misconceptions about using the programs.

"Some people are under the belief that we're in the practice of tricking people into thinking we're a confidential organization and then reporting them to other agencies," Davis said.

"Before we do any interviewing, our customers are informed about our limits of confidentiality."

Success of the FAP is also contingent upon ensuring the community is knowledgeable and aware of domestic violence in order to developing sensitivity to the problem, according to Bettye Williams, program manager for outreach and community prevention.

"We help the community to understand they have a shared responsibility for creating a nonviolent environment," Williams said.

Officials urge people who believe they are a victim of domestic violence or believe someone else may be, to contact their local family advocacy office or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233.

SRB review approaching

Courtesy Article

The semi-annual Selective Reenlistment Bonus review is approaching. The review is not restricted to those Air Force Specialty Codes currently on the SRB list. The review will focus on manning levels as well as retention trends, training costs and career field manager inputs regarding the effects of on-going or future force structure changes.

Officials anticipate announcing the results of this review in October or November 2002. The Military Personnel Flight must also contact each member that currently have a projected reenlistment date and advise them of this review. If members can delay their reenlistment, they must be provided the opportunity to do so.

Though officials plan on announcing the results of this review in October or November 2002, all members should be aware that this release may be delayed and if delayed, it could affect their reenlistment plans.

According to regulations, airmen serving in SRB skills announced for reduction or termination must reenlist if eligible before the effective date of change in order to receive the bonus at the previous rate. There is normally a 30-day window between release of the initial message and the effective date of the termination or reduction.

Due to the short notice of the Jan. 17 2002 release, members were authorized to petition the Board for Correction of Military records to request their reenlistment date be changed in order to take advantage of a higher SRB. Members will not have that opportunity with this release. If members choose not to delay their reenlistment until after the SRB review, they will not be allowed to change their reenlistment date.

Any member who has reenlisted prior to the release of this message is not eligible to have their reenlistment declared erroneous and reenlist at a later date.

Please contact DSN 665-2090 or e-mail at reenlistments2@randolph.af.mil for more information.

Summertime wear of the military uniform

- ▶ The outer shirt material must cover the inner material to give a crisp matching material affect.
- ▶ Sleeves must be folded within one inch or touching the forearm when bent at a 90 degree angle.
- ▶ The chevron must be fully visible when the sleeve is rolled up.

Program helps prevent violence

By Master Sgt. Richard Searles
Office of the Surgeon General Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFP) — The Department of Defense considers all forms of family violence as unacceptable and provides extensive resources that focus on prevention, intervention and treatment.

The Air Force's Family Advocacy Program, charged with the prevention and treatment of family maltreatment, has the shared goal of enhancing the health and well-being of Air Force families and communities so that servicemembers can focus on the mission and their job performance.

The program provides a comprehensive set of services and proactive programs to families and military members that include prevention, community collaboration and treatment, said officials.

"Our role is to be a leader in the Air Force at addressing domestic violence," said Col. Martha Davis, the Air Force's chief of the FAP located at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. "One of our primary objectives is to build resilient, healthy communities and you can't achieve that with family violence going on."

Families in the military are not immune to the occurrence of family violence and the Air Force uses a comprehensive approach to deal with it. This normally involves all members of the chain of command. The program emphasizes awareness, prevention, early identification and treatment for family maltreatment.

These approaches appear to be working as the rates of Air Force spouse maltreatment have not increased over the past decade.

"We're seeing a change in the type of maltreatment cases we manage," said Lt. Col. Dari Tritt, director of family advocacy research. "Air Force spouse physical maltreatment cases currently represent a slightly lower proportion of total cases compared to five years ago. Spouse emotional abuse cases seen by FAP personnel have slightly increased, indicating our earlier intervention with couples who have not yet used physical violence."

Research and evaluation indicates that FAP prevention and treatment interventions

with Air Force families reduce distress and increase family cohesion and marital satisfaction, leading to less use of violence in the home.

"We believe most family violence is treatable and doesn't have to ruin a person's career," said Pam Collins, the program manager who oversees treatment policies. "It's a myth that careers are automatically ruined by coming to family advocacy for services."

"Domestic violence offenders must be held accountable for their actions; however, they can stop using violence in their families with help and can develop safe homes," Collins said. "Many families choose to stay together after abuse has occurred or ultimately want to be reunited. Most active duty members in families who receive intervention go on to complete successful military careers."

Although the majority of FAP customers are married, referral services are available for anyone needing assistance.

"We can provide assistance to anyone who feels they are in a volatile relationship," Davis said. "It doesn't matter if they're married, single or divorced."

Although success of the FAP can be attributed to the creation of new programs over the past several years, it cannot be successful without quality people to carry out its' mission, said officials.

"FAP staff who see maltreatment referrals are master's degree-level clinical social workers," Davis said. "Before being hired, social workers must have at least two years experience working with child and spouse maltreatment. They must also be licensed in a United States jurisdiction for clinical practice and be certified to practice independently."

This level of training is crucial to the development and implementation of successful prevention and intervention programs.

One of the programs developed over the past several years to deal with domestic violence is the High Risk for Violence Response Team. These multidisciplinary teams located on all Air Force installations get together when there is indication of a possible volatile situation. The family advocacy offi-

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Announcements

Frame Shop specials

The Frame Shop is offering a wedding special for all custom framing of wedding memorabilia until the end of October. All newlyweds (married less than one year) get 10 percent off their order and all other couples get 5 percent off. Frame a wedding invitation and a picture of the bride and groom, a collage of wedding pictures or a shadow box including the bridal bouquet.

Furthermore, self-framers can now use The Frame Shop on Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. to work on projects. No framing orders will be taken on Tuesdays. Call 424-1338 for more information.

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

▲ Parent training and stress management for parents is at CDC 2 from 5 to 6 p.m. There is no charge for the classes. Call 424-5400 for details.

Saturday

▲ Day Hike Muir Woods with the Outdoor Adventure Program from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$18. Sign up in advance at Outdoor Recreation or call 424-5240 for more information.

▲ The punt, pass and kick contest for youth 8 to 15 is at noon. Youth must sign up at the Teen Zone by Friday. Call 424-3131 for details.

▲ Visit Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf with Outdoor Rec. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 424-0970 for information.

▲ Colorama Bowling is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Travis Bowl. Participants can win money

while bowling. Call 437-4737 for details.

Monday

▲ Watch Monday Night Football at the Delta Breeze Club at 5 p.m. Get free snacks and enter to win prizes with four football promotions.

Tuesday

▲ Story Time at the Mitchell Memorial Library features ghost stories from 9:30 to 10 a.m.. Craft projects follow the stories.

Wednesday

▲ Sing karaoke and dance to top 40 hits in the Gold Rush Lounge from 8 p.m. to midnight. Club members get in free and non-members pay \$3 cover.

▲ The mountain biking day trip to Angel Island is from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call OAP at 424-5240 for more information.

Thursday

▲ Oktoberfest at the DBC continues with German specialties on the lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and German drink specials in the lounges all week.

▲ It's the last day to sign up for the Youth Center's Cheer-leading Clinic Oct. 5. Call 424-5392 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 federal long-term care program is at the FSC from 1 to 2 p.m. for civilians, annuitants, active duty, retirees and qualified relatives. 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 professional growth and development class for airmen E-3 and below is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The ultimate job search workshop is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. This half-day job search workshop includes skills



Eric Larsen / Youth Center photo club

Keep your eye on the ball: Master Sgt. Willard Lacy, of RHQ.AFNorth, passes on his passion of bowling to his two-and-a-half year old daughter, Carissa, at the Travis Bowling Center.

and self-assessments, job search techniques and more. 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 budgeting and credit class is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Obtain college financial aid leads from the FSC through a computer data system. The Scholarship Resource Network is a free service for college-bound and in-college Travis personnel, their spouses and children planning to attend undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate colleges and universities. The network contains various types of financial leads, such as scholarships, grants, loans, fellowships and work-study programs. For more details, call 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, DGMCC 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, DGMCC 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

E-mail Beltane@prodigy.net for location and time of meetings.

Taking the tour:

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, receives a briefing from Mark Dupree, housing manager. Baker spent time touring the dormitories on Wednesday.

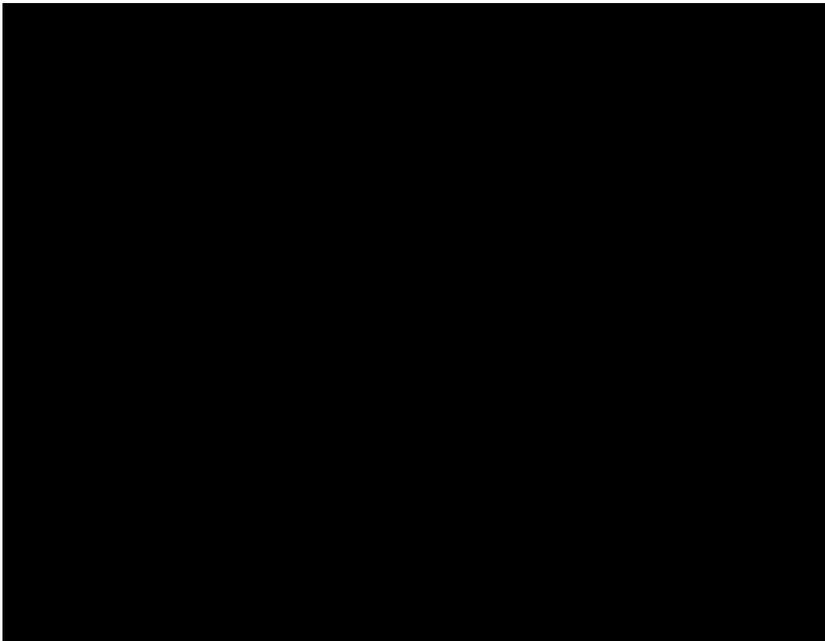


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Solemn salute: *Members of the Travis Honor Guard pay tribute to America's Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action during the Travis POW/MIA Day remembrance service at the base flag pole in front of the headquarters building. Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, was the keynote speaker and presided over the ceremony.*



U-Fix-It provides support for housing residents

By Airman 1st Class Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

With over 3,000 housing units on base, PRIDE Industries, a commercial vendor who provides maintenance services, works to maintain these units. However, when it comes to any minor maintenance issues, the U-Fix-It Store may be able to offer an effective way for tenants to solve problems.

Open six days a week, the U-Fix-It Store provides various materials to base housing residents. Whether residents need to replace a screen door, change a light bulb or need a name plate, the facility can accommodate tenants for these minor maintenance issues, said Nelson Villacampa, PRIDE

Industries warehouse manager.

"We provide the means for tenants to be able to fix their own routine maintenance issues," Villacampa said. "By housing residents here being able to do this, they usually will have faster results and higher priority maintenance issues can be taken care of by the contractor."

Villacampa adds tenants can also obtain various landscaping materials from the U-Fix-It Store such as cement, cobbles, fencing material and occasionally flowers.

Housing residents will be able to obtain flowers from the U-Fix-It Store during normal store hours Oct. 4 and 5.

"A lot of people don't know we're here," said Krista Cory, PRIDE Industries warehouse specialist. "It's good to

see that when people do find out we are here, they discover a lot of their needs can be met without having to visit their local hardware store."

Cory, who is also a military dependent and base housing resident, adds the store always takes suggestions from customers.

"We consider all requests from tenants. However, if an item isn't considered a self-help item, we're unable to provide it here," Cory said.

Some requested items the store doesn't provide include paint, garden hoses and pesticides, Villacampa said. However, Villacampa says the store does provide information on paint products such as colors, brands and where to purchase the products.

The U-Fix-It Store is located in



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Krista Cory, a warehouse specialist for PRIDE Industries, reorganizes items at the U-Fix-It Store.

Bldg. 5570. The U-Fix-It store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store is also open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Falcons advance record to 3-0

By **John Van Winkle**
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Three touchdowns and 124 rushing yards by quarterback Chance Harridge led Air Force to a 23-21 upset over No. 23 California.

The Falcons advance to 3-0 on the season, and have the nation's top-ranked rushing offense in Division I for the fourth consecutive week.

"What you saw today was a very great, great college football game. Two teams that never gave up," said Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry. "Our defense did a tremendous job keeping them out of the end zone right up until the very end of the game. Their offense would never go away. They had a great quarterback. Unfortunately for them, their receivers dropped a lot of passes."

But it was a dropped ball by Air Force that led to the Golden Bears' first score. Harridge's fumble was recovered at the Air Force 28, but the Falcons defense held Cal to a field goal. California kept that lead well into the third quarter, in what became a duel of field goals until the Falcons eliminated turnovers and got their triple-option attack firing on all cylinders.

"In the second half, we started clicking," Harridge said. "We realized that this

was our chance to do something. We quit trying to run outside, we quit trying to run sweeps and we just started running the triple option right at them and they just couldn't stop it. We ran right at them for the entire second half of the game."

Harridge's first touchdown cut the deficit, and his second touchdown put Air Force up 16-15 in the fourth quarter. His third touchdown capped the score at 23-15, at the two-minute warning.

"I thought our defense played very well," said Cal head coach Jeff Tedford. "You're never going to stop that offense. I thought we contained it very well and gave us a chance to win."

Cal came back to score one more touchdown, but with only 31 seconds left on the clock, Air Force's running game burned those last few seconds away.

Air Force ended the game with 295 yards rushing, including 76 yards by full-back Steve Massie, and another 124 yards by Harridge. Defensively, the Falcons limited Cal to 119 yards on the ground and 13 of 37 completions with one interception made by Falcon cornerback Wes Crawley.

"They ran a real unorthodox offense and defense, something we weren't used to," said Cal defensive end Tully Banta-Cain. "We'll probably never see an option team like that again. It's a tough loss to

swallow. But the measure of a great team is how they bounce back from a loss," he said. "We have to keep our heads up. We let this one slip away from us but we can't get down about it. We have a lot of games left to play. We have to keep getting after it. We just have to put this one behind us and look forward to the next game."

The character of California's team is also something Air Force coaches and players noted during preparations for and after the game. The Golden Bears won only a single game last year. But under new head coach Tedford, California was off to a 3-0 start, scoring 50 points per game and had cracked the national rankings before Saturday's game.

"Cal played really well today," Harridge said. "This is probably one of the classiest group of guys that I have ever played against in my life. No trash talking and they would say things like 'good play,' 'good hit,' 'good run' and they would try to help you up after the play. I was thoroughly impressed with the way that Cal (players) handled themselves."

The Falcons season continues Saturday at Utah. After that Mountain West Conference matchup, the Falcons play five games in 26 days against Navy, BYU, Notre Dame, Wyoming and Colorado State.

The Academy's 2002 remaining schedule

Sept. 28 — at University of Utah

Oct. 5 — Navy

Oct. 12 — Brigham Young University

Oct. 19 — University of Notre Dame (televised on ESPN2)

Oct. 26 — at University of Wyoming

Oct. 31 — Colorado State University (televised on ESPN)

Nov. 9 — at Army

Nov. 16 — at University of Nevada Las Vegas

Nov. 23 — San Diego State University

Air Force, NASCAR teams compete in 'reverse pit stop'

By **Dave Thurston**
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AFP) — Elite teams of highly skilled professionals from NASCAR and the Air Force faced off on the flightline Sept. 19 in a unique competition dubbed the "reverse pit stop."

The purpose of the three-hour event was to demonstrate the many similarities and contrasts between the two organizations and to allow each team to experience something of the other's maintenance challenges.

The Air Force team consisted of six C-5 Galaxy maintenance people from the 436th Airlift Wing and six award-winning enlisted members from other Air Mobility Command bases. As the "home team," Dover Air Force Base provided the arena and a massive C-5 cargo aircraft and associated equipment to demonstrate Air Force skills.

The Wood Bros. Racing Team that fields the Air Force-sponsored No. 21 Motorcraft Ford represented NASCAR. Owners Eddie and Len Wood came to the base with nine crew members, two show cars and both the primary and back-up cars for the MBNA "All American Heroes 400" at Dover Interna-

tional Raceway Sunday. The cars are painted Air Force blue with pictures of B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft on the hood and both sides.

"NASCAR crews and Air Force maintainers share an incredible number of traits," said Col. Scott Wuesthoff, 436th AW commander. "Both must be highly trained and skilled, both must practice constantly to achieve great precision and teamwork, and both must have a tremendous winning attitude.

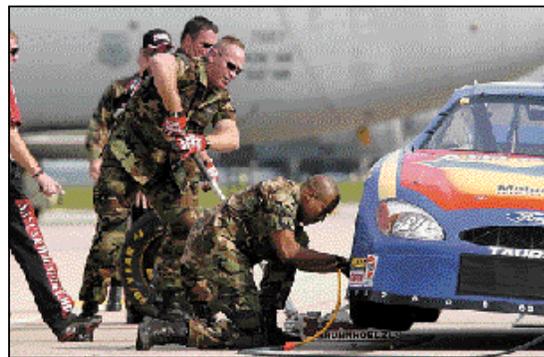
"Our people do that everyday in the war on terrorism," Wuesthoff said. "This event provided a much-needed break for a few of our troops as well as an opportunity to meet some legendary NASCAR stars."

After initial instructions and safety reminders, the air was soon filled with the roar of the Ford's engine and the smell of racing fuel and burning rubber as the NASCAR team demonstrated a typical pit stop. After a bit of training and two low-speed practice runs, the Air Force team got to try their hand at a timed two-tire pit stop. The first attempt was something of an eye-opener, but subsequent pit stops were completed in respectable times of 18 to 20 seconds.

Then, it was the NASCAR team's turn to try something new as they learned about maintenance on a C-5. As they scrambled over the pit wall with jack, tire and 22-gallon gas can in hand, the Air Force team waved them off and showed them the huge C-5 jack, 28 massive tires and 55,000-gallon gas truck required to service the C-5. Even cleaning the windshield required a trip up four flights of steps on a maintenance stand to reach the front of the giant aircraft.

The day was filled with friendly dialogue between teams, and comparisons of procedures, tools and techniques. At the conclusion, Wuesthoff presented the No. 21 team with Air Force flight suits to wear during the Sunday race, and the Wood Bros. gave each Air Force team member a Motorcraft racing cap. Everyone found the time well spent and look forward to a return match during race week at Dover next year.

Dover Air Force Base participants from the 436th AW included C-5 crew chiefs Airman 1st Class Alleen Humber and Tech. Sgt. Charles Smith, Jr.; jet engine technicians Airman 1st Class Karen Stypa and Tech. Sgt. Stephen Russell;



William Pate Jr. / AFP

People from the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del., change a tire on the No. 21 Motorcraft/U.S. Air Force-sponsored NASCAR car on Dover's flight line during a "reverse pit stop" Sept. 19. The No. 21 team showed airmen how to perform a pit stop on the racecar.

hydraulic technician Staff Sgt. Kane Swaney; and communication-navigation technician Staff Sgt. Joshua Bowen.

Command award winners participating included Master Sgt. Craig Limkeman, production superintendent, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan; Tech. Sgt. Jamie Lanier, jet dispatch expeditor, 60th Component Repair Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.; Tech. Sgt. Robert Zalenski, pro-

duction superintendent, 729th AMS, Lajes AB, Portugal; Staff Sgt. Patrick Griffin, quality assurance inspector, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Staff Sgt. Christopher White, EC-135N flying crew chief, 6th Aircraft Generation Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.; and Staff Sgt. David Vollmer, vehicle maintenance specialist, 355th Transportation Squadron., Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.