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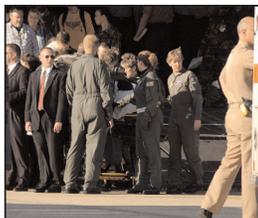
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UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE

The installation commander announced that restrictions of uniform wear off base have been rescinded. Members of Travis AFB may wear the uniform off base, but are encouraged to use their discretion, and applicable instructions, to govern proper uniform wear. The base remains at FPCON Bravo.



PFC RESCUED

Three deployed members from the 60th Medical Group assist in the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

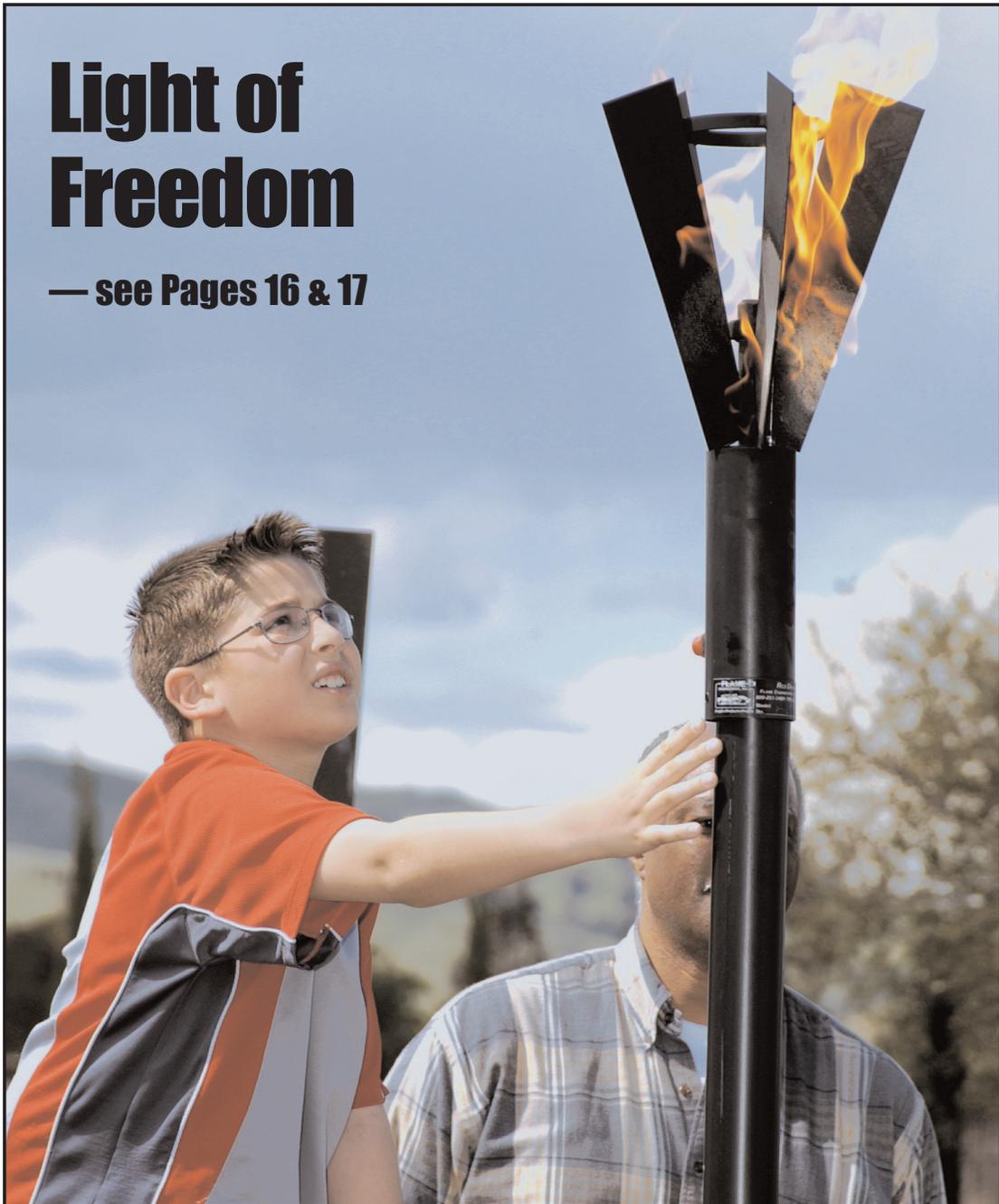
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TRAFFIC SAFETY

Base officials announce new entry procedures at the Travis gas station to minimize long lines and maximize safety.

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Light of Freedom

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Commander's Corner

"Light of Freedom" reminds us of those deployed



Capt. Michele Tasista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th AMW commander, greets members of the 60th Maintenance Group Tuesday. The General thanked the maintainers for their efforts to repair and launch Travis' last "cann bird."

By Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th AMW commander

This was just a phenomenal week ... on Monday we kicked off Travis' Light of Freedom campaign with a ceremony and historic torch lighting in honor of the men and women deployed in support of freedom.

Towards this end, the Travis team is providing rapid global mobility ... flying and maintaining aircraft, building and securing airfields ... even more fundamentally than that, they're extending the principles of freedom and respect for life as they protect and serve abroad.

This campaign is also our way of remembering those serving in the ongoing conflict and those who've gone before, to include General Jimmy

Doolittle's Raiders who reunited here this week, 61 years after their historic mission that provided America's first response to the horrific attacks against Pearl Harbor.

What a tremendous honor to visit with these World War II heroes! The visit was a success and many kudos are due to the General Jimmy Doolittle Museum Air and Space foundation, City of Fairfield, City of Vacaville, Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, our local chambers of commerce, the Garden Inn Hilton, in addition to many other individuals, groups and organizations. Thanks to them for ensuring a spectacular event and many thanks to the Raiders for choosing our community for this reunion.

Everyone invited: Travis' Air Tattoo

What a fantastic lead in to our Air Tattoo scheduled for tomorrow. The entire base population is invited to attend, so please bring the kids and come on out to see the aerial demonstration of vintage aircraft as Travis' Band of the Golden West performs a variety of music. Actor James Avery will narrate. This is open for all military, family members and retirees and will really be a lot of fun. This is dedicated to the families of those deployed, in the spirit of our Light of Freedom campaign. The event is casual so bring a lawn chair or blanket and come out for a great night of family entertainment.

Let the Light Shine

I strongly encourage folks on and off base to put an electric or battery operated light in a window sill ... and to keep it on during the night in support of those deployed in support of freedom. This is another way to bond as a community ... and I know many folks have been seeking ways to show their support.

Many thanks to the 60th Civil Engineers led by Maj. Mark Ruse, for constructing the foundation and placing the torch on Travis Blvd. My hat's off to the entire team, to include Alfred Elbeck, Staff Sgt. Chris Devries, Staff Sgt. Paul Williams, Staff Sgt. Jacques Phillips, Senior Airman Jason Minear, Airman Ken Cervantes, Staff Sgt. David Gibbs, Staff Sgt. Dan Wells, Staff Sgt. Stephen Kuzia, Senior Airman Travis Nickerson, Senior Airman Sam Kichey, Airman 1st

Class Jeff Empson, Airman 1st Class Peter Ah-Leong, Senior Airman Jeff Davidson and Airman First Class Shaun Senople. Great job one and all!

Historic C-5 mission

I am pleased to announce that as of Tuesday, all of our C-5s are operational. Traditionally, we kept one aircraft on the ground to ensure the availability of spare parts, but we no longer need to do that ...because we have the best maintenance and supply team here at Travis.

For their tremendous efforts, I'd like to give special recognition to several folks who were instrumental in the preparation and launch of the last C-5 "cann bird" on Tuesday ... my hat's off to Brian Joseph, Mark Putzer, Master Sgt. Carl Carlson, Staff Sgt. Sylvia Morris, Gary Fetters, Sam Horus, Barbara Loomis, Mark Dutra, Senior Airman Gregory Watkins, Airman 1st Class David Bishop, Staff Sgt. Brent Testut, Tech. Sgt. Sean Decker, Airman 1st Class Christopher King, Airman 1st Class Joel Lervik and Senior Airman Donald Inman.

Many congratulations are also due to the 60th Manpower office led by Capt. Demetrius Wilson for earning top honors as the Best Manpower Organization in the Air Force ... this is well deserved and it's truly rewarding for the Air Force to recognize the excellence I see every day!

Finally, I sincerely thank each and everyone on the Travis team for your efforts ... you are the best ... God bless you and God bless America!

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On the Cover



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Tyler, 10, lights the "torch of freedom" in a ceremony Monday to show support for those who are deployed in support of freedom.

ACTION LINE

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call 424-3333

Q Seating concern

My problem is at the Base Exchange. They have taken all the seating out of the entry-

way, inside, so everybody has to sit outside, in the damp cold, seniors, mothers and children. Also, the smokers are out there, and we're all breathing in cigarette smoke. It was very nice and convenient to have it inside. I don't know why it was removed. Thank you very much.

A Thanks for bringing this up. The two benches which were previously

located just inside the entry doors of the Base Exchange were moved for several reasons. First, was a safety concern. In the event of an emergency, those concrete benches could interfere with the exit of large crowds of customers. Second, it was an eyesore. The site of trash, newspapers and spilled drinks was not the impression we wanted customers to have of our Base Exchange.

To ensure enough seating,

several benches have been placed inside the exchange. In addition, customers are free to sit in any of the 280 seats in the nearby food court. You also expressed concern about smoking at the entrance of the exchange. I share this concern and have asked personnel at all buildings on base to actively enforce the 50-foot rule outside the entrances to buildings. Again, I appreciate your comment and your concern.

Darryl Worley appears in concert at Pentagon

Tailwind staff

Country artist Darryl Worley and his band performed in concert at the Pentagon April 16.

According to promoters, the 45-minute concert at the building's Center Courtyard was designed to show support for service men and women participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the building's Center Courtyard was designed to show support for service men and women participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Other senior DoD leaders also attended.

The event was broadcast live on DefenseLink via streaming audio. The webcast is available until Wednesday as an archived

file at <http://www.dod.mil/afis/clips/Apr2003/20030416-afps.ram>.

To hear the concert, listeners must have a sound-capable computer with RealPlayer software installed.

DoD officials urge Web listeners to use at least a 56k bps connection and note that bandwidth available at their location will dictate the quality and duration of their webcast connection.

Besides the webcast, the concert was telecast live on the American Forces Radio and Television Service and the Pentagon Channel. It was also available via KU-band satellite at British Telecom satellite Galaxy 11, 91 degrees west, Transponder 12 and audio fre-

quency 6.2-6.8.

Worley, with songwriter Wynn Varble, wrote "Have You Forgotten?" after he took part in the 2002 Christmas USO-sponsored tour in Afghanistan. "When I got home," he said, "I felt like some people tended to forget the terror and the horror we felt on 9-11. The first thing I thought of was, 'those soldiers damn sure haven't forgotten what they're over there for.'"

Worley's pro-American song "Have You Forgotten?" took only five weeks to hit No. 1 on Billboard magazine's country music chart. According to the artist's Web site, a compact disc of the same title was released April 15.

Information from Air Force Print News.

TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater will be closed for renovation from Feb. 3 to early August. During the renovation, seats will be upgraded, soundproofing will be incorporated, and the building will undergo upgrades to meet base standards. Watch the Tailwind for details on its re-opening.

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FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Mondays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Cardio/sculpting from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to Piyo in the martial arts dojo from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Butts-n-guts kickboxing aerobics from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays

- » Core step aerobics from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from

5 to 6 p.m.

- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.
- » Core Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Yoga from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Gym in a Bag in the martial arts dojo from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to cycling from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Spinning class from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursdays

- » Core step aerobics from

5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Yoga in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core cycling from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fridays

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

- » Cycling from 8 to 9 a.m.
- » Total Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.

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Do you have sports news?
Call 424-2011.

Check with the Fitness Center for updated seasonal changes for all fitness programs. Core classes are free for active-duty military, who must present a valid military ID in order to attend. All other classes are available to both active-duty and dependents, however, a pass purchased through the Fitness Center is required. For details, call 424-2008.

Airman participates in 'Jocks-to-GIs' program

By Master Sgt. Charles Ramey
444th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — A personnel specialist deployed to the 444th Air Expeditionary Group at a forward-deployed location is one of the nation's first servicemembers to participate in ESPN's "Jock-to-GIs Direct" E-mail pen pal program.

Staff Sgt. Marty, from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was selected by ESPN.com's editors from thousands of servicemember applications to team up with one of the nation's top pro sports figures.

"We've read all the submissions and made selections based on the quality of the correspondence," said John, editor in chief and senior vice president of ESPN The Magazine and one of the driving forces behind creating the program. "We're trying to pick out a good mix of interesting people with stories to tell. We also consider GIs who have mentioned interest in a particular athlete."

An avid hockey fan from Battle Creek, Mich., Marty's pen pal is Rod Brind'Amour, Carolina Hurricanes center.

"When I first applied to participate, I thought there was no chance I was going to be chosen. But after the fact, I was more concerned they were going to pair me up with an (Colorado) Avalanche player," the diehard Detroit Red Wings fan quipped. "Seriously though, I really appreciate the time Mr. Brind'Amour and the other athletes are taking out of their busy schedules to participate in this program and show their support of what we're doing over here."

Under the program, selected servicemembers and athletes e-mail each other regularly. Some of the correspondence is posted on ESPN's Web site and will be incorporated into ESPN The Magazine.

Since April 3, Marty and Brind'Amour have written back and forth three times. Some of the conversation is light, such as who the seeds will be in the upcoming NHL playoffs and family information. But the undertones of an athlete's concern for a newfound friend in a battle zone and an airman's pride in just doing his job are always present.

"What you and your fellow

colleagues are doing is heroic" wrote Brind'Amour in an E-mail to Marty. "I want you to know how much we are behind you and appreciate all that you guys are doing."

"I'm sure no one over here considers themselves heroic in any sense of the word."

Marty replied back. "In our eyes, the likes of (POW) Pfc. Jessica Lynch, the people who went to get her, and those who have lost their lives, they are heroes in every sense of the word. It makes me proud to serve alongside them." "There is not one moment that the TV in the dressing room isn't glued to the events taking place over there" Brind'Amour wrote. "All the guys watch eagerly and proudly the work you guys are doing"

So far, ESPN has firm commitments from several people to support the program. Besides Brind'Amour, the NBA's Shaquille O'Neal, golfer Tiger Woods, baseball's Roger Clemens, NASCAR drivers Ricky Rudd and Jeff Burton, and NFL head coaches Jim Fassel of the New York Giants and Jon Gruden of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are among others



Master Sgt. Charles Ramey /AFPN

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who are also participating.

Papanek said that a series of 'chats' with athletes will be available on the ESPN Web site

for servicemembers not selected as pen pals. (Rudi Williams, American Forces Press Service, contributed to this report).



STYLE

The Oakland A's have donated 600 complementary tickets to two games against the Texas Rangers. The April 19 game starts at 1 p.m., the April 20 game at 5 p.m.

The tickets were donated as a gesture of support for Travis' continuing role in the war on terrorism.

Tickets can be picked up today at the 60th Air Mobility Wing headquarters, Public Affairs office, room 232, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m..

No phone calls, faxes or E-mails are allowed to reserve tickets. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Transportation will not be provided.

Officials cancel 2003 sports, training camps

SAN ANTONIO — In view of world events, ops tempo, and Stop-Loss measures, Air Force officials are canceling the 2003 Air Force Sports and Training Camps Program calendar.

Officials will re-evaluate this decision in 90 days, depending on world events.

This difficult decision was made by the Air Force fitness and sports staff as well as Air Force senior leadership, according to officials at Air Force Services Agency headquarters here.

The following 2003 events are canceled: Armed Forces Women's Soccer Championship, Armed Force Men's Soccer Championship, Armed Forces Triathlon Championship,

Armed Forces Taekwondo Invitational and U.S. Racquetball Association's National Championship.

Wrestling and women's basketball training camps and events currently in session will continue through final competition.

The Air Force fitness and sports staff will not accept applications for specialized training for sports listed on the 2003 Air Force Sports Calendar.

Questions can be directed to Steve Brown or Maj. Mason Pigue at Steve.Brown@agency.afsv.af.mil and Mason.Pigue@agency.afsv.af.mil, respectively, or call DSN 487-7021 or commercial (210) 652-7021.

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Trout fishing, golf baseball — \$1



Master Sgt. Keith Reed / AFPN

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Senior Airman Ian takes a break in northern Iraq. Ian is part of a six-man explosive ordnance disposal team at the base. He said he put up the sign next to a mud hole because he was tired of seeing people walk by frowning, and he wanted them to smile. Ian is deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Doolittle Raiders salute fallen comrades

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

The Doolittle Raiders hosted their traditional goblet ceremony Wednesday during their 61st annual reunion, which was held at the base and in the local community this week. During the goblet ceremony, they toast with cognac and then turn over the goblet of those that have passed away since their last meeting.

Each silver goblet bears the name of one of the 80 Doolittle Raiders who were part of the April 18, 1942, mission to bomb Tokyo as symbolic revenge on Japan for the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The mission was led by then — Lt. Col. James Doolittle.

For each reunion, the Raiders toast with the silver goblets and then turn over the goblet of those who have passed away since their last meeting.

As Doolittle Raider Chase Nielsen raised his goblet for the toast he felt proud to be representing Crew Number Six. He was also emotional, because he is the only surviving member.



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs
Members of the Doolittle Raiders salute their fallen brethren during the goblet ceremony on April 18.

"We have had a representation from all sixteen crews until this year. We had two crews wiped out because time is taking its toll. It's a privilege and pleasure for me to be part of this group and to have been friends and rubbed elbows with a man like Doolittle — they never come any better," Nielsen said.

Nielsen has been the only

survivor of his crew since 1942. During the mission over Tokyo, two of his men were killed when they ditched into the ocean, one was executed and one died in a prison camp.

The eighty silver goblets were transported from their display case at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., to the 61st Doolittle Raiders reunion, which began

April 15. The goblets were flown aboard a B-25 and escorted to the reunion by the two senior cadets who earned top honors in an airpower course last year.

At the academy, a bottle of 1896 cognac — symbolizing the year Doolittle was born — is displayed in the case with the goblets. Doolittle's wish is that the remaining two Raiders will use that bottle to drink a final toast to their comrades.

Cadets 1st Class Jason McClure and Anna Reitze earned the honor of escorting the goblets to the reunion.

The reunion is also kicking off fundraising efforts for the General Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum. The proposed, state-of-the-art facility will replace the current Travis Air Museum, which is not open to the general public and needs major upgrades. All proceeds raised from the reunion will go towards the new museum.

"We're really happy to be here today and have the museum named after our boss," Nielsen said. "After all, he has done so much for aviation, flying, and the safety of flight.

[Doolittle] was so energetic and more than a good aviator. He went to MIT for aeronautical engineering in 1927. He used to kid us about that and said 'That's when you should have gotten your education because we only had two airplanes - it was easy,'"

The silver goblets will be returned to the U.S. Air Force Academy after the reunion ends April 18.

Some Raiders will be attending the "America's First Choice" Air Tattoo as honored guests Saturday. The special performance is 6:55 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday on the Travis flight line.



Eighty silver goblets stand ready for the Raiders' ceremony.

Travis hosts America's First Choice Tattoo ceremony

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis will host a special military performance Saturday on the flightline featuring music, timed flyovers and historical narration.

This ceremony, which is called the "America's First Choice" Tattoo, was developed by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West to celebrate Travis' contribution to national defense over the years. It is dedicated to the families of deployed members. Actor James Avery will serve as guest narrator for this historic performance. The Tattoo begins at 6:55 p.m. and will last until approximately 8:05 p.m.

The Tattoo will feature several aircraft flyovers, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard from Washington DC, the Bagpipe Band from the 91st Division Army Band, dancers, singers, taped speeches of past U.S. presidents and American leaders, and a formal retreat ceremony. The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West will provide the music for the production.

The performance will take place adjacent to the "red carpet" at Base Operations on the 200 ramp. Gathering music will begin at 6 p.m. There will be some seating available at the performance site. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs and should be in seats by 6:35 p.m.

Parking will be available at Buildings

181, 549, 550, 556, 249, and 381, as well as hangar P16 and the Delta Breeze Club. Shuttle buses will run continuously from these parking lots. People should catch the bus by 6:40 p.m. to make it to the performance site on time. Shuttle buses will also return people to the lots after the event is over.

The flyovers include a P-51 Mustang, B-25 bomber, C-46 airlift aircraft and various current U.S. Air Force aircraft. The performance will conclude with a formal retreat and finale called "Bridges into Space."

"We will have approximately five vintage airplanes representing different periods throughout Air Force history," said Capt. Kim Welter, the air boss for the event. "There will also be a KC-10 and C-5 representing Travis' current fleet. The Tattoo is a chance for the base to come together and have a relaxing, enjoyable evening watching the band put on a spectacular presentation."

The America's First Choice Tattoo is divided into six sections. As the guest artist narrator of the America's First Choice Tattoo, Avery will read a special script, which will chronicle Air Force his-

tory and Travis AFB heritage.

Avery played uncle Philip Banks on the television series, "The Fresh Prince of Bel Aire" and was the host of "Going Places," a critically-acclaimed PBS series, produced by Thirteen WNET in New York.

During the performance, the band will play background music with the script and timed flyovers. Additionally, actors dressed in historical garb will portray four

fallen Travis AFB heroes who were an integral part of the base's history. Listed below is a brief description of each person.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis

Brig. Gen. Travis was the Commanding General, Pacific Air Command, when he was killed in a B-29 crash on August 5, 1950. The general's popularity and the effect of his tragic death led local civilian leaders and base officials to propose renaming the base in his honor. Their proposal was favorably received in Washington and on October 20, 1950, Fairfield-Suisun AFB became Travis AFB.



Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda

In August 1950, while working at the base bakery at what is now Travis, Sgt. Ramoneda witnessed a B-29 crash right in front of his duty station. Sgt. Ramoneda and three fellow airmen ran toward the aircraft and rescued eight crewmembers. Although warned to stay away, Sgt. Ramoneda returned to the plane, determined to rescue more crewmembers. The subsequent explosion killed Sgt. Ramoneda and the remainder of the crew, leaving a 60-foot crater. The Travis Airman Leadership School is named in his honor.

Lt. Col. Kirk R. Mitchell

Lt. Col. Mitchell died in an Air Force Military Air Transport Service (MATS) C-97 plane that crashed about 200 miles southeast of Tokyo, Japan on March 22, 1957. The Travis AFB library is named in honor of Lt. Col. Mitchell and his crew.

Airman 2nd Class Paula K.C. Tamanaha

Airman Tamanaha was among the ten crewmembers killed in the MATS C-97 accident on March 22, 1957. Airman Tamanaha, who was from Hawaii, was a member of the 55th Air Transport Squadron at Travis. The C-97 Stratofreighter was a cargo and transport plane.

Deployed Travis medical personnel help treat POW

By Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

Three deployed members of Travis Air Force Base from the 60th Medical Group played an instrumental role in the medical care and transport of Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, the first female Prisoner of War to be rescued by multi-service Special Forces units during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tech. Sgt. Curtis, Capt. (Dr.) Tracee and Capt. (RN) Bradley are members of a three-person Critical Care Air Transport Team in a forward deployed location. Last names are being withheld for force protection reasons.

The CCATT mission is to stabilize patients with critical or

life-threatening injuries in the air and transport those patients to a location for more definitive care.

The CCATT members who helped transport Lynch to Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany included a cardiopulmonary lab technologist, a critical care nurse and a physician. These personnel carry their own equipment and supplies and have been involved in war and peacetime transports.

The CCATT members from Travis' 60th MDG at David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center are considered "America's First Choice" as the West Coast's staging platform for expeditionary medical missions for both combat support and humanitarian missions. Capa-

bilities include setting up deployable, expandable hospitals, mobile surgical and critical care teams capable of managing air transport of critically injured personnel.

DGMC operates the second largest readiness platform in the Air Force Medical Service and the largest in Air Mobility Command, with more than 1,000 personnel from the 60th MDG assigned to mobility positions. DGMC is routinely called upon to support sustainment and surge operations, providing medical capability throughout the world. Hospital personnel continue to deploy in support of contingency and humanitarian missions anytime, anywhere, while ensuring world-class medical care and service to its customers at home.



Staff Sgt. Felicia Haecker / AFPN

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch was transported through Ramstein Air Base, Germany on April 3. Lynch was then taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, to recover from injuries sustained in Iraq.

SECAF: Air Mobility in SWA key to Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Master Sgt. Karen Pettitt
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — The Secretary of the Air Force praised Air Mobility Command for quietly building up resources in the Middle East prior to the opening days of the war in Iraq and for the continued "spectacular" air support during the campaign to remove the Iraqi regime from power.

"Under the direction of Gen. (John) Handy (U.S. Transportation Command and AMC commander), and with the volunteer work of our Guard and Reserve units, AMC was able to have the people and supplies in place so the president could act when he wanted to, without going through a mobilization effort," said Dr. James G. Roche during a visit here with AMC active duty, Guard and

Reserve commanders.

He said the work from airlift and refueling aircraft, as well as contributions from the aeromedical evacuation community, have been nothing short of history-making, and that people should be proud of their efforts.

"I think (you've) done some historic things, such that those who study conflict 50 years from now will probably have part of a chapter about this dramatic ability to allow American and coalition forces to fight from a great distance, typically far from water, quite successfully," he said. "We've been able to do this because we've had this mobility organization in place and have been refining our processes and technologies since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. We've been doing a lot of work in the skies over the United States and at the same time

supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, which had us fighting in a land-locked country. That means everything that went in and came out had to do so by air ... and people forget that we are still servicing an awful lot of flights into Afghanistan."

Some of those historic mobility actions include the ability not only for the Air Force to drop bombs within the opening hours of an attack, but also to airlift in humanitarian goods at the same time. For the first time AMC was part of the strike package in OEF, and that's happening again in Iraq ... until the area is cleared for shipping and ground transport.

So far during Operation Iraqi Freedom, a majority of the 28,500 sorties have been mobility related; 5,300 airlift sorties and 5,800 refueling sorties, which has shown the need to keep investing in the tanker fleet, he said.

"The good news about the future of our tanker fleet is that everyone recognizes how important it is ... there's no debate that we need to re-capitalize on that," said Secretary Roche.

Regardless of how the Air Force decides to upgrade the tanker fleet, it's clear that the ability to have tankers refuel not just Air Force assets, but Navy and Army assets as well, shows that America's global reach capability is due to the mobility team.

"It's a true team effort, as it should be," he said. "Also, the mobility team has been able to see its resources in theater from right here at Scott AFB, and that has allowed you to do the things you do. It's also the hard work of the aircrews and support personnel who may think they're just doing their job, but I want to recognize them as doing it in a spectacular manner."

He said it isn't just the deployed members doing a great job, but family members and civilians who provide support from the home front as well.

"I want to say thanks to our families because they bear a very special burden. It takes planning to keep a family working properly, and sometimes life in the mobility world is unpredictable. My Navy experience was predictable for our family members in that a battle group deploys for a certain amount of time and

then we would all return home together. In the Air Force it's not like that. We may all deploy at once, but we come home in different stages, and we don't always know the duration of the separation. So, I give credit for families who manage this type of stress and to the leadership for recognizing it and working with families in these circumstances."

Part of the leadership's response to help families plan for deployments is the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept, which puts people in three-month rotation groups. Since Sept. 11 that construct has been tested severely, and Secretary Roche said he still thinks it's workable, but Air Force leaders are going to have to make some tough decisions.

He said before OEF there were about 7,500 people in the current theater of operations, which quickly went to about 26,000 at the height of the Afghanistan operations. Air Force leaders were recently working with commanders to reduce the number of people deployed so they could keep the rotations viable, but the numbers never got below 16,500 in theater. Now, during OIF, the numbers are up to 46,000. So, the biggest challenge with the AEF construct will be to get the numbers back down to a workable rotation schedule once again.

"We'll be looking at how we can go back to a rotation basis so families can plan. We're also looking at this because we're going to need to reconstitute the individual, continue their specialized training, and allow them to take leave ... all the while maintaining our overseas presence at acceptable levels. I can assure you that this is certainly understood that it's something we're going to have to work." (Staff Sgt. Kathy Ferrero, 375th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, contributed to the story)



Staff Sgt. Russell McBride / AFPN

Gen. John Handy, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and Commander, Air Mobility Command, greets Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, on the Scott Air Force Base, Ill., flightline April 4. While at Scott AFB, Roche visited with AMC active duty, Guard and Reserve commanders.

Preserving our environment

By **Linda Weese**
60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis Earth Day 2003 will be celebrated next week with a variety of events and displays around Travis.

The 33rd National Earth Day will be observed on Tuesday.

"There are several activities that will be showcased during this year's Earth Day celebration," said Dolores Tiburcio, recycling program manager for the 60th Civil Engineer Environmental Flight. Our objective is to produce activities that teach and model respect for our environment."

An Earth Day art exhibit will feature the work of the first, second and third grade students from Center, Scandia and Travis elementary schools. Art will be on display at the Mitchell Memorial Library, the Base Exchange Mini Mall and Godfather's Pizza all next

week. These dates coincide with the school's spring break to allow the students to revel in their creation.

Other Earth Day events include environmental displays and a tree planting ceremony to commemorate Arbor Day. Displays focusing on composting, recycling and affirmative procurement will be set up at the BX Mini Mall next week.

The tree planting ceremony will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at Chapel Center on Cannon Drive.

April 14 marked the final day of the recycling contest. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Team Captains and individual winners will be notified of date, time and place of the awards presentation.

For more information on Earth Day events, call Dolores Tiburcio at 424-5127 or 2nd Lt. Gibb Little at 424-5109.



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SGLI provides war-related coverage

By **Tech. Sgt. Miconna J. Boaldin**
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Military members covered by the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance are covered in the event of death in a military conflict. But surviving family members of those who choose commercial life-insurance policies instead of SGLI coverage may not be so lucky.

Many commercial life-insurance policies carry what is called a "war clause" or "military service exclusion," a provision that excludes coverage for

death or injury caused by acts of war, according to the National Guard Bureau staff judge advocate. If the policy has a "war clause" or "exclusion," the life insurance company is not required to pay the full face value of the policy to beneficiaries.

SGLI does not have a war clause. Servicemembers maintaining SGLI and their families are covered in these cases. The NGB noted that some commercial life-insurance companies — as a matter of company policy, — do not have war clauses in their policies.

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Classified Ads work. Call 425-4646.

Travis Manpower Office wins Air Force-level award

By Capt. Demetrius Wilson
Chief, 60th AMW Manpower and Organization

Team Travis roped in another award as officials from the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency at Randolph Air Force Base have named the 2002 winner of the Large Wing Manpower Organization Office of the Year for the Air Force.

The 60 Air Mobility Wing's Manpower Organization Office has shown overall excellence in support of the wing and AMC missions, management of resources and programs, and accomplishments outside of the Manpower office which distinguished them as the best.

The keys to the team's success are their "more than just manpower experts" philosophy, their "how can we help" attitude, and their ability to balance support of wing interests while accomplishing headquarters resource initiatives. The

members of the MO office strive to be technical experts as well as total Aerospace professionals who enable "America's First Choice" and the Air Force however and whenever needed.

This was demonstrated throughout the year as members of the team served as an Air Expeditionary Wing Chief of Manpower for Southern Watch, sole manpower analyst for the Al-Queada Prisoner of War detainee Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay, and as a military foreign liaison to Romania. Highlights of the year also included a major role in the Combat Wing Reorganization, helping the 60th Medical Group potentially save up to \$ 3,000 a month by reducing Preventive Health Assessment scheduling time and no show rates, leading AMC's largest personnel load work measurement directly impacting resource decisions at the Pentagon, developing a wartime man-

power training database for AMC, and dedicating almost 400 hours to community, professional development, and other base activities.

This is really a Team Travis achievement, as the MO job often requires tremendous support from senior leadership and their squadrons.

2002 60 AMW/MO Team Members

Current: Capt Demetrius Wilson, 2nd Lt. Melanie Ecuag, 2nd Lt. Brett Bakner, Senior Master Sgt. Dianne Foote, Tech. Sgt. Nancy Clark, Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shumate, Staff Sgt. Ted Farris, Dan Starkweather, Steve Oien and Suzanne Rosellini

Also, other contributors include 1st Lt. Nikki Hammond, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hammond, Master Sgt. Kevin Bennett, Master Sgt. Don Rupp and Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Calvillo.

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Travis education office hosts distance learning expo

By Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

Distance learning is a relatively new way of attending college, geared towards adults who may not have the time to attend classes at a college campus. It is also a great educational outlet for military members who work odd hours and find themselves deploying or going TDY often.

The education office at Travis is holding a Distance Learning Expo at the Conference Center on April 22 and 23 to bring this new non-traditional way of going to school to Travis personnel and families.

"To do distance learning you have to be disciplined," said Staff Sergeant David Hudson, aerospace propulsion, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,

and expo coordinator. "You have to be motivated and organized to take care of all the on-line assignments."

"With the current high operations tempo, distance learning is a great way for our military members to complete college degrees," added Katherine Haworth, education counselor, Travis Education Office. "Students can work at their own pace, when their schedule allows – even at midnight, and classes can be completed on the road as long as computer access is available."

"Achieving a higher education also reflects well for promotion," adds Haworth. "Educational achievements are definitely considered during Senior Non-commissioned Officer promotions boards."

"People will hopefully leave the expo knowing exactly what steps to take next to achieve their degree," said Haworth.

The two-day expo will be an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will have the chance to talk with representatives from schools that currently offer distance learning degrees and online classes. The Travis Education Center will also be on hand to answer any questions about tuition assistance, the GI Bill, Community College of the Air Force, CLEP and DANTES testing, and the Top Up program. The first 50 attendees will receive free Godfather pizza coupons.

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Parking lot gets face lift



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

The parking lot area in front of the Travis Passenger Terminal and Base Operations is under construction. Work should be completed by the end of April, depending on good weather conditions.

Tailwind story submission deadlines are 4:30 p.m. the Friday before publication to Bldg. 51, Room 231 or e-mail tailwind@travis.af.mil

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Travis mourns death of Fisher House leaders

60th MDG Public Affairs

Members of Travis Air Force Base are mourning the tragic deaths of Fisher House Foundation Vice Chairman M. Anthony Fisher, and his wife Anne in Massachusetts plane crash on April 4. Their compassion for our service men and women, and their loved ones, was matched only by their tremendous respect for all who chose to nobly serve our country and defend our freedoms, according to base officials.

M. Anthony Fisher was vice chairman of the Fisher House Foundation, which constructs homes for families of hospitalized military personnel and veterans. There are currently 30 Fisher Houses throughout the United States and Europe, including two in California, of which one is located at Travis

Air Force Base for families of personnel hospitalized at the David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center. See www.travis.af.mil/dgmc/fisher-house for more information

He was also chairman and CEO of the Intrepid Museum Foundation. The Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum, housed on the decommissioned aircraft carrier in New York harbor, hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

Anne Fisher was active in many civic and cultural organizations, including the Whitney Museum of American Art and the International Center of Photography. She was a trustee of the International Center of Photography and chairwoman of its acquisitions committee. She also directed the annual ICP Infinity Awards for excellence in photography.



Archive photo

The Travis Air Force Base Fisher House is located on the grounds of the 60th Medical Group David Grant Medical Center. The 5,000-square-foot house can accommodate up to seven families or 16 people at a time and provides a comfortable, no-charge retreat for patient's families.

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Important Notice

In the interest of base beautification, base housing residents are asked to refrain from putting up signs to advertise on-base yard sales. Posting yard sale signs on utility poles is a violation of 60 AMWI 90-3 and the California Utilities Commission's Code of Regulations. DO NOT post yard sale signs on utility poles around the base. You can post a notice at the shoppette or they can be announced free of charge in the TAILWIND.

Yard Sales

Saturday, 8 a.m., 139 Fitzgerald Dr.

Furniture

Couch w/queen size hide-a-bed, \$100. 437-8376
Full/twin bed, white metal, \$125. 437-9145
Twin beds (2), oak, 4 drawers, storage, \$200/ea. 434-9532
Table, 4 rolling chairs, \$100. 344-0556

Appliances

Sharp carousel microwave, \$50 obo. 422-7972
Window air conditioner, \$200. 437-9145
Dryer, \$25. 437-9145
Kenmore refrigerator, bottom freezer, \$500 obo. 437-2998
Refrigerator, \$50. 437-7931
Electric ranger, \$100. 437-7931
Dishwasher, built in, \$25. 437-7931
Refrigerator/freezer, upright, 22 cu in. 552-4821
GE washer, mini basket, gas dryer, \$200. 446-6428
Kitchen Aid dishwasher, super capacity plus, warranty, \$425. 437-2142
Kenmore washer/dryer, heavy duty, large capacity, \$100. 437-9017

Household/Misc. Items

Wedding dress, never worn or altered, sz. 12, ivory shantung, long sleeve, v-neck, long train, peplum waist, 2 yds. extra fabric, \$650 obo. 399-7001
Wilson leather jacket, men's lg, \$50. 422-7972
Gas grill w/tank, \$50. 422-7972
Carpets (2), matching runner. 439-0975
Stroller, car seat, base, \$60. 437-9149
Noah's Ark crib bumper, mobile, \$10. 437-9149
Glider chair, ottoman, \$50. 437-9149
Stroller, \$25. 437-9149
Carpet w/pads, 12'x21', \$250. 437-4279
Pressure washer, 2400 psi, Honda 5hp engine, \$350. 208-9386
Barbecue smoker, \$400 obo. 439-0668
Boy's/baby/toddler clothes, toys. 439-0668

Musical Instruments

1999 Mapex Venus series drumset, Zildjian ZBT cymbals, hardware, \$500. 434-1066

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Sears Craftsman work bench, \$75. 446-2427

Electronic/Computer Items

Epson C82 color printer, separate CMYK ink tanks, \$100 obo. 469-0834
Computer monitor, 15", \$25. 437-9145

Vehicle

2001 Toyota Echo, 38mpg, pw, pl, keyless entry, am/fm/cd/cas, 6 speakers, tilt, spoiler, ac, 11k mi, warranty, \$13,500. 439-9976
2000 Cougar, red, 27k mi, ps, pw, pl, pm, alarm, ac, cc, fog lights, am/fm/cd, sunroof, spoiler, v6, warranty, \$12,900 obo. 437-1231
2000 Camry LE, v6, cd, rear spoiler, 59k mi, lunar mist, \$13,500. 437-2998

1999.5 Nissan Pathfinder XE, 4x4, blue, v6, am/fm/cd/cas, roof rack, fog light, running boards, ac, at, 1 owner, 75k mi, \$15,000 obo. 925-570-9664
1998 Ford Mustang GT, 4.6ltr, v8, \$12,000 obo. 439-0668
1997 Honda Civic EX, 100k mi, 5sp, pw, pl, ps, moonroof, alloy wheels, take over payments, \$321.21/mo or \$9,000. 344-1169
1994 Ford Escort GT, smogged, 84k mi, \$1,500 obo. 437-4279
1992 Kawasaki Ninja 600R, 11k mi, needs tuneup/cosmetic work, \$1,500 obo. 437-2132
1988 Honda CR 250cc dirt bike, \$1,100 obo. 439-0668
1986 Cherokee, v6, pw, pl, \$1,200 obo. 451-4009
1986 Nissan 4x4 pickup, stick shift, ps, cc, camper shell, big tires, needs work, \$1,400. 439-9673
1984 Toyota Celica, at, gray, 125k mi, \$1,200. 437-8376
1984 190D Mercedes Benz, 160k mi, one owner, \$6,000. 425-5679

Vehicle Accessories

Truck rack, \$200. 208-9386
Car ramps, creeper, \$20. 446-2427

Trailers/Boats/Campers

2001 aluminum bass tracker XT, 18', 50hp Mercury motor, fish finder, extra battery, aluminum trailer, \$10,000 obo. 429-4303

Pets/Pet Accessories

Cat. 437-0488

House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for sale in Dixon, 3br/2ba, 2-car garage, landscaped, wood floors, alarm. 693-0714
House for sale/lease in Paradise Valley, \$400,000 or \$2,150/mo + \$2,000/dep (gardener included). 592-8517

Wanted

Trampoline w/enclosure. 439-0975

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Tailwind Free Swap Ad

To place a free classified ad, you must be military, civil service, retired or a family member. Complete the following form and leave it in the drop box at the 60th AMW Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 51, on Brennan Circle (next to the Travis Air Museum). The **DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY** for the following Friday's issue. There is a maximum of 25 words and two ads per household per week. All ads must be legible. No ads for money-making businesses or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted.

Name: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

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Conquer the world of words.

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SHINING STAR

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM THE BEST OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



Capt. Kim Garbett / 60th MDG Public Affairs

Al Stanton, Director of Information Resources for the 60th MDG, reviews paperwork with a colleague.

60th MDG Shining Star: Mr. Al Stanton

By Capt. Kim Garbett
60th MDG Public Affairs

Phones, computers, cell phones, fax machines, video telecommunications, call centers, radios and pagers are all critical components of today's technology-era patient care at Travis' David Grant Medical Center. They are also part of an important web of life-or-death communication systems.

Responsibility for much of this communication equipment lies in the capable hands of Al Stanton, Director of Information Resources at the 60th Medical Group.

"You can talk about us, but you can't talk without us" is a motto Stanton likes to use to remind folks of the importance of our medical communication systems.

Quick medical response to urgent issues or known problems, to Code Blues (cardiac arrest), or other immediate-response requirements are very important aspects of providing high-quality patient care at DGMC. The communication systems Stanton manages are a part of the big infrastructure picture of patient care.



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"As Director of Information Resources in our Systems Flight, Stanton manages acquisitions, warehouse and telecommunication functions for David Grant Medical Center, as well as our satellite clinics at Mather and McClellan," 1st Lt. Andre Beamon, acting chief of

60th MDG Systems flight, said.

He manages \$15 million in communication assets and \$7.1 million in contracts to support the operations and maintenance of the medical mission.

"Al Stanton is truly the cornerstone of communication services at the 60th Medical Group," and is a true believer of service before self, Beamon added.

"It can be amazing how often technology and communication systems are taken for granted until something happens to affect them," Stanton said. For example, after 9/11, land-mobile radios became very important in the event we had to upgrade to a higher force protection condition; other communication systems were unusable or posed too high of an operational security threat to use.

Butler Carnival Returns to Travis

60th Services Squadron

Bring a date, bring the kids or come alone, but make sure to visit the annual Butler Carnival at Travis Thursday through Sunday.

The carnival brings excitement for children and fond memories for adults. The thrill rides of a different era—Ferris wheel, Scrambler, Zipper, Sky Diver, Ring of Fire—are back to bring heart-pounding excitement to a new generation. Butler's huge variety of rides incorporate speed, gravity, inversion and spin to create and improve upon some of the most popular carnival rides ever.

Of course there are also attractions that don't cause

nausea and heart-palpitations such as bumper cars, fun houses, slides, the carousel and a large selection of "kiddie" rides.

As with most carnivals, each ride takes a specified number of ride coupons. The Youth Center and Travis Bowling Center will sell ride coupons in advance at half-price. Advance sales benefit the Travis Little League.

Discount prices are \$15 for 36 ride coupons. These prices are good only until the carnival opens at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Traditional games of chance and concession stands are part of the carnival experience, and Butler offers a little bit of everything. Cotton candy, snow cones, corn dogs and popcorn are some of the treats avail-

able.

Win a prize by tossing a coin in a dish or shooting water in a clown's mouth. Some of the games take skill and practice, but the "play 'til you win" games are especially good for young children who might be disappointed if they don't win a prize.

The hours are: 4 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, 4 to 11 p.m. on April 26; noon to 11 p.m. on April 26; noon to 10 p.m. on April 27.

The carnival is open to active duty persons and dependents, reservists and Department of Defense employees at Travis and their friends. For more information, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.



Courtesy photo

The Butler Carnival returns to Travis on Thursday through Sunday at the field behind the carwash. Discount ride coupons are available at the Youth Center and Travis Bowl. Call 424-5392 for more information.

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Seatbelts are hugs from your car!

Spouses honored at MSG luncheon

By 60th Mission Support Group

Several special men and women of Mission Support Group, who have spouses deployed in defense of their nation, recently enjoyed a day of food, friendship and prizes when the MSG hosted a Saturday afternoon luncheon at the Golden Hills Dining Facility. With funds donated by the Base Chapel, a free meal of tri-tip, ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, rolls and cobbler were served.

Many local vendors provided gift certificates for door prizes, including the Commissary, Applebee's, Johnny Carino's, Tahoe Joes and Top Flight Dry Cleaners. The Base Exchange also supported the function by supplying the spouses with free goodie bags. The Family Support Center handed out key information to spouses on the services provided by the FSC.

"The main reason for the function was to allow the spouses to meet other spouses, and the senior leadership and first sergeants from throughout the Mission Support Group," said Lynne Patrick, organizer of the event, "The function was a huge success because of the dedication of the squadron points of contact, and many volunteers who came helped cook, set up and tear down." The spouses were thankful for this opportunity to get together



2nd Lt. Dineh Caruthers / 60th Aerial Port Squadron

Family members of those deployed from the Mission Support Group enjoy food and prizes at Saturday's luncheon at the Golden Hills Dining Facility.

and appreciated the efforts of everyone who organized the event.

The next MSG deployed spouse function is being planned for the middle of June.

Squadron representatives should contact spouses of deployed members of the MSG soon.

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Correct approach to gas station, crucial

60th AMW Safety Office

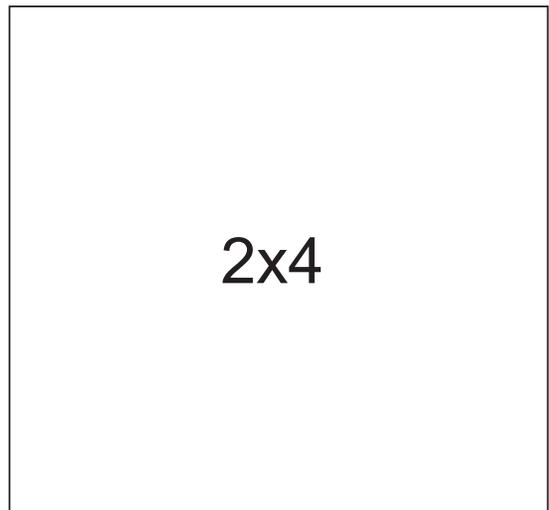
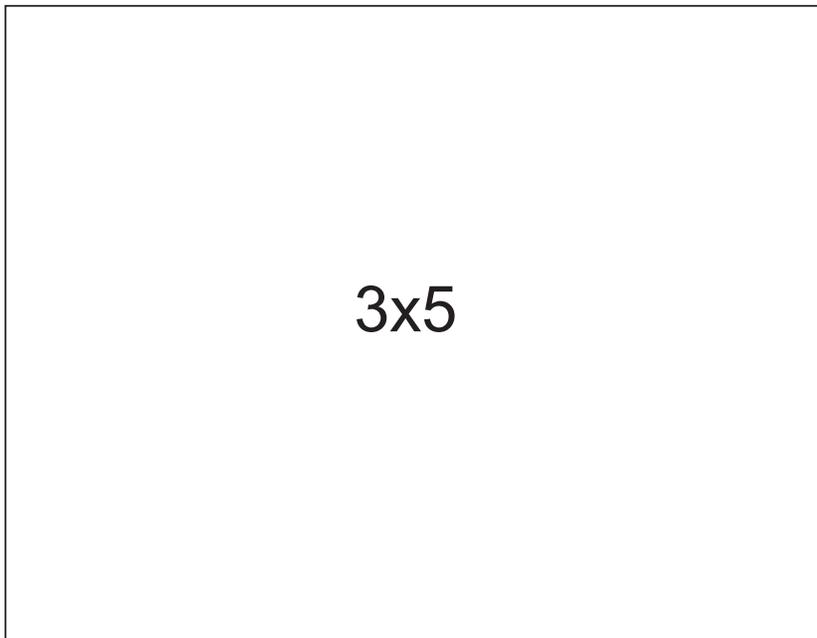
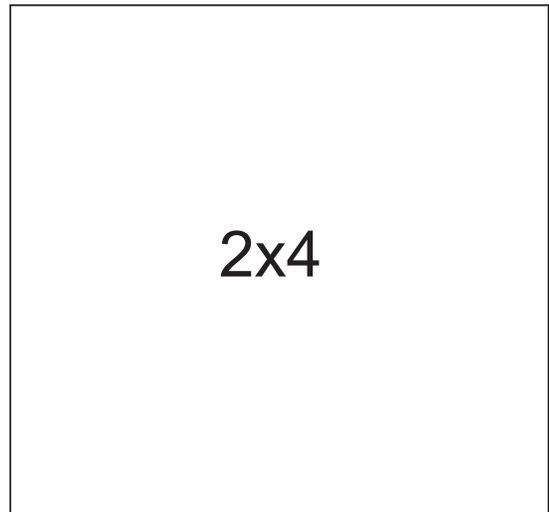
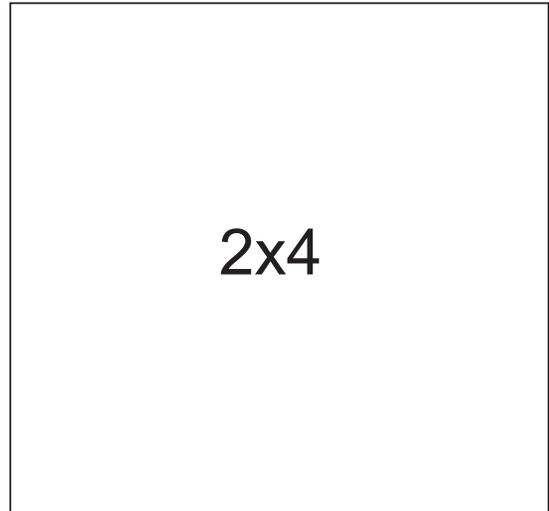
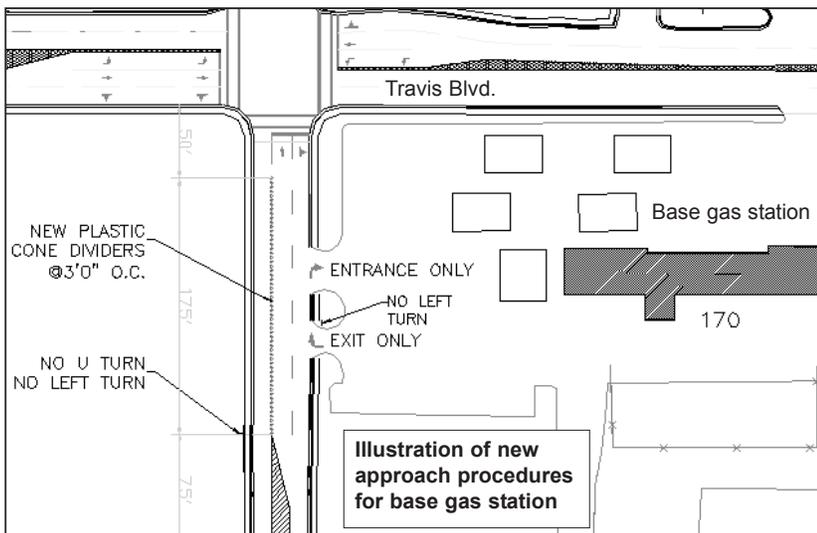
AAFES service station patrons will soon notice new entry procedures. They will no longer be able to turn left into the station from Broadway Street.

The closure of the shoppette service station and the rise in off base gasoline prices caused patrons to increase their use of the main service station. With the limited space for patrons to wait for the next available gas pump, the line of vehicles began

backing up onto Broadway Street creating congestion and a traffic hazard.

To reduce the congestion, base officials decided to stop patrons from turning left into the station from Broadway Street. They will soon install reflective plastic barriers down the center of Broadway Street in front of the entrance to the main service station. This will prevent a left turn into the station. The only way patrons can enter the station is by a right turn while traveling north on

Broadway. Additionally, when patrons exit the service station onto Broadway Street, they must turn right toward Travis Boulevard. People can see the diagram for areas to turn around on Broadway. These areas will accommodate vehicles up to the size of RV's and large trucks. If traffic in the service station area overflows onto Broadway Street, people should wait on the right side of Broadway until there is room in the service station area for you to get in line.



HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Fill out the Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 51, Room 232.

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NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Retiree I.D. Cards

All retired personnel with their dependents will be able to call and schedule appointments for I.D. cards. The appointment hours are 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Customers should call to verify the system is up and functional prior to arriving for an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 424-8466.

Free flowers

Travis Housing announces its spring flower program. A maximum of six six-packs can be picked up today or tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Base Housing residents can choose from petunias, marigolds, snap-

dragons or pansies. The pick up location is the Housing U-Fix-It Store near the youth baseball fields.

Maps

The Travis 2003 base maps are available from the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office in Bldg. 51, 60th AMW Headquarters, suite 231.

Volunteers needed

A new addition to "Know Your City Week" is the Vacaville Cultural Diversity Faire on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Andrews Park. This event will showcase Vacaville's diversity through a variety of informational and interactive booths, live bands and on-stage performances, and an international food court at the McBride Senior Center. Events will also focus on children, with games and prizes. Volunteers are need-

ed for set up and break down. To volunteer, contact Lorna Vilacampa at 424-2337.

Luncheon

The 2003 National Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 1 at the Delta Breeze Club. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members. Buy tickets from unit representatives or Frances Anthony at 424-3974 or Carmen Armstrong at 423-7177.

Construction

The placing of sub-base rock for new sidewalks will continue to be placed along with pouring concrete on curbs and gutters. Sidewalks from Burgan Boulevard to Broadway Street will be formed. The Passenger Terminal and Base Operations wall foundation are being built and sidewalks, curb and gutters.

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Air Force program gives workplace fast track to improvement

Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

Opportunities for improving workplace productivity, operational efficiency, and saving money abound on base. The problem tends to be funding these new and innovative ideas that, in the long run, will make the workplace better, and save the Air Force money too.

The Air Force Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment program is an alternative to seeking conventional funding that can take lengthy amounts of time to process, or waiting for fallout money that may never come to be, or may not cover all the costs.

"PECI provides funding for projects that will improve productivity and save on manpower and other operational costs," said Tech. Sgt. Tammy Schumate, PEGI Program Analyst, 60th Manpower and Organization.

The PEGI program is divided into two categories. Fast Payback Capital Investment is for projects costing \$200,000 or less. The Productivity Investment Fund is for projects exceeding \$200,000.

"Projects can be for anything," said Capt. Demetrius Wilson, Chief of Manpower, 60th Manpower and Organization. "FASCAP is used mostly for equipment purchases. The PIF program can even be used

for new facilities."

PECI projects usually come from flights, squadrons or groups, but can be initiated by anyone — preferably with supervisor coordination. Once the idea has been presented to the PEGI office, a project officer is assigned and the appropriate paperwork is taken care of. This paperwork usually includes documented manpower hours for a certain amount of time and estimated overall savings, in both money and time. This documentation is the hardest part, according to Schumate.

Once a project is approved, at the MAJCOM level for FASCAP and Air Staff level for PIF, the

money is awarded. The catch here is that the savings the project produces must meet or exceed the total amount awarded. FASCAP awards have 2 years to meet this requirement, and PIF awards have 4 years.

As an example, insufficient storage facilities at Andrews AFB necessitated the purchase of de-icer in smaller 55-gallon drums, which subsequently, did not allow aircraft fleet services to take advantage of bulk discounts. The solution was to purchase a 6,000-gallon Enviro Dike Double-Wall Refueling System. This allowed them to order large quantities of de-icer at a discounted rate. Overall

cost of the project was \$18,334, which was awarded from the PEGI program. In return, aircraft fleet services had to save at least that amount over 2 years. They exceeded the requirement by saving over \$995,040, a return on investment of 54 to 1.

"Money set aside for the PEGI program goes unspent each year," said Wilson. "This is mainly due to the misconception that an office would have to turn in personnel slots instead of getting approved for the pro-

gram. This is not necessarily the case anymore, as long as the new equipment can pay for itself through the program."

If an individual comes up with the idea, they can also submit it to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program to get personal recognition. Both Wilson and Schumate encourage anyone with a PEGI program idea to call the Manpower office at 424-1923, or visit the website at w3.travis.af.mil/manpower.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Summer adventures

Buy late night skate tickets before April 25 and get \$5 off. Sign up in advance for Information, Tickets and Travel trips to San Francisco and Napa. Preregister for the Outdoor Adventure Program's rafting, kayaking and backpacking trips. Log onto www.60thServices.com for more information.

Pepper Belly's at ITT

Tickets for Thursday nights at Pepperbelly's Comedy and Variety Theater in downtown Fairfield are now available at ITT. Visit the Pepperbelly's Website at www.Pepperbellys.com for a schedule of upcoming comedians, then go to Outdoor Recreation to purchase discount tickets for \$6.50 per person. A portion of the proceeds benefit Travis Services. The shows are for 18 and older. Call ITT at 424-5240.

Poetry Month

April is also National Poetry Month. The Travis Poetry Club meets at the Mitchell Memorial Library. Participants of all ages are encouraged to share poetry with the others. Call 424-3279 for details.

Squadron fundraiser

Squadron booster clubs and other private organizations can earn \$600 to \$1,000 helping the Delta Breeze Club sell advance tickets to upcoming events at the club. Call Charles Thomas at 437-3711 for more information.

Services

Today

▲ The Eggs on Display judging is at 9 a.m. at the Travis Little League ball fields. The Youth Center's Eggstravaganza follows at 10 a.m. with an egg hunt, art projects and games. There is a \$2 entry fee per child.

▲ The "See Me Shine" fashion and talent show features Travis youth from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Solano County Food Bank.

Saturday

▲ Visit Pier 39 and Fisher-

man's Wharf with Information, Tickets and Travel. Transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 424-5659.

Sunday

▲ The Delta Breeze Club's Easter buffet is at 11 a.m. and at 1:30 and 4 p.m. The menu includes lamb, ham, baron of beef and much more. Adults are \$22.50 and children ages 6 to 12 are \$8.50. The Members First prices are \$15.75 for adults and \$5.95 for children 6 to 12. All children ages 5 and under are free. Call 437-3711 to make reservations.

Wednesday

▲ Take your secretary to lunch at the DBC for Administrative Professional's Day and get half off one lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday

▲ DBC members are invited to the members only family pasta feed from 5 to 7 p.m. The all-you-care-to-eat buffet is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under.

▲ The Butler Carnival is at Travis at 4 p.m. Get discount ride coupons at the Youth Center or Travis Bowl before the carnival opens and support the Travis Little League.

Family Support

Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct deployment briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for all personnel tasked for deployment or TDY. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings can call to arrange for a one-on-one briefing.

▲ Employment Interviewing Skills I is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 424-2486.

Thursday

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

Getting ready to shine



Marie Ruff / 60th Services Squadron

Elementary school children at Travis Youth Center have been practicing since February for the "See Me Shine" fashion and talent show at 4 p.m. today. Guests are asked to bring food for the Solano County Food Bank.

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct a deployment briefing at 2 p.m. for all personnel tasked for deployment or TDY. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings can call to arrange for a one-on-one briefing.

▲ The Informed Decisions class is from 8 a.m. to noon. It is a mandatory seminar for all first- and second-term enlisted within 15 months of date of separation. Topics include AF benefits, retraining, TRICARE and Guard/Reserve opportunities. Call 424-2486.

Family Advocacy

Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the playgroups meet at the Duck Pond for a stroller stroll. During rainy weather they meet at the McDonald's on the second floor of Solano Mall. The Toddlers Playgroup is Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children age 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup, for children 3 to 5.

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 their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

Dads boot camp

Boot Camp for new Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers who bring their babies) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. The program is currently recruiting new dads whose wives are expecting and rookie dads whose wives have just had a baby. Classes are held quarterly. For more information, call 423-5168

Parenting classes

Parenting classes are offered as a six-week program geared toward parents of children 3 and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, preventing problems before they occur, family meetings, and stopping problem behavior. Classes are held at David Grant Medical Center. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

TRAVIS CHAPEL
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND NEWS

Easter Chapel services

Catholic services

- ▶ Stations of the Cross, today, noon, Chapel Center
- ▶ Passion of Christ, today, 3 p.m., Chapel One
- ▶ Holy Saturday, Saturday, 8 p.m., Chapel One
- ▶ Easter Sunday Mass, Sunday, 9 a.m., Chapel One; 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center

Protestant services

- ▶ Good Friday Tenebrae, today, 8 p.m., Chapel Center
- ▶ Easter Sunday Service, Sunday, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Chapel Center; 9 and 11 a.m., Chapel One

Ecumenical services

- ▶ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Sunday, 6 a.m., Flight Line in C-5
- ▶ Easter Sunday Inside/Out Service, Sunday, 5 p.m., Chapel Center

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

April 7

- » Damage to private property on Fitzgerald Street
- » Minor vehicle accident at Bldg. 7763
- » Vandalism to private property at Bldg. 1354
- » Vandalism to private property at Bldg. 1350
- » Minor vehicle accident at the Main Gate
- » Vehicle towed from 1st and Waldron Streets
- » Under the influence of a controlled substance at Bldg. 777

April 8

- » Vehicle towed at 1st and Suisun Streets
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 650
- » Animal control on Fairchild Street
- » Runaway juvenile on Randolph Street

April 9

- » Vehicle accident at Lane and Hangar Roads
- » Vehicle accident at 1st and Bradley Streets
- » Vehicle towed at Bldg. 1350
- » Vehicle accident on Ragsdale and Hangar Roads
- » Assault and battery at Bldg. 1355

April 10

- » Vehicle accident at Broadway and Travis Boulevard
- » Vehicle accident at Travis and 1st Street
- » Assistance rendered on Carlton Road
- » Vehicle accident at the Main Gate
- » Shoplifting at the Base Exchange
- » Loud noise complaint on Vermont Street
- » Damage to government property on Cullen Street

April 11

- » Dog bite on Diablo Drive
- » Animal control on Bond Street
- » Vehicle accident with injuries on Perimeter Road

April 12

- » Damage to government property
- » Reckless driving at the Main Gate
- » Vehicle towed at the Main Gate

April 13

- » Theft of government property at Bldg. 977
- » Assault, failure to obey a lawful order and underage drinking at Bldg. 1356

Tailwind story submission
deadlines are 4:30 p.m.
the Friday before
publication to Bldg. 51,
Room 231.

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**Commander's Access Channel
Channel 15**

TV LISTINGS



Documentary of the Doolittle Raiders' historic mission:

At 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

DUI prevention:

At 8 a.m., and at 2:06, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Air Force News:

At 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Wing Commander's Call:

At 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 12:30 p.m.

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Wing launches Light of Freedom campaign



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Members from various groups on Travis bow their heads in a moment of prayer during the ceremony.



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Top — Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, addresses more than 200 people during the Light of Freedom ceremony Monday.

Above — The torch in full flame after the ceremony.

Travis community honors America's warriors

By Capt Michele Tasista
Chief, 60th AMW Public Affairs

The Travis community came together to celebrate the kick off of Travis' "Light of Freedom" campaign, which began with a torch lighting ceremony at Travis Monday, in honor of all men and women deployed in support of freedom.

The sun shined brightly, as more than 200 airmen, family members, media and visitors attended the event, held just inside Travis' main gate.

An idea spearheaded by the 60th Civil Engineer squadron, it is a significant campaign to help show support for those deployed, while bonding on and off base communities.

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander, encouraged people to show their support for those deployed by placing an electric or battery-operated lamp in the window

and to keep it on during the night.

He also told the audience that the light of freedom was a way to remember and honor those who've served and sacrificed in the present and past conflicts. "Travis has been very blessed, not a single life has been lost, but we share in the grief for those American families who've lost a soldier, sailor, airman or marine, and for them we light this torch, because those warriors did not die in vain."

The General also welcomed the Doolittle Raiders who held their 61st reunion in the Travis community this week. He said the Raiders delivered a decisive "message to our enemy, that America was not a sleeping giant any longer and that we would not let someone attack us and get away with it."

General Baker also thanked local communities and organizations, such as the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, for their support of the

men and women of Travis, and that sharing the torch lighting event with the community was very important. "We are grateful for the many kind words spoken by our fellow citizens in support of our military. We are thankful for the generosity of spirit, the outpouring of friendship, and understanding ... as we meet the challenges of an uncertain time."

A young boy, Tyler, age 10, lit the gas torch by pressing a red button on its side. His father, assigned to the 60th Medical Group, is presently deployed in Southwest Asia. Tyler said he was "happy" to be a part of this event, as his mother, Lara, looked on. She said she felt it was important for people to remember those deployed.

The General said the campaign was also an opportunity to thank the families of those deployed, for their sacrifices and support during an uncertain time.

Showing support for deployed personnel



Tech. Sgt. Scott King / 60th AMW Public Affairs



Senior Airmen Nicole Watt / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Top left—Justin and Caitlin display a battery operated light in their window showing support for their father, Joe, who recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The campaign encourages people on and off base to place a lamp in a window sill, to show support for those deployed in support of freedom.

Top—The Light of Freedom logo symbolizes the new campaign on Travis, which kicked off this week in honor of the men and women deployed in support of freedom. The campaign is also opportunity to thank those who served and fought in previous wars and the families of those deployed.

Left—9-year old Conner, participated in the lighting ceremony to support his dad, Sean, who is deployed to an undisclosed location. He is next to the sign which explains the Light of Freedom is dedicated to the men and women deployed in support of freedom.



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