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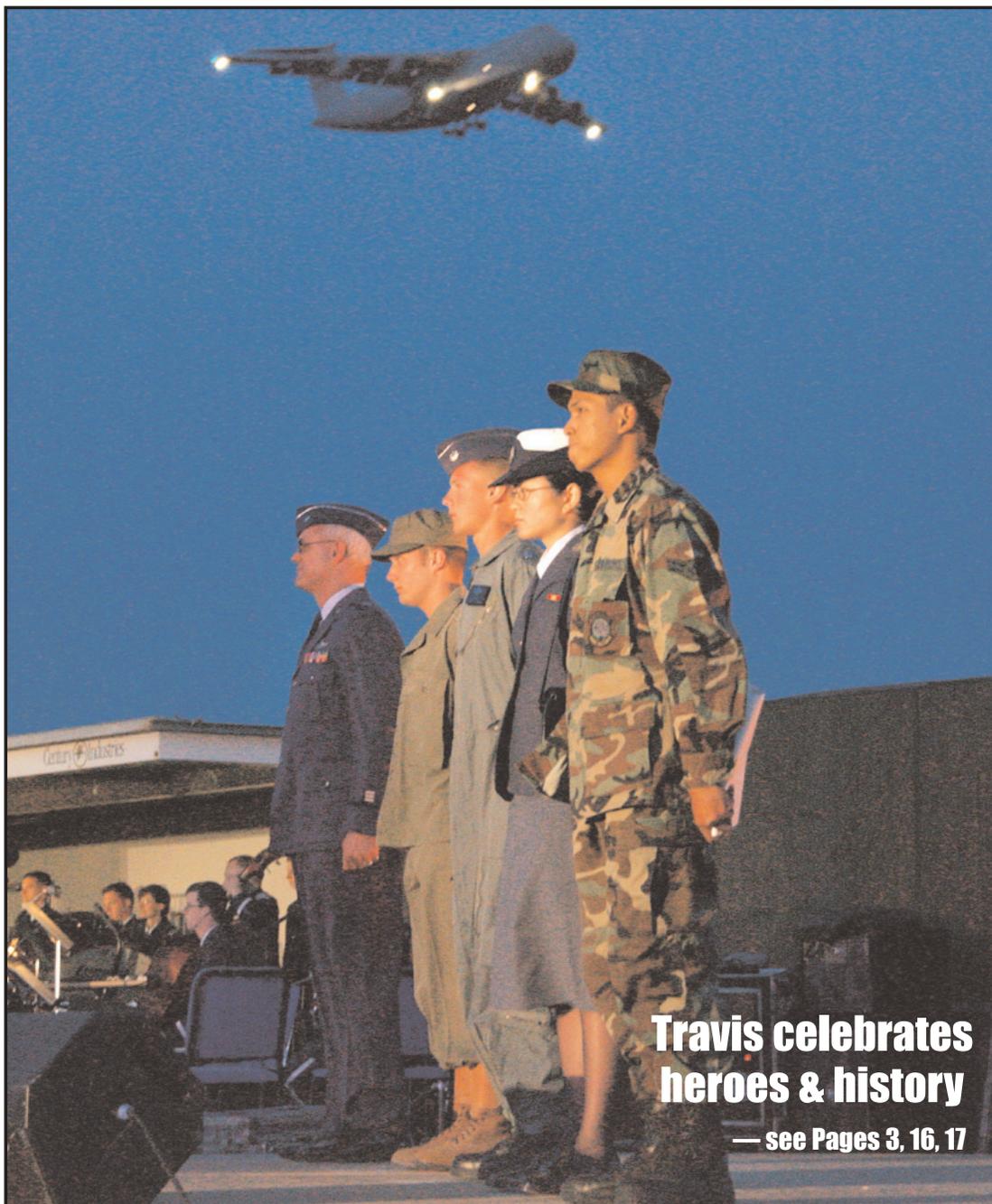
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Air Tattoo, a great success

By Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th AMW Commander

Travis' first ever Air Tattoo was a fantastic show ... featuring an aerial demonstration set off by the great music of our Band of the Golden West. The stands and tarmac were filled with people ... another testament to the great job of everyone involved in the planning and execution of "America's First Choice" Tattoo!

While many contributed to the event's success ... a few folks really stand out, among them, Maj. Tom Murphy, Maj. Doug Monroe, Maj. Stephen Collins, Lt. Col. Ray Miller and Capt. Kim Welter. Great job to you all ... thanks for keeping an eye on the details and ensuring a flawless, and safe, class act.

In addition, I commend Dr. Gary Leiser, Maj. Diane Newlin, Lt. Col. (ret.) Cathleen Handlin and all the folks from the museum for ensuring the success of the Doolittle Raiders' 61st reunion. It is obvious these World War II heroes had a great time at Travis ... and many thanks are also due to the local communities and civic organizations for

their efforts in support of this visit.

Total Force team still deployed

We've had so many events of late, but we've never missed a beat in accomplishing the mission. We continue to deliver forces and resources down-range, in addition to providing combatant commanders broad support in many job specialties. Many of the "total force" Travis team remain deployed, across the board in all specialties, including but not limited to maintenance, communications, security forces, explosive ordnance, medical, services and many more.

We are continuing our Light of Freedom campaign, to remember those deployed in support of freedom. Although a few may return sooner than later, the majority may remain deployed for an extended period of time ... and we will keep the torch burning until they return. We know they'll be back safely when their work is done ... and we'll have a big homecoming at that time.

Thanks from the front



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Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander, Paula Baker, Senior Airman Rich Moss, talk with Doolittle Raider Lt. Col. (ret.) Chase Nielson during Travis' wine and cheese welcome event last week.

Finally, I'd like to share with you a note of thanks from Travis' deployed members in Saudi Arabia for the support they've received:

"We would like to personally thank everyone for the outpouring of support during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The generosity of our community is overwhelming and directly contributed to an increase in morale for all of us while serving overseas. It's wonderful reassurance knowing folks sup-

port us while we are deployed. Thank you again. It means more than you will ever know." Great job to the Travis team deployed ... we thank each and everyone for their service and dedication ... and look forward to seeing them soon.

Well, that's a wrap for the short term ... we've reserved as much space as possible to share the photos of the many events last week.

God bless the Travis team and God bless America!



Audrey Guillen / Visual Information

Members from the Travis AFB Honor Guard fold up a U.S. Flag prior to presentation of the flag to a General Jimmy Doolittle Raider at Saturday's Air Tattoo.



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Doolittle Raider Maj. (ret.) Nolan Herndon and Lt. Gen. (ret.) John Gonge pose for the camera during Travis' "America's First Choice" Air Tattoo reception Saturday.

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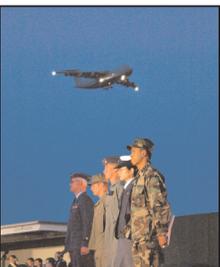
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On the Cover



Kristina Cille / Visual Information

Travis members represented different eras of Travis' history, wearing relic military garb as a C-5 flew overhead Saturday.

ACTION LINE

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call the Action Line at 424-3333

Q I'm retired military and I live in Sacramento. I tried to call Pass and Registration through the number that is listed on your web site. You have some form of automated system. The

menu is on a continuous loop, you can hit "0" to go to the operator, and it brings you back to the main menu. I was trying to call Pass & ID, because I just noticed someone has removed the DOD decal from my vehicle. Considering all that's going on it the world, it seems to me it should be reported.

A Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. The telephone number for Pass & Registrations on the Travis Homepage is an information

line only. Security Forces and our Public Affairs Team have worked to remove this from the base operators' phone listing until the recording can be changed. Callers are now provided another number, 424-3770 which is the actual office number for Pass and Registration. Public Affairs is also updating the Travis Homepage to remove the information line phone number. Thanks for your patience while we work through this transition.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Drivers needed

The Outdoor Adventure Program needs volunteer drivers and adventure guides for upcoming trips. Volunteers will be trained and make the trips free of charge. Call Brandon Lavin at 424-5240 for details.

Intramural Golf

Call the Fitness Center at 424-2008 to sign up to represent your squadron or unit in intramural golf at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course.

Women's softball

The women's varsity softball tryouts are at Johnson Softball Field on Tuesday and Thursday. Call Jodi Thompson at 424-8614.

Greens fees

Log onto www.60thServices.com for the new price list of Cypress Lakes Golf Course greens fees.

Fisher House Classic

Reserve a spot in the third annual Fisher House Classic June 13 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. The \$125 fee covers greens fees, a golf cart, a buffet breakfast, a barbecue lunch, a

windbreaker and more. It is one of the major fund-raisers for the Fisher House and features a four-person scramble with a blind bogey handicap and a shotgun start. Call 423-7550 for details.

Looking for Sports Info.

The Tailwind is looking for sports news and features. To submit an idea for a sports story, call the Tailwind at 424-0131. Sports stories can include unusual hobbies as well.

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

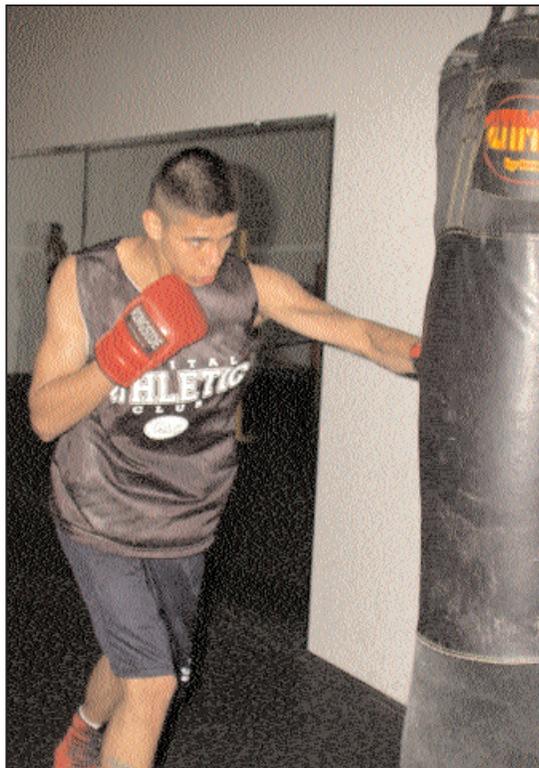
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

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

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.



Courtesy photo

Hector Ramos, seen here training, is currently the Armed Forces Lightweight Champion. Ramos is currently stationed at Travis in the of the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Boxing, a family tradition

By Linda Mann-James
60th Services Squadron

When Aurturo Ramos III got his boys into boxing, it wasn't for fame or fortune, but as a way to keep them busy and off the streets. Now his oldest son, a six time national champion, has gone professional; his youngest son who is still in High School has 45 fights in the ring; and his middle son, Airman Hector Ramos, is the Armed Forces Lightweight Champion.

"Boxing runs in the family," said Hector Ramos. "My Dad was a boxer, but his parents were not supportive. He took us to the gym to give us something to do when we were young to stay off the streets in San Antonio."

The three Ramos boys and their sister spent most of their days at school, doing homework, or working out at the gym. Now the eldest, Aurturo Ramos IV, owns a gym in South San Antonio and has a boxing team of about 20-25 kids from the local area.

Hector Ramos got his start when he was eight years old. Now, at 21 years old, he has fought almost 100 fights and won five state titles. He was ranked number two in the

United States in 2000.

In 2002 Ramos joined the Air Force and got into the Air Force boxing program. He went to the Box-offs and made the Air Force Boxing Team. At 5' 11" tall and 132 lbs., Ramos is a lightweight fighter.

The Air Force team spent two weeks in January at a training camp preparing for the Armed Forces Boxing Championships on Jan. 24.

"Coach Sims and Coach Brown used to box for the Air Force and were our coaches at the training camp. It was intense and I really got ready," said Ramos.

Preparing for a fight includes shadow boxing to warm the muscles, working out with the punching bag and sparing with a partner. It takes a lot of time and dedication to be a successful boxer but Ramos says it is worth it.

Ramos says he won the Armed Forces title because he prepares continuously.

"I would rather do the homework and pass the test, than not do the homework and fail the test," he said.

Even after 98 fights, Ramos has had no serious injuries.

"I don't like getting hit so I use my head and throw punches from outside," he said. "

Speed and stamina are very important."

The Ramos family is very supportive of each other. Ramos says they all love the sport, and even though his sister doesn't fight, she still works out using boxing moves. Ramos says that having his older brother coaching him pushed him to do his best.

"My brother gives everything 100 percent. He was always in my corner," said Ramos. "Who else gets to learn from a six-time national champion? He is my inspiration in boxing and everything."

The hardest part of boxing for the Ramos family is having to watch someone they love get into the ring and know they have no control over what happens.

"I get nervous before a fight, but once the bell rings I feel in control," said Ramos. "I would rather fight than watch my little brother fight."

While stationed at Travis as part of the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ramos works out in the boxing room at the Fitness Center. His goal is to be on the 2004 Olympic team.

"I'm pushing to make the next Olympic team and win a gold medal," said Ramos.

Discover the Bay at the Travis Marina

By 1st Lt. William Gumabon
60th Services Squadron

The summer is fast approaching, and spending a day on the Bay enjoying the view of the San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge is a way to enjoy the season.

The Travis Marina (formerly known as the Travis Sailing Center) provides recreational and boating opportunities for all skill levels on the San Francisco Bay. This weekend the Travis Marina will be hosting a parade and ceremony that formally open the boating season on the Bay.

Traditional blessing of boats

Sunday is Opening Day on San Francisco Bay. This traditional event, starting at 10 a.m., features a blessing of Bay Area recreational and commercial boats followed by a parade of decorated boats around the Bay. A San Francisco Fire Department boat spraying water into the air from its high-pressure water nozzles will lead the parade of boats. Decorated boats competing in a boat decoration competition will follow the fireboat. The procession will be interspersed with historic vessels, some more than 100 years old.

Opening Day and the blessing of the fleet is an old tradition started by Por-

tuguese fisherman. Going out to sea in small fishing boats was a hazardous occupation and having a boat blessed provided security to the fisherman. It is a ceremony now observed throughout the world, not only by fisherman, but private boat owners as well.

Although the parade can be seen from the shore, the Travis Marina offers another vantage point from Point Cavallo. Another way to observe the parade is through the Rent-A-Skipper Program or from a private boat. The Travis Marina will have at least 10 boats in the competition and is looking for more.

Starting at 3 p.m., following the opening day events, the Travis Marina will host a barbecue featuring ribs, beans, coleslaw and roll for \$7.

Sailing Courses

The Travis Marina offers American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Sailing, a four-day course emphasizing boating safety and operation of small to mid-size sailboats. Successful course completion qualifies students to sail the Cal 20 sailboats. The next class begins Saturday with classes offered through the end of August.

ASA Basic Coastal Cruising, a three-day course, provides students with the confidence and skill level to successfully navigate a 27-foot sailboat in moderate



Courtesy photo

The Travis Marina offers Travis personnel boat storage and the chance to take ASA sailing lessons on the San Francisco Bay.

sea and weather conditions. The first class starts May 10 with classes offered until the end of August. Course enrollment is limited, so students must register in advance.

Other Marina Activities

All Department of Defense civilian, military and retired-are eligible attend events, take classes, rent boats and become members of the Travis Marina.

People with no experience or certification can rent a sailboat through the Rent-A-Skipper Program. A four-hour excursion on the Bay with a trained skipper starts at just \$100 for up to six people.

Located in the upper galley of the

Marina with a view overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, Mike's Place offers food, beverages, a TV lounge, a pool table and a wood stove for those cool nights.

The dining room and lounge are available for private functions, such as weddings, promotions, re-enlistments and birthdays. Throughout the year, the Travis Marina hosts numerous sailing races as well as barbecues and all-you-can-eat crab feeds.

For more information about the courses and services offered at the Travis Marina, stop by Outdoor Recreation to pick up a brochure, call the Travis Marina at (415) 332-2319 or log on to www.60thServices.com.

Travis schools help kids

Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

With hundreds of people deployed from Travis, many concerns and issues have arisen with the nearly 45 percent of students in the Travis School District who have parents in the military. With the aid of school psychologists and counselors, three schools in the district — Travis Elementary, Golden West Middle School and Vanden High School, have started peer group programs to help the kids cope.

“The purpose of the program is for kids to come and talk about family issues — what’s the same and what’s different, and to develop a sense of camaraderie with other kids going through the same thing,” said Monica Phillips, school psychologist at Travis Elementary.

The elementary school students focus a lot on how they feel — about the war, or about mom or dad being gone. “I often hear about not being able to attend baseball practice or dance lessons because that second parent isn’t around to take the student,” said Phillips. “It’s important to keep schedules as consistent as possible, but sometimes it just can’t be done.”

All three schools focus on communication with the deployed parent. “This can be difficult if the parent is moving to new locations often,” said Heidi Mermis-Cava, school psychologist at Golden West Middle School. One of the students at Golden West shared that her mom was in communication lockdown, and hadn’t been able to call in a couple of

weeks.

The middle school and high school students also had a visit from the base Family Support Center. “We noticed that the teens were having more responsibilities — more babysitting and house-keeping,” said Dr. Colleen Estes, school psychologist for Vanden High School. “The Family Support Center talked about all the base services that are available to help out the family.”

Initially, all three schools sent out e-mail requests to teachers, asking for names of students who would benefit from the program. “The program is open to any student, however,” said Estes. “Sometimes we get students who just want to be there to support their friends.” “Parents have even called in to refer their child to the program when the other parent gets deployed,” added Phillips.

Although the program started a few weeks before the official start of the war, both Phillips and Mermis-Cava noted some disturbing behavior in the students.

“Some of the younger children suffered from separation anxiety — they didn’t want to leave the remaining parent to go to school,” commented Phillips. “Initially, we had some aggression incidents. The kids had shorter fuses and little things seemed to bother them more.”

Over the month of weekly lunchtime meetings, all three psychologists have noted a happier, more settled group of kids. “From week to week, they become more comfortable talking about things,” said Phillips.

NCO retraining program begins

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Air Force recently began the voluntary phase of its fiscal 2003 noncommissioned officer retaining program.

The program is designed to help the Air Force balance its enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages, and consists of two phases — voluntary and involuntary.

“We begin this program with the clear recognition that people are our most valuable resource,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. “Retraining will allow us to alleviate stress from those airmen in undermanned specialties, while still giving our people options and choices in the process.”

The voluntary phase of the program is scheduled to run through April 25. The involuntary phase, if needed, is scheduled to run May 9 through June 13.

“While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some airmen may be selected for involuntary retraining if the

number of volunteers falls short,” officials said. “Airmen in eligible career fields should look to their supervisors and leadership to help them make informed choices,” said Murray.

This year, officials seek to move approximately 1,400 midlevel NCOs into shortage specialties.

These imbalances in the midlevel NCO grades have occurred because of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties and the equality of promotions across all skills, officials said.

“(The retraining program) seeks to carefully balance member expectations with the needs of the Air Force,” officials said.

“Ultimately, we need to balance our enlisted force to better meet today’s mission requirements and those in the future,” said Murray. “The retraining program will help us do that.”

Several new features have been added to the program this year to make implementation smoother.

The selection criterion

is no longer based solely upon seniority, officials said. Selections are now made across all eligible year groups mirroring assignment eligibility.

For example, once all ineligible NCOs have been removed from consideration, everyone left will be sorted by the date they arrived on station. Those with the most time will appear at the top of the list for involuntary retraining.

Wing commanders may recommend assignment curtailments up to six months except at remote tour locations or those requiring 100-percent manning.

The total active federal military service date requirement was extended by six months to increase the pool of eligible NCOs. In addition, military personnel flights will provide local commanders, first sergeants, career assistance advisers and supervisors with a comprehensive briefing regarding the program.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty code will be updated on a weekly basis.

Doolittle Raiders visit, reflect & share



Capt. Michele Tsalista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Left — Doolittle Raiders Col. (ret.) William Bower and Lt. Col. (ret.) Tom Griffin talk about a recent edition of the Tailwind featuring a photo of General Jimmy Doolittle’s Raiders during World War II.
Top — Lt. Col. (ret.) Tom Griffin autographs a copy of “The Doolittle Raid” for Col. (ret.) John Doolittle, General Jimmy Doolittle’s son.

Denton program transports supplies to Afghanistan

Tailwind staff
60th AMW Public Affairs

Several Bay Area organizations collected humanitarian goods, which were brought to Travis last week for shipment to hospitals, orphanages and schools throughout Afghanistan.

The organizations collectively applied to and received approval from the Department of Defense's Denton program to ship the humanitarian goods via DoD military aircraft.

The shipment left Travis April 17 aboard a C-130 Hercules. It included about 40,000 pounds of rice and beans, medical supplies, school supplies, infant packs, blankets, computers, winter clothing and shoes.

The Travis aerial port, the largest in the Air Force, routinely handles 100,000 passengers and 80,000 short tons per year.

Organizations involved in collecting the humanitarian goods include the Hayward Sunset Rotary Club, Assist International, the Wheelchair Foundation and Convoy of Hope. Representative from these groups will travel to Kabul, Afghanistan to oversee the distribution of goods to many hospitals, schools and organizations working to bring relief to the Afghan people.

"With so much focus on Iraq, it is good to see that Afghanistan has not been forgotten," said Tim Reynolds of Assist International. "The people in the Bay Area, service clubs like the Hayward Sunset Rotary Club and the Department of Defense are still concerned and actively participating in the rebuilding of Afghanistan."

The Denton Program Web site offers the following information: The Denton Amendment is a commodities trans-

portation program that is jointly administered by the U. S. Agency for International Development, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense. It allows for the transport of humanitarian goods on a space available basis using U.S. Military transportation. The program was initially created to use the extra space on U.S. cargo aircraft that were flying supplies into Central America. Although the program expanded to include most areas of the world, the likelihood of obtaining transportation decreases as the distance to the country increases. Since Denton is a space available program, it is impossible to predict when transportation will materialize; therefore, no guarantees can be made regarding completion of a shipment.

See www.usaid.gov for more information.



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

Master Sgt. Matthew Chastain from the 60th Aerial Port Squadron explains the transportation process to Sophia Omar, founder and president of the Hayward Sunset Rotary Club. Omar is also from Afghanistan. The Hayward Sunset Rotary Club was established in 2002 with the primary goal of the club to assist in the rebuilding of Afghanistan and eradication of polio in the world.

AMC assistant for command chief master sergeant sought

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command officials are seeking a sharp and motivated staff sergeant or senior airman (Airman Leadership School graduate) for the position of administrative assistant to the AMC command chief. The position is open to all Air Force specialty codes, but those who apply must be releasable from their unit for a period of one year.

According to Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Owens, administrative assistant to the AMC Command Chief Master Sergeant who's scheduled for reassignment, those who apply must have an exceptionally positive attitude, untiring work ethic and a pleasant personality. Sergeant Owens said prior administrative experience and a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office are desirable, but not mandatory.

The sergeant said that the administrative assistant position is customer-service orientated, and being friendly and outgoing is her answer to job success.

"This job is very high-speed, so you need to be self-motivated

and excited about the work you're doing," added Sergeant Owens.

Owens said the job has been an amazing experience for her.

"I have the opportunity to work with AMC's top leaders every day and have learned so much more about the command," she said. "Also, the diversity of the work really keeps me involved and excited about the job. Things are always hopping up here at Headquarters AMC — there's never a dull moment."

Applications are being accepted until May 9, with a report date of July 1. Sergeant Owens said the report date is negotiable.

To apply, applicants must have a copy of their last five enlisted performance reports, a current records review RIP, a letter of recommendation from their unit commander and supervisor (and others at the applicant's discretion), and a brief statement on personal qualifications and motivation for seeking this position.

After a review of the nominations, a short list of applicants will be developed, followed by interviews.

For more information, contact your local command chief master sergeant's office or Master Sgt. Matt Boyles at DSN 779-4213.

Officials urge against sending unsolicited mail to troops

Air Force Print News

To bolster force protection, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to forward-deployed servicemembers unless they are a family member, loved one or personal friend, said Department of Defense officials.

On Oct. 30, DOD suspended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Servicemember" mail programs because of force protection concerns. Although these programs provide support to friends and loved ones stationed overseas, they also provide an avenue to introduce hazardous substances or materials into the mail system from unknown sources.

Unsolicited mail, packages and donations from organizations and individuals also compete for limited airlift space used to transport supplies, warfighting materiel and mail from family and loved ones.

Recently, DOD officials became aware of organizations and individuals who continue to support some form of the "Any Servicemember" program by using the names and addresses of individual servicemembers and unit addresses.

These programs are usually supported by well-intentioned, thoughtful and patriot-

ic groups who are simply unaware of the new risks facing deployed military forces, said officials. Some individuals and groups publicize the names and addresses of servicemembers, ships or units on Web sites. The result is a potential danger to the troops they wish to support.

DOD officials cannot support creative and well-intentioned efforts that defeat force protection measures, but can instead recommend alternatives to mail and donation programs. To show support to troops overseas, the following are recommended:

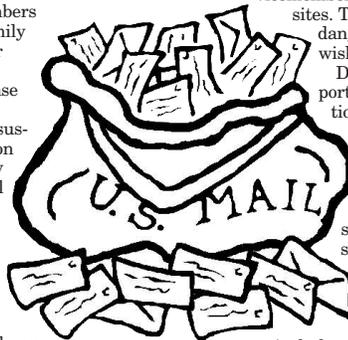
— Log on to the following Web sites to show support, to

include greeting cards, virtual "thank you" cards and calling card donations to help troops stay in contact with loved ones:

http://www.defendamerica.mil/support_troop.shtml, <http://www.usocares.org/home.htm> or <http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html>

— Visit Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and nursing homes. Volunteer services to honor veterans who served in past conflicts.

Mail from family members and loved ones has always been encouraged and the military mail system will continue to work hard to get that mail to servicemembers overseas, said officials.



Returning home



Jim Spellman, 60th Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. James Collier and Col. George Gerdts, welcome back 12 members of a Critical Care Medical Team who deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



Travis celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May

By Master Sgt. Jerry Dollente
Travis Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee

Every year in the month of May, there are scores of events held by federal agencies, community groups, civic groups, students and others to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. In order to understand the significance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, it is important to understand the evolution and convergence of many diverse groups that comprise the APA community.

"Asian Pacific American" is a political designation that encompasses many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages and cultures. By definition, the term Asian Pacific American attempts to give expression to cultural, linguistic, and ethnic

diversity while recognizing common historical experiences in American history. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrates the collective accomplishments of these heterogeneous communities.

The APAH Committee here at Travis AFB, has been established. The committee meets every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Golden Bear Lounge in the Travis Conference Center. Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, appointed the 60th AMW staff and the 349th AMW to host this year's events. Closely working with them is our very active group, the Travis Asian Pacific Islander Association.

At the present time, the committee has scheduled numerous events next month. To kickoff

the observance month, we will have the luncheon at 11 a.m. May 1 at the Delta Breeze Club, and will end with the grand finale banquet and luau at 6 p.m. on May 30, also at the DBC. We would like to invite everyone to come and join us for these festivities.

With the ongoing efforts of members from numerous units on base, the committee's goal is to provide not only educational but enjoyable events during this observance month. The dedication, cooperation, and tireless efforts from every member of the committee truly exemplifies this year's theme ... "Salute to Liberty" ... as Team Travis comes together to present this year's celebrations as memorable as one can imagine.



Seatbelts are hugs from your car!

Travis automobile decals are in DD Form 2220s are available, but in short supply AF-wide

Tailwind staff

Base automobile decals (DD Form 2220s) are in; however, they are an accountable item and are in short supply Air Force-wide.

The Travis Pass and Registration office provides vehicle registration, short-term passes for up to six months and long-term passes for up to one year.

They also provide vehicle registration for retirees in the local and detached communities. Active Duty members assigned to Travis should register their vehicles through their unit orderly room. The Retired Active Office located at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento also provides vehicle updates and registration services for retirees in the Sacramento area. For further information, customers in the Sacramento area can contact (Ret.) Chief Master Sgt. Moses at

(916) 516-7507. Sister service personnel as well as Air Force members, who are assigned to tenant organizations, but require services from Travis' Pass and Registration, should bring a copy of their tenant host base agreement letter with them to receive a decal. All Active, Reserve, and Guard members who received a decal at Travis and are PCSing or retiring, should out-process through Pass and Registration to update their vehicle decal status. Security is always a concern, so, it's vitally important personnel who sell or will no longer have control over a vehicle with a decal should remove it prior to their release. Decals should also be removed from windshields that will be replaced. The decals should be returned to the Pass and Registration office in order to receive a replacement.

The following personnel assigned to Travis are required to obtain a DD Form 2220 to register their vehicle.

Active, Reserve, and Guard or military members

Civilian employees possessing AF Form 354, Optional Form 55 or the new Common Access Card

The following personnel are not required to obtain a temporary pass or DD Form 2220:

- ▶ VA Employees/Patients
- ▶ DECA Vendor/Contractor
- ▶ Retired military/family members

- ▶ AAFES Employees possessing DD Form 2574

- ▶ Federal/State/Local Law Enforcement Employees

The Travis Pass and Registration office is located in building 381 on the first floor. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Communication: Key to Successful Deployments

By 1st Lt. Jerry Hoopes
60th Medical Group

Many Travis Team members deployed worldwide leave behind families who are concerned about their family member's well being. One simple skill can help ease tensions and anxiety if taken advantage of: communication.

Military families especially need to acknowledge and adequately prepare for the possibility of separation through deployment. Difficulty in accepting the reality of being deployed may result in poor communication and mental preparation for everyone involved.

Communication is key to a strong, healthy relationship; it is also the key to a successful

deployment. Communication helps bring closeness and understanding to the military family prior to the military member's deployment.

Here are some easy ways to explore communication with your family prior to deployment, so you can grow closer as a family.

- ▶ Be prepared for everyone in the family to have different feelings as you discuss your deployment. Do not be afraid to discuss increased feelings of anger, sadness, anxiety and happiness as the deployment approaches.

- ▶ Talk to your children ahead of time, so they have time to understand and accept your deployment.

- ▶ Allow everyone in the family (including children) to

discuss their feelings about the upcoming deployment. Allowing the family to voice their feelings and emotions shows thoughtfulness and kindness.

- ▶ Discuss discipline, personal routines, schooling, house rules and other pertinent issues with the family.

- ▶ Discuss the family's future plans, dreams and how the family will celebrate when the family is reunited. This will help the family focus on family goals rather than parental separation.

Good communication prior to deployment does not mean your family will not have problems while you are away. However, preparation and communication increases the chances of solving problems under higher-stress circumstances.



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

Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., 2078 Eagle Way, Fairfield
Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, 125 Manzanita Dr., Vacaville
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 150 Cannon Dr.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 104 Maine St.

Furniture

Metal desk, \$20. 426-4266
Entertainment center, black, \$50 obo. 437-8592
Entertainment center, brown, holds 36" TV, \$150. 373-2798
Hutch, wood, \$100. 373-2798
Coffee Table, Wood, \$10. 437-4344
Computer desk, \$35. 439-0787
Dining table, oak, 2 center leaves, \$100. 437-2275
Rocker/glider, wood, blue cloth, \$75 obo. 437-2275
Daybed, cast iron, pop up trundle, porcelain knobs, \$200. 434-0348
Furniture. 427-0929
Daybed, mattress, white frame, brass knobs, \$200. 448-5256
Futon, \$150 obo. 452-9769

Appliances

Standup refrigerator, freezer, \$350. 439-0798
Kitchen Aid washer/dryer, super capacity plus, warranty, \$425. 437-1242
Washer/dryer, needs work, free. 469-9854
Maytag gas dryer, \$150. 373-2798
Refrigerator, 25 cu ft, side-by-side, ice/water, \$150. 449-1264

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
Electric hospital bed, \$250. 426-4266
Queen mattress, box spring, \$100 obo. 437-8592
Hummels (Berlin Wall, Berlin Airlift, Check Point Charlie), numbered, signed, \$300/ea. 864-1011
Wooden swing set, slide, \$75. 437-2142
Bed frame, king size, \$200. 373-2798
Momentum swing trainer, \$40. 437-2492
Pumpkin style medela, \$100. 437-8569

Musical Instruments

Practice drum pad kit, 5pc, \$50 obo. 437-8592
Upright piano, \$100 obo. 452-9769

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Golf balls, \$.25 to \$.50/ea. 437-4344
Weight machine, 6-in-1, \$75. 449-1264
Bollinger treadmill, \$50. 437-6711

Electronic/Computer Items

Epson C82 color printer, separate CMYK ink tanks, \$100 obo. 469-0834
Pioneer 6-disc CD changer, remote, \$60. 916-922-5410
Canon bubble jet printer, color, cartridges, software, \$30. 916-922-5410
Pioneer Pro-Logic surround sound home theatre receiver, 125 watt channel, learning remote, \$75. 916-922-5410
Kenwood tower speakers (2), \$20. 426-4266
Sony 5-cd player, dual cassette, \$10. 426-4266
JVC television, 13", \$50 obo. 437-4993
Yamaha Dolby digital home theater surround sound receiver, 550 watt, 5.1 discrete input, \$250 obo. 437-4993
JVC VCR, 4 head, remote, \$25. 437-4344
Rockford Fosgate amp, 1,000 watt, \$225. 437-2492
Compaq AMD K6x2, 500mhz, 128mb ram, 15" monitor, color printer, scanner, accessories, \$400. 437-6711

Vehicle

2001 Toyota Corolla, cd, ps, 22k mi, warranty, \$8,900 obo. 437-2408
2001 Hyundai Electra, cd, pw, ps, warranty, 5sp, 17k mi, \$8,900 obo. 437-2408
2000 Honda Accord EX, black, 41k mi, spoiler, \$14,000. 439-0787
2000 Pontiac Sunfire, 38.84k mi, SE coupe, metallic silver, \$7,900 obo. 439-0813
2000 Chevy Tracker convertible, 2dr, \$6,500. 437-8569
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
1997 Saturn SC2, 70k mi, black, at, cd, sunroof, fog lights, cc, ac, pd, pw, pm, \$6,500 obo. 290-4001
1997 Chevy Silverado, 4x4, 1500cc, pl, pw, cd, 4wd on fly, 3dr, \$11,000. 469-9854
1996 BMW 328is, 85k mi, \$17,200. 427-0929
1995 Honda Civic SI, 92.5k mi, \$4,900. 437-4344
1993 Mazda Miata convertible, 142k mi, \$4,500. 437-4344
1993 Nissan 300zx, turbo, 48k mi, \$16,400. 427-0929
1989 Saab 900, 4dr, 5sp, 200k mi, \$1,299. 449-8545
1981 Dodge Ram 50, 2wd, 2.0ltr, 4cyl, 4sp, 55k mi, \$500 obo. 437-2305
1967 SS Camaro, red, black int, v8 350, at, ps, am/fm, remote, premium wheels, \$8,995 obo. 510-541-9467

Vehicle Accessories

American racing wheels w/tires (4), 15", \$100. 426-4266
Ford Mustang tires/rims (4), \$200 obo. 437-4993
Motorcycle helmets, bieffe yellow, cirrus blue, \$50 obo. 437-4993
Boat seats, swivel, pedestal, \$50. 449-1264

Pets/Pet Accessories

Ferrari dog kennel, \$30. 437-4344

House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for sale in Dixon, 3br/2ba, 2-car garage, landscaped, wood floors, alarm. 693-0714
House for sale by owner, 4br/3ba, 2,500 sq ft, \$470,000. 864-5019
Room for rent in Fairfield, garage space, no pets, prefer male, \$550/mo + dep + split utilities. 399-9632

SWAP AD TIPS

◆ Describe the product with the **facts only**, save the sales pitch for later. Phrases like "Brand New," "Must See," "Runs Good," and other subjective descriptions will not be printed. What is "brand new" to one person may not be to another person. The Tailwind reserves the

right to alter any add for clarification, continuity or brevity.
◆ **Write legibly.** If it can't be read, it will not be run. The Tailwind staff does not have time to call and clarify ads that are not legible.
◆ Always include a home phone number. **Duty phone numbers will not be printed.**

Only one phone number will be printed per ad.
◆ **Yard sales must contain date, time and location.** It is not the responsibility of the Tailwind staff to track down this information. Individual items will not be printed for yard sales.
◆ Ads should be dropped off in Bldg. 51 at the Public

DOD Transportation Incentive Program

Tailwind staff

The Department of Defense is offering a new program that could earn participants an extra \$100 per month to offset the higher costs of gasoline prices and the added stress of commuting. Most families could use the extra money for household expenses, and all that is really holding people back is that they have not heard of this program.

The DOD Transportation Incentive Program is a \$100 cash reimbursement voucher arrangement per month for its member's employees in order to reduce their contribution to traffic congestion, air pollution,

and to expand their commuting alternatives. In conformance with the Executive Order 13150 of April 21, 2000, and per the Oct. 13, 2000 OSD Memorandum, "The DOD strongly encourages commuting by mass transportation to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, and fully supports the President's initiative."

Also, the Memorandum states, "As the largest federal employer in many metropolitan areas around the nation, we believe that the DOD should be a model employer and take appropriate action necessary to reduce the traffic congestion and air pollution that affect so

many areas."

Travis has recently initiated this program, which is open to all active duty, civilian, NAF and reserve personnel. The vanpool operating hours run five days a week from Sacramento to Travis. Daily morning departures are from the McClellan Base Exchange parking lot with additional pickup points at the West Sacramento Park and Ride, and the Dixon Safeway, and arriving at Travis at 7 a.m. The afternoon return trip departs Travis at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Royce Harnsberger at 424-5451.

Classified Ads work. Call the Daily Republic at 425-4646.

Flight medicine treatment affects Travis during Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

The 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at David Grant Medical Center has deployed the majority of their provider staff to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a result, the squadron's Flight Medicine Clinic has temporarily been unable to provide care for our empanelled active duty Travis family members.

"Fortunately, we'll be able to take care of our Travis family members within another primary care clinic at David Grant," explained 1st Lt. Todd Koehler, group practice manager for the Flight Medicine Clinic. "All family members 17 years and younger will now be seen in the Pediatric or Adolescent Clinics."

To schedule a non-urgent appointment for children, active duty members can call 423-3000. Walk-in hours for Pediatrics are also available Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

"As always, all emergency needs should call 911," Koehler said.

Adults 18 and older will be seen in the following clinics based on the first letter of their last name:

- ▶ **A-I:** Family Practice
- ▶ **J-R:** Primary Care
- ▶ **S-Z:** Internal Medicine

"To make a non-acute or non-urgent appointment on Mondays through Fridays, adults will need to call the Flight Medicine Clinic at 423-5445,"

Koehler explained. "At that time, a Flight Medicine technician will schedule an appointment for the appropriate temporary clinic."

For patients experiencing acute illnesses or other conditions, Koehler suggests contacting your respective clinics directly at the following phone numbers to speak to a triage nurse:

- ▶ **A through I:** Family Practice at 423-3000
- ▶ **J through R:** Primary Care at 423-5351
- ▶ **S through Z:** Internal

Medicine at 423-5052

"When people call their temporary clinic with an acute need, they need to be sure to inform the technician that they are a Flight Medicine patient and they are temporarily receiving their care within their clinic," Koehler said. "If people are temporarily assigned to the Primary Care Clinic and they have an acute need after 11:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, they're asked to report directly to the clinic where they will meet with the Triage nurse."

Patients with acute conditions on non-duty days are directed to contact the on-call primary care manager at 423-5000 and press "2" to leave a message for the Flight Medicine Provider.

"Please understand that each of the clinics within David Grant Medical Center are experiencing reduced staffing due to their role in supporting our deployed troops," stated Col. (Dr.) Victor Salamanca, 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

commander.

"Our promise to our patients is to continue to provide everyone with the best medical care at David Grant," Salamanca

explained. "Once our Flight Medicine Clinic is properly staffed to resume care of our flight medicine patients, we will notify people immediately."





Commander's Access Channel
Channel 15

TV LISTINGS



DUI prevention:

At 8 a.m., and at 2:06, 2:30 and 4:08 p.m.

Air Force News:

At 6:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Wing Commander's Call:

At 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 12:30 p.m.



Operation Salute

ST. LOUIS — Anheuser-Busch announced April 17 it will give free single-day admission to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct dependents, beginning the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and concluding Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The offer also has been extended to all coalition forces serving with U.S. troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives and being separated from their families during the war," said August Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc., which operates nine U.S. theme parks. "We wanted to express our deep gratitude for their service, and this gives those who serve and their families some needed relaxation."

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

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

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

April 14

- » Vehicle accident at Cannon Street and Travis Boulevard
- » Stolen vehicle recovered/arrest made at the North Gate
- » Domestic disturbance on Fitzgerald Street

April 15

- » Breaking and entering, resisting arrest, damage to government property, attempted unlawful entry on Cassidy Street
- » Vehicle accident at the Main Gate
- » Suspicious individual, patrol responded on Armstrong Street and Hackett Street

April 16

- » Minor vehicle accident at Center Elementary School
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 777

April 17

- » Alleged unauthorized withdrawal at Travis Credit Union
- » Missing person on Estes Court
- » Possession of narcotics paraphernalia outside the North Gate

April 18

- » Domestic disturbance on Hamilton Street
- » Identity theft of Travis personnel in Adana, Turkey
- » Damage to government property at the North Gate

April 19

- » Drunk in public, Travis personnel in Sacramento
- » 11 vehicles towed at Bldg. P-3
- » Theft of personal property at the base gym
- » Noise complaint at Bldg. 1355
- » Noise complaint on Kansas Street

The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.

NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Tuskegee drive rescheduled

The Tuskegee Airman has rescheduled its membership drive that was cancelled due to weather April 4. The new drive will be held May 16 at the Travis Air Museum on Burgan Boulevard from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Hot links and bratwurst are on the menu for free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call Master Sgt. Martin Strange at 424-0794 or Master Sgt. Edward Hutchison at 424-7189.

Car show May 29

The 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is holding its 3rd annual car show at building 185 May 29. People interested in showing their vehicle free of charge can contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Vasquez at 424-7015. People are encouraged to bring classic, muscle and project cars. The Travis

Fire Department and the California Highway Patrol are also planning to display vehicles.

Maps available at Public Affairs

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

Free flowers

Travis Housing announces its Spring Flower Program. A maximum of six packs (mix and match) can be picked up today or tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Base Housing residents can choose from petunias, marigolds, snapdragons or pansies for their front yards. Pick up location is the Housing U-Fix-It Store (Bldg 5570) near the Youth Baseball Field outfields.

Asian Pacific Luncheon

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

Finger injuries can be avoided with proper ORM

60th AMW Safety Office

Dexterity is defined as skill and grace in physical movement, especially in the use of the hands. It's very hard for one's hands to move with such dexterity when the fingers severed.

Three serious finger injuries occurred last month in the Air Force.

▶ A civilian employee injured his hand during a forklift operation. The employee was removing a golf cart from a shipping container when his fingers were crushed between the door of the container and the frame of the forklift. The employee was transported to the hospital where his injury resulted in the amputation of the tip of his index finger, ring fingers and approximately one-third of his middle finger.

▶ Another worker was assigned to repair a defective heating air handling unit. The worker turned off the power

switch to the motor that controlled the belt and pulley assembly. As the pulley and belt were slowing down, the worker used his left hand to try and slow the moving belt to a stop. The moving belt pulled the hand into the pulley assembly severing the left middle finger between the first and second knuckle. The left ring finger also suffered loss of tissue on the underside. He underwent surgery the next day and may incur up to 45 lost workdays. Investigation revealed that lock-out, tag-out procedures were not followed while servicing the air handling unit. The worker stated that he made the decision to use his hand to slow the belt and pulley down rather than wait for it to come to a stop.

▶ In another mishap, a 45-year old Technical Sergeant was cutting two pieces of wood for a personal project using a table saw at the base wood shop and amputated his middle finger.

The following points will assist in lowering the risk of finger loss

▶ Implement and personalize Operational Risk Management.

▶ Identify and assess the risks involving the use of your fingers.

▶ Use appropriate personal protection equipment as determined for each task such as gloves to protect the hands and fingers. before proceeding to handle any equipment.

The loss of portions of fingers due to the ring catching on

some object is the most frequent cause of finger injuries.

▶ Because of the potential for serious injury, finger rings will not be may not by personnel engaged in the many activities. For more information, call 424-3602.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Pepper Belly's at ITT

Tickets for Thursday nights at Pepper Belly'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 Butler Carnival is on base from 4 to 11 p.m.

▲ The late night skate is from 5 p.m. to midnight for youth 6 to 13 at the Travis skating rink. The \$20 admission includes skate rental, games and pizza. Call 424-3891 for details.

Saturday

▲ Tour Napa Valley and visit wineries with Information, Tickets and Travel. Transportation is \$12 for adults. Passengers must be 21 with an ID to participate in wine tasting. Call 424-5659 to sign up.

▲ Horse lovers of all ages are invited to the Travis Equestrian Center to view the English/Western Pleasure Schooling Show. Gates open at 7 a.m. and the show starts at 8:50 a.m. Call Barb Brewer at 424-1278 or e-mail at NCBC5@aol.com for more information.

▲ Dance to hip-hop, R&B and old school at the Delta Breeze Club's Late Niter from

10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Gold Rush Lounge. Admission is \$6, but the Members First price is \$2. Call 437-3711.

▲ The Butler Carnival is on base from noon to 11 p.m.

Sunday

▲ The Butler Carnival is on base from noon to 10 p.m.

Tuesday

▲ It's the last day to sign up to Climb Grizzly Dome and go white water rafting on the Feather River with the Outdoor Adventure Program. The trip is from 7 a.m. May 3 to 8 p.m. May 4. The \$85 fee includes transportation, gear and instruction. Call 424-5659 for details.

Wednesday

▲ To round out the Month of the Military Child, parents are invited to eat breakfast with their children at the three Child Development centers at 8 a.m.

▲ It's the last day to sign up for the Family Day hike at Mount Tamalpais with OAP on May 4. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. The \$12 cost covers transportation. Bring a picnic lunch and a camera. Call 424-5659 to sign up.

Thursday

▲ Celebrate Cinco de Mayo May 2 with the DBC's Member's Only Super Social from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a taco bar and drink specials including a bucket of Corinitas for \$8.95.

▲ It's the deadline to bid on three boats being sold from the Travis Marina. To find out more, log onto www.60thservices.com/marina/marina.html.

Family Support

Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include 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

Rabbit's tale



1st Lt. William Gurnebon / 60th Services Squadron

The Easter Bunny visited Travis children at the Mitchell Memorial Library's annual Easter story time April 15. The children hunted eggs, received treats, heard a story and were able to meet the big bunny himself.

call to arrange for a one-on-one briefing.

▲ The Bundles 'N' Books for Babies class is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Thursday

▲ 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 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.

▲ Ultimate Job Search is at the FSC from 9 a.m. to noon. This half-day job search workshop includes skills and self-assessments, job search techniques and more. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

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

▲ Families is experiencing stress due to illness, moving or TDY assignments can receive free child care from the Air Force Aid Society at the Child Development Center. For a referral certificate contact the FSC, Family Advocacy, a chaplain, a medical professional, supervisor, commander, first sergeant or the CDC. For more information, call the FSC at 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.

Chapel Services

Catholic

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

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

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

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

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

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

Protestant

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

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

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

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

Contemporary

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

Wicca

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

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month events

- » May 1 — APAH Kick-Off Luncheon, Delta Breeze Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- » May 3 — Cultural Diversity Festival, Andrews Park in Vacaville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- » May 5, 12, and 19 — APAH Storytelling for Children, Base Library, 6 p.m. to 7 pm.
- » May 13 — APAH Storytelling for Children, Base Library, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- » May 10 and 11 — Basketball Tournament, Fitness Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- » May 16 — Asian Pacific Food & Dance Festival, Sierra Inn Dining Hall, 11 a.m. to 1p.m.
- » May 17 — Volleyball Tournament, Fitness Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- » May 23 — Bowl-a-Thon, Travis Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- » May 30 — APAH Month Dinner Banquet, Delta Breeze Club, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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Base celebrates America's First

Travis enjoys fun, reflective weekend

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More than 2,000 Travis personnel, families, and community enjoyed a fun-filled extravaganza Saturday evening as the base hosted its first military Tattoo ceremony on the flightline. The special event, called the America's First Choice Tattoo, featured music, timed flyovers and historical narration.

The ceremony was developed by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West to celebrate Travis' contribution to national defense over the years. The military Tattoo was dedicated to the families of deployed members. Actor James Avery, who played Uncle Phil Banks from

"The Fresh Prince of Bel Aire," served as guest narrator.

The America's First Choice Tattoo featured several vintage and modern aircraft flyovers, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard from Washington D.C., 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 spectacular event also paid tribute to the Doolittle Raiders, who held their 61st reunion at the base and in the local area last week.

As the guest artist narrator of the America's First Choice Tattoo, Avery read a special script, which chronicled Air Force history and Travis her-

itage. Additionally, actors dressed in historical garb portrayed four fallen Travis heroes who were an integral part of the base's history.

"I think the Tattoo was a worthwhile event for the base. It was a chance to celebrate what we do here, who we are, and our rich heritage," said Maj. Douglas Monroe, commander, U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West.

Travis' first-ever Tattoo turned out to be a great success with over 2,000 in attendance. I'd especially like to thank the Air Force Band of the Golden West for putting together a fantastic show for the families of our deployed Team Travis members," said Maj. Thomas Murphy, wing project officer.

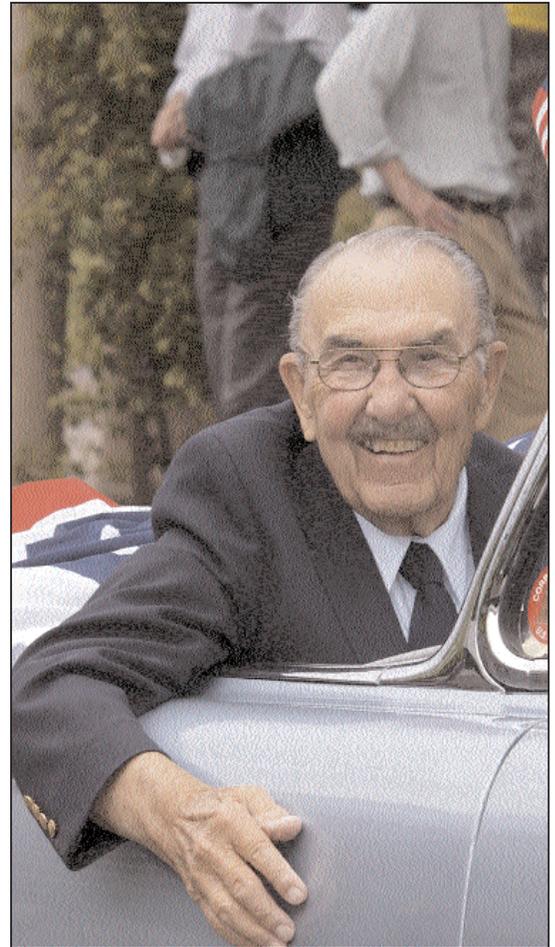


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Top — Two Air Tattoo performers rode in on a jeep before their dance number on stage. Music for the Travis Air Tattoo was provided by the Air Force Band of the Golden West.

Top right — Lt. Col. (Ret.) Chase Nielsen became a prisoner of war after the Tokyo raid and is the only living survivor of his crew. He was also the only Tokyo Raider who returned to testify at the Japanese war crimes trials. He rode in a vehicle and waved at the crowd during a Doolittle Raiders parade in Fairfield April 16.

Right — Members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard perform a drill during the Air Tattoo.



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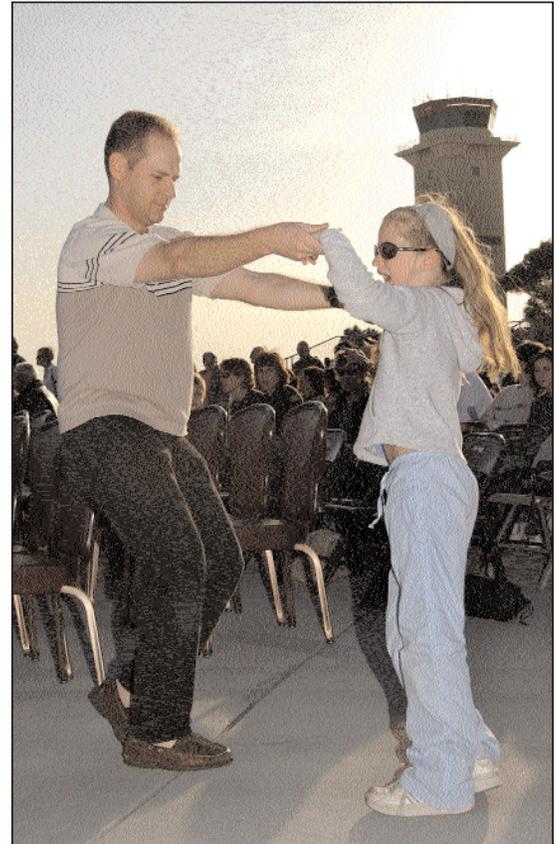


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Choice Tattoo, Doolittle Raiders



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Top Left — Honorary Raider Tung-Sheng Liu received a tour of the C-5 hosted by the 21st and 22nd Airlift Squadrons. Liu was an engineering student who helped Doolittles' Raiders by acting as the interpreter between the Raiders and the Chinese. He also later became the engineering director for the C-5A. It was his first time visiting the aircraft. Lt. Col. Groeschen and Lt. Col. Bence, 21st and 22nd Squadron commanders, along with squadron members present Liu a coin and a photograph of the C-5. The tour was given Thursday on the Travis flight line.

Top — Lt. Col. Jeff Hupy and his daughter, 8-year-old Claire, dance to music by the Air Force Band of the Golden West during the Air Tattoo at Travis Thursday.

Left — A group of kids from the Air Tattoo audience sing along with the band.



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