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Test of proposed BDU ensemble will begin in January 2004 at select bases Air Force Wide.

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WELCOME HOME

Travis hosts Welcome Home picnic and ATWIND Family Fun Day Aug. 15.

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ROAD WORK ON TRAVIS AVENUE

Construction on Travis Avenue will continue in upcoming weeks, with expected completion in mid October 2003.

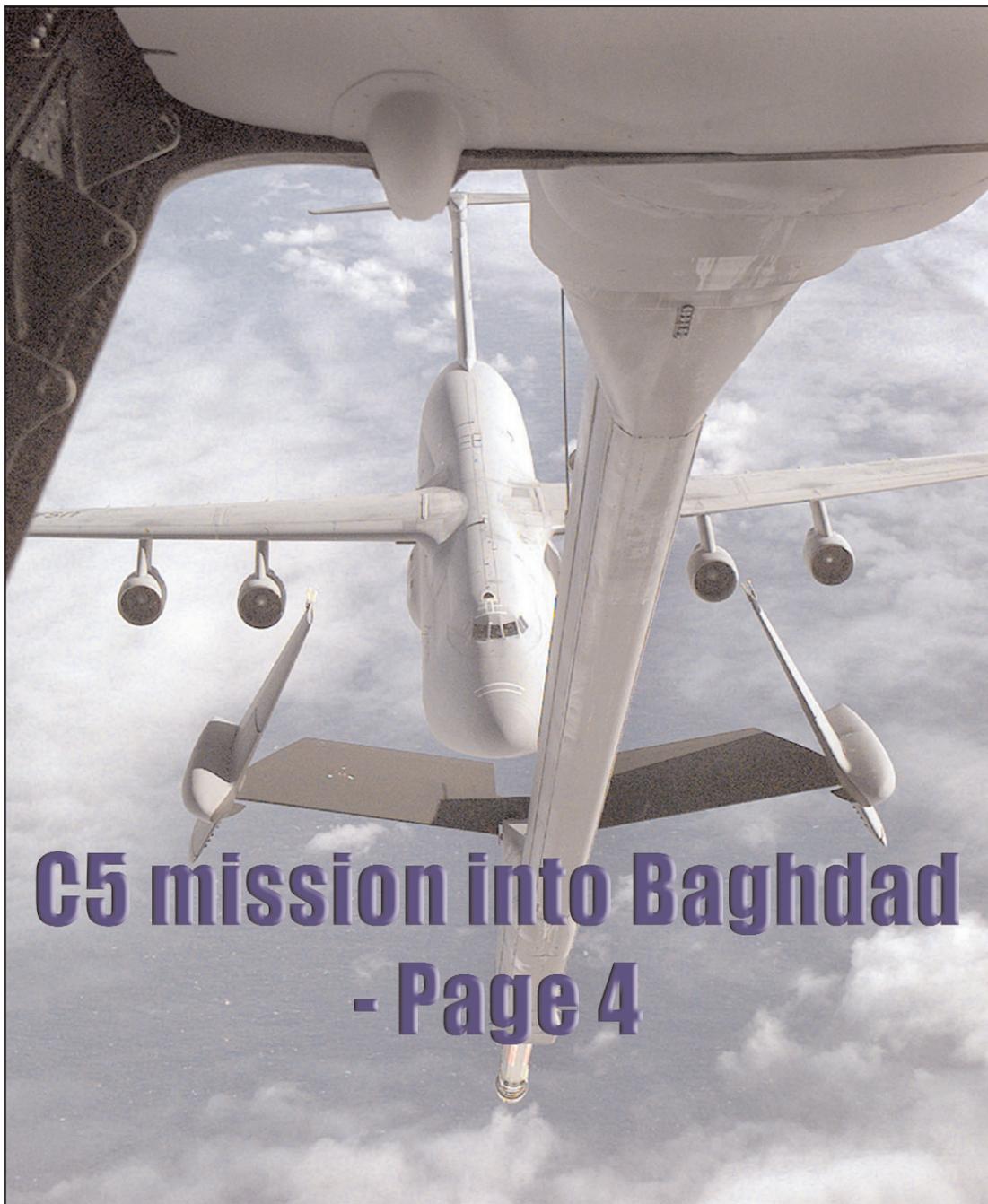
The work schedule for August includes:

▶ Aug. 4 to 8 — Drivers will experience delays when entering the main gate with one lane open in each direction.

▶ Road work will continue at the intersection of Ragsdale Street and Travis Avenue.

▶ Aug. 21 to Sept. 12 — Work will be centered around the raised medians, sidewalks and gutters.

▶ Aug. 25 to Sept. 12 — Skymaster intersection will be impacted as a drainage system is installed.



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Commander's Corner

Welcome home Travis Security Forces

By **Brig. Gen. Brad Baker**
60th Air Mobility Wing Commander

The summer August days haven't slowed us down one bit ... as we continue to rapidly "turn the crank" in accomplishment of daily operations and base events.

We've been flying into Baghdad International Airport for some time now, in addition to missions elsewhere, to include presidential, humanitarian and CONUS taskings. We routinely provide rapid global mobility second to none, whether we're delivering resources and forces to the Middle East, Africa or Asia.

We still have hundreds deployed in various locations, but fortunately we've been able to bring back many of our warriors who were downrange for Operation Iraqi Freedom. In July we welcomed back at least 80 members of **Travis Security Forces** who had been deployed to Southwest Asia since Thanksgiving of last year. I'm supremely proud of these "total force" warriors for having served our nation with honor, courage and for having protected our people downrange with "can do" professionalism—great job to each and every one!

Welcome Home Celebration

That's why we're kicking it into high gear for our **Welcome Home picnic** to be held a week from today **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This is an opportunity to thank those who've served in support of OIF, and also those who worked extended shifts at home while others were deployed. I highly encourage folks to attend and expect to see everyone there, unless official duties dictate otherwise. Please wear civilian attire, and bring the family out for a barbecue, sports and sun. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs for comfort ... and to enjoy the live performance by nationally renowned band "**Restless Heart**" and the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West's troupe "Galaxy."

The day will also include a visit by Congresswoman Tauscher and Congressman Ose, in addition to some of the San Francisco 49er and Oakland Raider cheerleaders ... and plenty of prizes and giveaways by local retailers and sports franchises. In addition, **Maj. Gen. John Becker**, 15th



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, commander 60th AMW, presents the Air Force's Band Officer of the Year award to **Maj. Douglas Monroe**, Band of the Golden West commander Aug. 6.

Air Force commander, will be there to say a word of thanks to us all.

In other upcoming events, we'll be holding our **Honorary Squadron Commander's** reception on Friday, Aug. 22. For this event, we'll pair up business and military members to help increase local awareness of our mission and its importance in national defense, which has the added benefit of strengthening our community ties. This is crucial, since we live and work in the same area we're all part of the same, single community within and outside the fence line.

Construction

There's considerable construction on Travis Avenue, which will continue due to the extensive work being done on gutters, sidewalks, medians and pavement, with projected completion in October. Minor delays are to be expected when traveling in either direction. Also, one lane will be closed at the gates next week as we install speed bumps. Your patience is much appreciated as the base undergoes these improvements. The end results will have been well worth the minor inconveniences experienced, and will certainly serve this base and our Air Force well into the future.

In other construction news, next week I

will have the privilege of cutting the ribbon on a brand new facility, for our award-winning **Honor Guard Team**. Ensuring the best quality of work and home life, has long been a top priority here, and it's nice to see some key projects come to fruition. In upcoming months, we'll celebrate the completion of the first-ever authentic band facility, for the **United States Air Force Band of the Golden West**. This facility is being built with specifications to include a rehearsal hall, acoustics and studios. Our expeditionary band is first class, providing the best entertainment wherever they travel ... so they certainly deserve the best facility we can provide!

Awards

My hat's off to the **Travis firefighters** competing in this year's Combat Challenge, with special recognition due to **Mr. Mike Melton** who won first place in the individual event, while **Airman 1st Class Harry Myers** won second. **Ms. Shenah Flores** earned first place in the female competition, while **Mr. Dave Chiodo** won in the over 50 event. Great job, one and all!

A hearty congratulations to our associate reserve partner, the **349th Air Mobility Wing** for winning the 15th Air Force Solano Trophy for best reserve unit. We sincerely appreciate what they bring to the "one team, one fight" concept in defense of our nation and national interests!

Well done also to **715th Air Mobility Squadron** for winning the 2002 Air Mobility Command Mobile Command and Control Unit of the Year. The Air Mobility Operations Group and its squadrons enable the rest of us to bring the aircraft to the front lines ... and my hat's off to every one on that team.

Special kudos to **Tech. Sgt. Randall Butler**, 60th Operations Support Squadron, for earning Air Mobility Command's Outstanding Flying Instructor of the Year award. Keep up the great work, and thanks for all you do for our Air Force!

As we're heading into the homestretch for this summer season and 101 days of summer safety, let's keep up the safety vigilance, at home, work and on the road.

On that note, God bless the Travis team and God bless America!

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On the Cover



file photo

A Travis KC-10 refuels a C-5 during a routine training flight.

RENEWED FOCUS ON PHYSICAL FITNESS IN THE AIR FORCE TO ENSURE READINESS AND HEALTH

United States Air Force leaders recently announced that new fitness requirements will be implemented to ensure force readiness servicewide in support of the modern expeditionary Air Force mission. Scheduled to begin in January 2004, the requirements will get "back to basics," and will include running, push ups and sit ups.

Travis members are highly encouraged to safely begin to prepare for the new requirements by continuing or increasing their fitness activity as appropriate. Those with medical or problematic health conditions should first consult their physician or program manager at the hospital before embarking on any exercise regimen and to ensure safety. All members are still expected to accomplish ERGO requirements in the interim.

Fitness activity has been proven to increase stamina, mental acuity, and improve overall health and well being, while inadequate fitness negatively impacts the individual and organization, leading to health problems, decreased productivity and low energy levels.

Travis reserve partner wins Solano Trophy for 2002

By Capt. Angela Smith
60th AMW Public Affairs

Amid enthusiastic cheers and nostalgia, the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee and 15th Air Force recognized the command's top active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve units at the Solano Trophy Banquet here July 31.

The 349th Air Mobility Wing from Travis was named the 2002 most outstanding Reserve unit in the 15th AF, marking the third year in a row the unit has taken top honors.

Fifteenth Air Force is the Travis-headquartered command responsible for more than 70,000 people and half of America's airlift, tanker and aeromedical evacuation aircraft. More than 30 units compete for the awards and more than 170 commanders and community representatives from numerous Air Force bases and operating locations in the United States attended the banquet for the trophy presentations.

The Solano Trophy is sponsored by TRAFAC, a group of community leaders from the seven municipalities in Solano County.

"TRAFAC is the conduit between the cities and base. We give full support to the base. Many TRAFAC members who are retired military members feel like we are still a very important part of the military," said Garland Porter, Vacaville City Treasurer and TRAFAC member. TRAFAC also supports other base-related events such as the quarterly awards, appreciation nights and the Aug. 15 Welcome Home Picnic.

The traveling trophies are specially commissioned glass sculptures valued at more than \$8,000 each. Units judged to be the most outstanding in the command for the previous calendar year are recognized on the trophy and receive individual unit awards honoring their accomplishments.

"This trophy stands as a monument to the relationship between the communities of Solano County and the finest Air Force this world has ever known," said Maj. Gen. John Becker, Commander, 15th AF.

The 22nd Air Refueling Wing from McConnell AFB, Kan. was named the best active duty unit and the 141st Air Refueling Wing from Fairchild AFB, Wash. won in the Air National Guard unit category.

This will be the last time the Solano Trophy awards will be held at Travis AFB since the 15th AF and its sister unit, the 21st AF at McGuire AFB, N.J., will be stood down Oct. 1 as part of the reorganization of the command. The 15th AF and 21st AF will become Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces. The EMTFs will report to the 18th AF, which will be activated and headquartered at Scott AFB, Ill.

"In the last year, our command has flown 260 thousand sorties, moved 1.5 billion pounds of cargo, transported over 1 million passengers, and air refueled over 600 million pounds of gas," General Becker told the crowd at the awards banquet. "These accomplishments are surpassed only in size by the Berlin Airlift. And as we close that gap, we move with a standard of excellence that every one of you can be proud of."

349th Air Mobility Wing

The 349th AMW provided strategic airlift and air refueling globally throughout the year. As the largest associate reserve wing in the Air Force, the 349th AMW is comprised of more than 3,500 dedicated "Citizen Airmen" at Travis AFB and at geographically separated units at Fairchild AFB, Washington and Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.



Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander, and Ben Huber, TRAFAC president, congratulate Brig. Gen. Thomas Gisler, Jr., commander 349th Air Mobility Wing, as the 349th was named winner of the Solano Trophy.

It is currently commanded by Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler, Jr. and supported by Command Chief Master Sergeant Anthony L. Maddux.

Last year, forty-one volunteer KC-10 crews and associated maintenance personnel deployed for 30-day rotations lasting over ten months to a forward deployed location in the Indian Ocean. Along with their active duty counter-parts from the 60th AMW, they set records by launching 2,377 consecutive missions on time, while flying an impressive 17, 517 flying hours.

The 349th's two combat-ready C-5 squadrons worked alongside the 60th AMW flying more than 40 different types of missions, to include the first C-5 combat missions into Khandhar, Afghanistan, transporting the heaviest cargo delivery of the deployment.

In all, the 349th supported and flew 518 C-5 missions totaling more than 1,350 sorties and 16,602 hours, transporting 34,782 passengers and 41 million tons of cargo in 2002.

The wing's excellent performance was highlighted by numerous unit and individual awards. They earned the coveted Raincross Trophy as the best reserve unit in 4th Air Force and the California Air Force Association Outstanding Reserve Unit of the Year Award. They also captured the prestigious Gen. James Doolittle Trophy as the Outstanding Crew in AMC for the rescue of a downed B-1 crew in the Indian Ocean.

The wing clearly demonstrated its military capabilities, but also its selfless volunteerism. Over 100 volunteers assisted during the East Bay Stand Down program, improving the lives of homeless veterans. The Wing's Top Three organization initiated Operation GRATITUDE, a pancake breakfast at the local veteran's home that not only provides friendship and appreciation to our nation's heroes, but enables opportunities for mentorship of the wing's junior enlisted personnel. The chaplains spearheaded collections for the local food bank, assisting more than 77,000 people in the area, and the continuation of Operation TEDDY BEAR enriched the holiday season for 857 underprivileged children.

22nd Air Refueling Wing

The 22nd Air Refueling Wing flew more than 29,945 hours supporting every major operation on the globe

while operating the only receiver-capable special operations platforms in the Air Force inventory, enabling a key component of our nation's military strategy.

McConnell was selected to spearhead numerous projects and programs, to include a \$370 million KC-135 multi-point refueling system, the first Deployable Network Control Center in support of forward operating locations, and the development of a milestone rental property validation program geared to improving our people's quality of life.

More than 60 percent of Team McConnell was deployed to 20 plus worldwide locations last year.

They led two Expeditionary Operations Groups, an Expeditionary Maintenance Group, and three Expeditionary squadrons in support of the global war on terrorism.

Additionally, the security forces professionals opened the first air bases of operations in Afghanistan at Kandahar and Bagram, resulting in their selection as Air Mobility Command's Security Forces Unit of the Year.

In all, this superb team of dedicated, selfless warriors garnered 83 numbered air force, major command and Air Force level awards covering the entire gambit of functions and specialties.

141st Air Refueling Wing

The 141st Air Refueling Wing provided worldwide air refueling to U.S. and allied aircraft, multiple lines of conventional alert, counter drug surveillance and interdiction, and combat support across the spectrum of conflict.

The wing provides support to two geographically separated units, and is home to the 560th Air National Guard Band of the Northwest.

Responding to presidential call-up in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and AEF deployments, unit volunteers utilized a staggering 31,526 workdays.

With less than 48 hours notice, 58 members were activated in support of the airport security mission for a period of nine months.

The 141st was also selected as Tanker Task Force lead unit for the International G-8 Summit near Calgary, Alberta. They planned and executed 43 sorties in support of 225 air defense receivers in just 72 hours, directing active duty, Guard and Reserve crews as they offloaded three million pounds of fuel.

The many successes of the 141st Air Refueling Wing were dependant upon the dedication and commitment of their outstanding wing personnel.

Recognition for specific achievements was given to 237 members throughout the wing and geographically separated unit.

The 141st Citizen-airmen work for the local business and government offices, creating a unique and wonderful bond with Spokane and the surrounding community.

In the past year, the 560th Air National Guard Band of the Northwest performed in over 28 local and national events including the presentation of the Korean War Medal to over 300 veterans.

The wing's honor guard participated in several dozen military funerals and memorials, performed at 31 civic gatherings, and marched in 13 parades.

Wing personnel also volunteered their time to a variety of community service organizations and causes, including Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, Scouting, 4-H, and pro-bono legal assistance.

Travis C-5s provide global reach in Baghdad

More than 5,000 sorties flown in support of operations in Iraq

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

Flying more than 5,000 sorties since the kick off of operations in Iraq, the Air Mobility Command's mission of global reach has proven to be a vital asset in providing airlift support for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since May, Maj. Tom Loper, 21st Airlift Squadron pilot, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Knott, 21st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, Master Sgt. John Rauk, 21st Airlift Squadron flight engineer and Capt. Shawn Kelly, 22nd Airlift Squadron pilot, are just some of the C-5 crew members here who recently returned from missions at Baghdad International Airport.

"A lot of us knew this mission was coming," said Capt. Kelly. "Even though we were expecting to go it was still came as a surprise."

Although crew members felt the task to fly to Iraq was a bit surreal, they were jumping at the chance to be a part of the action, said Maj. Loper.

"You don't want to be left out especially when you know this plane (C-5) is more than capable of doing the job," he said.

After being tasked to fly to Baghdad, the C-5 flyers discovered obstacles but nothing out of the ordinary to complete the mission, said Sergeant Rauk.

"The weather conditions were hot and you can definitely see the blowing sand. At takeoff, you can look back and see nothing but clouds of sand," said Sergeant Rauk. "Everyone from the air to the ground crews gave 110 percent to make the job run easier and smoother."

Due to unknown dangers of flying to Baghdad, the experience was nowhere near a typical airlift mission,



Master Sgt. James M. Bowman / AFPN

Seen through a hole in a window at Baghdad International Airport, a C-5 Galaxy from Dover AFB sits on the ramp.

added Capt. Kelly.

"You realize once you're flying on the aircraft and moving closer, you know you are about to enter a country still at war," he said. "Everyone on the plane is wide awake, being on constant alert with their adrenaline pumping."

As one of the largest aircraft in the world, the main function of the C-5 is to transport oversized cargo.

"It's one thing just to bring supplies in to a destination and have it taken and you have no idea where it's going to end up," said Maj. Loper. "With us being able

to fly into Baghdad, you're actually seeing firsthand who's benefiting from the cargo we're bringing in."

The plane is also used to transport passengers all over the world.

"It's also a very personal experience for me especially when I see soldiers who are 18 and 19 years old with these expressions on their faces before they're about to get dropped off. I make sure that they know their sergeant will take care of them," said Sergeant Knott. "There is a huge sense of job satisfaction when you also have a role in getting these people who were out here home."

With operations in Iraq continuing, Maj. Loper said he and other C-5 crew members are expecting to possibly return to Baghdad. However, there are no reservations about returning after experiencing things firsthand.

"There is still hostility there," said Sergeant Rauk. "The C-5 has always been extremely capable of getting the mission done. After being there on more than one occasion, I've been able to see that."

According to AMC, the anticipation of the continuation of similar missions in the future has recently led to the creation of the Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces in order to present forces to combatant commanders for command and control and execution of base opening, airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation.

With the continuing conflict in Iraq and the sustained need of providing global reach and the constant evolution of the AMC, members of the Travis Team have proven to be effective in defending a nation and will continue to leave on a moment's notice as the bridge for humanity abroad.

Fisher House Ambassador, former AF Vice Chief of Staff visit Travis

Photos and story by Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

The Fisher House Foundation's "roving ambassador" Mrs. Audrey Fisher, retired General Michael P.C. Carns, former Air Force vice chief of staff and Travis Fisher House ambassador, with his wife, Victoria, Mr. Jim Weiskopf, FHF vice president for communications, and Mrs. Nancy Edelman, wife of trustee and Fisher family attorney Martin Edelman, visited the David Grant USAF Medical Center and Travis Fisher House during a whirlwind, five-hour tour here July 30.

Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander and Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, along with Col. (Dr.) James Collier, the 60th MDG commander and Col. (Dr.) Stephen Golden, the Travis Fisher House executive director, welcomed the visitors to Travis.

"I think we're all aware of the value of volunteers and volunteerism now in this country and around the world," said Mrs. Fisher. "We have institutions, museums, hospitals and schools that could not function without the hours volunteers put in to those establishments. This is what they choose to do of their own free will."

"They choose to give their time and their efforts and their shoulders to cry

on of their own free will," she said. "Nobody's asked them to do it. They haven't applied to do it; they haven't been forced to do it."

That's what volunteerism is all about, and it's why the whole Fisher House program works so well, because of the support of volunteers in each established House."

At a luncheon attended by prominent citizens and donors including the mayor and vice-mayor of the surrounding Vacaville and Fairfield communities, Mrs. Fisher presented "Volunteer Angel" certificates to Liz Tillson, Louise Ijames, Mary Beatty, Nidia Dollosso, Ruth Bodin, Pam Martindale, Loretta Gary, Mary Dumlao, Janice Albert and Helen Baumgarten.

The awards are given in "praise and heartfelt gratitude for your spirit of volunteerism to improve the quality of life of our greatest national treasure, our military service men and women and their loved ones." Mrs. Fisher also presented a signed lithograph of an American Flag, signed by the artist, Irvine Boker, to Fisher House manager Charlene Hall and Col. Golden.

"Uncle Zachary (Fisher, founder of the Fisher Houses) had a wonderful idea when he started this program. It was genuine, it was right from the heart. He felt that that's the least he could do for the nation's military members, active



Jim Spellman / 60th MDG Public Affairs

Fisher House Foundation ambassador Audrey Fisher and retired General Michael Carns are welcomed to Travis AFB by Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Col. (Dr.) James Collier, 60th Medical Group commander.

military members, the veterans and their families," explained Mrs. Fisher. "It's to create a comfort home on a medical center site where they could stay and have the comfort of a family in a stressful time of their lives be relieved by just the homey environment. It's what they deserve. This level of care, these

facilities, and these hospitals are what they deserve. It's the least our country can do for them, and following along with Uncle Zachary's vision, it's the least that we can do to continue to support these houses as best we can, to try to create more and just basically keep the program going."

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

July 28

- » Underage drinking on Ryan Street
- » Vehicle repossessed on A Street
- » Dog apprehended on Luke Street
- » Theft of private property at the dorms

July 29

- » Theft of private property on Allen Court
- » Dog apprehended on David Street
- » Possession of controlled substances and paraphernalia in Rio Vista

July 30

- » Shoplifting at the Base Exchange
- » AWOL service member apprehended at Bldg. 380A
- » Verbal altercation on Illinois Avenue
- » Vehicle accident at the gas station

July 31

- » Warrant arrest for vehicle theft at Bldg. 380A
- » DUI in Fairfield
- » Verbal altercation on 1st Street
- » Vehicle accident at the dorms

Aug. 1

- » Verbal altercation at the commissary
- » Aggressive dog apprehended on Bond Street
- » Loud noise complaint on Maine Street

Aug. 2

- » Arson in Sacramento
- » Damage to government property, vehicle struck by large bird on Perimeter Road
- » Vehicle accident at the Main Gate

Aug. 3

- » Civilian DUI at the Main Gate
- » Vehicle accident at Travis Avenue and Broadway Street
- » Dog apprehended on Hackett Street

Crime Tip: Not all drivers have good driving skills, especially with all the construction on Travis, so make sure to drive defensively.

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 members share lessons learned from vehicle mishaps

By Capt. Angela Smith
60th AMW Public Affairs

In the first half of the 101 Critical Days of Summer this year, the Air Force lost 14 airmen in privately owned vehicle accidents, and eight of these deadly accidents involved motorcycles. Since October, 33 airmen have died from preventable motor vehicle accidents.

The Travis team has not been spared — 10 Travis airmen have had motorcycle mishaps this year and the trend seems to be increasing, according to base officials.

Some of the incidents were minor, and resulted in scrapes and bruises. But some have been more serious to include four accidents that led to fractured bones and one severe spinal injury.

Know Your Limits

Experienced rider, Senior Airman R.C. Craven from 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, was lucky to walk away from his

accident in March.

"I was riding a quad all-terrain vehicle and trying to follow a friend who had a newer, more powerful bike. He made a turn and I had to push my own bike to keep up. I spun out and rolled into barbed wire," the 27-year-old airman said.

He suffered a long gash across his throat and cuts to his right arm and chest. His helmet and gloves absorbed a lot of damage too.

"It might be uncomfortable, unbearable and hot but you need to wear protective gear. If I did not have my helmet on, the wire would have cut my face. My [personal protection equipment] did its job," Airman Craven said.

His friend, who is a fellow airman, rendered self-aid buddy care immediately at the scene. Airman Craven spent two days in the intensive care unit at David Grant Medical Center.

"Know your bike, know its limitations and your experience

level. Always ride with a friend," advised Airman Craven. "We never ride alone, even in an area with other people. It helps to have familiar faces and familiar riding styles around you."

Some all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts here would like to have a motor-cross track built at the base. A maintained base track would encourage people to use the proper safety equipment and procedures while providing a controlled environment for recreation, according to Airman Craven. Undeterred by the accident, he has since bought a new quad.

Focus in the moment

Staff Sgt. Marcus Smith, 60th Maintenance Operation Squadron who works in Command Post has 14 years of motorcycle experience but only a half second lapse in concentration led to his motorcycle accident June 24 on the north side of Lake Berryessa.

"If you're going to go for a

ride be aware that something could happen any time. I ride all the time and it only took one moment," Sergeant Smith said. He broke his right ankle and got road rash on his left leg when he fell while trying to make a left turn.

The motorcycle was completely wrecked and he damaged his helmet and gloves. The gear helped protect him. He was wearing a new, leather mesh jacket with small, armor plates and his only other injury was a small abrasion on his left arm, which healed in a day. Sergeant Smith is not exactly sure why he lost concentration but feels riders should stay well-hydrated and use extra precaution on unfamiliar roads.

The place to ride

So far this year, 462 students have taken the Travis Motorcycle Safety Course. The base usually has about 250 students per year. Additionally, other bases usually average only 50 students per year. Travis seems to be the preferred place to ride because of its Northern Californian location and favorable

weather, according to base safety officials.

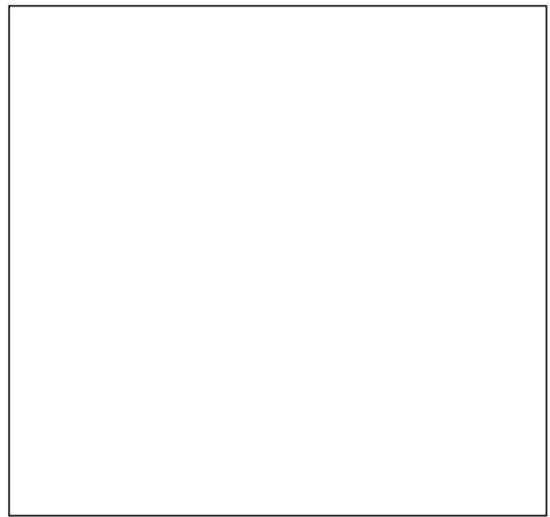
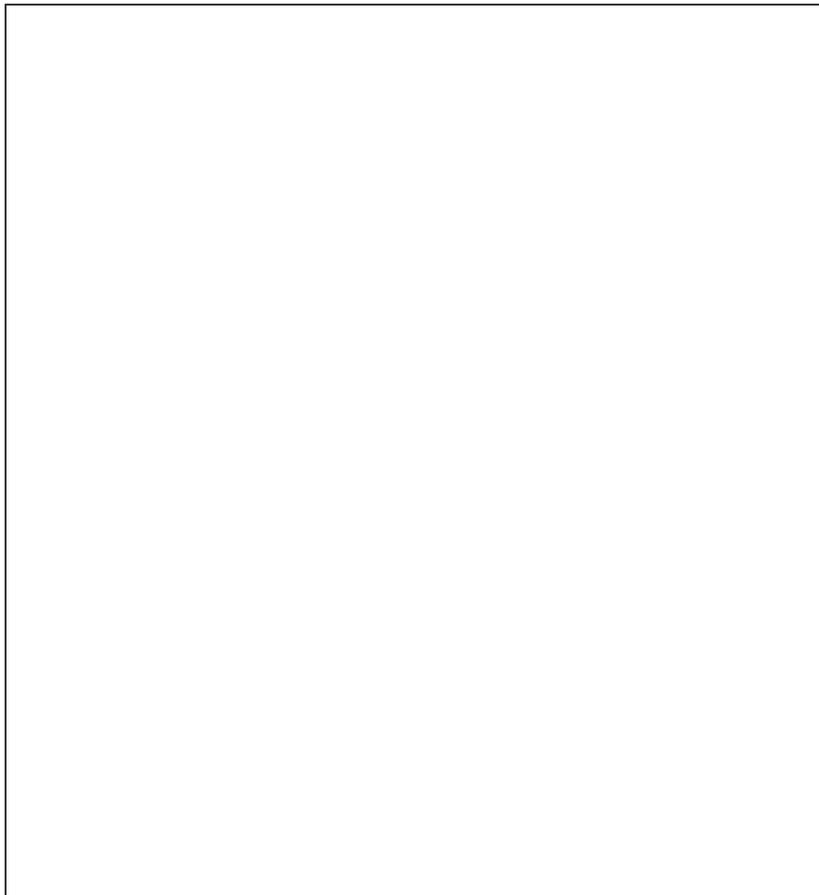
The high number in Motorcycle Safety Course signups means there are more novice riders. Additionally, base safety officials are concerned about the increased availability and appeal of high-powered vehicles. These factors combined together can be deadly.

Base safety officials hope to keep mishaps to a minimum and encourage everyone to have fun — yet safe — summer.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Marcus Smith is transported on a stretcher after wrecking his motorcycle June 24 near Lake Berryessa. He broke his right ankle and suffered abrasions.

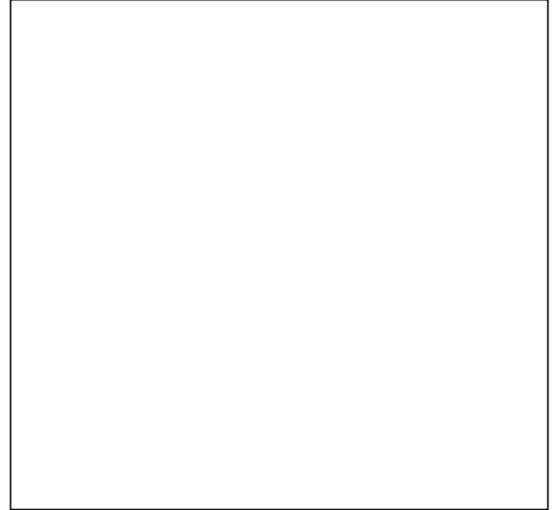


Chiefs Group Sharp Award Winner



Staff Sgt. Megan Bouthot / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Douglas Smith, a boom operator with the 6th Air Refueling Squadron was awarded the Chiefs Group Sharp Award for the month of July.





Restless Heart honors troops at Welcome Home Picnic

By **Linda Mann-Iames**
60th Services Squadron

It's been 20 years since their first single hit the country music charts, but Restless Heart is together again, playing their many hit songs and recording a new album due to be released in 2004p. As part of their reunion tour they will stop by Travis to meet the Band of the Golden West and perform a free concert at the Travis Welcome Home Picnic and ATWIND Family Fun Day on Aug. 15.

This is not the first time Restless Heart has supported the military. The band was part of the United Service Organization tour last year and met many soldiers and airmen around the world.

"When we had the opportunity (to go on the USO tour) we looked at each other and said,

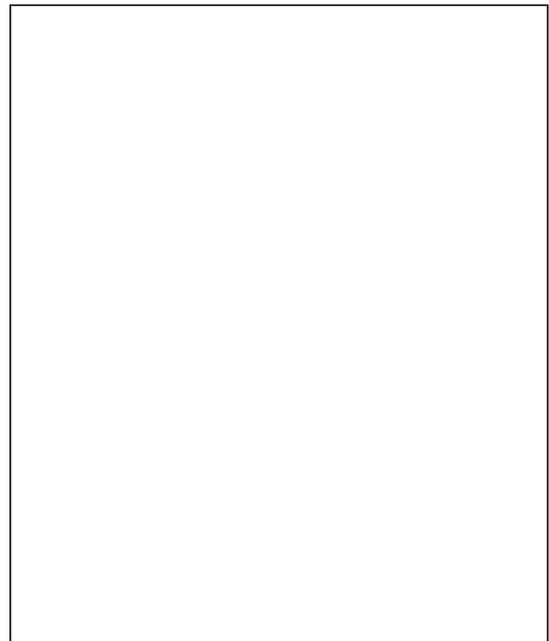
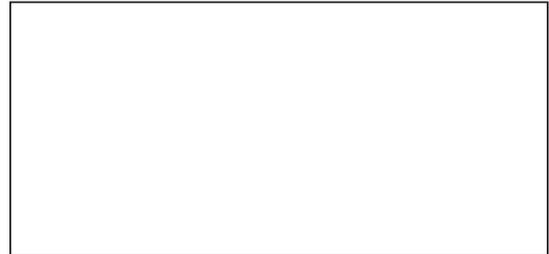
'we've got to do it,'" said lead singer Larry Stewart. "We have been very impressed with the people we have met. They are crazy, intelligent and very impressive."

The band's hits include, "Why Does it Have to Be (Wrong or Right)", "A Tender Lie," "She Cries" and "Fast Movin' Train."

Their newest single, "The Torch of Freedom," has been well received by troops overseas. Stewart describes it as an uplifting celebration of America.

Restless Heart will perform at 12:30 p.m. at the ATWIND picnic on the stage near the Delta Breeze Club enlisted parking lot. Audience members are welcome to bring lawn chairs, but no umbrellas are allowed.

For more information about the Welcome Home Party, log



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Red Cross says YES to youth

Story and photos by Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

A trial program at Travis is netting valuable employment lessons — as well as scholarship money — for thirty-three dependent sons and daughters of Travis Team members.

Youth Employment Skills is a volunteer program currently being tested at select Air Force bases. Underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society and Air Force Services, YES allows high school students to bank \$4 in grant funding for every hour they volunteer on-base, up to 250 hours during all four years of high school.

"That totals out to be a \$1,000 scholarship students can use for college, trade school or any type of secondary program AFAS deems as educational progression," stated Larry Williams, Travis Teen Center Director, who is overseeing the first year of teaming up with the Red Cross volunteer program at David Grant USAF Medical Center.

"It's just amazing," replied Ms. Sue Harmon, Red Cross station manager at DGMC. "I had done YES with Red Cross at other installations, the first time at Langley AFB. They always have a representative and Red Cross puts together a dynamite program for the benefit of the students first, because they're 'helping hands' everyday. It's providing that extra help in community service."

The reasons for volunteering are varied, according to the students involved with the project. "My father told me about the Red Cross Youth Summer Program and I am extremely grateful that he did," stated Laura Berg, a sophomore at Vandenberg High School and daughter of Col (Dr.) Alan and Melissa Berg, commander of the 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. "Working for the Red Cross has been a wonderful experience and has taught me so much," Ms. Berg explained. "I enjoy working with the other volunteers and hope to continue contributing to the Red Cross any way possible."

Others are naturally motivated by the program's opportunities and have jumped at the chance to volunteer. "My Mom came home and told me there's Red Cross volunteers here in the pharmacy and I wanted to get a taste for possible subjects to study in college and perhaps in my career later on,"



Desiree Hutchinson, a Vandenberg High sophomore receives some hands-on training from Tech. Sgt. Linwood Spears, NCOIC of the Brace Shop.

explained Krystal Angel, a sophomore at Will C. Woods High School in Vacaville, and daughter of Rebecca Drummond, a civilian employee in medical logistics at DGMC.

"I really like the people here, and it's just a fun job," Ms. Angel said. "I've learned about the medicines and plan on working here again next year. I plan to go to college, although I'm not sure what I want to major in yet, but I'm looking at my different options now."

The joint Red Cross-Summer Youth and YES program has had a positive effect with those who work at DGMC. "I will tell you this; the ones that I have had in the pharmacy, have been outstanding," said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hastings, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the DGMC Pharmacy. "They're fine quality people. They come in, they do their work, they're interested in the pharmacy business and they give me a solid 100 percent when they're on the job, so we're very impressed."

Volunteering for the YES program also fulfills a new state education requirement in California. "In high school now, the kids need community service hours towards graduation as well as towards scholarship and college applications," Ms. Harmon said. "It's a continuous process and with YES running through the school year from June 1 to May 31, it works out all the way around."

"It's really important to note every year, on the first of June, the kids have to re-sign up for the program each year," Mr. Williams said. "You don't automatically roll over. Because your status could change with your parents being in the military or separating from the military, the application has to be

resubmitted."

"At the Teen Center, we have a mock interview board that sets up for the kids to go through the interview process," Mr. Williams said. "We actually work with The Gap and other agencies where they do job shadowing. The kids go out for the day and shadow the employees so they can get true 'on the job' experience. It's a process that once they get out on their own, they'll have the tools or knowledge to actually go out and create their own job, get their own job, or at least know how to start the process of applying."

"This year we took the initiative to make it like actually 'going out and getting a job,' Ms. Harmon said. "There was an application process. There's an interview and orientation."

According to Ms. Harmon, the YES Red Cross volunteers are matched up in careers students show an interest in. "We have one young lady who wants to be a pediatrician, so she's up in the Pediatrics ward. We have others that want to be nurses, so they're in the clinics. We have a couple in Physical Therapy for physical therapists," Ms. Harmon said.

Krystal Angel couldn't agree more. "Kids should just try being a Red Cross volunteer, because I know most people don't want to work if they're not getting money in their hand. But it's really good, because you can get a scholarship and it's just good to put on college applications and the experience, so try it," she said.

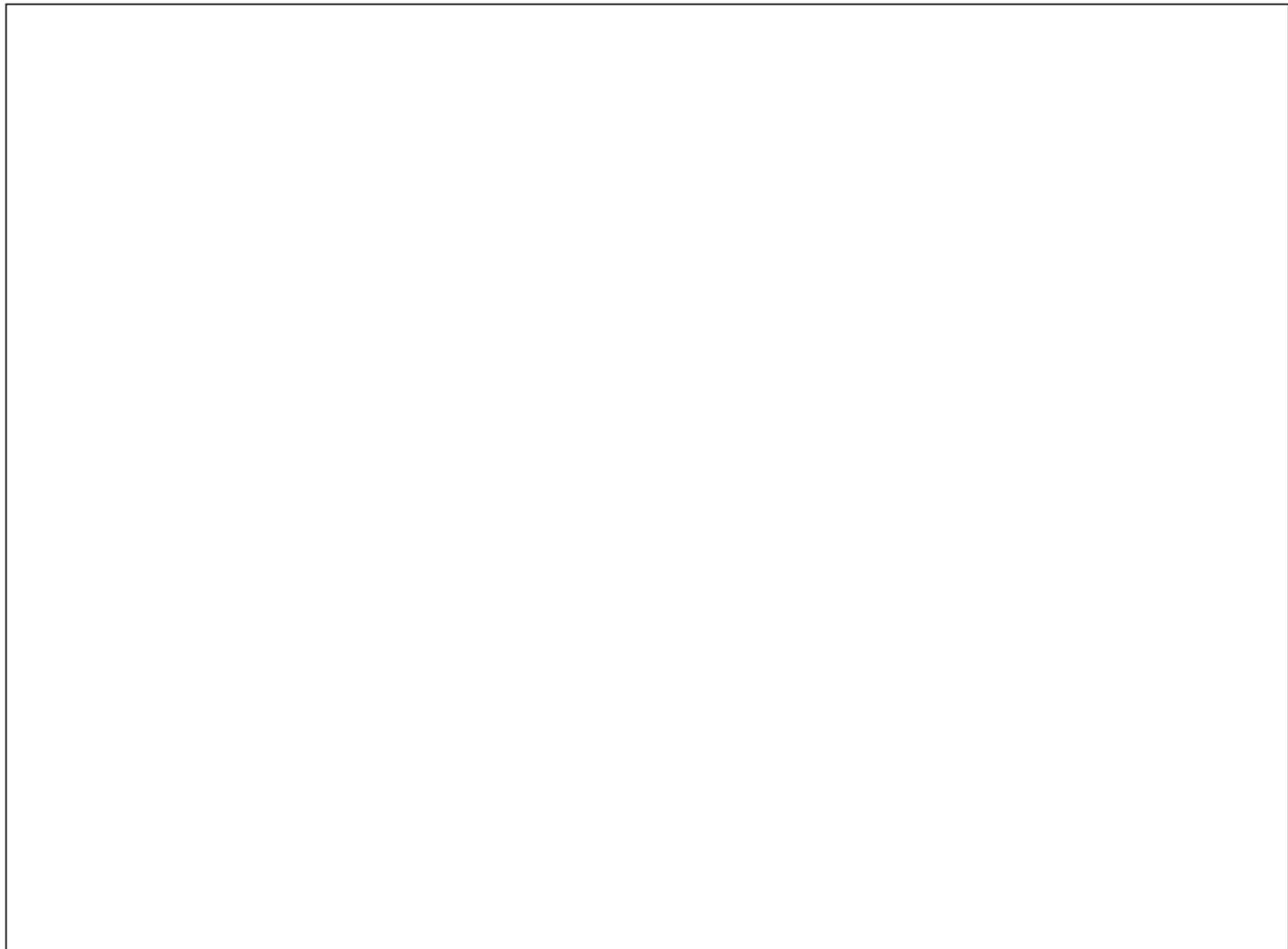
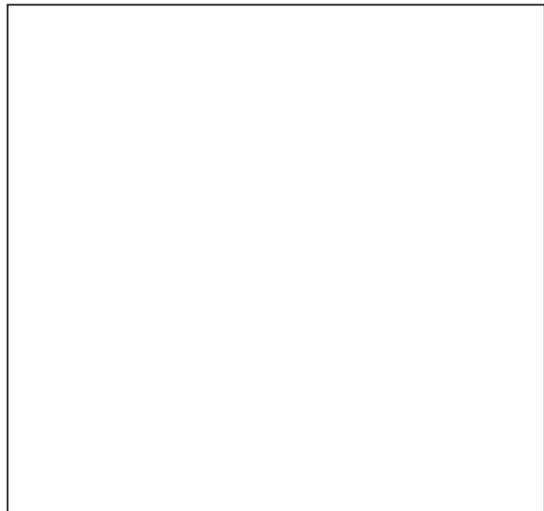
"I have to admit there's not a youth out there that can not benefit from the Red Cross program because of the humanitarian nature," Ms. Harmon said. "It's what it's all about. It's giving of oneself in service to others."

Travis member cashes out downrange.



Staff Sgt. Laura Moore, from the 506th Air Expeditionary Group Finance Office, cashes a check for a customer at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Moore is a member of the 60th Comptroller Squadron here and is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Courtesy photo



Commissary hosts shopping spree



Courtesy photo

The Travis commissary held its first "time limit" shopping spree July 30. In 90 seconds Airman 1st Class Josh Child garnered \$1027.47 in commissary merchandise consisting of baby diapers, baby formula, liquid detergent and Power Bars. Airman Child, with wife Roberta, is a Firefighter with the 60th Civil Engineer squadron.

Travis emergency personnel to participate in 8th annual "Pig Out at the Pond" in Fairfield

Officer Dale Golez
Fairfield Police Department

The 8th annual Pig Out at the Pond will be held today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Fairfield City Hall.

Pig Out at the Pond is a forum for all branches of emergency services to showcase their equipment and personnel.

Some of the agencies that will be on hand include Fairfield Police Department, Solano County Sheriff's Office, Vacaville Police Department, Travis Air Force Base, American Red Cross, California Highway Patrol, National Guard, and U.S. Coast Guard.

There will be helicopters from law enforcement, medical and the news media.

Numerous displays will include fire suppression vehicles from Suisun Fire Protection District, Travis Fire Department and Fairfield Fire Department. There will be demonstrations from K-9s, Travis Explosives Ordinance Disposal Team and the 95th Civil Support Team Weapons of Mass Destruction from Hayward, Calif.

The 95th CST WMD is a new participant this year. This National Guard unit responds to critical incidents involving suspected weapons of mass destruction. Each member of the unit is peace officer and

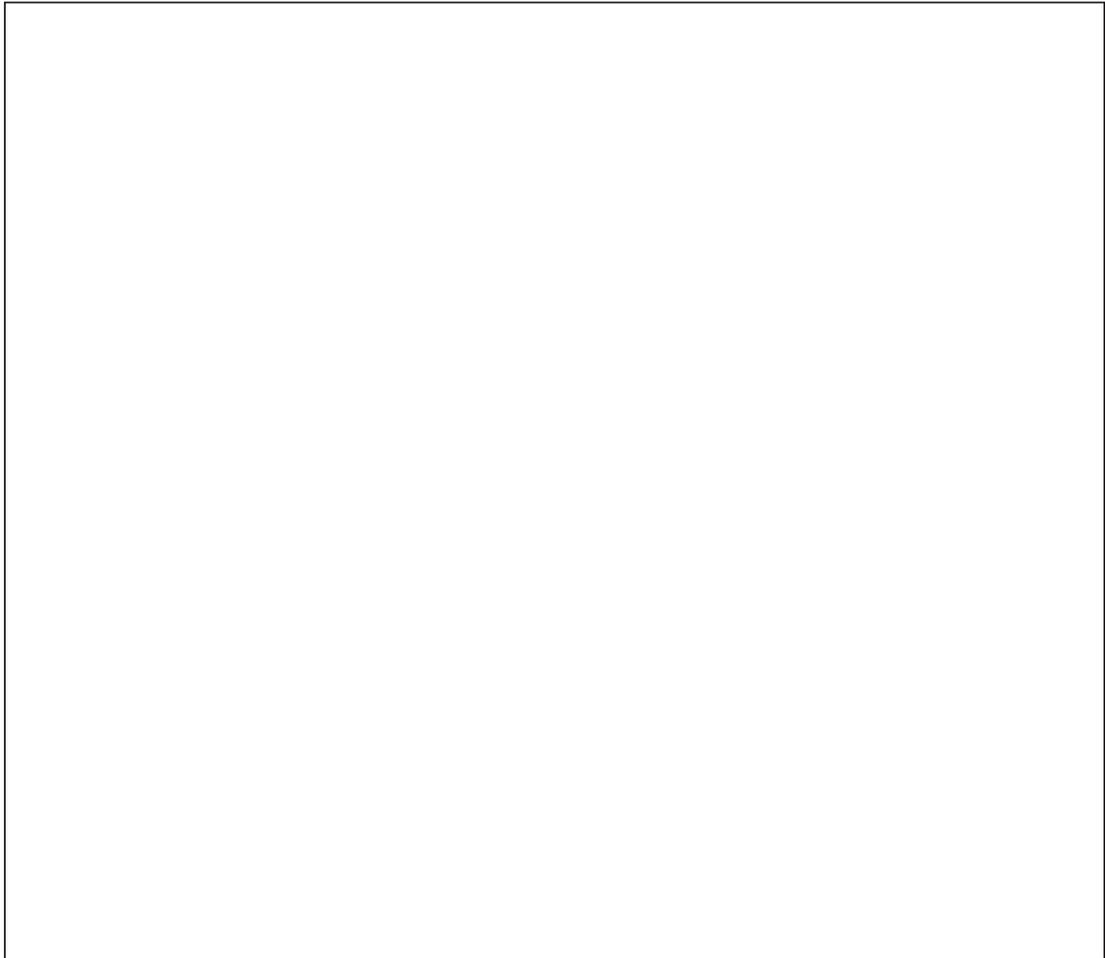
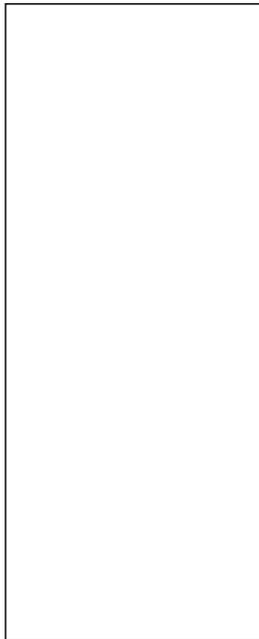


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Personnel from Travis' Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team demonstrate how to properly use equipment at last year's event.

firefighter certified. The unit augments local emergency services upon their arrival to a scene. Several services they provide include law enforcement, fire suppression, and chemical decontamination.

Each year the Pig Out at the Pond grows along with public interest. We invite our community and surrounding Solano County to come experience Fairfield's "Caring, Communication, and Courage".



NEWS NOTES TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Awards luncheon

The second quarter awards luncheon will be held Monday

at 11:30 a.m. in the Delta Breeze Club. All personnel are encouraged to attend to support our wing winners. Please con-

tact your first sergeant to sign up. All group winners and those participating in the ceremony must be in service dress and be at the Delta Breeze Club no later than 10 a.m. on Monday for practice. Contact Staff Sgt. Cari Dodge at 424-5005 if for any further questions.

Power Outages

There will be a power outage on Aug. 23 for a contractor to install some switch gear in 'A' substation. The switch gear will be used to provide power for the new hotel project. The outage will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following facilities will be affected:

Command Housing

P2, P3, bldgs 80, 81, 82, 83, 54, 52, 50, P18, 31, 1001, 16, 24, 25, 1781, 1918, 41, 560

All airfield lighting

All 100 area except 112 and 106

All 200 area

All 300 area

All 400 area

All 600 area except Burger King, BX, 690, 664 and Commissary

All 1200 area

All 1300 area

Please contact Staff Sgt. Chris Wilson at CE customer service @ 424-2575 if you have concerns or questions.

Civilian retirement briefing

There will be an all day retirement briefing August 19 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Military Personnel Flight building (Bldg. 381). This briefing is provided by the Snowcap Agency in Colorado and is targeted at fed-

eral employees considering retirement within the next five years. For more information, contact Mercedes Camacho at 424-2835.

Squadron Closure

The 60th Comptroller Squadron will be closed today from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an official squadron function. Base personnel are asked to conduct their finance business in advance. In case of emergency only, call 436-9349 or 436-9313.

2-Sac-n-Back . . . Again!

It was so much fun the first time, the Health and Welfare Center has decided to do it again. Between August 1 to 30, accumulate mileage towards the 84 mile round trip to Sacramento and back (2-Sac-n-Back). Pick up entry forms at the HAWC or Fitness Center. Participants may use a personal bike, treadmill, stationary bike, cross trainer, Fitness Center equipment or attend Fitness Center classes. Another option includes outdoor exercise where mileage can be tracked (i.e. walking, running, swimming, biking, etc). Certificates and prizes will be awarded. Everyone is eligible to participate. For more information Nicole Saroyan at 424-4634.

Special Assistant needed

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is seeking a highly motivated and outstanding staff sergeant or senior airman who has completed Airman Leadership School to fill a 1-year special duty position as assistant to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant. This is an extremely demanding and visible position within the wing and local community. As such, personal bearing and dress and appearance must be above reproach.

Interested individuals must also have technical skills in programs such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Powerpoint. This individual must also be a self-starter, and be able to manage multiple highly-visible projects.

Application packages are due to 60th AMW Command Chief's office no later than Aug 22. Package will consist of the applicant's last three EPR's and a letter of recommendation from the member's squadron commander. Interviews will be conducted in late August and early September with the selected individual reporting for duty on Oct. 1. Questions concerning this position may be directed to Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman or Staff Sgt. Cari Dodge at 424-5005.

AF to begin wear tests on new uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

“Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

“We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform,” Jumper said. “In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance.”

Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

“We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions,” he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

“I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape,” he said. “This new utility

uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward.”

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said.

“I believe it’s a uniform fitting of the world’s greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear,” he said. “We want your feedback as well — not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

“It’s important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen’s needs,” Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men’s and women’s cuts. The separate women’s uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include: — Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics;

— A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform,

— Recalling the “tiger stripe” camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

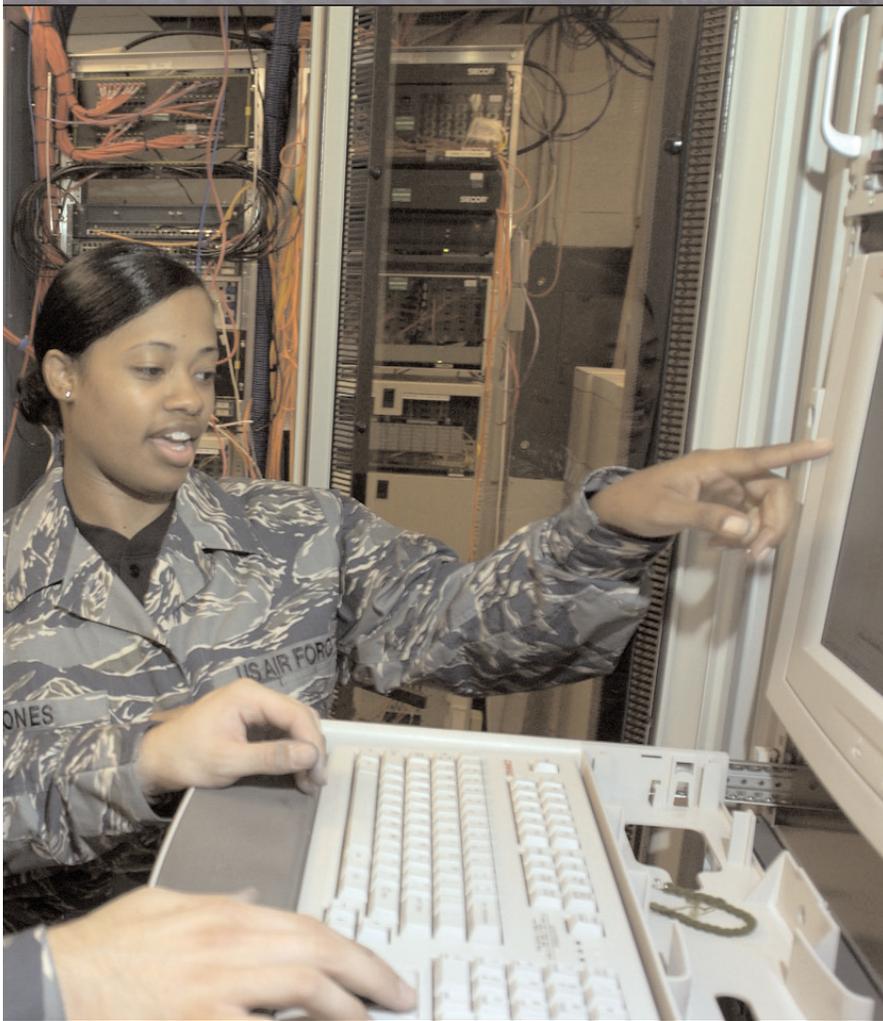
The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005.



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Besko (left) and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both with the

Capt. Rachel Sullivan and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, both with the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews AFB, give the optional Hanley-style T-shirt a try while putting the test utility uniform through its paces on the flightline.





At the 11th Communication Squadron here, try out the Air Force test utility uniform in a computer server room.



Above — 2nd Lt. Arcelia Miller of the Air Force's special security office puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point at Andrews AFB.

Right — Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford dons the test Air Force utility uniform in the Pentagon's courtyard.



The Air Force logo is interspersed throughout the new Air Force test utility uniform. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century airmen.

Travis gears up for a day of family fun during Welcome Home Picnic

By Stephen Pierce
60th Services Squadron

Free food, great music, squadron sporting competitions and lots of family-oriented games are on tap for the biggest celebration Travis has seen in years.

Travis AFB will honor the military members who have returned from conflicts abroad at a Welcome Home Party on Friday, Aug. 15.

The party is being held in conjunction with the Around the World in Ninety Days Family Fun Day Picnic.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is considered a duty location for military members and civilian employees.

The event will include cheerleaders from the Oakland Raiders and the San Francisco 49ers, who will be on scene to sign autographs. There is also a free concert by Restless Heart, one of the most successful crossover country bands. The band's top hits include "I'll Still

Be Loving You" and "Why Does It Have to Be (Wrong or Right)." Opening up for Restless Heart will be the Galaxy Band of the Band of the Golden West.

Comedians Bryan Keller and Robin Cee will open the concert, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The day kicks off with the Warrior Sports Competition, which includes dodge ball, a three-on-three basketball tournament and iron man events. Squadrons will compete against each other for trophies and points toward the Commander's Trophy program.

To sign up for the sporting competitions, call the Fitness Center at 424-2008.

For the children, the Children's Play Zone features jump houses, a giant slide, carnival games, face painting, crafts and free Sno-cones.

For children of all ages, the fun includes a water slide, dunk tank, climbing walls, water bomber and toilet racing.

The menu for the day

includes hamburgers, hot dogs, Tyson chicken sandwiches, chips, cookies, water and an assortment of Coca-Cola soft drinks.

Capping off the day is the annual Hawaiian Luau at 6 p.m. at the Delta Breeze Club. Tickets for the luau are being sold by members of the Asian Pacific Islander Association.

While this down-home affair pays tribute to the sacrifices made by the returning people, base officials stressed that it also honors those people who

are still deployed and their families. The picnic also recognizes the contributions of the people who fought the war from Travis – active duty, reserves, civilian employees and family members.

It wouldn't be an ATWIND event unless there were ways to get game pieces. People can get game pieces by visiting the Sprint booth, attending the Hawaiian Luau or participating in any of the Warrior Sports Competition events.

The winners of the e-Money promotion will also be

announced. Six subscribers of the Services e-Snapshot will share \$1,450 in cash prizes provided by First Command and USAA. One person will receive \$500 cash.

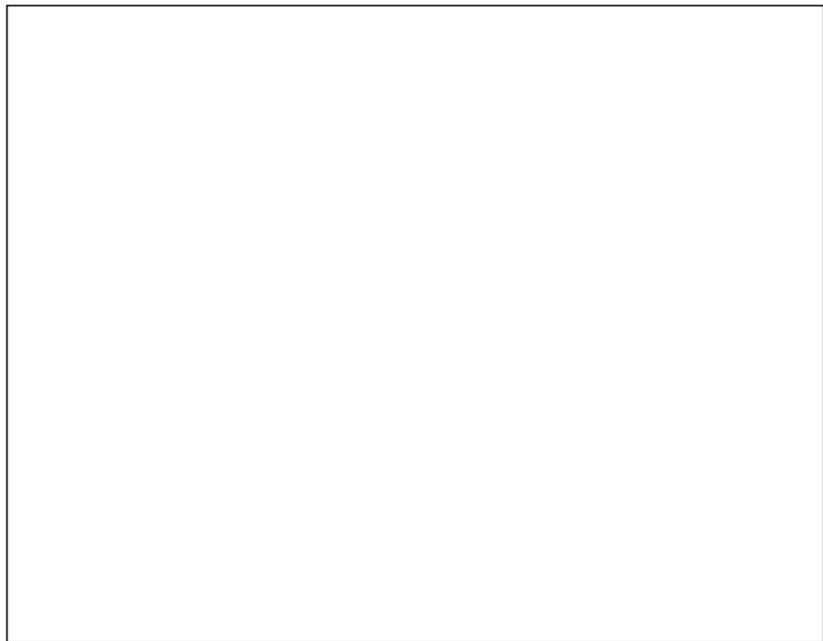
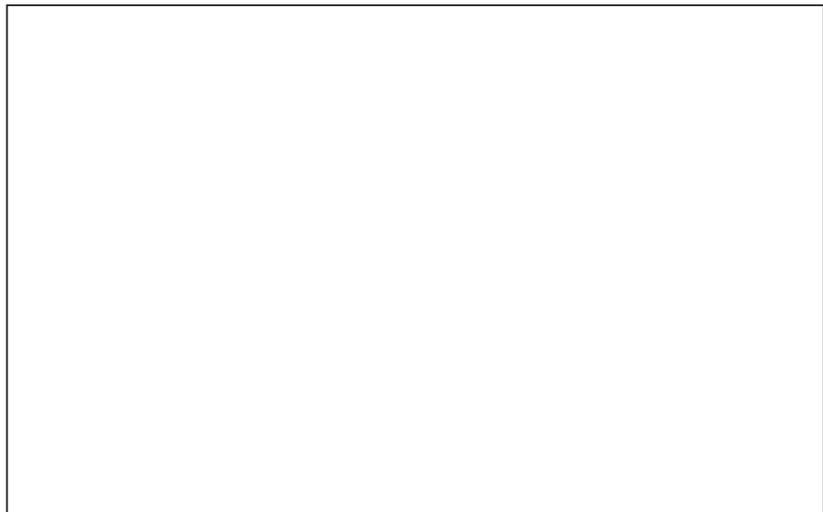
Businesses associated with the Fairfield-Suisun and Vacaville Chambers of Commerce are donating money and products to help make the party possible.

For updated details on the Welcome Home Party check the Tailwind or click on www.60thServices.com.



Courtesy photo

Children at last year's ATWIND Family Fun Picnic enjoyed pony rides, along with various other activities. This year's event promises to have many of the same events for children and families.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Welcome Home picnic and "I can achieve" pledge

Travis youth from ages 6 to 15 are invited to participate in the "I Can Achieve" pledge to succeed. The pledge will take place at 10 a.m. on Aug. 15 on the front lawn of the Delta Breeze Club as part of the opening ceremonies of the Welcome Home Party and ATWIND Picnic. Pledge cards and goal sheets are available at the Youth Center. For more information, call 424-5392.

Restless Heart at

Welcome Home Picnic

The country band, Restless Heart, will be performing at the Travis Welcome Home Party and the ATWIND Family Fun Day Picnic on Aug. 15. The concert, a barbecue lunch, sporting events and children's activities are all free. The party goes from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Log on to www.60thservices.com for more information

Visit the Bay Area

Travis Information, Tickets and Tours has day trips planned all over the Bay Area this month. Discover the museums, gardens and more at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on Aug. 17. Tour Napa Valley Wine Country on Aug. 23 or spend the day at the Sausalito Art Festival on Aug. 30. Call 424-5659 to sign up, or log onto www.60thservices.com for a trip schedule.

ATWIND days

Every day of the week wear an ATWIND shirt to Smoothie Island located inside the Fitness Center and get a game piece. For more information, go to www.60thservice.com.

Services

Today

▲ ATWIND events and locations are: Sierra Inn and Golden Hills, Mike's Place at Travis Marina, Outdoor Recreation, Travis Skating Rink and Bar Bingo at the Delta Breeze Club.

Saturday

▲ ATWIND event and loca-

tions are: Youth bowlers at Travis Bowl, Travis Aquatic Center, Mike's Place at Travis Marina and the Auto Skills Center.

Sunday

▲ The ATWIND event is the champagne brunch at the DBC.

▲ The Reno Turn-Around with Information, Tickets and Tours bus leaves Outdoor Recreation at 6 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. The \$15 fee includes transportation, a \$3 food credit and \$10 back in cash to spend. All participants must be 21 with a valid ID card. For more information, or to sign up in advance, call 424-5659.

Monday

▲ Get ATWIND tickets at the Travis Bowl, Gatsby's Grill at Cypress Lakes Golf Course, Smoothie Island at the Fitness Center or the Health and Wellness Center.

Tuesday

▲ Storytime at the Mitchell Memorial Library is from 9 to 10 a.m. for preschoolers. Children will hear a story and make a craft. All participants receive an ATWIND game piece. Call 424-3279.

▲ The DBC's Tuesday night club card drawing is from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Enlisted and Officers clubs. The Officers Club recently had a winner, but the E-Club is nearing \$1,000. Members must be present to win. Drink specials and free snacks are offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in both lounges and ATWIND game pieces are given to every customer who buys a meal.

▲ Get ATWIND tickets at the Strike Zone, Cypress Lakes, the Fitness Center and the Frame Shop.

▲ Every Tuesday is the All American BBQ Lunch Buffet at the DBC. Retirees get \$1 in addition to their normal membership discount.

Wednesday

▲ It's Double ATWIND Day at Gatsby's Grill at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Eat any meal at the snack bar and get two game pieces instead of one. Log onto www.atwind.com to register game pieces and for complete rules.

▲ Bowl unlimited games from 3 to 5 p.m. for \$5 at the

Welcome Home Picnic Aug. 15



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Everyone should plan to attend the Welcome Home Picnic, scheduled for Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will include sports, barbecue, music by Restless Heart and a visit by the San Francisco 49ers cheerleaders and the Oakland Raiders cheerleaders.

Travis Bowl and get an ATWIND game piece.

▲ Get ATWIND tickets during karaoke at the DBC, Smoothie Island or the belay clinic at Outdoor Recreation. Youth golfers can get them at Cypress Lakes.

Thursday

▲ Get ATWIND tickets when you buy a meal at the DBC, check out a book at the Mitchell Memorial Library, take a class at the Fitness Center, golf at Cypress Lakes, eat at the Strike Zone or take Water Aerobics at the Aquatic Center.

▲ Youth from the Teen Zone will tour the base from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, or to join the tour, call 424-3131.

▲ It's Uniform Day at the Delta Breeze Club. Wear a uniform and get \$1 off on the all-you-can-eat Mexican lunch buffet.

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 personal preparedness briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for those tasked with TDY or contingencies. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange a one-on-one briefing.

▲ A resume writing skills course will be offered from 8

a.m. to noon. Learn how to write resumes. Fundamentals include effective formats, cover letters and marketing plans. Individual resume review sessions available by appointment.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct a personal preparedness briefing at 2 p.m. for those tasked with TDY or contingencies. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make briefings can call to arrange an individual briefing.

▲ A home buying seminar will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 424-2486

▲ Sponsorship training will be held from 9 to 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ The Travis HERO program is seeking first through sixth graders to attend a free, 10-week course designed to improve and enhance the social and academic skills of children undergoing change or stress. For more information, call 424-2350.

▲ The Family Support Center is offering a new job skills training program for military spouses called Spouses Trained and Ready Program. A self-paced computer course through the Regional Occupational Program is also offered. Call 424-2486.

Chapel Services

Catholic

▲ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Wednesday, noon, Catholic Mass, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., 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, 9 a.m., liturgical/traditional service, Chapel One

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

▲ Sunday, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided.

For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3943.

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

Wicca

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

Travis announces captain selects

Tailwind Staff

Nineteen of Travis' finest first lieutenants will soon be wearing the rank of captain as announced by Air Force officials.

21st Airlift Squadron

Nicholas Delcour
John Grady

60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Alfred Martz

60th Aerial Port Squadron

Matthew Cowart

60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics

Kelli Silverstrim

60th Medical Operations Squadron

Yadira Haynes
Alexander MacDonald
Jenny McIntyre
Shannon Newland
Dena Pierce

Lisa Rogozin
Beverly West

60th Security Forces Squadron

John Spratlin

60th Surgical Operations Squadron

Jennifer Grady

Bill Lui
Angela Manning
Timothy Newland

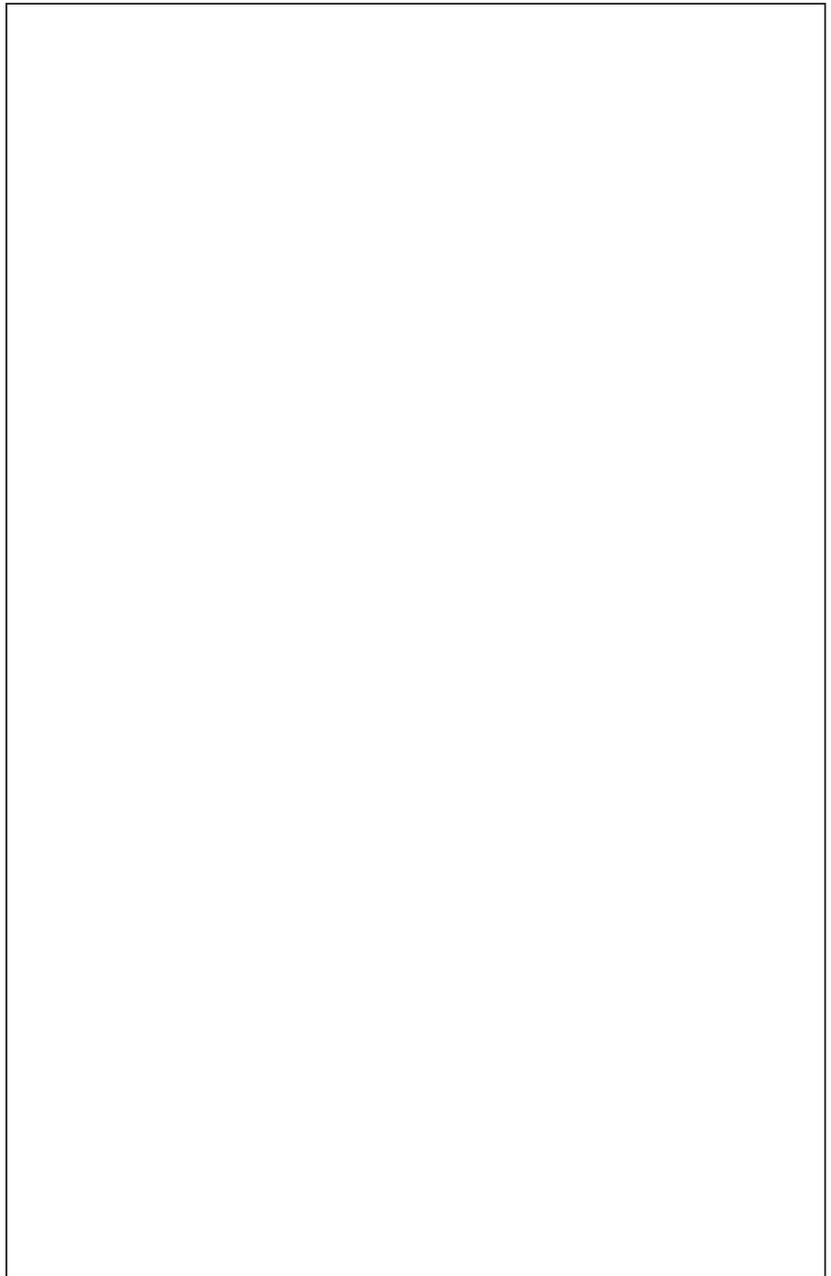
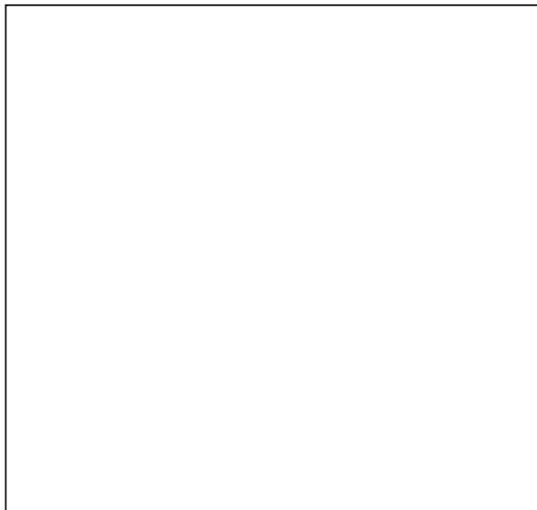
60th Operations Support Squadron

Kristopher Brasch

815th Air Mobility Squadron

Vishnu Stickney

DRINKING
The end results can kill
& DRIVING
innocent people and
a military career!
DON'T MIX



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. Notices can be posted at the shoppette or announced in the *TAILWIND*.

Yard Sales

Saturday, 126 Randolph St. 8 a.m. to noon.

Furniture

6-drawer dresser and matching nightstand, \$75. 437-0450.
Queen-sized waterbed, \$50. 437-3743.
Desk, \$35. 437-0600.
Oak kitchen/dining table w/leaf and four chairs, \$150. 446-3406.
Full-sized bed, \$300. 678-0209.
Twin-sized mattress, \$30. 437-8569.
Infant crib w/ mattress, \$100. 439-9447.
Off-white sofa, \$200. 434-1352.
Oak twin bed w/ four drawer storage, \$200. 434-9532.
Computer desk w/ chair, \$40. (701) 223-3413.
2 oak chairs, \$15. 344-2611.
Free dining table w/ leaves. 449-4563.
3-piece entertainment center, \$150. 437-2006.
Dining table w/ 4 chairs, \$30. Small end table, \$10. Night stand, \$10. 437-2006.

Appliances

Air conditioner, \$75. 437-3743.
Kenmore refrigerator, \$300. 437-2556.
Whirlpool refrigerator/freezer, \$325.

399-8601.
Countertop microwave, \$25. 447-6024.
White refrigerator, \$50. 447-6024.
Full-sized microwave, \$30. 422-7972.
Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$300. (701) 223-3413.

Household/Misc. Items

Free fish, Oscars and other. 437-3743.
Medela breast pump, \$100. 437-8569.
Murray lawnmower, \$55. 437-2305.
Kenmore vacuum, \$25. 437-2305.
Craftsman lawnmower, \$125. 437-2305.
DVD's, VHS movies, child/adult clothes, etc. 439-0975.
Children's wagon, \$30. 437-0600
Highchair, \$10. Infant vibrating chair, \$10. Graco swing, \$20. 437-0537.
Womens blues coat, shirts, semi-formal shirt and pants, \$50. 437-0450.
Girls infant clothing, \$1 ea. 437-0450.
Carpets, off-white, \$30. Rose, \$20. 399-8601.
Gas lawnmower, \$50. Gas grill w/ tank, \$50. (701) 223-3413.
Hot tub, 7 seats, \$1700. 448-8049.
Gas grill w/ tank, \$35. Floor lamp, \$5. Leather jacket, \$40. 422-7972.
Books for General Business major at Solano, Accounting principles, Business Law Today and more. 427-3337.
Infant car seat, \$30. 439-9447.
Hoover steamvac, \$150. 434-1352.
20-gallon aquarium, \$10. Microfridge, \$30. Area rug, \$20. 427-3337.

Musical Instruments

Rickenbaker bass guitar, \$800. Fender jazz bass guitar, \$700. SWR Henry bass cabinet, \$600. (209) 744-2529.

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Men's 10-speed bike, \$30. 427-3337.

Electronic/Computer Items

32" Magnavox TV, \$200. 5-disc DVD Player \$50. 437-2006.
20" TV, \$25. 17" computer monitor, \$25. 437-2305.
Kenwood stereo system, \$100. 439-9447.

Vehicles

2001 Kawasaki KLR 650. \$3900. 437-2572.
2001 Ford Focus, 29k mi. \$8000 OBO. 437-3397.
2001 crew cab heavy duty truck. 28k mi. \$23,500 OBO. 437-0450.
2000 Toyota Camry. 43k mi. \$15,000 OBO. 449-0288.
2000 Honda Insight, 36k mi. \$13,9000.
1999 VW Jetta, 108k mi. \$8500 OBO. 688-5579.
1996 Ford Contour. 85k mi. \$5150. 437-4879.
1993 Honda Accord. \$3100. 437-2126.
1991 Toyota Previa Van. \$4000. 453-1716.
1990 Nissan 240SX. \$3500. 386-0906.
1988 Dodge Daytona. \$700. 437-

9017.
1985 Chevrolet Impala. 95k mi. \$850. 437-4879.

Vehicle Accessories

MTX car stereo amplifier, \$100. 439-9161.
Set of 4 Ford Mustang Cobra wheels w/ BF Goodrich tires. \$1200. 448-4920.
Set of four Pirelli P7000 supersport tires, \$600. \$437-9017.

Pets

Free, 1-year-old female golden retriever, 3 adult male cats, neutered. 437-3932.

Trailers/Boats/Campers

Pedal boat, \$500. (909)314-8526.
1986 Beachcraft 21' cutty cabin. V-8 inboard/outboard. \$6500. 207-0106.

House/Room for Sale/Rent

Room for rent, utilities included. 365-5490.
VV house for rent. 3 br/2 ba. \$1400 a month + deposit. 449-0588.
FF Home for rent. 3 bd/ 2 ba. \$1400. 425-3522.
SS room for rent. \$450/month + 1/3 utilities. 449-3421.
VV house for rent. 4 bd/ 2.5 ba. \$1900 + deposit. 449-3421.

Wanted

Rubbermaid "Big Max" storage shed, Rubbermaid or Sterilite storage cabinets. 439-0975

SWAP AD TIPS

Swap Ads are a free service designed to give the base community a way to buy, sell or trade items. The following tips should make using the Swap Ads easier.

◆ 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.**

Travis personnel run for Fisher House during annual

Viking Challenge



This year's results:

1st - 615th Air Mobility Squadron	195 miles	13th - 715th Air Mobility Squadron	141 miles
2nd - 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 2	184 miles	14th - 15th Air Force	139 miles
3rd - 60th Security Forces Squadron	182 miles	15th - 60th Air Mobility Wing Judge Advocate	138 miles
4th - 60th Aerial Port Squadron	173 miles	16th - 815th Air Mobility Squadron	133 miles
5th - 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1	171 miles	17th - 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron Team 3	126 miles
6th - 22nd Airlift Squadron	165 miles	18th - Air Force Band of the Golden West	124 miles
7th - 60th Surgical Operations Squadron	164 miles	19th - 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics	117 miles
8th - 9th Civil Engineer Squadron	162 miles	20th - 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron	107 miles
9th - 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	157 miles	21st - 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron Team 2	97 miles
10th - 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	152 miles	22nd - 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron Team 1	86 miles
11th - 60th Communications Squadron	150 miles		
12th - 60th Operations Support Squadron	147 miles		

SFS defeat 660th AMXS, claim softball championship

Tailwind Staff

In an exciting game that went into an extra inning, the 60th Security Forces Squadron, defeated the 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 13-11 and claimed the title for the 2003 Intramural Championship Tournament.

The tournament, consisting of eight teams from all over Travis, began July 28 and concluded July 31 with the championship game between SFS and 660th AMXS.

Rounding out the top four teams in the tournament were 60th AMXS at third place and the VQ3 Navy team fourth.

The Championship Tournament capped off the regular season league play and pitted teams from the Tuesday/Thursday league against teams from the Monday/Wednesday league. For more information about joining a softball league or for dates and times they run, call Mr. Leonard Long, 60th Services Squadron, at 424-6446.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Megan Bourhot / 60th AMW Public Affairs

A combination of stellar pitching and dynamic defense led the 60th Security Forces Squadron to a 13-11 win over the 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron July 31 during the 2003 Intramural Softball Championship Tournament. The teams battled for eight exciting innings before the SFS team was able to take the final lead and earn the title of 2003 champions.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Outdoor Adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Program offers trips for every skill level and interest from a day hike at Muir Woods on Aug. 17 suitable for families, to a hearty overnight backpacking trip at Gray Eagle on Aug. 22. Participants must sign up in advance for all trips, so call OAP at 424-5659 or stop by Outdoor Recreation on Ellis Drive to register.

Earn Commander's Trophy points

Squadrons will compete against each other for trophies

and commander's trophy points in the Warrior Sports Competition Aug. 15 as part of the Welcome Home Party and ATWIND Family Fun Day festivities. Events include dodge ball, three-on-three basketball tournaments and ironman competition. For more information, or to sign up for an event, call 424-2008.

Travis bodybuilding competition

The Travis bodybuilding competition is Aug. 23. Though it is not a sanctioned event, prizes and trophies will be awarded. Registrations have

already begun at the Fitness center. The fee is \$25 before Aug. 15 or \$30 after Aug. 15. To sign up call 424-2008.

Travis youth compete nationally

Four of the 40 boys and girls at the National Fitness Authority Competition in Miami, Fla. are from Travis. Brytni Houston, Brittany Fuller and Kyle James will compete at the national level for the second time, while Christina Rowe will make her first appearance.

The competition is this weekend at the University of Miami.

FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Aerobics room

Monday

- » Core cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Strength Fusion, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Kickboxing aerobics, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday

- » Core step aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » EZ Does It, 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Body conditioning, 1 to 3 p.m., Solano College
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Core PiYo, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

- » Core cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

- » Yoga, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Hip hop aerobics, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday

- » Core step aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » EZ Does It, 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core cycling, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday

- » Cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Strength Fusion, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.

- » PiYo, 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday

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

Martial arts dojo

Monday

- » Introduction to PiYo, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday

- » Pregnancy/Postpartum class, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » PiYo, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- » Kajukembo, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday

- » Pregnancy/Postpartum class, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » PiYo, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday

- » Yoga, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Kajukembo, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater is closed for renovation until 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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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.