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Atwind's here again with more chances to win prizes such as cars, vacations and more.

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60th Component Maintenance Squadron operates C-5 engine test cell for more than 120 engine runs each year.

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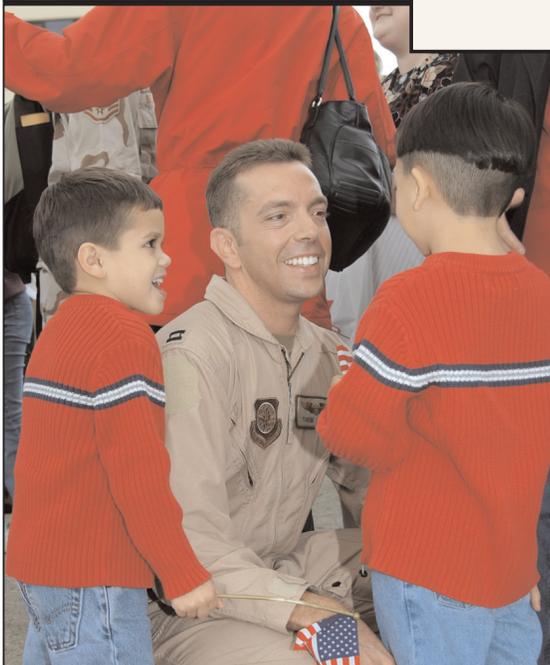
ON THE NOSE

Army 3rd Brigade executive officer trained dolphins as part of the Marine Mammal Program.

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Commander's Corner

Welcome back Travis warriors!

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th Air Mobility Wing commander

This week we welcomed back more than 100 Travis warriors who served downrange in support of **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. A hearty job well done to each and everyone ... they did a fantastic job operating, maintaining and supporting the KC-10s, which refueled the fighters and other aircraft during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I also want to salute the spouses who remained behind keeping the family together in the military member's absence.

While we can't say too much about where they were for security reasons, we can say we are very happy about where they are now. We are very proud of them and their service during this effort—and glad they are back safely with their families.

As our nation's leadership has said, much has been accomplished in Iraq, but the job is not done. Travis will continue to have folks deployed to the region for some time ... and I think it's an understatement to say we are proud to serve in the ongoing efforts that will bring greater stability to the region. We know the remainder of our people will return when the job is done ... their focus, commitment and professionalism is beyond compare!

Homecoming celebration

It was very rewarding to bring a least a few of our folks home, and to have the opportunity to do so with hundreds of family members and several local civic leaders, and to enjoy the electrifying performance by our own **Band of the Golden West**.

It takes many people to ensure success ...

I'd just like to recognize a few who were instrumental in bringing this monumental effort together on such short notice. Led by **Col. Tracy Hardwick of the 60th Mission Support Group**, there were many folks involved who are highly deserving of special recognition, to include **Lt. Col. George Meyer, Lt. Col. Kevin Kilb, Lt. Col. Bruce Vanskiver, Lt. Col. Mark Wells, Chief Master Sgt. Martha Andersen, Master Sgt. William Kramer, Master Sgt. Nathaniel Kelley, Master Sgt. Jerome Conway and Capt. Geoff Nieboer**.

Also, several senior enlisted members were critical links in the chain of events, to include, **Chief Master Sgt. James Lucius, Chief Master Sgt. Dale Patterson and Chief Master Sgt. Tom Kistler**.

Special recognition is also due to many representing various squadrons in the **60th Mission Support Group**, among them, **Peter Dolan, Senior Airman Mark Haynes, Staff Sgt. Van Steel, Aldrico Carrigan, Lawrence Cyr, Dwight Benton, Airman John Short, 1st. Lt. John Spratlin, Tech. Sgt. Wendy Pringle, Staff Sgt. Jed Coy, Al Elbeck, Senior Airman Tracy Lockhart, Annette Corsey, Master Sgt. George Stewart, Joan Bueto, Len "Rex" Rivera, John "Buc" Buchanan, Gill Freely, Capt. Leah Fry, Capt. Tammy McElhaney and Master Sgt. Jon Saunders**.

Thanks are also due to Travis' **American Red Cross** representative, **Susan Harmon** and all the wonderful volunteers who are always ready to help.

These folks were instrumental ensuring all traffic, facilities, flightline, communications, security issues were handled with

aplomb. Also, thanks to the many airmen from the **First Term Airmen's Center** for helping to clean up after the event.

Also, thanks to folks from various agencies in the **60th Director of Staff**, among them **Maj. Mike Spencer, Staff. Sgt. Erin Kessler, Tech. Sgt. Kristie Veal**, the entire **public affairs office** ... and added thanks to the **615th Air Mobility Operations Group** for providing P-1, specifically, **Chief Master Sgt. Manuel Sarmiento, Senior Master Sgt. David Linnane and Master Sgt. Dan Radcliffe**.

I'd also like to give my special appreciation to the **Girl Scouts** for donating cookies, and several **Defense Commissary Agency** vendors, to include **Frito Lay, Webco, Delmonte, Wonder and Creative Marketing**, for donating food.

These individuals and agencies truly stand out for their efforts behind the scenes, ensuring a first class reception for our people returning from OIF. I know there are many other individuals and agencies who contributed to this event's success and to each and every one, thank you.

It'd be great if we could put on this sort of reception with significant media attention for every group returning ... but that just isn't going to be possible. We're planning to have a wing-wide homecoming event later this year, which will honor all of our folks who've been deployed as part of this historic mission. Between now and then, we'll have many other missions in front of us ... and with hundreds still deployed I have no doubt you -- the Travis team -- will keep the focus and stay ready for what lies ahead.

God bless you and God Bless America!

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On the Cover



Arielle Kohn and Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Five KC-10s carrying more than 100 Travis personnel returned from a deployment Tuesday.

Mission accomplished



Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, welcomes back the Travis team members who returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The warriors were flown in on five Travis KC-10 tankers Tuesday.

Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Message from Gen. Richard B. Myers Tribute to military families

Gen. Richard B. Myers
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

In tribute to the great men and women who have served their country in uniform, May marks National Military Appreciation Month. We are very grateful to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen for their commitment to preserving freedom and democracy in our Nation and throughout the world.

This year we celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 10. As we salute service members past and present, it is only fitting to recognize those who support them and help make their service possible.

Across the country, loved ones have been separated as service members have been mobilized or

deployed in support of the global War on Terrorism. This is a pivotal time in the history of our country and we draw strength by remembering what is at stake in this conflict makes these sacrifices necessary. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families that have lost a loved one who gave that last full measure of devotion to their country during this war.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in paying tribute to the veterans and current members of our Armed Forces — American heroes past and present — for all they have done and all they continue to do in patriotic service to our country. We also salute our military spouses for their vital, continuing support to our men and women in uniform.

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.

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.

Women's softball

The women's varsity softball team is still looking for more players. Active duty, dependents and civilians are eligible to play. Practices are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Johnson softball field. Contact coach Jodi Thompson at 424-8614 or sports director Lecil Treat at 424-2085 for more information.

2 Sac-n-Back

Between May 1 and 31 accumulate mileage by biking, running or walking that equals the 84-mile roundtrip to Sacramento and back and receive a certificate and possible prizes. Everyone is eligible to participate. Forms will be sent out via E-mail. For more information, contact Nicole Saroyan (nicole.saroyan@60mdg.travis.af.mil) at 424-4634.

Do you have a story or brief? Call the Tailwind at 424-2011.

TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater will be 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.

Visit www.aafes.com/ems.

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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.

Savings Bonds

Did you know that U.S. Savings Bond information is available on the Internet? The address is www.publicdebt.treas.gov. Find out about maturity periods, tax benefits and the values of your savings bonds.

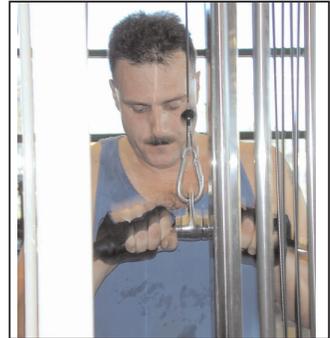
Check with the Fitness Center for updated seasonal changes for all fitness programs. Core classes are free for active-duty military, who must present a valid military ID in order to attend. All other classes are available to both active-duty and dependents, however, a pass purchased through the Fitness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

Bodies in motion

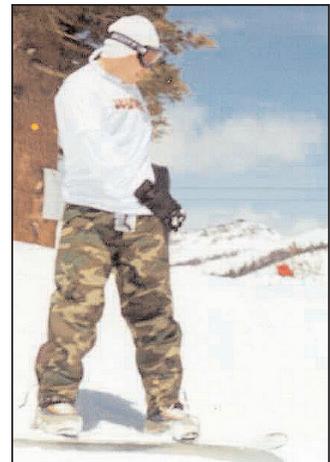
Sports, fitness large part of Travis life



Senior Airman Matthew Bates / 60th AMW Public Affairs

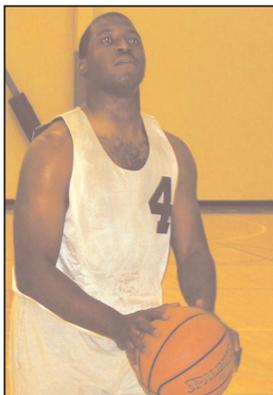


Master Sgt. Ken Britt, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, utilizes a weight machine at the Fitness Center.



A member of the 60th Communications Squadron tried out snow boarding at Squaw Valley on Saturday. Squaw Valley Ski Resort is offering free lift tickets to all active duty military members until the end of the season, which is currently scheduled for May 26.

Above — Master Sgt. Spud Micklich, 815th Air Mobility Squadron, performs free-weight squats at the Fitness Center.



Right — Tech. Sgt. Dajuan Locke, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shoots hoops at the Fitness Center gymnasium.



Retirees, active duty and family members alike take a turn on the treadmills at the newly remodeled Fitness Center.



Left — Tech. Sgt. Darren Stewart gives his excited three year old daughter, Sydney, a hug after coming home Tuesday from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The homecoming was also the day of Sydney's third birthday. Tech. Sgt. Stewart is a flight engineer in the 6th Air Refueling Squadron.

Below — Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, welcomes back some of the Travis warriors returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bottom — Travis members were welcomed by loved ones and friends after being carried back to American soil by five KC-10 aircraft.

Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

There's no place like home

Travis maintainers return from Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

Though ominous, the weather on Tuesday cooperated as some of Travis' finest landed in the U.S. for the first time in a few months.

Travis welcomed home just over 100 people who have been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aircrews, maintainers and support personnel returned aboard five KC-10 aircraft to friends, family and co-workers who eagerly awaited their arrival at P-1.

Returning members were instrumental in operating, maintaining and supporting the KC-10s, which refueled hundreds of aircraft during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Travis crews were a part of the more than 9,700 aerial refueling sorties flown by the Air Force, which delivered more than 410 million pounds (60 million gallons) of fuel to coalition aircraft.

Gathered outside P-1 on the flight line, anticipation began to build as the first plane was sighted. Cheers and hollers drowned out the band as the lead plane made a fly-by over the crowd.

"My husband called on Saturday to tell me he'd be home," said Amber Miller. "It was our first wedding anniversary. I couldn't have asked for a better gift." Her husband, Staff Sgt. James Miller, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, had been gone for four months. "It was really hard to do without him. I've never lived by myself, and I never thought I'd have to again."

Children in attendance were almost unmanageable, knowing they were just a few minutes away from reuniting with mom or dad.

"I'm going to sprint out there when I see him," said Michael Santa about his dad. According to Michael, his father, Master Sgt. Jairo Santa, flight engineer, 6th Air Refueling Squadron, will have many sporting events and other activities to attend now that he's returned.

"I can't rest now until I see my daddy," said 5-year-old Renee Reeves. "I have so many new

things to show him, but I'm just glad he's home."

Renee's mom, Shelia Reeves, has been a military spouse for over 12 years. "This was much different than the Gulf War," she said. "Last time, my husband was in and out, gone for only a few weeks at a time. This time he was gone for two months."

In those two months, Master Sgt. Kieron Reeves, flight engineer, 60th Operations Group, missed two big milestones in his daughters' lives. Amongst other things, Ashley, 6, lost her first front tooth, and both girls earned their yellow belt in karate.

Mrs. Reeves is looking forward to having Sergeant Reeves back. "I'm sure the girls will be non-stop 'daddy this, daddy that,'" she said. "But that will give me a little bit of a break!"

As members of the second KC-10 walked toward the crowd, the Reeves girls sighted their dad. Security Forces had quite a handful keeping little Renee from running out onto the flight line to Sgt. Reeves. The girls finally weaseled by and ran into dad's open arms.

"It feels fantastic to be home," said Sergeant Reeves, as he was showered with kisses and hugs from his girls and wife. "All I ask is that everyone remember those still deployed. Only when everyone comes home will the mission be complete."

Commanders at the homecoming celebration also took note that this return represents a small portion of the hundreds of Travis people still deployed. They stated they are also very proud of those folks and grateful to those families, remembering there are many who have been downrange since Thanksgiving of last year.

Though some Travis members will be returning in upcoming weeks as the mission in Iraq evolves, many will remain deployed for some time, providing support, mobility, airlift and refueling capabilities to answer in-theater needs. The "Light of Freedom" torch will continue to burn at the main gate of Travis, in honor of the men and women deployed in support of freedom.



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information



Get Into It! AMC officials announce return of ATWIND

Air Force Print News

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command officials announced the return of its summer promotion, "Around The World In Ninety Days," more commonly known as ATWIND.

According to Col. Robert L. Worley Jr., director of Services for Air Mobility Command, 2003 will offer more prizes than ever before.

"Well over 7,000 prizes will be awarded throughout AMC during the 90 days of this promotion," Colonel Worley said. "Combined with Air Force Space Command, ATWIND participants will receive over 11,000 prizes."

This is the fifth year that AMC has offered this summer promotion. This is

the third year Air Force Space Command has participated as an ATWIND partner.

ATWIND is an interactive Web-based game that rewards eligible participants who participate in various Air Force sponsored programs, services and activities. The more a person participates, the better their chances of winning prizes. ATWIND is conducted June 1 through Aug. 31. Play-

ers can register to participate by logging on to www.atwind.com or by calling the

ATWIND toll-free number at 1-888-597-9960.

Participants aren't the only winners with ATWIND.

Bases benefit, too.

Each participating installation competes for thousands of dollars in cash incentive awards. This year's "Base Mission" is to

increase participation above last year's level. Each base that increases participation will receive a \$5,000 cash award. The three bases that most exceed this goal will receive an additional \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Additionally, AMC and AFSC are offering \$100,000 in cash incentive awards. These cash awards will be used at participating bases to enhance the quality of life for all those assigned.

"ATWIND offers some great incentives while promoting quality services, programs and activities at Air Force installations," Colonel Worley added. "The intent of ATWIND is to increase awareness and participation, we hope everyone will 'Get Into It!'"



Mobile aeromedical staging facility staff cares for war's wounded

By Staff Sgt. Fran Frederick

387th Air Expeditionary Group

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Providing medical care to injured soldiers and airmen is the main job for 26 active duty and Reserve airmen of the 387th Air Expeditionary Group, located at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia.

Comprising the Expeditionary Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility staff, these AEG members are a model of the "total force" concept, according to Capt. Karen , EMASF commander.

The deployed medical team's members are what Rader calls multi functional professionals drawn from units stationed at Scott AFB, Ill.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Andrews AFB, Md.

"Our mission is to support air evacuation from forward deployed austere locations and coordinate, manage and transport wounded personnel to points of definitive care," Capt. Rader said.

Two Critical Care Air Transport Teams are assigned to the EMASF along with one aircrew. Each CCATT includes a physician, a critical care nurse and a respiratory technician.

The EMASF facility, located within the 387th AEG's installation, has a 10-bed holding capacity, according to Capt. Rader.

"We run a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operation," she said.

Capt. Karen, a Caribou, Maine, native, is a flight nurse assigned to the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Scott. "I've been incredibly blessed to be the commander of this unit and that is directly reflected through the extreme dedication and professionalism of the total team that stands beside me," she said.

Patients come to EMASF via the Expeditionary

Medical Service. Captain Karen said once a primary physician identifies that a patient needs to be evacuated, the patients are placed in one of three categories — routine, priority or urgent.

"Those with non-life threatening injuries are considered routine and, although they require evacuation, the time frame is more flexible," the EMASF commander said. "Those deemed priority require definitive treatment within 24 hours and evacuation must be expedited."

"The urgent category is reserved for those patients with loss of life, limb or eyesight," she said. "Time is a critical factor in their evacuation."

In coordinating patient care and airlift, Capt. Karen said EMASF medical experts remain in close contact with the Joint Patient Movement Requirement Center and Aeromedical Evacuation Control Team, both located in Saudi Arabia.

Since arriving in theater, Capt. Karen said the EMASF staff has attended to 35 routine, six priority and two urgent patients. All are now doing well.

Deploying to a remote location offers many challenges and can be expected. But Staff Sgt. Thomas said working conditions are quite different than they are at home mainly because there was nothing at their location when they arrived.

"This is something we train for three or four times a year, but this is the first time we've done a bare base set up," Sergeant Thomas said.

Sergeant Thomas works as an EMASF medical technician, making sure medical equipment is in working order and providing security to the facility.

Weather conditions are also a factor for conducting doing medical procedures in what some call "the middle of nowhere."

"Dealing with the wind and dust is difficult," said Tech. Sgt. Shari "It's sleeting one day and two days later it's 90 degrees."

Sergeant Shari and other aeromedical evacuation technicians configure aircraft to adapt to patient's needs. Those aircraft include all the "heavies," C-17, C-5, C-130, KC-10 and KC 135.

But despite the obstacles and unpleasantness of a deployed location, Maj. Julie said missing home seems to be the greatest challenge for this group of men and women.

Major Julie, stationed at Andrews AFB, is a physician with a background in internal medicine and psychiatry. Although she admits it's difficult being away from family and friends, she said she's "glad to be here supporting our troops. People are getting hurt and I'm glad to be here to help."

Speaking from the Reserve side of the deployment fence, Maj. Skip , aeromedical evacuation crew troop commander, said being a reservist doesn't seem like a part-time commitment. He was deployed for nine months out of the past year in a variety of locations.

"I was able to stay home for the holidays this year; last year I missed them," he said. "The Air Force provides us with everything we need, except our families."

Despite all the challenges, EMASF people continue providing the highest quality care to the injured people trusted to them, Captain Karen said.

And Capt. Michele, EMASF flight nurse, seemed to sum up the EMASF staff's outlook, saying, "Ever since I came on active duty, I have followed the motto 'C2C' — courage to challenge. This experience has offered me the opportunity to do just that."

Editors note: Last names were left out of this article for security reasons.



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

Planes passing through

Left — A crew chief checks the wing of a C-141 Starlifter from McGuire AFB, which landed here April 17 for loading of equipment by the 60th Aerial Port Squadron. The 60th APS handles everything that transits into and out of the base, which amounts to about 7,000 tons of cargo and 10,000 passengers a month.

Right — A crew chief cleans the propeller of a C-130 Hercules before take off. The plane came to Travis April 17 to pick up humanitarian supplies bound for Afghanistan from the 60th Aerial Port Squadron.



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

A good deal: US Airways' 'Salute Savings' for U.S. military personnel

ARLINGTON, Va., April 21, 2003 — US Airways today introduced "Salute Savings," a discount program for U.S. military, with special fares as low as \$79 each way, based on roundtrip purchase.

US Airways "Salute Savings" rates are available to active and reserve military and their immediate families through government-contracted commercial travel offices throughout the U.S. The fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31, 2003, for travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004.

"The service that the men and women of the U.S. military

provide at home and abroad is invaluable," said US Airways President and Chief Executive Officer Dave Siegel. "This program is designed to make special fares and travel bargains available for their widespread use."

Under the "Salute Savings" program, fares must be purchased roundtrip and are available for travel originating in the U.S. to destinations across the US Airways system, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For information on these fares, military personnel or their military I.D.-carrying family members

should contact their commercial travel office. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. One Saturday night stay is required, and a maximum 30-day stay is allowed. Seats are limited, and other restrictions apply.

Fares are available to the immediate families of members of the Armed Forces when the member is part of the traveling party. An immediate family member is defined as a parent or guardian, spouse or partner, or child. Contact the Leisure Travel Office at 424-5659 for more information.

"Reenlisting on the dock of the Bay"



Jim Spellman / 60th MDG Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Regina Campbell and Master Sgt. Christopher Campbell from the 60th Dental Squadron take their reenlistment oaths aboard the 30-foot sailboat "Warrior" at the Travis Marina in San Francisco Bay. Lt.Col. (Dr.) William Buhler officiated at the ceremony with Staff Sgt. Nicole Bline assisting as flag-bearer.

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Buckling up, a snap, saves lives

60th AMW Safety Office

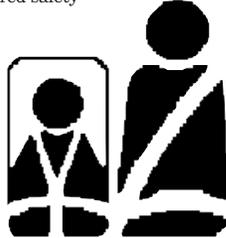
Teens, ages 16 to 20, have the highest fatality rate in motor vehicle accidents compared to any other age group. One key reason for these traffic fatalities among teens is due to lowered safety belt usage than adults.

Research has shown lap and shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50 percent. For light truck occupants, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injury by 65 percent.

Safety belts should always be worn, even when riding in vehicles equipped with air bags. Air bags are designed to work with safety belts, not alone. Air bags, when not used with safety belts, have a fatality-reducing effectiveness rate of only 12 percent.

Safety belt usage saves society an estimated \$50 billion annually in medical care, lost productivity, and other injury-related costs

Conversely, not using safety belts results in significant economic costs to society. The needless deaths and injuries from safety belt nonuse



account for an estimated \$26 billion in economic costs to society annually. The cost goes beyond the lost lives of unbuckled drivers and passengers: Everybody pays — in higher taxes and

higher health care and insurance costs.

And it's no different for Travis residents; when one of our Travis Team members dies due to not using their seatbelts everyone on the base suffers the loss. Not only does it greatly affect everyone on base emotionally; it slows productivity and ultimately the mission suffers.

Through our recent trend analysis of car accidents resulting in multiple barrel rolls, all of our members came out of the incidents with minor injuries, compared to the reality that a fatality was

knocking on Travis' door, but prevented as a result of seatbelt usage.

For those people who utilized their seatbelt during accidents we commend you, and we hope you share your story with others.

Unfortunately during seatbelt spot inspections we find personnel on base making poor risk decisions by not wearing their seatbelts. As a team let's work at making Travis aware of seatbelt safety.

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

April 21

- » Bldg. 381 cordoned off due to gas leak
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 777
- » Vehicle repossession at Bldg. 1356
- » AWOL, turned self in at Bldg. 381
- » Deserter turned self in at Bldg. 381

April 22

- » Loud music complaint at Bldg. 1308
- » Theft of private property on Cassidy Street
- » Arrest warrant at the South gate
- » Theft of private property at the gym
- » Vehicle accident on Ragsdale Road
- » Medical emergency on Vermont Street
- » Reckless driving complaint on Travis Boulevard

April 23

- » Dumpster on fire at Bldg 1310
- » Arrest warrant at the main gate
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 205
- » Assault and battery at the skate park
- » Traffic complaint (speeding vehicle) on Clagget Street
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 828
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. P14

April 24

- » Theft of private property at the base gym
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. P-3
- » Theft of private property at the base gym
- » Shoplifting at the Base Exchange
- » Suspicious activity on Maine Street
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 146

April 25

- » Vehicle accident on Ellis Drive
- » Damage to private property Bldg. 777
- » Medical emergency Bldg. P-3
- » Shoplifting at the BX
- » Theft of private and government property Bldg. 836
- » Medical emergency on Cassidy Street
- » Vehicle towed on Allen Street

April 26

- » Medical emergency at Bldg. 776
- » Counterfeit money found at Bldg. 648
- » Missing person on Illinois Street
- » Loud noise complaint on Vermont Street
- » Drunk in public involving Air Force personnel in Vacaville

April 27

- » DUI, involving Air Force Personnel in Fairfield
- » Vehicle accident on Travis Boulevard
- » Loud noise complaint on Gunter Street
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 1354
- » Vehicle accident on Ragsdale Road
- » Verbal altercation at the Westwind Inn

Crime Tip

Many drivers on this base are inattentive and lack skill, drive defensively.

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. You can post a notice at the shoppette or they can be announced free of charge in the TAILWIND.

Yard Sales

Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 665 & 667 Valley View Way
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 104 Maine St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 150 Cannon Dr.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., next to Family Support Center
Saturday & Sunday, 6 to 10 a.m., 817 Moore Ct.
Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 118 Florida St.

Furniture

Oak bench, German-made, cushion, \$50. 344-2611
Recliner, caramel color, vinyl, \$10. 437-3527
Bedroom set, \$300. 437-4752
Loft bed, black, desk, shelves, \$200. 437-1483

Appliances

Kenmore refrigerator, freezer, \$300. 439-0798
Window air conditioner, \$200 obo. 437-4752
Washer, \$100. 437-4752
Dryer, \$50. 437-4752
Window air conditioner, \$100. 437-

9145
Window air conditioner, 110v, 16k btu, \$100. 437-1166
Kitchen Aid washer/dryer, super capacity plus, warranty, \$300 obo. 437-2142
Sharp microwave, \$40. 422-7972

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
Riding mower, 14hp, \$500 obo. 425-5056
Gas push mower, \$35. 425-5056
Oak accordion door, 72"x12", \$20. 344-2611
Adjustable highchair, \$10. 437-0467
Queen size wooden headboard, \$10. 437-4344
Diaper Genie, \$8. 437-4344
Swing set, free. 437-2725
Lawnmower, \$75 obo. 437-3060
Bed frame, white, \$100. 437-9145
Black lacquer dresser, nightstands, stereo receiver, speakers, computer desk, bookcase, car speakers. 437-9145
Lawnmower, \$50. 437-4658
Women's blues, 14R pants, 8MR coat, \$50 obo. 437-0450
Toddler bed, mattress, \$25. 439-9341
Highchair, \$35. 439-9341
Kool Stride jogging stroller, folds down, 5-point adjustable harness, cantilevered wheels, quick release hubs, dual parking brakes, \$100. 446-0274
Yucca plant, 4', free. 428-5091
Wilson leather jacket, lg, \$50. 422-7972
Gas grill, tank, \$50 obo. 422-7972
Showtime rotisserie: accessories, veggie warmer, cookbook, cooking basket, kebob skewer. 437-1483

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Golf balls, \$.25 to \$.50/ea. 437-4344

Weight machine, 10 station, electronic, \$300. 437-4752
Stationary bike, pulse/heart monitor, \$100 obo. 437-3060
Treadmill, incline, \$50. 439-9341

Electronic/Computer Items

Epson C82 color printer, separate CMYK ink tanks, \$100 obo. 469-0834
Hewlett Packard 5L LaserJet printer, \$30 obo. 437-0450
Car stereo speakers, 10", in box, \$40. 439-9341

Vehicle

2002 Chevy Tahoe LS, white, 4wd, v8, 13k mi, chrome wheels, Low Jack, am/fm/cd/cas, running boards, roof rack, \$29,500 obo. 446-2010
2001 Ford Escape, 42k mi, keyless entry, leather, am/fm/cas/cd, roof rack, running boards, warranty, \$500/take over payments obo. 916-419-6150
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
1999 Ford Mustang, v6, 2dr coupe, 49k mi, mach sound system, Atlantic blue/metallic clear coat, \$11,600. 437-4658
1999 Toyota Sienna, leather, sunroof, cas/cd, 109k mi, take over payments. 428-5091
1998 Mazda Protégé, silver, ac, pw, ps, pb, pl, am/fm/cd, 78k mi, \$3,500 obo. 290-8983
1996 Lincoln Mark VIII, 180k mi, \$8,500. 448-4920
1995 Ford Explorer XL, 80k mi, tilt, ac, 4wd, cd, ps, abs, leather, custom wheels, dual airbag, \$9,800 obo. 344-2441
1993 Dodge Grand Caravan, \$2,000 obo. 437-4752
1989 Honda Goldwing, 26.4k mi, champagne/gold, am/fm/cas, CB, helmets, \$6,500 obo. 449-8611
1967 Camaro SS, red, black int, v8 350, at, ps, am/fm/cd w/remote, premium wheels, \$7,995 obo. 510-541-9467

Ford Ranger, 93k mi, \$2,395 obo. 408-578-3836

Vehicle Accessories

1998-2001 Honda Odyssey repair service manual, in box, \$55. 437-0467
Mazda Miata rims (4), \$50. 437-3776
1994-2003 Mustang Cobra wheels (4), 8"x17", Goodrich Comp T/A tires, \$1,200. 448-4920
1984-1996 F-150 short bed liner, \$75. 448-4920
Tonneau cover, fiberglass, \$250. 448-4920
German Borbet tri-spoke mag wheels (4), 5 lug, 7JX15H2 ET-35 LK-112, Firestone P225/50ZR16, \$350 obo. 449-8611

Trailers/Boats/Campers

2001 Wanderer 5th wheel, 26', fiberglass, slide out, ac, microwave, gas stove, queen bed, bunk beds, \$16,500 obo. 486-4703
1999 Stingray boat, 22', 5.7tr in/outboard motor, dual battery, dual axle trailer, \$19,500. 437-3776
2000 Sun Tracker pontoon boat, 25', fish finder, 90hp Mercury 4-stroke, cd, stove, sink, cooler, \$16,000. 437-1483
1987 Fleetwood Bounder RV, 34', sleeps 6, Chevy 454 w/39k mi, aux battery, full awning, rear coach privacy bath, full tub/shower, Onan generator 7.5, 2 TVs, VCR, tow pkg, 1982 Subaru 4dr w/ac/am/fm/cd, \$16,995 obo. 510-541-9467

Pets/Pet Accessories

X-large Ferrari dog kennel, \$30. 437-4344
Boxer, female, 3yr old, house trained, free. 437-2725
House/Room for Sale/Rent
Room for rent, house privileges, \$450/mo + share PG&E. 452-9639
Room for rent, \$450/mo + share utilities. 290-3911

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.** 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 Affairs office. **We do not accept ads by fax, phone call or e-mail.**

◆ The **deadline for the free Swap Ad service is Monday at noon.** Ads are printed on a space-available basis and will be edited for size.

◆ Swap ads are not automatically run each week after the first appearance. **Ads must be re-submitted each week.**

If you miss the deadline or request that an ad be printed exactly as written, it might be worth calling the Daily Republic for a paid classified ad. Their number is 425-4646.

If you have questions, please **CALL 424-2011.**

Tailwind Free Swap Ad

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

Name: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Classified Ads work. Call 425-4646.

NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Quarterly awards luncheon May 12

The 60th AMW Quarterly Awards Luncheon hosted by Brig. Gen. Brad Baker is scheduled for May 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Delta Breeze Club. Guests should arrive from 11 to 11:25 a.m. Wing nominees need to be in service dress uniform and show up no later than 9:30 a.m. All other guests including squadron winners can wear the Uniform of the Day.

Mentors needed

DEFY is a youth program that encourages positive development through education, teambuilding activities and trips. Each year a group of 9 to 12-year-olds are chosen from the local base community to participate. Adult mentors are also chosen to help facilitate these activities. DEFY begins with a week-long camp in June and continues through May of the following year. This year, DEFY needs more adult mentors, especially male mentors. DEFY camps begins June 16 to 20 in South Lake Tahoe (Permissive TDY for mentors). For more information, contact Capt. Karie Pahia at 442-1705 or Jane 424-5266.

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 who did not receive flowers last week may 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.

Tuskegee drive rescheduled

The Tuskegee Airman has rescheduled the membership drive that was cancelled due to weather on April 4. The new drive will be held on May 16 at the Travis Air Museum on Burgan Boulevard from 11 a.m. until 1:30 pm. Hot Links and Brats 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.

60th MDG display

There will be a scientific poster display at David Grant Medical Center. DGMC has one of the largest clinical investigation facilities in the Air Force with numerous 60th MDG staff members working on various projects. Travis people are invited to see the display of medical and scientific research carried out by DGMC's staff. The research will be displayed in the first floor hallway of the hospital across from the hospi-

tal dining hall Monday through Friday.

Car show May 29

The 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is holding their 3rd annual car show at building 185 on May 29. If people are interested in showing their vehicle free of charge please contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Vasquez or Mr. Jacobs at 424-7015. People are encouraged to bring classic, muscle and project cars also. The Travis Fire Dept, California Highway Patrol are also planning on displaying vehicles.

Base maps available

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

Volunteers needed

A new addition to this year's "Know Your City Week" is the Vacaville Cultural Diversity Faire tomorrow from 10 am to 4 pm at Andrews Park. This event will showcase Vacaville's diversity through a variety of informational and interactive booths, live bands and on-stage performances, and an international food court at the McBride Senior Center. Events will also focus on children and the young at heart with games and prizes in store. Volunteers are needed for set up and break down. To volunteer, contact Lorna Villacampa at 424-2337.

AMERICAN PEOPLE PROFILES

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Carbullido, an electronic warfare journeyman for the 349th Component Maintenance Squadron, is one of our activated reservists here at Travis working in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He will be on active duty for a minimum of one year, up to two years depending on the operations tempo. In his civilian life, he is a communications technician-E.S.S. for Pacific Bell where he has been for the last seven years. Sergeant Carbullido is a single parent residing in Sacramento with his two daughters, Sherae, 15, and Desiree, 8.

Carbullido returned to the Travis community in 1988 with his first assignment as an avionics instrument systems specialist with the 60th Avionics Maintenance Squadron. In 1991, he became a member of the 349th Component Repair Squadron as a guidance and control systems technician, now the 349th Compo-



Tech. Sgt. Darrell Carbullido, left

nent Maintenance Squadron as an electronic warfare journeyman.

His extracurricular activities include participating in the Asian-Pacific Islander Association here at Travis where he has participated in numerous functions since 1988. Carbullido emphasized that "we're a non-profit organization promoting the different ethnic backgrounds of our local and military communities to increase public awareness of our beautiful heritage."



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Shih is the Maintenance Superintendent for 60th Component Maintenance Squadron. His duties include supervising production efforts of 346 military, civilian, contractor, and Air Reserve Technician employees. Unit technical advisor for maintenance management of the West Coast Engine Regional Repair Center and avionics components for 37 assigned C-5 aircraft. Chief Shih is also responsible for quality calibrations and repair of 6,300 tests, measurement, and diagnostic equipment items in region's only Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory. He manages a \$124 million financial budget and \$1 billion in facilities and equipment.

Shih arrived at Travis in August of 2000, and

has been involved in numerous activities on Travis. While at Travis he has served as President of the Travis' Asian Pacific Islander Association, Base Recruiting Assistance Program Manager and has stepped in as a first sergeant.



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Shih

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

Army reservist recounts time spent training dolphins for the Navy

By Senior Airman Megan Bouthot
60th AMW Public Affairs

For the first time, the Navy has turned to dolphins to aid in success during a wartime mission.

While this is a new concept for most of the general population, the marine mammal program that trains marine mammals to locate bombs has been part of the Navy for more than 30 years. It was also a part of 2nd Lt. Paula Rood's military career.

Lieutenant Rood's career began in 1987 when she joined the Army as an enlisted member assigned as an animal care specialist in Washington, D.C. After receiving an assignment to Hawaii she was introduced to the marine mammal program and began training dolphins to find bombs for the Navy.

"I always wanted to be a dolphin trainer," Rood said. "That is why I worked so hard to get into the program."

Rood worked with dolphins for more than two years, and during that time participated in their training and care, which she believes was exceptional.

"I want to point out the safety of these dolphins. Many animal rights activists are opposed to this, but the military treats these dolphins as a team member," Rood said. "Their health and well being is the military's priority."

The Navy uses bottle-nosed dolphins, as well as sea lions, in their training program. The dolphin starts training by locating a simulator, or fake bomb, through echolocation. Echolocation is

"dolphin sonar," and it allows dolphins the ability to create a picture of their surroundings using sound. The dolphins are able to find bombs with more success than any man-made sonar device.

Once the dolphin has been successfully trained in locating the fake bomb they begin training in the open ocean.

The dolphins are trained to drop a marker at least six feet away from any bombs they locate. This ensures the safety of the dolphin while allowing divers to know the approximate location of any bombs in the area.

Rood left the animal care career field and took a direct commissioning as a nurse in the Army reserves. She is currently working as the headquarters detachment executive officer for the 3rd Brigade, 91st Division at Travis. Her days with dolphins seemed well behind her until the war began and the use of marine mammals began making the news.

"When I first saw the two dolphins Makai and Tacoma in the news in

regard to the mission in Iraq I threw up my hands and said 'Makai, that is the dolphin I trained,'" Rood said.

Though Rood enjoyed the time she spent working as a dolphin trainer for the Navy, she is not trying to become part of the program again.

"I won't work with the dolphins again," she said. "It was a once in a lifetime chance."



Courtesy photo

2nd Lt. Paula Rood, the executive officer of the Army 3rd Brigade Headquarters here, poses with a dolphin she trained while working with the Marine Mammal Program.



EOD: Unexploded ordnance real concern

War trophies, duds still pose deadly threat

By Senior Master Sgt. Andy Suan
60th Civil Engineer Squadron

I recently read two stories that caught my attention. The first was the story of an elderly gentleman who, while digging in his garden in England, found a metal object in the soil. As he continued unearthing it, he thought it looked like a bomb. Sure enough, when the military Bomb Disposal unit responded, they found a decaying, high explosive, 250-kilogram German bomb dropped during World War II.

The second story involved a family in Virginia. The family had been out enjoying a movie, when they returned home they found that an explosion had blown out the front of their house. After much investigation it seems the culprit was an antique cannonball from the Civil War. The owner had purchased it at a swap meet and placed on his mantle where it had detonated after being heated by the fireplace.

How does this relate to you here in California? Well, both of these scenarios can play out right in our back yard.

This year alone Explosive Ordnance Disposal flights worldwide have responded to more than 30 tons of unexploded ordnance. Some of these items are recently discovered, while some are "souvenirs," that have returned from countless battlefields and skirmishes around the world.

Last year the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD flight responded to over 20 items located in the local area. These items all had one thing in common, they had remained true to their intended purpose, to maim or kill. The EOD flight has also been involved with many responses to ordnance turned in or found during police actions that people have kept as souvenirs or mementoes, providing technical expertise and knowledge to supplement local bomb disposal teams.

In present day training operations the military uses designated, well marked, and patrolled ranges for munitions firing and testing. EOD is tasked with periodic clearances of these ranges to ensure that they are safe for use.

Prior to turning these areas over to the civilian sectors they are subjected to an exacting surface and subsurface clearance to ensure they are as safe as possible. Unfortunately, this



Old ordnance, like the cannonball pictured here, are still highly volatile.

was not always true.

In the years surrounding World War I, many remote or sparsely populated areas were used for training exercises and firing weapons for proficiency.

Approximately 10 percent of all fired ordnance can be expected to malfunction or "dud," that is, not detonate as designed.

Not seeing the future as encroaching on these areas, the personnel involved in training many times left the duds in place, never envisioning the hazards they were leaving behind.

With the passing years these duds have actually become more hazardous than when they were first fired. The elements have eroded munitions casings and caused the explosives to become more sensitive. This creates the potential for disaster for the unsuspecting. Nearly everyone has a relative that has been a member of the armed forces and many have items left from their years of service. Some of these items may seem harmless, but are in fact dangerous.

Is that grenade that Uncle Ned brought home following World War II or the Korea Conflict safe, or if you pull the pin will it function as designed? What about those bullets that Grandpa kept from World War II? Did you or anyone you know bring back anything from Desert Storm that could hurt or kill loved ones?

To prevent accidents from occurring, tell your friends and family that if they find anything that may be an ordnance item while out enjoying the area, don't touch it. Mark it, so it can be found again, and report it to the nearest local Law Enforcement agencies or Fire Department. These agencies have procedures in place to contact the professionals trained in safe transport and disposal of hazardous objects.

If you have military ordnance in your possession, and any

doubt exists as to whether it is safe or not, contact the local police department and let them know you have an item that you would like their assistance with. Please do not transport it to the police station and walk up to the desk and say "Here's a grenade I found, can you get rid of it for me?" As crazy as this may sound, it happens. Whatever you do, do not take matters into your own hands.

These items, no matter how small are designed to kill. A hand grenade can have a lethal radius of over 100 feet. Even if you aren't the one picking it up, you may pay the penalty. Bomb Squads and EOD are trained in the safe removal or disposal of these items and will decide on the proper course of action for each situation.

I will leave you with a final thought. Not all that glitters is gold, and not all buried objects are hazardous. Don't take a chance, let the experts decide which you have found. Be aware of your surroundings and be alert to all dangers, both natural and man-made.

Knowledge is power!

Read a book at the base library.



Who was that masked band?



Senior Airman Nicole Watt / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Dave Parker, trombone player and Unit Deployment Manager at the USAF Band of the Golden West helps Tech. Sgt. Jim Masters, trumpet player and NCOIC of the Travis Brass quintet, get the proper fit for his gas mask. Members of all the Air Force bands will soon be attached to AEF rotations to provide musical support and entertainment for other deployed troops.



Air Force clubs offer scholarships

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Clubs is offering \$25,000 in scholarship money to any club member or his or her family members. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs.

Scholarships will be awarded

based on a 500-word essay written about "Air Force Clubs — Help Us Make Members First."

All entries must be submitted to the base services commander or director by July 15. Students are eligible if they have been accepted by or are

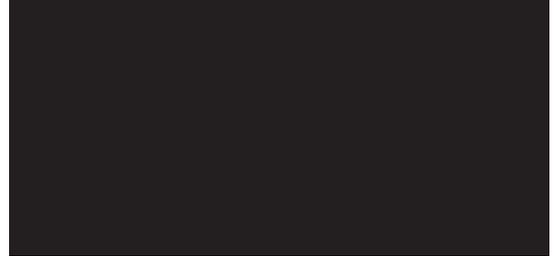
enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall 2003 term as a part-time or full-time student.

Rules and entry forms are available online at <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm>.



Stressed out?

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



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 Web site at www.Pepperbelly.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.

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.

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 call to arrange a one-on-one briefing.

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

▲ The Heart Link program to acquaint new Air Force spouses with services and programs on Travis is at 9 a.m. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ 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 a one-on-one briefing.

▲ The budgeting and credit class is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The career portfolio development class, teaching portfolio creation, is from 9 a.m. to noon.

▲ Change Management is from 1 to 4 p.m. Topics include coping skills for lifestyle changes, relocating to new bases and job changes. Call 424-2486.

Friday

▲ The Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan briefing is from 9 to 10 a.m. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Check listings posted at the FSC for job vacancies from off-base companies and agencies in the local area and nationwide. Internet vacancy listings are also available and contain worldwide and federal job listings. Call 424-2486.

▲ The FSC loans household items such as cookware, high chairs, cribs, futons and small appliances to those relocating with household goods in transit. Loans require a copy of PCS orders. If orders are not available, the active or retired member only may process the loan. Situations are handled on a case-by-case basis. For information call 424-2486.

Family Advocacy

Playgroups

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

Home, sweet, home



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Families of deployed Travis personnel anxiously wait for five KC-10 aircraft to return from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Tuesday.

months old.

Parents can network with other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

Dads boot camp

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

Parenting classes

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

TRAVIS CHAPEL

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND NEWS

Catholic services

- ▶ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.
- ▶ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC Chapel.
- ▶ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.
- ▶ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.
- ▶ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.
- ▶ Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.
- ▶ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

- ▶ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.
- ▶ Sunday, 8 a.m., 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 services

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

Wicca services

Classes are held at various locations and times. E-mail beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

Arbor Day tree planting ceremony



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Col. Tracy Hardwick, deputy commander, 60th Mission Support Group and Chaplain (Col.) Gregory Malinsky plant a tree in front of Chapel Center in honor of Arbor Day, April 25.

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., 4:30 p.m.

Wing Commander's Call: At 8:30a.m., 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Travis emphasizes family care plans

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

Travis members are constantly deploying to support contingency operations worldwide -- sometimes with very little notice. Some of these duties will separate members from their families, requiring special arrangements during these circumstances. Planning ahead can save a lot of time, relieve

stress and can make the separation much more bearable.

"With deployments at an all time high, it is crucial that our Active Duty Force members have arrangements made for the care of their families. AFI 36-2908, Family Care Plan, directs single parents and dual military couples with deployments to develop a written Family Care Plan with their First Sergeant," wrote Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, in a recent memorandum.

Travis AFB first sergeants have recently been tasked to establish new FCPs in a timely manner and to perform annual reviews to ensure full compliance with the FCP program.

The following areas require special attention:

- ▶ Properly complete AF Form 357, Family Care Certification, with the member and ensure the primary short-term caregiver and temporary custodian live in the local vicinity.
- ▶ Ensure powers of attorney are current and that they contain information necessary to allow for medical care, enrollment in school, finances and any other actions necessary for the proper care of family members
- ▶ Inform single military parents and dual military couples with children under the age of 10, that they are allowed to obtain identification cards for their children
- ▶ Ensure all military members check their Record for Emergency Data on a regular basis to reflect current next-of-kin information.

Capt. Julie Wiemer has been appointed the wing FCP Program Advisor. She is responsible for ensuring the effectiveness of unit FCP programs. Call Capt. Weimer at 424-5359 for more information.



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Test cell pilots

60th Component Maintenance Squadron keeps Travis engines running smooth

Story and photos by Senior Airman Megan Bouthot
60th AMW Public Affairs

The planes at Travis play an important role in the support of troops worldwide. The C-5 Galaxy, a cargo plane housed here at Travis, is an important part of delivering that support.

In order for the C-5 to get off the ground and deliver much needed supplies to deployed troops, all of its parts must be in working order. This is where the test cell of the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron works its magic.

The test cell is one of only two test cells Air-Force-wide that has the ability to test the TF-39 engine used on C-5s. The other test cell with this capability is located at Dover AFB, Del.

The 12-man shop utilizes a computer system, known as the automated jet engine test system, to perform all engine runs. The AJETS system allows checks on more than 80 engine parameters.

The AJETS system which is only utilized here at Travis as a prototype scheduled to be introduced AF wide in fiscal year 2004, according to Staff Sgt. Mike Johnson, an aerospace propulsion specialist with the 60th CMS.

AJETS has allowed the accurate testing of TF-39s with much less human error due to the standardized testing performed by the computer, Sergeant Johnson said.

The shop conducts more than 120 engine runs each year, at a cost of more than \$3000 per run. If the engine needs any maintenance the members of the test cell also perform the work before the engine is cleared and put to use on an aircraft, according to Sergeant Johnson.

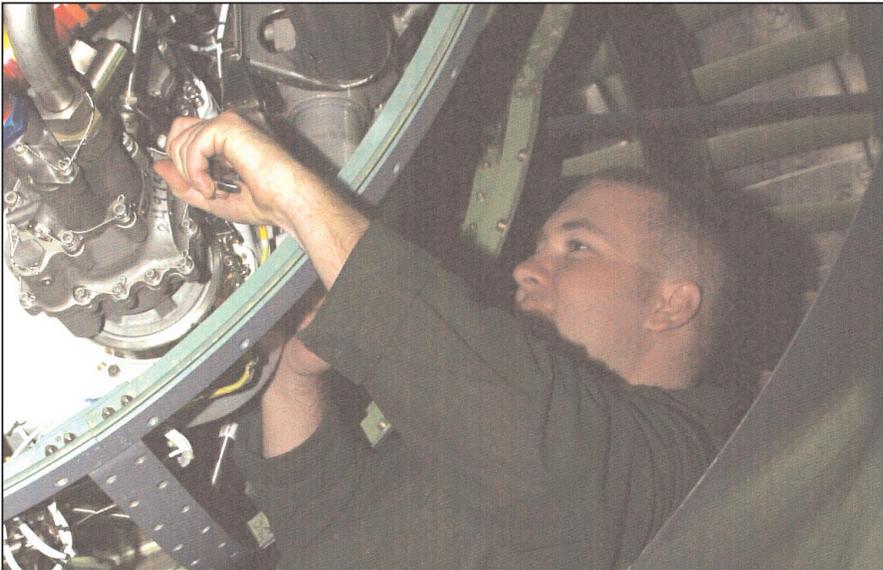
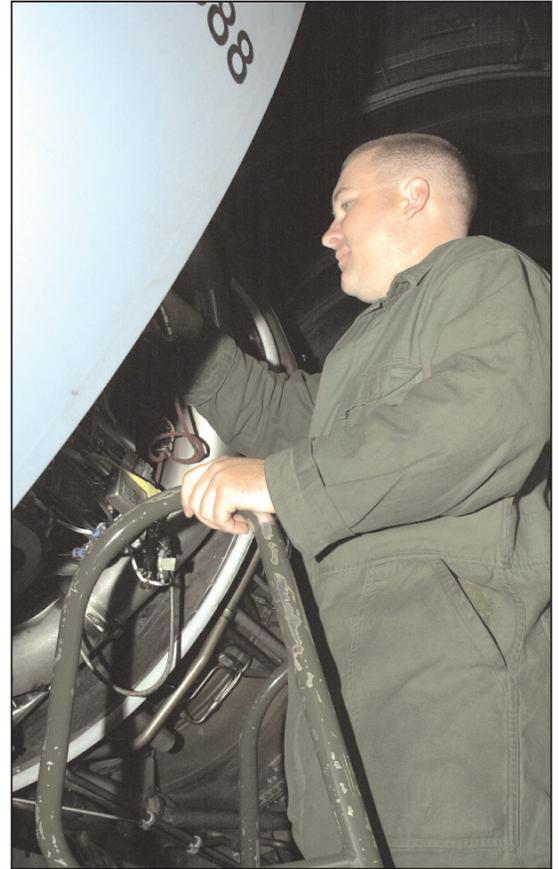
Each engine can remain in the shop for one day to one week, depending on the nature of tests and maintenance performed, said Senior Airman Steve Fields, an aerospace propulsion specialist with the 60th CMS.

The building that houses the engines is also insulated with a sound absorbing material that allows engines to be run 24 hours a day, if there is a need, without disturbing the members of Travis or surrounding communities, Sergeant Johnson said. The shop is currently operating on two shifts, a day shift and a swing shift.

This ensures that the C-5 is sent out on each mission with an engine that meets all AF requirements and has passed a 30-step test.

While it is important for the planes to get to their destinations, safety is the most crucial part of the mission for the test cell. Lives could be jeopardized if each engine isn't properly operating.

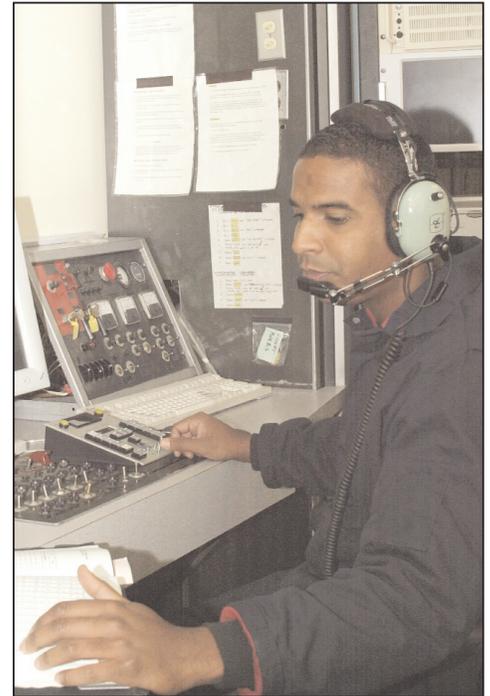
According to Staff Sgt. Craig Brokter, an aerospace propulsion specialist with 60th CMS, "It is most important that we put out a safe, quality product."



Top right — Senior Airman Steve Fields checks oil levels on a C-5 engine during its stay in the 60th CMS test cell.

Above — Airman Fields makes adjustments to a C-5 engine.

Right — Staff Sgt. Craig Brokter runs the AJETS system, an automated computer system that aids in engine runs and parameter checks.





Chaplain marries couple at Cypress Lakes

By Chap. (Capt.) Jack Stanley
615th AMDC and 22nd AS chaplain

The scene: our base golf course, Cypress Lakes, four miles off Travis Air Force Base. The event: a "going away" golf scramble in honor of the vice commander of our large military hospital.

I walk out of the clubhouse ready to find my cart and a cell phone is shoved in my face by one of our chief master sergeants. "It's for you," she proclaimed loudly.

"Huh?" Not quite knowing who she was, or especially who was on the other line, let alone how that person knew I was here, put the phone to my ear.

"Chaplain, Mark Stevenson here" (the 1st Sgt for one of the largest squadrons on base).

"Can you perform a wedding for me? I've got a couple here, the guy is going to get on a C-5 to deploy in less than 2 hours. They were going to have a June wedding but will now not be able to. They tried to get with the Justice of the Peace, but the line was too long."

"Hmmm," I say. "I don't know, rushed ceremonies are against my better judgment ... How old are they?"

"19 and 20"

"Quite young, give me more information ... how long have they dated, have they been in counseling?"

"Oh yes, chaplain, they've been in counseling with an agency off base, had a full-up wedding planned, which will now have to be postponed, and they've been dating for four years."

"Hmmm ... "I ponder some more. "Do they want children?"

"Do you want children?" I hear him ask. "Yes, Chap, eventually."

"Are they the same religion?"

Mumble Mumble. "Yes, Chaplain, they're both Baptist."

"Well, Shirt. If it was anyone but you I'd say 'no.' I respect your judgment ... But I'm getting ready to tee off on this tournament ... where are you?"

"The pax terminal holding room."

"Hmmm ... have you asked anyone else?"

"Oh yes, we asked our chaplain, but he's a priest and they're not Catholic. We asked the parish chaplain but he didn't think he could, and I asked another, but he's in an official function and can't."

"Well I tell you, I can't hold up this tournament, nor ditch my team, but I guess if you could get them out to the golf course ASAP, get a golf cart and come find me, I'm starting on hole 8, make your way out here with a couple witnesses and I'll make it happen."

They checked to see if they could have clearance to leave the Deployment Processing Unit, then said they'd head out.

Upon hanging up the phone I found out that the tournament actually didn't start for another half hour so I casually mentioned to the pro staff what was happening.

"Would they mind cooperating to make this thing happen, I inquired. Not only did they cooperate, they thought it was a very touching idea. They said, "Sure, why don't you use the putting green?" Then they got on the "big voice" and announced the situation and asked if everyone could chill for a bit while we waited for the couple to show.

I thought we might get some grumbling or complaining, but nary a word. Instead the excitement built quickly. "I can't believe we're going to be here for a wedding. "Weird" "Who is it?" "Who's got a camera? The golf pros then put in a call to public affairs saying, "You've got to come out and witness this, this is too cool."

Twenty minutes passed and our couple hadn't shown, yet, and I was getting nervous. I tried to call the Shirt, but no answer. I tried to call the other Shirt he said was with him, but no answer. Finally, another Shirt who was in the tournament, used his connections to get through and gave me the phone.

"Where are you?" I asked.

"Getting close."

"Well everyone here is in the loop so just bring your car right to the entrance, and hurry down to where you see the crowd and we'll get it done."

Then I told the pros who again used the loud voice to ask all players to gather around the putting the green.

At that point it hit me, wait, this is taking away the moment of honor from the colonel for whom this tournament is gathered. So I went up to him and said, "Col. Hannan, you know this is your event, so you have to start the ceremony."

"What will I say?"

"I don't know but it will come to you, just welcome the people, and explain to them again why this is happening this way."

The couple shows up and the buzz gets louder. They are surprised to see a crowd gathered. We quickly get them to the top of the putting green and we gather the crowd close. He in his desert camouflage uniform and she in her shorts and T-shirt, and I hand it over to Col. Hannan. "Well folks I've never started a wedding before. I don't really know what to say but we've got a couple here who's wedding has just been taken from them because of a short notice deployment order. It is only right that we give them something to remember ... chaplain, take it away."

I position the couple and turn to the crowd and again affirm that the desire and act of marriage is a noble and God inspired thing. "The justice of the peace couldn't do it, but perhaps that's because they needed a crowd of witnesses to participate and hold accountable this couple."

Then I asked the couple to face each other and hold hands. I told them to speak up or I'd make them repeat it until they were heard. I one last time ask myself if this is prudent. Then shake it off and say, "Repeat after me. I, state your name (because I didn't even know their names), take you, state her name ...

to be ... " and proceeded through the vows. At that point, even through the great hustle and bustle, I saw tears well up in their eyes, and it was at that moment that I felt at peace. These two were truly in love.

These two needed this bond of marriage in the knowledge they'd miss their real thing; and in the knowledge that they did not know when they would be united again, and who knows, with war looming assuredly just over the horizon, was there that slight tinge of fear of that tinniest chance that they might not be united again? Yes, this was the right thing to do, God confirmed for me. This is the least I could do.

I asked for the rings but there were none, so I asked them to at least draw a ring on their fingers to be a reminder until his return that they have entered into a new covenant this day. I pronounced them husband and wife then shouted, "What therefore God has joined together let no one separate." And the crowd whooped to a loud roar.

Someone appeared in the crowd (I was told it was a wing exec) with a disposable box camera, sneaked through the group and started taking snap shots. I later find out this is Mrs. Hannan's camera, now on it's way to the Azores.

Then I gathered up the two chief witnesses, the Shirt and the Superintendent, and had them sign the papers, then did so myself. All of the crowd got in a line, and shook their hands and gave hugs. The new husband and wife jumped in the cars and were whisked back to the terminal.

All I heard the rest of the day was how this was so cool and "wait until I get home and tell my wife what really happened out here." I saw people getting on their phones to report what had happened ... then the shot gun and we were off to play the tournament — the only evidence of this ceremony being the conversations that ensued and the people that were there.