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COMING SOON

The Air Force's special entertainment group will be performing locally June 15 as part of the Vacaville Summer Concert Series.

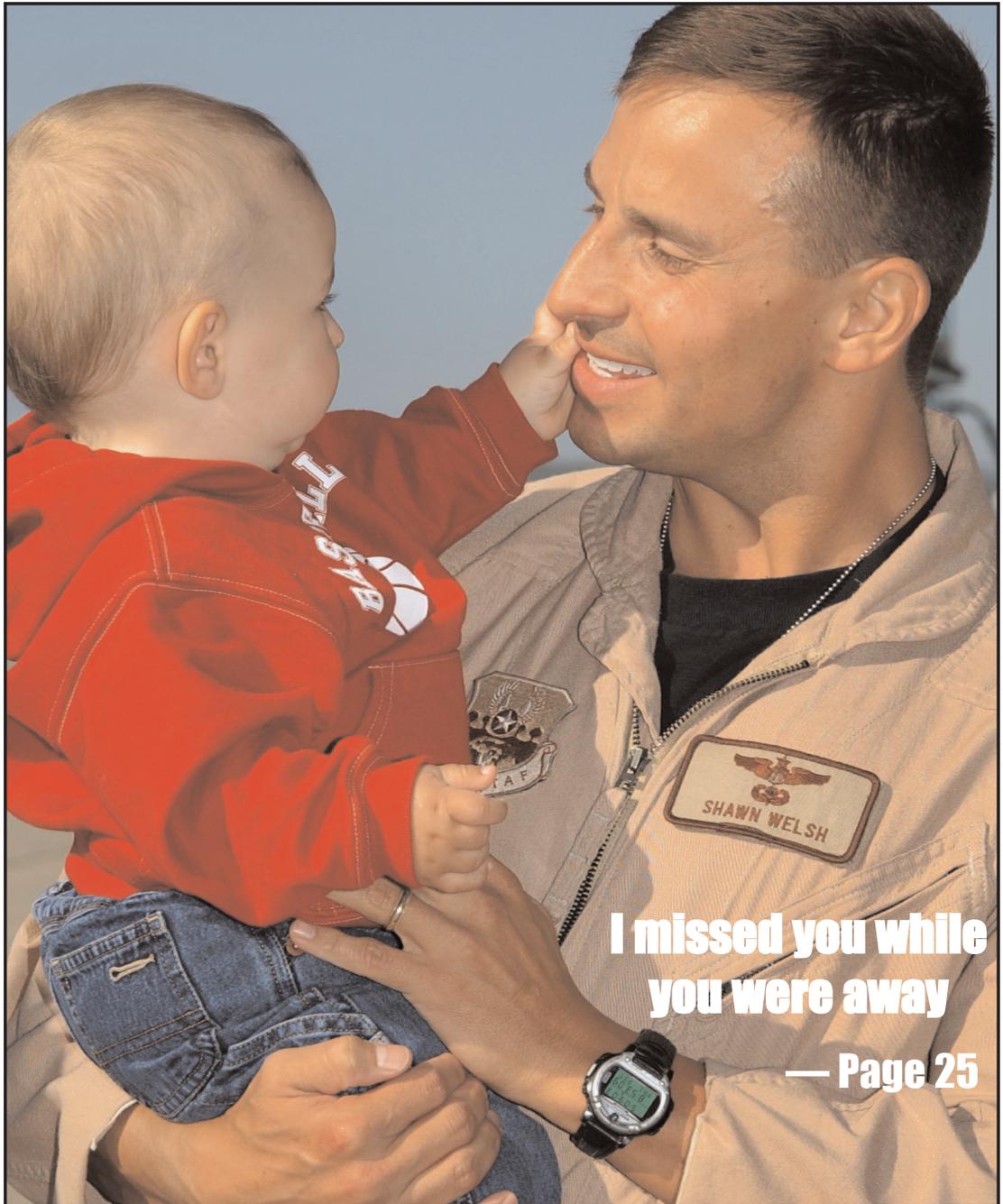
TRAFFIC UPDATE

The Travis Boulevard outbound lanes will be repaved to improve the road's functionality. Crews will begin grinding the pavement Tuesday and Wednesday and repaving is scheduled to start May 27. While work is being completed, one outbound lane will be closed, so delays and long lines should be expected when exiting Travis at the main gate.



SECOND CHANCE

The 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron teamed up with other Travis squadrons to make former C-5 canned bird mission-capable, and ready for worldwide airlifts.



**I missed you while
you were away**

— Page 25

Commander's Corner

Taking care of the nation's business

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

As we approach the beginning of summer, there's no stopping us — the Travis team — in our efforts to ensure the timely movement of people and resources in the United States and overseas.

There are many people involved in this important mission ... and among those warriors are many unsung heroes within our C-5 squadrons.

These folks are deployed off and on year round, but are less recognized because of the unique nature and rotation of their deployments.

This week, there's one crew in particular that has stood out for having excelled under extraordinary circumstances.

C-5 aircrew at helm

My hat's off to several members of the 22d Airlift Squadron, particularly **Capt. Deron Myers**, **1st Lt. Matt Jones**, **1st Lt. Jeffrey Lampert**, **Staff Sgt. Henry Hewitt**, **Staff Sgt. Boyd Hewitt**, **Staff Sgt. Richard York**, **Staff Sgt. Heath Bayhi** and **Staff Sgt. Jerry Felter** for transporting an astonishing 516,000 pounds of cargo and logging more than 80 flying hours in just 13 days.

Not only did we ask them to move considerable resources within a short amount of time, we also asked them to accomplish at least one mission of high visibility, with the redeployment of members of the United States Central Command staff from a downrange location to MacDill AFB, FL.

This movement also included members representing all branches of the military, and at least one key official from the United States Transportation Command ... again, well done to



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Air Force personnel can now sign up for the new Parent Pin online at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com

this fantastic crew!

Parent Pin Program

I mentioned this last week, and I want to further encourage folks to participate in the Air Force's Parent Pin Program.

Our leaders have undertaken an extensive effort to thank your parents for their patriotism and ongoing support for you and this country ... and this is a wonderful opportunity everyone can take part in.

Please log on to www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com to sign up. It takes less than three minutes to complete the process.

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Memorial Day

Memorial Day ... which will be acknowledged May 26, presents an opportunity for us to reflect and remember those who have lost their lives during our



Capt. Michele Tasista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th AMW commander, logs onto the Air Force's Parent Pin Program website Wednesday. The site is owned and operated by the Air Force and complies with all security and privacy policies.

nation's wars. While we remember and honor them, it is also a time to keep those who are presently deployed in our thoughts. The light of freedom continues to burn brightly at the main gate in their honor, and will do so until all of our folks have returned.

With Memorial Day weekend, we'll kick off **101 Critical Days of Summer** ... a time when we heighten our awareness of safety as kids are out of school and people begin to enjoy more outdoor recreation activities.

To drive home the point that drinking and driving does not mix — it in fact ends lives and careers — we'll conduct a **DUI prevention demonstration** May 23 at 2 p.m. at the intersection of Vandenberg and Napa Streets (Page 11). This is mandatory for all dormitory residents and all Senior Airmen and below. I encourage supervisors to ensure their folks attend this, as it'll bring to life the tragic reality and consequences of drinking and driving.

I want folks to relax and have a nice time with your families and friends, but I encour-

age everyone to please be careful. I know I'm preaching to the choir when I say, take care of yourself and family ... but it doesn't hurt to remind everyone to assign a designated driver if drinking is part of the celebration.

While we enjoyed their stellar performance on base in January, mark your calendars because **Tops and Blue** is scheduled to return to our community for an encore performance at the Vacaville Creekwalk, **June 15**. Specific times will be announced in the weeks ahead.

Farewell

This week we'll say fond farewell to **Lt. Col. Grace Blevins-Holman**, deputy commander of the 60th Maintenance Group.

She has done an outstanding job here and we sure wish her and her family the best as they head towards the Pentagon.

Well, that wraps it up for this week, let's keep the focus and stay the course,

God bless the Travis team and God bless America!

base and have no option to store my boat in my carport according to the current Travis housing regulation. I'm wondering why the raise in rates?

A Thanks for your call. Our existing rate of \$150 per year (\$12.50 per month) is being increased to \$180 per year, or \$15 per month.

We consider this an outstanding value, relative to prices charged in the local area, \$45 to \$85 per month, for

similar storage. We've tried to keep increases relatively small, but operating costs continue to rise.

These increasing operating costs include property maintenance and security costs.

While I understand the limitations presented by our housing regulations, comparatively small fees must be charged to ensure available and secure storage for all individuals who elect to purchase and store large recreational units on base.

ACTION LINE

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Storage problem

Q I received a notice that the yearly cost of parking my boat in the boat storage lot is going up from \$120 to to \$180 a year. I live on

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On the Cover



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Captain Shawn Welsh, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, is welcomed home from the Persian Gulf May 9 by his 14-month-old son Cooper.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

AFA golf tournament

The annual Air Force Association golf tournament is May 26 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course beginning at 8 a.m. The tournament will consist of a four-man best ball with prizes for the top finishing teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Entry fees for grades E-1 to E-4 is \$35, E-5 and up is \$40, and civilians pay \$52. Call Master Sgt. Frankie Morales at 424-0466.

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.

Giants tickets

Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets available for most home San Francisco Giants home games. Travis Appreciation Day is May 31 at 7:15 p.m. Call 424-5659 for

ticket information.

Free yoga class

The base Fitness Center and the Health and Wellness Center is offering a free, restorative yoga class May 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. for 30 spouses of deployed airman. The class one hour followed by a free, five-minute chair massage. Call 424-4292.

Amateur tournament

The NCGA event, Net Amateur Tournament, is on June 7 and has 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. tee times. Call Cypress Lakes at 448-7186 for information.

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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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

5 to 6 p.m.

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- » Core step aerobics from

5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

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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.

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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.



Colonel runs 1,000 miles on deployment

Maj. Bob Thompson
Operation Northern Watch Combined Information Bureau

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY — After completing his goal of running 500 miles during a 90-day tour here, Lt. Col. Rod Matte upped his goal to 1,000 miles when his tour was extended to 150 days.

Running about the equivalent of a marathon — 25 miles — every two days for the last three weeks, Matte has pushed himself hard to complete his goal of another 500 miles in two months.

“For the first 500 miles, I was running 4.5 miles per day, sometimes twice a day,” said Matte who is deployed from the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

“I was not able to run as often during the war, so I had to run 10 to 15 miles per day for the last three weeks.”

Matte was deployed along with more than 1,400 British, Turkish and U.S. troops who made up Operation Northern Watch. They enforced the northern no-fly zone and monitored Iraqi forces

to determine compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

“I was here for both the beginning and the end,” said Matte. “Twelve years ago I was here for Operation Provide Comfort. I am proud to have been part of that first deployment and now the last Operation Northern Watch deployment.”

As the executive officer to the co-commanding general, the 25-year Air Force veteran led the administrative and scheduling support for the Combined Task Force Operation Northern Watch headquarters, which formally inactivates May 1.

After achieving his personal 90-day running goal of 500 miles, Matte volunteered to extend his tour here to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said completing the first 500 miles got him hooked and that running 1,000 miles seemed like a worthy goal.

“I have deployed several times during my 25 years in the service, and I know it is important to stay busy,” he said. “Running gives me time to mentally plan and organize before and after work. It’s a great stress reliever — controlling weight, blood pressure and building muscle tone.”

Academy rugby teams win championships

By Butch Wehry
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy men’s and women’s rugby teams won titles at the 2003 Collegiate Rugby Championships, held at Stanford University’s Steuber Rugby Stadium in Stanford, Calif., recently.

The Air Force women beat the University of Illinois 17-15 in the finals May 3 for a repeat as national champions.

They entered the tournament at the number one seed by virtue of defending their 2002 national title. Other women’s teams in the tournament were Penn State University and the University of California at San Diego.

The Air Force men team defeated Harvard University 45-37 in their championship match May 4.

This was the first national rugby championship for them since 1990. Other men’s teams in the tournament were the University of California at Berkeley and the U.S. Military Academy.

“We’re trying to create leaders at the Air Force Academy, and that’s what you saw from our men and women ... leadership,” said Dan Marine, coach for the Air Force men’s team.

“We’re also a strong family,” Marine said. “The support we’ve had from our alumni and the families of the athletes has been amazing. They’re the backbone of this success.”

Semi-final and final Division I games for both men and women are being broadcast through May 18 on College Sports Television.

Big League hosts Little League

Members of Travis Mariners, guests of Oakland A’s

Tailwind staff

The Travis Little League Mariners had a fun filled day of hot dogs, cotton candy, and big league baseball, Saturday, as they were guests of the Oakland Athletics as part of their “Pitching Pals” Program.

The entire team was treated to free Yankee’s vs. A’s tickets as well as a meal. The best part though, was a pre-game pitching clinic from a major league pitcher.

The Mariners were invited onto the field where they were greeted by A’s rookie relief pitcher Mike Neu and had the opportunity to sit in the bullpen and talk with him.

As a former Little League pitcher himself, Mike gave advice on situational baseball and taught the kids how to throw a two-seam fastball, a four-seam fastball, and a curve ball. After the kids asked questions and exchanged baseball stories with the pro, he happily signed autographs and posed for a few pictures.

The A’s Pitching Pals only takes place ten times during the season and thousands of teams from around the Bay Area sign up to be part of the unique program. A lottery determines who the lucky teams will be.

Coach David Kayne of the 60th Medical Support Squadron was happy to see their team picked for the event.

“I was probably more excited than the kids when we were notified,” he said. “We thank the A’s for this once in a lifetime opportunity.”



Courtesy photo

Oakland A’s pitcher Mike Neu takes time to demonstrate different pitching grips to members of the Travis Mariners Little League baseball team during the A’s Pitching Pals clinic.

Historic cannibalization

Travis C-5 Galaxy rejoins fleet after undergoing significant overhaul

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

On April 15, the Travis team once again made history, when Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, congratulated members of the 60th Maintenance Group for their efforts in making the last remaining C-5 "cann" aircraft operational.

This was a significant milestone made possible due to group's intense coordination, flexibility and effort.

The General was the first to pilot the aircraft, and as he taxied to the runway, dozens of maintenance troops stood in formation and saluted him upon departure.

The pride and sense of accomplishment felt by the maintainers is understandable.

Over the last 30 years, there has always been a C-5 left on the ground here to use as a "cann" (strip parts from to keep other C-5s flying) bird. This all changed when the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron teamed up with other Travis squadrons to make another C-5 mission-capable.

"Being able to bring one more aircraft to the fight was a phenomenal undertaking," said Dave Garrison, maintenance supervisor for the 60th AMXS. "Simply stated, this gives the Air Force and additional \$200 million asset to support the mission with. Without the close team work between Travis and Air

Mobility Command squadrons, this project would not have 'got off the ground.'"

The combined efforts of the 60th Component Maintenance, Equipment Maintenance, Logistics Readiness and Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons along with months of research were pivotal to the success of this task.

"There were certainly some doubts in the beginning considering we had more than 30 mission capable (high priority) parts that were difficult to retrieve," said Tech Sgt. Sylvia Morris, NCOIC for the mission support element, 60th LRS. "But, the Travis supply team worked aggressively on a daily basis with the Regional Supply Squadron, depots and local vendors to get the needed parts to make this project a reality."

Other sources were tapped for hard-to-get parts. Altus Air Force Base, Okla. supplied eight parts from their "cann" bird source. A newly discovered Web site, parts-base.com, (a web based search engine of aircraft parts) was also utilized.

This site has enabled maintenance and supply to work hand in hand to procure parts that otherwise, would have taken months to obtain.

"When we took on this task, we had our eyes on the prize the entire time," Garrison said. "We were going to keep going until the obstacles were insurmountable. We didn't consider failure as an



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

option."

The process of reassembling the aircraft took less than 80 hours, but the work that led up to it was a tremendous example of fortitude and teamwork.

While other AMC bases possess a cannibalization aircraft, the Travis supply system and the aircraft maintenance team are now functioning without this dependent crutch.

Currently, Travis doesn't rely on any outside organizations to maintain aircraft. All missions are met through hard work and persistence while working closely with the supply system.

Eliminating the dependency of the "cann" C-5 has enabled another mission capable aircraft to travel downrange, delivering precious cargo and supplies worldwide.

Garrison added, "this accomplishment was absolutely unprecedented in the world of C-5 maintenance."



Members of the 60th Maintenance Group (top) at Travis salute the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander Brig. Gen. Brad Baker (above) as he takes the C-5 cannibalization aircraft for a test flight April 15. This was the first time in Travis history that every C-5 was "fly ready."

Good deal: free tickets for comedy

Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater declares 'Military Appreciation Month'

Tailwind staff

Wayne Mayhew, owner of Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater, has declared May "Military Appreciation Month" at Pepper Belly's.

In recognition of Travis's dedication to the community and the nation, Mayhew has donated 200 tickets to be distributed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office.

Tickets are available at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 51, the command headquarters building, and will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis, with special consideration going to the families of deployed or

recently returned airmen.

Pepper Belly's is located in downtown Fairfield at 849 Texas St., on the same block as the Fairfield county seat sign.

In addition to this month's free ticket give away, Pepper Belly's offers discounted tickets through Information, Tickets and Travel for Thursday night shows. A portion of the discounted price then goes back into the 60th Services Squadron for other Travis programs.

Drop by the Public Affairs office any time between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for free tickets. For information on Pepper Belly's log onto www.pepperbellys.com or call 422-SHOW.



Bryan Kellen

May 15, 16 and 17

Feature:
Cash Levy

Headliner:
Bryan Kellen

Bryan Kellen has appeared on MTV and the WB network and is a returning comic to Pepper Belly's. Often compared to Dick Van Dyke and Jim Carey, Kellen delivers a mixture of physical comedy and standup.

Also appearing will be singer, comedian and radio personality Cash Levy.



Brian Copeland

May 22, 23 and 24

Features:
**Fred Burns
Dennis Gaxiola**

Headliner:
Brian Copeland

Brian Copeland is a nationally-known comedian, winner of the Monterey Laff-off and the voice behind San Francisco's "Copeland Corner" on KGO radio.

The co-features for the evening will be Fred Burns and local comedian Dennis Gaxiola, an NCO from Travis.



Rocky LaPorte

May 29, 30 and 31

Feature:
Jackie Kashian

Headliner:
Rocky LaPorte

Rocky LaPorte has appeared on episodes of "Cheers" and "Caroline's Comedy Hour," and is currently working on "The Rocky LaPorte Show," a pilot for CBS. He has been credited with bringing back the art of deadpan comedy.

Appearing with LaPorte will be comedienne Jackie Kashian.

Bomb squad

Reservists make up majority of ordnance disposal team

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Neighbors
60th AMW Public Affairs

Some people know them as the bomb squad. Others refer to them as the EOD team. Whatever you call them, though, right now more than half of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight are activated Air Force Reservists.

Nine are from Travis Air Force Base's 349th Air Mobility Wing, while two more are from March Air Reserve Base's 452nd Air Mobility Wing, located near Riverside, Calif.

They've been activated since mid-March and are to remain on active duty for a year, said Master Sgt. Todd Payne from the 452nd AMW, currently serving as non-commissioned officer in charge of resources, 60th EOD flight.

As with any activation, civilian lives have had to be put on hold.

Weddings have been postponed, small businesses shut down, college semesters will need to be repeated and priceless memories with family and friends will be missed.

Despite the sacrifices, these citizen airmen have answered their nation's call.

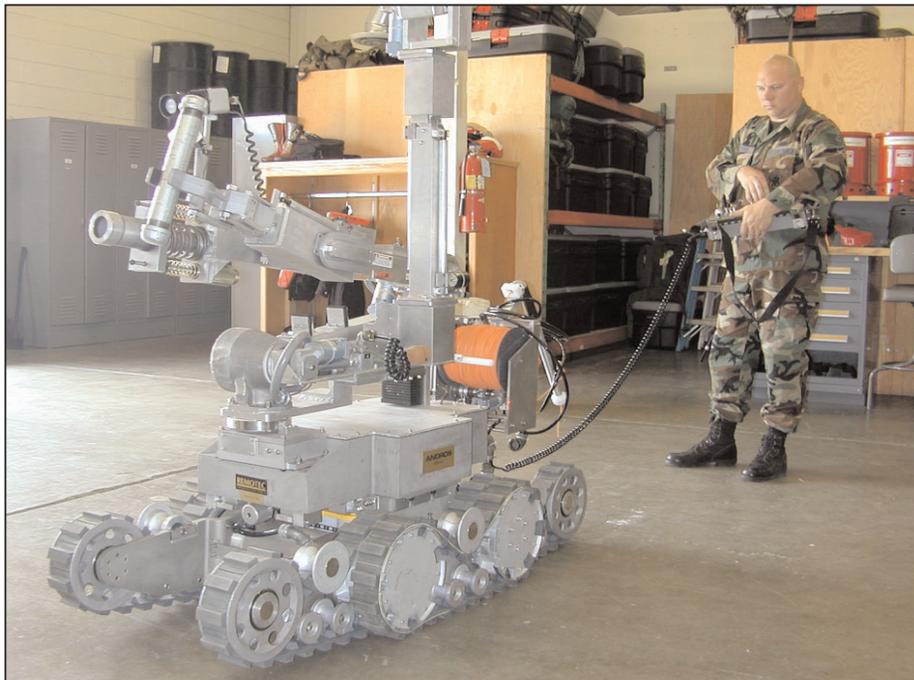
But why serve your country as an EOD technician?

"I wanted to make a difference and save lives," said Senior Airman James Cook from the 349th AMW, currently serving as a training coordinator for the 60th EOD flight.

"I don't think I could have done anything else in the Air Force and been as happy," said Sergeant Payne. "This job has proven to be very rewarding."

"I joined for the camaraderie. I had met some EOD people and I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Senior Airman Kristina Quintanilla from the 349th AMW, currently serving as an operations manager with the 60th EOD flight.

"I wanted something challenging to do," said Staff Sgt. Doug Baker, also from the 349th AMW and currently serving as an equipment NCO for the 60th EOD flight.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Neighbors / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Stevens, NCOIC, equipment, 60th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, demonstrates how to operate a remote ordnance neutralization system robot to other members of the 60th EOD Flight. The remote controlled robot helps EOD team members work on unexploded ordnance or avoid getting too close to other hazards.

Besides disposing of unexploded ordnance that could come from enemy or U.S. or other friendly forces, the EOD team also supports the surrounding communities outside the base.

"We've provided support as far away as Santa Rosa, Oakland and in the other direction, Davis," said Airman Cook.

Support could involve collecting explosives found, turned in or confiscated from the police departments in the community, he said.

"It could be anything from car bombs to mail bombs,

pipe bombs or any kind," Cook said.

Of course, the Travis EOD flight also responds to calls for assistance on base.

"If someone leaves a backpack or something somewhere and the security forces squadron thinks it's suspicious, they call us to investigate," said Airman Quintanilla. The flight always has a team of EOD technicians on standby, ready to respond to an explosive incident or threat.

"When we get a call, we can be out in a matter of minutes," Payne said.

AMC officials address post deployment downtime policy

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — With many U.S. military personnel returning from deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Air Mobility Command officials are reiterating the policy for post-deployment downtime.

"Air Force leaders recognize the continuing dedication and sacrifices made by our deployed servicemembers, and AMC is committed to taking care of our people after contingency and air and space expeditionary force deployments," said Lt. Gen. John R. Baker, AMC vice commander.

Post-deployment downtime is designed to help maintain quality of life and retain the valued Air Force members who keep our military strong and ready.

AMC Instruction 10-403 outlines the AMC commander's policy regarding compensatory time off following a contingency or AEF deployment.

All military members will be given compensatory time following an assignment away from home station of 42 days or longer.

Members use this time to care for personal and professional matters deferred while on temporary duty. It is especially important that Air Reserve Component personnel who are taking leave or downtime earned during mobilization/activation ensure their employers understand they are still in a military status, caring for personal and professional matters, and this is why they are not back at work even though they are in the local area.

AMC officials emphasize post-deployment downtime should start as

soon as possible following the servicemember's return to home station, not to exceed 72 hours after return.

Normal unit-directed leave policy will apply for travel away from the member's duty station local area. This applies to active-duty personnel only during AEF and non-AEF contingency deployments.

AMC provides home station wing commanders some flexibility to reduce post-deployment downtime at installations with a high operations tempo.

However, AMC officials encourage commanders to allow the maximum amount of post-contingency downtime possible in concert with mission requirements.

General Baker observed that during their deployments, many AMC personnel have endured hardships not normally associated with day-to-day mili-

tary service.

"Our deployed personnel have endured lengthy separations from family and friends. They've pulled long and demanding workdays. They not only need this time off, they absolutely deserve it," General Baker said.

The general emphasized that families of deployed personnel also deserve this time with their recently returned military member.

"Airmen are not the only people who have made sacrifices in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom," General Baker said. "The families of our deployed service members have also made many sacrifices and they, too, deserve some time with their recently returned spouses, fathers and mothers."

Knowledge is power!

Read a book at the base library.

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Extra! Extra!

Tailwind earns Thomas Jefferson Award

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force print and broadcast journalists won 12 categories in the 2002 Thomas Jefferson Awards for excellence in military media. The results were announced May 6 by Defense Information School officials at Fort Meade, Md.

Air Force winners in the print-media category are:

▶ Tabloid-Format Newspaper: Tailwind, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.

▶ Print Journalist of the Year: Kent Cummins, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

▶ Newsletter-Format Publication: Associate Press, 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

▶ Flagship Writer: Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor, 65th Air Base Wing, Lages Field, Azores (formerly of Airman magazine).

▶ News Article: Cummins.

▶ Feature Article: Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas.

▶ Commentary: Tech. Sgt. James Rush, U.S.

Air Force Academy, Colo.

▶ Sports Article: Melissa Hartle, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

▶ Series: 442nd FW Public Affairs, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

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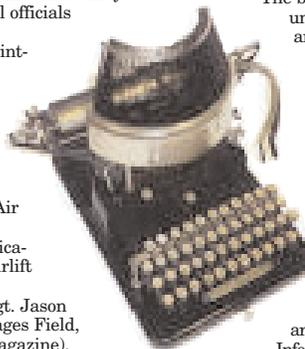
▶ Radio Entertainment Program: "Mike And Jacqui In The Morning," Detachment 1, Operating Location A, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

▶ Television Information Program: "A POW Remembers," Det. 4, Ramstein AB, Germany, primary contributor Tech. Sgt. Rolla Suttmiller.

▶ Regional Television Newscast: "Air Force Prime Time," Det. 4.

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In full bloom

Spring has finally sprung and summer is fast on its way in the Travis area. But for many individuals who suffer from allergies, with the blooming trees and flowers come headaches, stuffy noses and congestion. Those on base who are among the millions of people affected by allergies every year, should contact their primary care provider to see what new advances have been made in the war on allergies.



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SECAF named to top Army spot

Dr. James Roche to be nominated as Secretary of the Army

Air ForcePrint News

WASHINGTON — In the latest edition of "The Secretary's Vector," Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche discusses the possibility he may soon become secretary of the Army.



Dr. James Roche

President George Bush announced his intent May 7 to nominate Secretary Roche for the Army's top spot, which became vacant when former Secretary of the Army Thomas White resigned April 25.

In "The Secretary's Vector," released May 12, Roche said he was flattered by the confidence shown in him by the president, and indicated he would accept the position if indeed the nomination advanced and was approved by Congress.

"I am deeply honored by his confidence in my ability to lead the Army, and have informed the president that, if nominated and confirmed, I will serve," Roche wrote.

Roche specifically addresses airmen in several passages of the message, crediting them with playing a vital role in the president's decision.

"While honored, I recognize that this nomination is more a reflection of your dedication, your excellence, your loyal service to the nation, and your great success in accomplishing our mission," he wrote. "We are the best Air Force in the world; and we will remain so because of the (more than) 700,000 dedicated officer, enlisted and civilian airmen who understand how to fly, fix, launch, support, defend, and employ air and space power."

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

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Air Force eases Stop Loss restrictions

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force Specialty Codes restricted from retirement or separation May 2 under the Stop Loss program. Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retire-

ment, for 99 AFSCs and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said that they will use Stop Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

"We've reevaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service," Jumper said.

Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon, said this announcement is the result of an in-depth review.

"A number of different factors went into the review process," Forest said. "We had to consider the balance between the active duty and Air Reserve Component, as well as the need to remain responsive to chang-

ing events worldwide."

Deployed active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Air Reserve Component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual "termination" of Stop Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

"Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop Loss," Forest said. "We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements."

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights.

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Plan will get AEF back on track, fix 'disparity'

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — While many deployed airmen are returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom to a hero's welcome, others deployed for as much as three times longer are still waiting to hear when they will go home.

What appears to some as an obvious disparity is actually a case of differing mission objectives, said the general in charge of air and space expeditionary force policy.

"The issue is, 'What job were these people sent to do,'" said Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Some of the people in OIF are already home because that operation went so well and so quickly that the combatant commander was able to release them.

"There is a difference for Operation Enduring Freedom folks. Those people are filling a requirement that hasn't changed. They will rotate when the Air Force has the combatant commanders' requirements worldwide and develops the rotation to support them."

Besides manning requirements for OEF and OIF, a recent increase in Pacific Air Forces further strained the AEF rotation schedule. On top of that, Peppe said, the service is obligated to provide about 1,700 people to augment the staffs of component and combatant commanders worldwide.

"It's not just the people in Afghanistan," Peppe said. "Anyone the AEF supports will be caught up in this."

The Air Force uses the AEF's standard three-

month rotation plan to bring deployment predictability to airmen and their families, but the operational demands of OIF and other requirements forced the service to break out of that mold. The plan is for the AEF deployment schedule to be back on track by early 2004, Peppe said.

To achieve that goal, the Air Force plans to piece together two transitional AEFs to meet deployment combatant commanders' needs into 2004. Manning for these two AEFs will come from the ranks of those who have not deployed this cycle.

"We'll have to find 'green' unit type codes that are properly manned and equipped," Peppe said. "The AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will work with the (major commands) to identify the personnel and equipment (that are) ready to deploy.

"Everyone who did not deploy needs to be on notice that we may need them to be a part of this rotation, or the next, as we get back to a more normal AEF rhythm," he said.

The numbers of people and types of equipment making up the new AEFs have yet to be determined by combatant commanders. The Air Force's goal is to have new mission requirements defined by the middle of May, Peppe said.

"The effort to define the requirements is ongoing, and we hope to wrap that up soon, because from the time requirements are set and the rotation begins is going to take 45 to 60 days," Peppe said.

As vital as the new mission requirements are to the rotation schedule, the general said patience is just as important.

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Boating safety: responsibility comes with fun

60th AMW Wing Safety Office

The sun is shining, spring is here, it's warming and there's not a cloud in the sky. A perfect day to be on the lake, river, or on the sea in a boat; but by the end of the day something more than weather can turn a perfect day into a disaster.

Ultimately it is up to operators to preplan and go over the basics of boating safety which could determine the outcome of the day.

In most cases, a trip will begin in a vehicle. Care is required when transporting a boat. The first step is to make sure the boat, trailer, and tow

vehicle are ready for the road.

Choose a trailer with a load capacity greater than the weight of the boat and its equipment.

Make sure the trailer is right for the boat. It should fit snugly on the rollers and other contact points that support the boat's hull.

Check for rust, and other damage, and use lubrication on wheel bearings when needed.

Always secure tie-downs to ensure that the boat won't shift during transport.

Distribute gear in the boat so that weight distribution is evenly.

Make sure all trailer lights are working.

Make sure safety chains are connected in an "X" to the frame of the towing vehicle. The winch cable should pass under the bow roller stop.

Check parts for tightness and proper operation.

Inflate vehicle and trailer tires to the proper pressure.

Weather can change rapidly. People should check the weather before departing and then remain alert for changes. Know the water and carry charts of the cruising area. Watch out for underwater obstructions floating debris can be a sign that obstructions are close by. Understand and follow navigational markers and buoys.

Additional items suggested by the U.S., and Canadian Coast Guards, can help people prepare for emergencies:

- ▶ AM Radio
- ▶ First aid kit
- ▶ Charts and compass
- ▶ Sunscreen, medications, and sun burn lotion
- ▶ Food and water

Additional clothing (warm clothes, hat foul, weather gear)

Tool kit for repairs

Bailer or bilge pump

Horn or whistle

Being a responsible boater is as important as being a responsible driver. Keep boats in tip-top condition and like with driving, alcohol and boating don't mix.

Most people don't realize that alcohol use is involved in many drownings: 25 to 50 percent of adolescent and adult drownings involve alcohol use.

In 40 to 50 percent of drownings among adolescent boys, alcohol is a major contributing factor.

The Coast Guard and every state have stringent penalties for violating BUI laws. Penalties can include large fines, suspension or revocation of boat operator privileges, and jail terms.

For more information and state laws concerning boating laws and safety requirements contact the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Boating Safety at (202) 267-1077

"It's a Different World on the Water" can be viewed online at www.uscgboating.org.

Materials included: "1998 National Safe Boating Campaign," "Boat Safe and Sober," and "Safety and Survival Tips."

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On the road again?

Take charge of your move with free relocation planning. Call the Family Support Center at 424-2486



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NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Legion volunteers

The Vacaville American Legion is seeking volunteers to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies May 24 and 26. May 24, the VAL is looking for 20 people in casual civilian clothes to place flags on gravesites at 1 p.m. at the Vacaville-Elmira cemetery. May 26, the VAL is requesting 20 escorts wearing service dress uniforms for a service being held at the cemetery at 10 a.m. and another to be held at 1 p.m. in front of the Vacaville Police Department.

DUI demonstration

Drinking and driving will end lives and careers, and to emphasize the destructiveness of this behavior and its consequences, airmen are encouraged to attend a demonstration

scheduled for May 23 at 2 p.m. at the corner of Vandenberg and Napa streets. The event will further highlight the 101 critical days of summer safety, at Travis. The simulated car crash will include audio and visual effects, injured bodies, wrecked vehicles, and an arrest of a drunken driver. The project officer is Capt. John Howard of the 60th Air Mobility Wing. For more information, contact Captain Howard at 424-2453 or 2nd Lt. Julie Schaefer at 424-4065.

Annual needs survey

The Education Center is asking all active-duty, dependents, and civil service employees to take the Annual Needs Assessment Survey. It is available at <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil/afvec> by clicking on "Take Survey"

under the Needs Assessment headline. Individuals simply need to choose Travis and answer 10 questions. The NAS may also be completed by visiting the Base Education Center. This survey will help tailor educational programs to the needs of Travis personnel and family members.

Youth development

DEFY is a youth program that encourages positive development through education, team-building 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 the 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 camp begins June 16 to 20 in South Lake Tahoe. For more information, contact Capt. Karie Pahia at 442-1705.

AFSA membership drive

The Air Force Sergeants Association will be conducting a membership drive in front of the Base Exchange Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by the AFSA booth to learn more about or become a part of the Air Force's largest growing enlisted organization, the "voice of the enlisted" on Capitol Hill. The AFSA is open to all Air Force enlisted ranks. For more information, contact the membership trustee Master Sgt. Charles Pope, at 423-2312.

Now hiring ffl engineers

The 70th and 79th Air Refueling squadrons are now hiring prospective KC-10 flight engineers. Resumes are being accepted from across flow flight engineers (including C-5, C-141 and C-130 weapon systems) and KC-10 crew chiefs and maintenance personnel, active duty and Reserve. Active duty KC-10 flight engineers will be considered, pending release of stop loss. Contact Chief Master Sgt. Trish Thornton, 70th ARS chief flight engineer, at patricia.thornton@travis.af.mil or by phone at 707-424-7003, or contact Chief Master Sgt. Al Cifelli, 79th ARS chief flight engineer, at albert.cifelli@travis.af.mil or by phone at 707-424-7905.

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DOD helps families in times of need

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is working to lessen the burden that deployments are having on family members left at home.

Many are faced with tasks of juggling finances, doing car and home repairs, cooking, and rais-

ing children.

John Molino, deputy under secretary of defense for military community and family policy, said the Defense Department is doing what it can to help families meet those needs and to ease the hardships of deployments.

"We are a community and we want to provide for our families to the best extent we can," Molino said during a recent interview.

"We can't replace their loved ones at this time, but we can try to do all we can to ease the burden of separation."

Molino said that all military services have "solid" programs in place to help families, however, DoD is looking at ways to expand existing services at childcare facilities and family assistance centers.

Molino said military installations have added to the operating hours at many childcare facilities and family assistance centers are working extra hours to support families.

Also, DoD has set up a toll-free help line at installations most heavily impacted by deployments that allows family members to call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get answers for just about any problem, Molino said. Many commands and installations are in the process of implementation.

Molino said the help line allows family members to call and talk to a "master's degree level individual" who can help them with virtually anything. "They can call and get a referral with just about any day-to-day requirement in life with which they may be having trouble," he said.

In addition, he said that USA Freedom Corps is also partnering with DoD to lend support for military families. The organization, set up by President

Bush in 2002, calls on Americans to get involved through community service. One initiative is called "On the Homefront," an interactive Web site, at www.freedomcorps.gov.

The initiative helps to channel individual, corporate and community aid to deployed Service members and their families. Local chapters of national organizations such as the chambers of commerce or veteran service organizations, match the skills of volunteers with the needs of military families. That way, families can get help with everyday chores and such things as repairs, yard work, financial planning, or mentoring of children, Molino said.

"The Web site also makes it easy to support our troops, to send an e-mail message to deployed troops, to sign an online thank you card, and to make a contribution for a care package," he noted.

During deployments, Molino suggests that families stay in contact with spouses through mail and the Internet. In an effort to bring families face to face with deployed spouses, Molino said that many installations can provide video teleconferencing.

"If you're in a high-tech area where you have access to a computer, you may be able to do more of that," he said. "If you're on the front line you might not have access to that type of technology, but every opportunity you get, we try to accommodate."

Molino said the biggest challenge for DoD is trying to meet the needs of all military families. For families that remain on or near the installation, the help comes easily, he said.

But for those families who have moved home with relatives while the service member is deployed, Molino said, "it's more difficult to reach out to them."

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Reuniting families

2nd Lt. Charles Langhoff, from the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron, was overcome with emotion when his 3-year-old daughter, Megan, ran into his arms during a homecoming ceremony May 9.

AMERICAN PEOPLE PROFILES

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER

By Master Sgt. Harry Seballos

Gemma Anthony and Patty Yates helped serve customers at a recent Asian Pacific Islander Association fundraiser held May 8. The event was another huge success as the group continues to raise funds for its annual banquet on May 30. Anthony is from the Philippines and has been an active member the past 14 years. She has held various executive positions and this is her second year as APIA public relations officer. She is the 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron secretary and has been at Travis since 1989.

Patty Yates presently serves as APIA vice-president. She was born in China



Courtesy photo

Frances Anthony, right

and grew up in Taipei, Taiwan. Her father was an Air Force officer who served with Chiang Kai Shek fighting communism. Patty is a Human Resource assistant assigned to the 60th Mission Support Squadron and has been on Travis since 1985. She is a strong advocate of cultural diversity and continuous to take on tough projects.

Frances Anthony has been secretary for Head Quarters Fifteenth Air Force Communications Division since October

1991. She was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her father was a merchant marine who accepted an assignment on a ship stationed at Subic Bay, so Frances at age 10 spent the next 10 years growing up in the Philippines. While in the Philippines she learned to speak the native language, experience a different culture, compare two different worlds, and then realized it is great to be an American. Upon the family's return to Hawaii in 1973, she never thought of returning to the Philippines. However, in March 1981, she and her husband PCS'd to Clark Air Base, Philippines, and stayed there until the volcano erupted in June 1991. Frances resides in Suisun City.

She has been an active member of the Asian Pacific Islander Association since 1993 and held various officer positions. She is presently the treasurer. As a loyal member, she is known to many of the members as "tita/titah" meaning "aunty"

or "sistah" which in Hawaiian means "sister." She has earned respect based on the success that the APIA has achieved year after year. All APIA members acknowledged that Frances is the person behind the scenes who makes things happen without skipping a beat.

Courtesy photo



Gemma Anthony, left, and Patty Yates

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Important Notice

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

Yard Sales

Saturday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 189 Texas St.
Saturday, 7 a.m., 501 Labrador Way, Suisun
Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 1042 Fennie Ct., Suisun
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 185 Texas St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 102 Arizona St.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 38 Broadway St.

Furniture

Bedroom set, \$200. 437-4752
Couch, beige, footrest, \$300 obo. 447-4612
German oak bench, cushion, front storage compartment, \$50. 344-2611
Sofa sleeper, neutral color, \$200. 437-373-2798
Twin bed, headboard, frame, box spring, mattress, \$100. 422-4573
Sofa sleeper, loveseat, table, \$350. 373-2798
Dining table, glass, \$175. 373-2798
Hutch, wooden, \$100. 373-2798
Glider, ottoman, \$50. 437-9149
Bunk bed, wooden, mattress, \$200. 437-9279
Queen bed, mattress, box spring, canopy, \$400. 208-1798
Full bed, mattress, box spring, frame,

\$75. 208-1798
King waterbed, mattress, \$75 obo. 451-2836
Sofa, floral, \$200. 447-0573
Cherry dining table, 4 chairs, \$400. 447-0573

Appliances

Window air conditioner, 110v, 16k btu, \$100. 437-1166
Window air conditioner, \$200. 437-4752
Kenmore washer, \$100. 437-4752
Dryer, \$50. 437-4752
Kenmore refrigerator, 18.5 cu in, ice-maker, rollers, \$375. 437-2556
Washer, gas dryer, \$350. 447-0573

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
Soft side kid's pool, round, 16'x4', 2 filters, pumps, auto sweeper, ladder, \$600 obo. 447-2613
Burley bicycle trailer for kids to ride in, \$100 obo. 437-9279
Metal shed, 10x12, wooden base, \$100. 437-9279
Patio stones, 12x6, \$1/ea. 437-9279
Big climber step II swing set/jungle gym, \$130. 437-4223
Lamps, bar stools, beds, cabinets. 427-0929
Accordion closet door, dk oak, 72"x80", \$10. 344-2611
Patio furniture, \$40 obo. 447-4612
Queen mattress, box spring, \$75. 469-7688
Koolstride jogging stroller, folds, 5-point adjustable harness, 2 parking brakes, cantilevered wheels, quick release hubs, \$100. 446-0274
Crib, walnut finish, \$50. 437-3081
Stroller, car seat, base, \$50. 437-9149
Stroller, lightweight, \$20. 437-9149
Winnie the Pooh crib set, \$50. 437-3552
Graco baby swing, open top, 3sp, \$35. 451-2836

Little Tykes aquatic baby entertainer, \$40. 451-2836
Evenflo support comfort touch car seat, 5 to 22lbs, \$35. 451-2836
Burgundy supreme curtains, 100x84, \$30; 48x84 (3 sets), \$25/ea. 451-2836
Resorts of Distinction/Harmony Ridge Resort lifetime membership, \$2,500. 448-9549
Black & Decker indoor grill, \$30. 448-9549
Harvard foosball table, \$400. 454-0339
Wood swing set, \$100. 447-0573

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Lynx golf clubs, bag, \$40. 437-1166
Girl's bike, 15sp, \$40. 437-1166
Electronic weight machine, 250 lbs, 10 stations, \$300. 437-4752
Profom treadmill, full function, \$200. 437-4752
Aerobic step, green, set of black risers, \$15. 442-4573
Weight bench, \$25. 437-4921
Trampoline, net cage, \$200. 437-9279
Girl's bike, \$20. 437-9279
Tetherball pole/ball, \$30. 437-9279
MBS mountain board, \$120 obo. 437-1387
Mongoose BM racing bike, Huffy BMX bike, \$50/ea obo. 451-2836

Electronic/Computer Items

PC games, \$15/ea. 447-4612

Vehicles

2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS, 16k mi, silver, black int, at, cd, alarm, keyless entry, \$17,000 obo. 330-7655
2002 Toyota Celica GT, 22k mi, white, at, Kenwood stereo, remote, Infinity amp, 2 10" subs, \$17,900. 628-5999
2001 Toyota Echo, 11k mi, am/fm/cd/cas, 6 speakers, spoiler, ac, at, pl, pw, \$10,950. 439-9976
1999.5 Nissan Pathfinder XE, 4x4, blue, v6, am/fm/cd/cas, roof rack, fog light, running boards, ac, at, 1 owner, 75k mi, \$15,000 obo. 925-570-9664
1997 Chevy Cheyenne pickup, 4wd, 1,500cc, maroon bed liner, 69k mi,

\$12,000. 469-9854
1997 Silverado Chevy truck, 4wd, 3dr, 1,500cc, cd, bed liner, green/tan, \$10,000. 469-9854
1993 LE Grand Caravan, \$2,000 obo. 437-4752
1967 Ford F-100 1/2-ton pickup, 121k mi, 352 motor, dual flowmaster exhaust, \$4,000. 437-4525
1967 Camaro SS, v8 350, turbo 400 at, ps, am/fm/cd, remote, premium wheels, flowmaster exhaust, \$7,995 obo. 510-541-9467

Vehicle Accessories

Cobra R wheels, chrome, 18", 275/35-R18 Kumho Ecsta tires, \$1,000. 437-4921
Dodge Neon rims, tires (4), \$50. 437-4921
Alpine v12 MRV-F300 car amp, 2 Kicker competition 12" subwoofers (boxed), \$200. 421-2168
Stock rims, 17", aluminum alloy, 265x70x17R, truck tires, \$500. 454-0339
Lincoln Mark VII radio, installation tool, \$100. 446-7556
1988-98 Chevy long bed bed liner, \$50. 446-7556
Reese #14 5th wheel hitch, \$225. 446-7556

Trailers/Boats/Campers

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

Puppies, 1 female, 4 males, 9wks old, free. 439-0940
Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix puppies, \$100/males, \$150/females. 437-0455
Pomeranian/Chihuahua, 6mo old, shots, \$150. 437-3552

House/Room for Sale/Rent

Room for rent, house privileges, no smoking, \$450/mo + share utilities. 452-9639
Room for rent, no smoking, \$450/mo + share utilities. 290-3911
Room for rent in Vacaville, pvt bath, \$600 + 1/2 utilities. 447-4768
House for rent, 2 story, 2,450 sq ft, 4br/2.5ba, den, gameroom, across from park/lake, \$2,200/mo + dep. 399-9056
House for rent, 3br/2ba, refrigerator, washer/dryer, \$1,650/mo + \$1,600/dep. 427-0929
Room for rent, \$550/mo. 365-5490
House for rent in Fairfield, 3br/2ba, 2 car garage, backyard w/deck, shed, appliances, \$1,275. 425-7541

Lost

Parrot, vicinity of hwy 12/Walter's rd, orange/yellow, green wings, person who called Petco about finding it should call, \$200 reward. 425-9585

Wanted

Baby sitter for infant under 1yr old. 399-7001

SWAP AD TIPS

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◆ 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.

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◆ 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.

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Staff Sgt. Ryan Neighbors / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Terri Lopez, a shift supervisor at the Travis passenger terminal, marks Robert Porter, a retired Army chief warrant officer, present for space available travel May 6.

Space A improves Dependents, retirees can now fly within CONUS

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Neighbors
60th AMW Public Affairs

Flying for free on military aircraft can be a great opportunity that's now even better. Through Mar. 31, 2004, dependents can fly with their sponsors within the United States.

"This is the most exciting thing that's going on right now in space available travel," said Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Becker, the superintendent of passenger and fleet operations at the Travis passenger terminal. "This is a great quality of life issue."

Previously, dependents could only fly space available when their destination was outside the lower 48 U.S. states.

Allowing family members to fly within the continental U.S. is part of a test program the Department of Defense is running.

There is a possibility that this could become a permanent change and the Defense Department will evaluate how service members benefit from the program, said Sergeant Becker.

There are no changes to the rules that apply to reservists, although activated reservists issued active duty I.D. cards can also bring their dependents along when taking a hop.

Even with all the real world events that are currently happening, there are still chances to fly space available on military aircraft.

"Although current operations have impacted our current schedule to our more popular destinations like Hickam, Guam, Korea and Japan, there are still some great space available opportunities to fly all over the Pacific and the United States," said Becker.

But, it's not just reserve and active duty personnel who are taking advantage of these space available travel opportunities. Retired military personnel can travel "Space A" as well, and they, too, can now bring their dependents along on

flights in the continental United States.

Robert Porter, a retired Army chief warrant officer, has traveled by space available travel on military aircraft all over the world.

"I think I've been to nearly every air base in the United States," he said while waiting at the passenger terminal May 6, hoping to catch a flight out of Travis.

Before leaving on a space available adventure, though, there are a couple of things that Becker suggests potential "Space A" travelers keep in mind. One is to make sure they can afford to purchase tickets to return home on commercial transportation.

There is always the possibility of a space available passengers getting bumped off the aircraft along the way either by higher priority passengers or for some other mission related reason. Or, a passenger could have no trouble catching a hop to a destination only to find it not so easy to fly home the same way.

"Be flexible and be prepared if space available travel doesn't work out," Becker said.

Another thing to remember is that active duty personnel must be in either a leave or pass status before they can sign up for any space available travel.

Travelers should call the terminal at Travis ahead of time and make sure they have the proper documentation, Becker said. Personnel there can also answer any questions travelers may have about eligibility, resolving those issues before they show up.

"The passenger team looks forward to serving you. We'll do everything we can to accommodate your travel desires," Becker said.

For more information on space available travel, call the Travis passenger terminal 24-hour flight information line at 424-5703 or online at <http://amcpublic.scott.af.mil/spacea/spacea.htm>.

Does work have you stressed out?



The Health and Wellness Center has stress-relieving massage chairs available by appointment or walk-ins. Call 424-4332.

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Travis Officers' Spouses' Club award annual scholarships

By Dora Anderson
Travis Officers' Spouses Club

The Travis Officers' Spouses' Club scholarships award luncheon was held May 8 at the Delta Breeze Club. During the event, eight military dependent high school seniors and three military spouses were honored with scholarship awards ranging from \$200 to \$1,800 toward their education.

The TOSC scholarships are academic based and unique in that each applicant must demonstrate qualities of responsibility, leadership, scholastics, citizenship and diversity of interest. A panel of judges from the Base Education Office — Stephanie Beebe, Kate Haworth, and Luvera Randolph — selected the scholarship winners. The judges evaluated candidates on school transcripts, standardized test scores, their community involvement, written essays and letters of recommendation.

High school senior recipients attending a four year college were: Milton Solorzano (\$1,800), Katie Friederich (\$1,700), Amanda Gerdts (\$1,550), Kimberly Reyes (\$1,100), Danielle Spridgen (\$850), Naomi Parkhurst (\$700), and Abigail Viens (\$500). Guy Fisher

(\$300) was the single recipient of a community college scholarship. Continuing Education spouse recipients were: Elizabeth Keithcart (\$750), Victoria Tracy (\$650) and Juana Gallegos (\$200).

"It is such an honor to recognize these military family members by awarding them scholarships," said Brenda Groeschen, TOSC scholarship chairman. "So many times, with all the moves, our military dependents get lost in the shuffle and don't always qualify for scholarships. I am so thankful our club plays such an integral part in raising funds for these worthwhile recipients."

Each year, the TOSC awards approximately \$10,000 in scholarship money and \$7,000 to local and national charitable organizations. Such funds are raised through sales in the base thrift shop, fund raising activities and donations.

Travis has an active officers' spouses' club of 200 members. Luncheons are held on the second Thursday of September through May at the DBC. Programs include guest speakers, entertainers, silver/crystal bingo, and more. Interested spouses can apply for membership at the DBC or contact the membership chairman, Mary Nelson at 437-2876.



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Recipients of the Travis Officers' Spouses' Club scholarships pose at the luncheon thrown in their honor on May 8.

The Enlisted Wives' Club scholarship ceremony is set for May 20 at 7 p.m. in the DBC. The wives' club will award more than \$9,000 to 11 dependents.

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Courtesy photo

Travis firefighter Shenah Flores is a member of the Travis Firefighter Combat Challenge Team.

Firefighter achieves milestone

Shenah Flores is the first civilian female firefighter hired to work at the Travis Fire Department. She was hired last May 13 as a GS-6, driver operator, for crash and structural firefighting vehicles. Flores had previously served with the Travis FD as a military firefighter from 1996 to 2000.

Flores has earned the respect of her peers and supervisors for her work ethic and high degree of knowledge concerning assigned firefighting vehicles. She serves as an instructor and role model for entry-level military and civilian firefighters, and is in demand to teach the specifications and operations of the firefighting vehicles.

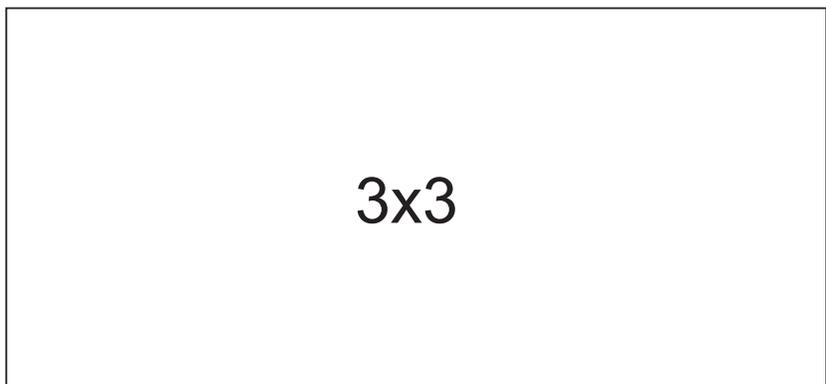
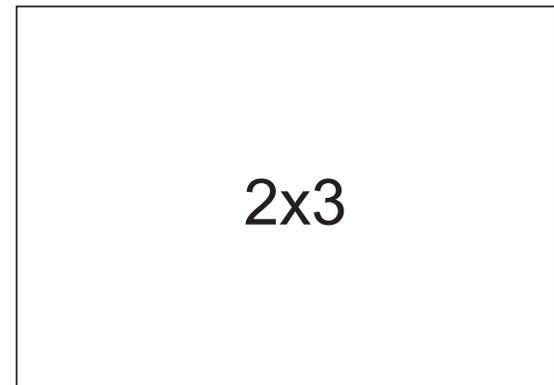
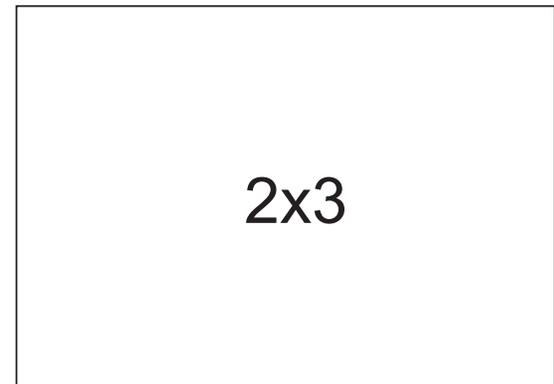
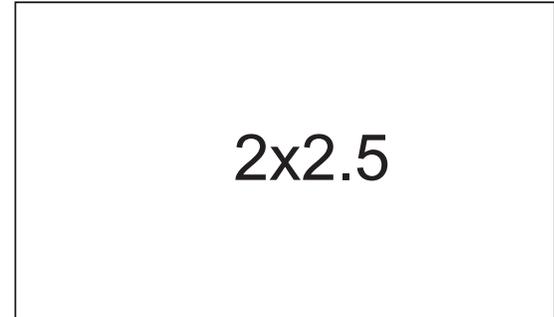
Flores is always ready to help and can be counted on as a team player. While the department has many supervisory firefighters deployed, she eagerly volunteers to help trainees with their certification training. Dedicated to the success of the team, she has spent many hours both on and off duty to assist trainees learn advanced firefighting skills. All who received her assistance passed their complex certifications and Career Development Courses on time.

On her days off, Flores works as a certified personal fitness trainer at the Travis Fitness Center. She is a member of the Travis Firefighter Combat Challenge Team and has been practicing with the team since January, and will represent Travis in the female firefighter category this year. Last year there was only one female firefighter representing the Air Force.

— Peter J. Dolan
Fire protection flight chief

Phone numbers to know

- Base Exchange**
437-4633
- Swimming pool**
424-5283
- Education Office**
424-3444
- Family Advocacy**
423-5168
- Military pay**
424-3925
- Civilian pay**
424-1777
- Immunizations**
423-5104
- Security Forces**
424-3293
- ITT**
424-0969
- Passenger Terminal**
424-1854
- Hospital**
423-7300
- Lodging**
437-0700
- Military Personnel**
424-2276
- Family Support**
424-2486
- Legal**
424-3251
- Housing Maintenance**
437-1230
- Contracting**
424-7711
- Security Forces**
424-3293
- ITT**
424-0969
- Passenger Terminal**
424-1854



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

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Command chief welcomes home deployed team



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, welcomes home members of Travis May 9th after they returned from being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Currently, there are numerous Travis personnel deployed to areas around the globe in support of the war against terrorism.

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Medical team offers tips for asthma relief

By Maj. (Dr.) Michael Younker
60th Medical Group

A severe cough. Shortness of breath. Wheezing. Some people live with these symptoms on a daily basis. For some, it may be as simple as not being in peak physical condition, throat scratchiness due to irritants such as dust or tobacco smoke or chronic sinus drainage.

There are also many lung diseases associated with these symptoms. For yet others, however, this means living with asthma, a chronic disease involving inflammation of the airways.

Approximately 14 to 15 million people in the United States have been diagnosed and are affected by asthma.

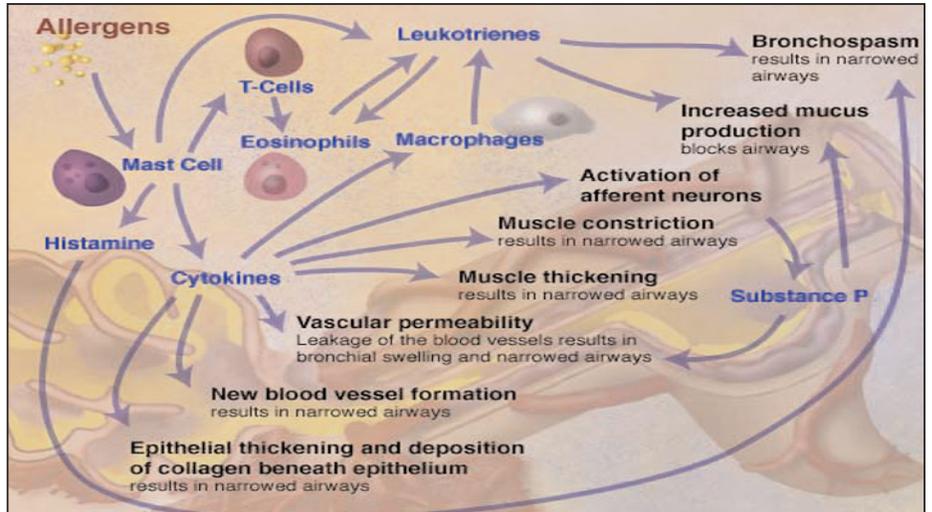
Quality of life can be severely affected, preventing many from carrying out activities of daily life if the disease is left untreated. The disease is also potentially fatal.

Fewer individuals will experience coughing, shortness of breath and wheezing and look forward to years of breathing easier if asthma awareness can be increased enough to convince people to seek medical help. That is why May is designated as Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month at the David Grant USAF Medical Center.

It is important to seek medical help if the above symptoms happen, either separately or in combination. Patients should see their primary care physician for evaluation, which may require performing a diagnostic test known as "spirometry" or "pulmonary function test." This involves blowing air into a mouthpiece attached to a computer, which reads various lung volumes to determine evidence of airway obstruction — blockage of airflow out of the lungs, which suggests asthma.

Patients are given a breathing treatment with one or more medications to attempt to open their airways if the initial test does not reveal evidence for asthma. A certain amount of improvement in the test results can mean a diagnosis of asthma.

However, the test can be completely normal, even if a patient has severe asthma but has no or mild symp-



Courtesy photo

This illustration shows how asthma effects the breathing capability of the more than 14 million people who suffer this illness.

toms that particular day.

Further testing can be done via a Methacholine Challenge if asthma is still suspected. This medication can temporarily provoke asthma symptoms in a safe, controllable manner to confirm the diagnosis.

Attention has turned to improving preventive treatments because of increased awareness and the high cost associated with millions of patients treated or hospitalized for asthma attacks each year.

Newer medications have fewer side effects, are taken less often throughout the day and are safer for long-term use.

Along with the traditional "pump" type of metered dose inhaler, or MDI, a new generation of inhaler dis-

penses medication via a dry powder inhalation, or DPI. This class of inhaler delivers the medication more efficiently, are generally easier to take and require less expertise to use.

Other medications, called leukotriene antagonists, prevent inflammation in the lungs. Taken in tablet form, they are safe for long-term use.

Oral steroids are safe and effective as well, but are generally reserved for acute, or severe asthma attacks or long-term symptoms not responding to conventional therapy, as chronic use can have undesirable side effects.

For more information, contact 423-5107 or your primary care manager.

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Local VFW holds event to support troops, families

To show support of the U.S. servicemembers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4647, is hosting a "Communicate with Our Troops Day," Sunday in Antelope.

VFW Post 4647 extends an open invitation to anyone who

would like to create a videotaped message to be sent to the troops in Iraq.

There will be two recording studios set up, one dedicated to the families of servicemembers in the Gulf region and the other will be used for any member of the community who would like to record a general message of

support.

The event will also contain several briefs with speakers on such topics as benefits and services available to deployed servicemembers and their families. For more information or directions to the event, contact Charlie Bilyeu at (916) 769-2379.

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Parent Pin Program



Larry McTigue / Air Force Print News

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper places a parent pin onto Jennifer Scali's lapel at a Pentagon ceremony May 7. Scali is the mother of Senior Airman Dominic Scali, an aircraft maintenance specialist with the Washington D.C. Air National Guard's 113th Fighter Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The presentation was part of a larger ceremony in which parents of Air Force Reserve, Guard and active duty airmen were recognized for their contributions to national defense. Airmen can sign up at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com to have a pin sent to their parents to recognize their support for the Air Force. The pin is similar to the employer pin recently sent to the civilian employers of Air Force reserve and guardsmen.

Uniform travel policy reinstated

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill — General John W. Handy, commander, Air Mobility Command, and commander, U.S. Transportation Command, has directed a return to the October 2002 policy directing all AMC personnel to wear their uniform when traveling on official business within the continental United States.

In February 2003, because of the war in Iraq and an increase in the national terrorist threat level, General Handy temporarily suspended the requirement for uniform wear during official travel.

With the war in Iraq complete and the terrorist threat level lowered, the commander has directed that all AMC personnel return to the original policy directing the wear of any combination of blue service uniform when traveling on duty-related, CONUS-only commercial flights.

Air National Guard and Air

Force Reserve personnel performing duties that require them to take direction from the AMC commander are also required to adhere to the AMC policy.

AMC officials said there are certain instances where it would not be practical to wear the blue service uniform on commercial flights. The following are authorized exceptions to the uniform travel policy:

- ▶ Personnel traveling on long trips with extended layovers that would result in a less than professional appearance.

- ▶ Personnel traveling with excessive or bulky equipment or baggage, or if wearing blues would make transporting equipment or baggage impractical.

- ▶ Personnel traveling in the CONUS en route to temporary duty overseas or returning from an overseas TDY.

- ▶ Personnel involved in duties where wear of the uniform would jeopardize their mission.

Uniform wear on overseas commercial flights remains prohibited.

PSPs revolutionize medical evac mission

By 2nd Lt. Dustin Hart
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — When Pfc. Jessica Lynch came home from the war on a C-17 Globemaster III, she and the 49 other injured service-members on the flight were able to take advantage of a new aeromedical evacuation technology.

When that C-17 touched down April 12 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., it was one of the first times patient support pallets were used to return injured troops from the battlefield.

According to Air Mobility Command officials, the PSPs are increasing the capability of AMC's aeromedical evacuation mission.

"The vision of aeromedical evacuation is to have the capability to perform AE missions on any Air Force mobility aircraft," said Maj. Lisa DeDecker, the AMC branch chief of AE concept and development. "The PSP allows us to take advantage of all our existing airframes."

Now used on KC-135, KC-10 and C-17 airframes, the PSP is built on a standard cargo pallet, and provides supports for six stretchers or a combination of three airlines seats and three stretchers.

Remaining mobility aircraft do not need to use the PSP because they already have some ability to support evacuation missions.

Although the C-17 is designed to support AE as a secondary mission, and has electrical outlets and oxygen sources for patient care, it is only configured to carry nine stretchers. The PSP allows the C-17 to support larger numbers of patient transfers.

With PSPs, the C-17 can carry a maximum of 12 pallets to accommodate up to 72 patients.

"The retirement of the C-141 in 2006 has really brought this technology to the forefront as a critical need," said Maj. Tami Averett-Brauer, AE Allocation Division chief at AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Center. "When we started transitioning to the C-17, we knew that we would have situations that would require us to transport more than nine stretchers."

In addition to increasing patient-carrying capacity, the PSPs also save the Air Force millions of dollars each year.

"Purchasing the PSPs is far less expensive than the cost of modifying the existing fleet of aircraft to support needed AE missions," said Major Averett-



Courtesy photo

Members of the 775th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron tend to a patient on a patient support pallet. The new patient transport technology can be used for aeromedical evacuation on KC-135, KC-10 and C-17 airframes.

Brauer.

The C-141 has been an AE long-haul workhorse for many years. The C-141 was designed to perform AE missions and has a capacity to carry more than 100 stretchers.

In fall 1999, AMC formed an evaluation team to reevaluate the wartime requirements for aeromedical evacuation.

The team's findings showed a need for alternatives to the aging fleet of aircraft performing AE missions, like the C-141.

From these findings, development of the PSP began and in April 2002, four prototype PSPs were sent to Pacific Air Forces for weekly operational testing.

The first delivery of 25 production model pallets was made in February of this year.

"The pace at which we went from drawing board to a prototype is phenomenal," said Major DeDecker, who is currently the deputy commander of the 775th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron here. "It has been a valuable tool in the success of the AE mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The AE system moved 640 battle casualties and more than 1,300 other patients in the first 35 days of the war without the use of dedicated aircraft."

That is a remarkable transformation."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Poetry club meeting

Share a favorite poem at the poetry forum May 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Mitchell Memorial Library.

Summer Bash

Register early for the Summer Bash 90-mile motorcycle rally and poker run on May 30 and the AutoExpo and vender fair on May 31. There will also be a children's slot car derby and a barbecue in the afternoon. Contact the Auto Skills Center at 424-5300 or log onto www.60thServices.com to register for the bike rally and auto show.

AF Space Camp

Children of active-duty military, retirees and Department of Defense employees are eligible to attend the youth space camp held at the United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., from August 2 to 8. Sixteen youth, ages 12 to 14, will be selected to attend the Space Academy and 18 teens, ages 15 to 18, will be selected to participate in the Advanced Space Academy. Application packets must be turned in to the Youth Center by June 2 at 5 p.m. Call 424-5392 or log onto www.60thServices.com for more information.

Framing memories

The Skills Development Center's Frame Shop is offering a 10 percent discount off the framing of all Operation Freedom memorabilia. Bring a copy of your travel voucher to The Frame Shop or call 424-4391 for details.

Ground school

The Travis Aero Club is accepting registrations for the next 10-week instrument ground school that will begin June 25. The class is tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuition is \$325 and the instrument kit is \$175. Call the Aero Club at 437-3470 for information about tuition assistance.

Services

Today

▲ Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month with the Sier-

ra Inn dining facility's Asian Pacific meal from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 424-0906 for details.

Saturday

▲ Play paintball at Sherwood Forest with the Outdoor Adventure Program. Call 424-5659 for more information.

▲ Watch the Equestrian Center Horse Trial. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Call Barb Brewer at 424-1278 or e-mail her at NCBC5@aol.com for more information.

Sunday

▲ Participate or just watch the Bay to Breakers Race. The Information, Tickets and Travel shuttle will transport people to the race in costume or without for \$7 per child or \$12 per adult. Racers must register in advance at the Web site or at the Greater Body Expo in San Francisco on Friday and Saturday. Details are at www.bayto-breakers.com.

Tuesday

▲ Come to the Delta Breeze Club for the weekly club card drawing and a chance to win cash just for being there. The Enlisted Club also has Cook Your Own Steak Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 437-3711 for more information.

Thursday

▲ The Fast Lanes promotion starts at Travis Bowl. Get a Pit Stop Combo (hamburger, fries and small drink) for \$5.79. Fast Lanes your drink for 39 cents more and get a game piece for a chance to win Coke and NASCAR prizes.

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.

▲ The TAP VA briefing is from 10 a.m. to noon, providing information on VA benefits for separating and retiring members.

Tuesday

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct deployment briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for personnel tasked for deploy-

Tearful reunions, joyful gratitude



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Crowds continue to gather in support as Travis Warriors return from Operation Iraqi Freedom. To date more than 200 Travis members have returned to base.

ment or TDY. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange a one-on-one briefing.

▲ Employment Interviewing Skills II is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This second session includes role-play, videotaping of mock interviews and the best teacher. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

▲ WIC representatives are 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 deployment briefing at 2 p.m. for 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.

Weekly

▲ The Travis HERO Program is seeking children, first through sixth grades to attend a free 10-week program that meets for two and a half hours twice a week. Operation HERO is designed to enhance the social and academic skills of children experiencing change and/or stress. Call the school office to enroll your child in an after-school program that provides mentoring and tutoring. Call Center Elementary at 437-4621 or Scandia Elementary at 437-4691 to enroll.

▲ The Air Force Aid Society offers no-interest loans to help pay for emergency needs. Call the Air Force Aid Society officer at 424-2486 for more information.

Family Advocacy

Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the playgroups meet at the Duck Pond for a stroller stroll. During rainy weather they meet at the McDonald's on the second floor of Solano Mall. The Toddlers Playgroup is Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children age 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup, for children 3 to 5. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup, for infants up to 18 months old. Parents can network with other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

Dads boot camp

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

Parenting classes

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

Chapel Services

Catholic

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

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

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

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

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

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

Protestant

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

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

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

Contemporary

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

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

New events fill DBC summer calendar

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

This summer, a variety of new events have been added to the Delta Breeze Club's calendar; enhanced entertainment, dining, dancing and Members Only Events.

Activities such as Champagne Sunday Brunch, Karaoke night and Late Niteers will continue, but they will be interspersed with a Lip Sync show, Cook your own Steak nights and a Gourmet Night.

"We have always worked hard to provide quality fun and entertainment at a reasonable price for our members," said DBC manager Mark Larios. "We are excited to bring back past programs and introduce new ones this summer."

Non-club members are invited to attend almost all club events and entertainment unless specifically named a Members Only Event.

"The traditional Mother's Day Buffet was a huge success last week and we already have special menu buffets planned for Children's Day on June 8th and Fathers Day on June 15," said Larios.

The Children's Day meal features kids' favorites including chicken nuggets, tater tots, hamburgers, hot dots, pizza, macaroni and cheese, nachos and more. Children ages 6 to 12, who are dependents of Club members, eat free from the kids' buffet. No reservations are needed.

To thank dads and grandpas for all they do, the DBC offers two seatings — 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. — for the Father's Day Brunch. The menu includes: Baron of beef, glazed ham, barbecued ribs, peel-and-eat-shrimp, breads, fruit, potatoes, champagne and more. Reservations are required.

Prices for both holiday meals are: members' children ages 6 to 12 pay \$5.95 and non-members' children pay \$8.50. Adult prices for the Sunday Champagne Brunch are \$12.95 for members and \$18.50 for non-members. All children 5 and under are able to eat free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Long-time club members will remember the successful Cook Your Own Steak Nights in years' past. Larios decided it was time to let the cus-



Lynn Larson / Travis Photo Club

Nancy Liang (left) enjoys Mother's Day with her daughter-in-law, Edna Liang, (right) at the Delta Breeze Club on Sunday.

tomers do the cooking once again. An 8-ounce sirloin steak, baked beans and Texas Toast will only cost \$10.95 and \$8.95 with Member's First pricing. This special deal will be available in the Enlisted patio on Tuesdays and the Officers' patio on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. in May, June and July.

A brand new event is the Lip Sync show for all ranks in the Gold Rush Lounge on Friday, July 11. The family show will begin at 7 p.m. and the adult-only show will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for both shows; club members only pay \$3.

"Karaoke every Wednesday night is casual, anyone can get up and sing their favorite song," said D.J. and DBC program planner Robert Herd. "Lip Sync is different. You have to have costumes, props, wigs and lots of practice."

Performers should call the club for audition information for the Lip Sync show.

The Officers' Club is rocking every Friday night with the Friday Night Social. There will be drink specials, door prizes, fun and games from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Crud table is open for pick-up games all night and a D.J. and dancing will be available in the Redwood Room from 5 to 11 p.m.

Check out the club calendars online at www.60thServices.com for specific dates and times or call the DBC at 437-3711 or toll-free at (888) 322-6084 for reservations or to become a club member.

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Travis Bowl to feature "Fast Lanes," prizes

60th Services Squadron

NASCAR fans will be racing to Travis Bowl this summer for a chance to win a VIP trip to a NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race. The "Fast Lanes" Air Force Bowling promotion starts its engines May 22 and runs for 12 weeks this summer.

"Travis Bowl is the perfect place to cool off for some healthy, indoor fun with your family or friends," said Lou D'Eramo, manager of Travis Bowl. "This summer, the more you visit the Strike Zone snack bar, the greater your chances of winning some great prizes."

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, Fast Lanes offers Air Force bowling center snack bar patrons the chance to enter to

win the national grand prize: a trip to NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Oct. 24 to 27 and an invitation to the Coca-Cola Racing Family Reunion.

This exclusive event includes a private dinner with several NASCAR drivers such as Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Bobby Labonte, Tony Stewart, Dale Jarrett and many other popular drivers.

Participants in the Fast Lanes contest may also receive instant prizes and enter to win one of 82 Coca-Cola collectible

NASCAR racing hood replicas given away at Air Force bowling centers worldwide.

Game pieces will be given out with each purchase of a large Coca-Cola product at

the Strike Zone from May 22 to August 15, while supplies last.

Travis Bowl wants to say "thank you" to customers for putting up with the over-hall of the lanes and scoreboards with a Bowler Appreciation Day on May 30.

All bowlers may bowl three free lines of bowling and buy 50-cent hot dogs and sodas.

We want to make all our customers winners this summer," said D'Eramo.

Although everyone can play Fast Lanes, only individuals 18 years or older are eligible to win the grand prize. For contest rules and entry information, visit Travis Bowl or log onto www.60thServices.com.

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AMOG in the desert

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Members of 615th Air Mobility Operations Group deploy to Iraq, support air operations



The small airstrip the 615th AMOG members constructed in Iraq was able to support C-130 aircraft, like the one pictured above, and helicopters.



While forward-deployed to Iraq, members of the 615th AMOG lived and worked in tents. Here, several AMOG members are packing up their gear in preparation for departing the area.



Security for the airstrip, which was constructed in the heart of Iraq, was handled by Security Forces from both Dover AFB, Del. and Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

Please pass the dirt shaker.

This phrase is a joke amongst members of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group because the unit often deploys to austere locations where food always seems to get some dirt mixed in. When members come home, food just doesn't seem the same without a little grit between the teeth.

After recently returning from a deployment to Iraq, a nine-member team is enjoying meals - without the dirt - and taking a brief break before their next deployment. The team supported critical airlift operations at a classified location in the heart of Iraq.

"The sand there is like moon dust," said Staff Sgt. Jason Diamond, an aerial porter assigned to the 615th AMOG. "It was like the planes would land in powder. The dust would catch up to the plane and it would disappear — all you could see was the nose."

Some times the sand plume could reach 500 feet in height and 200 feet in length — a sight that could be seen from miles from their remote location.

"Army engineers built the airfield, which was really just a dirt strip," said Master Sgt. Josh Bracht, a boom operator from the 615th AMOG. "They had to maintain the airfield all the time, even at night. It needed constant maintenance and they did a great job."

The team prepared for the deployment months ahead of time. They left Travis Feb. 11 and they anxiously waited at a staging point in the Persian Gulf for the war to start. The team deployed to the classified airfield on April 7, just as U.S. troops approached the outskirts of Baghdad.

"We were on the first C-130 to land on the strip," said Sergeant Bracht. "We used four planes to bring in all of our equipment and people. Our mission was to unload and load whatever came in."

The small strip could only support C-130 and helicopter landings. The team utilized resources such as forklifts, all-terrain vehicles, and communications equipment to conduct their "bare bones" operations. They also deployed with security forces members from Dover AFB, Del. and Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. who secured the site with berms, fox holes and constant patrols.

Several missions included the medical evacuation of wounded military personnel. In fact, the team helped transport 15 patients out on the very same plane they first rode in on.

Only one C-130 could land and park on the strip at a time and the airfield could only conduct operations during daylight hours. The team overcame these limitations by tallying an impressive average of only 11 minutes of ground time per plane.

The "AMOGers" worked from sunup to sundown. At night, they passed the time by playing cards, lifting weights, using Baby wipes to "take baths" and avoiding critters like camel spiders.

The team encountered a few Iraqi citizens but their location was very remote and isolated. Their most frequent visitors were camels. Herds of about 150 to 200 camels would stroll past the airfield as they were herded to nearby grazing lands. Operations at the airfield were relatively unremarkable ... until the end.

"We were told to close the airfield. So we packed up all of our equipment, including our tents. Then we got socked in by a huge sandstorm," Sergeant Bracht said.

The team endured the storm for two and a half days without shelter. At times, visibility was about 10 feet.

Finally, the storm relented and the remainder of the team left Iraq on April 17. Eight members came back to Travis AFB April 26.

"I was glad to be a part of this mission because the Iraqi people were overjoyed to be freed from Saddam. But I am really glad to be home ... it takes a strong spouse to keep the household going and I am thankful for all the family members who take care of everything while we're gone," Sergeant Diamond said. Many "AMOGers" are deployed up to 200 days per year.

Upon return, the team has enjoyed a short respite. But some have already hit the road.

"This is what we do — it's a never ending process. It's great to be home but we still need to support the people who are still over there," said Sergeant Bracht.

A security forces member flies aboard a C-130 at night. Security forces members from Dover AFB, Del. and Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. worked closely with 615th AMOG members.

