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15th AF commander pilots B-17, applauds KC-10 squadron

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On Tuesday, the Vacaville community welcomed back more than 100 members of the 6th Air Refueling Squadron who recently returned from the Persian Gulf. The squadron's contributions during Operation Iraqi Freedom continued a long wartime tradition, which dates back to World War II, with its inception as a B-17 flying "fortress" bomber unit.

In honor of this heritage, Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander, was one of two pilots aboard a B-17, which made a fly by (above) then landed at the Nut Tree airport as squadron and family members looked on.

Several members of the 60th Air Mobility Wing served as aircrew on the B-17, including Lt. Col. Kevin Kilb, 6th ARS commander (right). The General later presented awards to several 6th ARS members for their outstanding contributions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Travis aircrew members who flew aboard the B-17 with 15th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Becker, pose for a photo with honorary squadron commander Duncan Miller, Nut Tree Airport Manager. Mr. Miller organized and hosted the homecoming event.



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

This homecoming held for members and their families, was just one of several events the Nut Tree airport has hosted to recognize the men and women of Travis Air Force Base since Sept. 11, 2001. Capt. Craig Babbitt, who recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, enjoys the event with his spouse and daughter.



Capt. Michele Tasista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, welcomes Maj. Gen. John Becker following his historic flight in a B-17 bomber from Livermore, Calif., to Vacaville, Tuesday.

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On the Cover



Capt. Michele Tasista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th AF Commander, taxis a B-17 after flight, Tuesday. Chief Master Sgt. David Spector, of the 60th AMW monitors the aircraft's movement.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Free yoga class

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

Fisher House Classic

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

lunch, a windbreaker and more.

This tournament 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.

Amateur tournament

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

Viking Challenge

The annual Viking Chal-

lenge is July 26 and 27 at Vandenberg High School. Contact 2nd Lt. Renae Pierre, Viking Challenge project officer, at 424-3908 for more information.

Aquatic Center open

The revamped Travis Aquatic Center opened Memorial Day weekend with swimming lessons, water aerobics, open swimming, lap swimming and night swimming.

The pool is off Waldron Street, in building 232 behind Travis Bowl. Call 424-5283 for a pool schedule and to sign up for swimming lessons and classes.

FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Aerobics room

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- » Core cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

- » PiYo, 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday

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

Martial arts dojo

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

TRAVIS CINEMA

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

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Photos by Lynn Larsen / 60th Services Squadron

Caleb Windell, the new golf instructor at Cypress Lakes, helps Amanda Sperle with her swing on the driving range.

Golf instructor teaches etiquette, rules, tips

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

Caleb Windell has been playing golf for 13 years, starting when he was just 9 years old. He has been teaching friends and family since high school and now teaches players at Cypress Lakes Golf Course.

The game of golf is not just hitting a long drive or a perfect putt, it is also having proper etiquette, courtesy and form. Mr. Windell teaches all these skills to his students. He also stresses the importance of good posture.



Golf instructor Caleb Windell helps Amanda Sperle line up her shot on the putting green. Mr. Windell teaches children and adults the basics of golf at Cypress Lakes.

"You can practice anywhere — at home in front of a mirror, in the back yard, up against a wall — it is important to practice correct posture," said Mr. Windell.

Most people who come to him for lessons have been around the game with friends or family members and already understand the basics, but he can also teach people who have never held a club before in their life.

Children even as young as 5 can learn to golf, according to Mr. Windell.

"They must have good balance and understand the rules and be able to do problem solving," he said.

"Golf is great exercise, but not too strenuous. The average 18-hole course is a four-mile walk — something many people can do their entire life," said Mr. Windell. "It is also peaceful to be out in nature."

Still, being good at golf takes more than a strong swing, according to Mr. Windell.

"You have to be dedicated to improve your game and be as good as you can be. It is 10 percent physical talent and 90 percent mental — you have to be self-disciplined and believe in yourself."

Mr. Windell played high school golf in East Linn Christian Academy in Lebanon, Ore., and has been working toward becoming a golf pro since he was 15. He is currently in the Professional Golf Association teaching program and will soon become a certified PGA instructor.

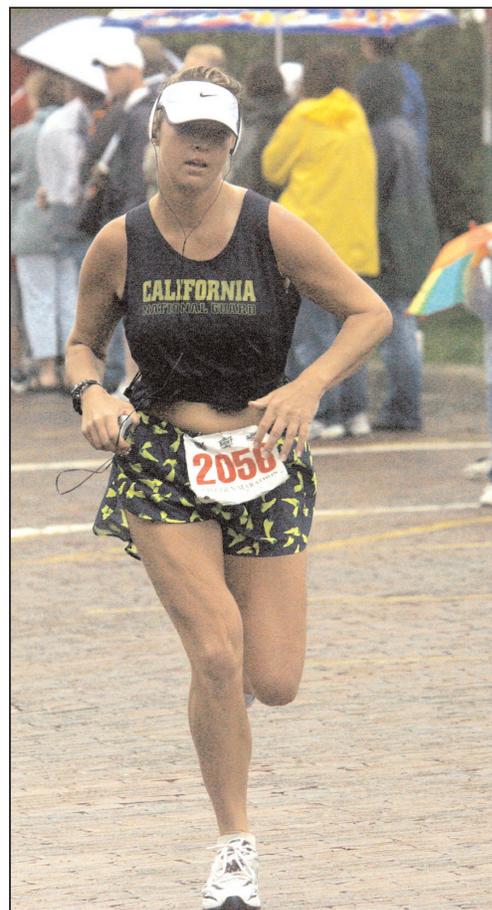
Adult lessons are normally \$20 for a half hour or \$25 with balls. Children are only \$10 for a half hour lesson, or \$15 with the balls.

Lesson packages are also available. Book six lessons and only pay for the first five and get a videotape of the lesson highlights for review.

Mr. Windell will be teaching two Youth Golf Camps this summer at Cypress Lakes for children ages 8 to 13. The camp consists of one week-lesson from 10 a.m. to noon for four weeks, than a short game on the fifth week. The first camp starts on June 11.

There are a limited number of spots available, so call Cypress Lakes golf course at 424-5797 to set up lessons or register for Golf Camp.

First female Californian wins NGB marathon



Capt. Anni Mu Loeb / California Air National Guard

Capt. Brenda Hendricksen, became the first female Californian to win the National Guard Bureau Marathon, finishing the course in 3:44:38 hours.

By Capt. Anni Mu Loeb
California Air National Guard

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Capt. Brenda Hendricksen, a plans officer for the 163rd Air Refueling Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., was the top female runner at the 20th National Guard Bureau Marathon May 4 in Lincoln, Neb. She won the race with a time of 3:44:38 hours. She is also the first female from California to win the NGB Marathon.

Captain Hendricksen said it wasn't until pictures were being taken and she was being interviewed that she realized that she was the first female National Guardsman to cross the finish line.

"It was such a wonderful surprise," she said.

She is now one of 15 women on the National Guard Marathon Team and the only member from California. She is now eligible to participate in two NGB-sponsored marathons during the next 12 months.

Captain Hendricksen said she is honored and proud to represent the National Guard and the state of California.

DOD announces new tanker lease program

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The approval of the Air Force KC-767 tanker lease initiative was announced May 23 by Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

The agreement provides for leasing 100 KC-767 aircraft from the Boeing Co. for six years starting in 2006, at a cost of \$138 million per aircraft. The initiative also includes a provision to purchase the aircraft for about \$4 billion at the end of the lease in 2017.

All things considered, Aldridge said, the Air Force's initiative seemed like the best deal for America.

"We all recognized that one day we were going to have to recapitalize the tanker fleet," he said. "We cannot continue to fly KC-135s forever, and the longer you wait to recapitalize, the more you run the risk of a fleet of those aircraft being grounded for some reason. So we have to get started, and here is an opportunity to start with a minimal amount of up-front Department of Defense dollars, and we can get our aircraft delivered much faster."

The undersecretary added that tankers have become a very important

element of U.S. airpower.

"We saw the value of tankers in the recent Iraqi conflict," he said. "Tankers are a central part of our ability to do what we want to do in the military."

Gen. John W. Handy, U.S. Transportation Command commander and Air Mobility Command commander, echoed those sentiments.

"This decision is a welcome first step toward recapitalization of our vital tanker fleet," General Handy said. "Aerial refueling is key to ensuring America's global vigilance, reach and power, and the timely addition of these 767s will enable us to maintain and improve that capability. It's a great investment for the Nation, one that will pay dividends for years to come."

In the next step, the Secretary of the Air Force will now forward a report to congressional oversight committees detailing the terms and conditions for review and approval.

The strategy allows the Air Force to begin replacing the KC-135E tanker fleet three years earlier than planned.

With an average age of over 43 years, E-model KC-135s make up the oldest weapons system in the Air Force inventory.



Courtesy photo

The Air Force recently received approval to lease 100 KC-767 tankers. KC-135s, like the one pictured here, will slowly be phased out of service. The new KC-767 can offload 20 percent more fuel than the KC-135 and it can be refueled in flight.

The KC-767 will be the world's newest and most advanced tanker. It can offload 20 percent more fuel than the KC-135E and unlike the E-model, can itself be

refueled in flight. It will also have the capability to refuel Air Force, Navy, Marine and allied aircraft on every mission.

Travis teen named Air Mobility Command Youth of the Year

Dedication, personal achievement earn local student top honor in youth program

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

First she wowed the base, and then she impressed Air Mobility Command with her hard work, dedication and achievement. In recognition for all she has accomplished and to encourage her in the goals she has set for herself, AMC named Brytni Houston the Youth of the Year for 2003.

In a press release, Gen. John W. Handy, U.S. Transportation Command commander and Air Mobility Command commander stated, "In addition to her responsibilities at home, Ms. Houston has participated in numerous activities at her school and in her community. She serves as a positive role model for today's young people."

A freshman at Vanden High School, Ms. Houston is also an honor student, ranking first academically in her freshman class of 343 students. In addition, she takes many college preparatory classes including Algebra and French.

But good grades are not enough to be named installation Youth of the Year. The program recognizes individuals for their superior leadership, academic achievement and outstanding service in youth programs and the community.

Ms. Houston's participation and successful endeavors in athletic events, musical achievements and service to her community demonstrate the reasons she was chosen to represent AMC in the Air Force Youth of the Year ceremony at the Pentagon June 25.

Helping others is important to Ms. Houston. She



Courtesy photo

Brytni Houston was recently named Air Mobility Command's Youth of the Year for 2003 in recognition for her scholastic achievements and volunteer service throughout her community.

has tutored peers, collected toys and funds for children at Christmas, read to pediatric patients at David Grant Medical Center, fingerprinted youth during the Travis Community Safety Awareness Day, prepared Thanksgiving dinner for airmen and even wore the Mr. Jelly Belly costume at the annual Eggstravaganza.

Her activity in the community won her the Bayer National Science Foundation Award for Community Innovation. She earned this award because she spoke to students and made posters about how to

decrease the weight of backpacks for sixth to 12th grade students.

An active athlete, she plays basketball and softball and participates in sporting events such as the Punt, Pass and Kick competition, Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser and the Fitness Authority competition. She placed first in her age group in the 2002 local and regional competitions and second place in the National Fitness Authority Competition in Miami, Fla. Music is also a big part of her life. She has sung in school choirs and played in bands. After playing the trumpet for four years, Ms. Houston was selected as a member of the North Bay Honor Band and performed at the Vacaville Performance Arts Center last year.

In honor of all she has accomplished in her 14 years, The Travis Boys and Girls Club named Houston the Youth of the Year for 2003 on March 14 and she went on to compete for the B&GC California state Youth of the Year title. She is still awaiting word on that competition.

Ms. Houston is the daughter of two active duty Air Force members: Master Sgt Robert Houston of the 60th Medical Support Squadron and Chief Master Sgt. Jacquelin Houston of the 60th Mission Support Squadron. Ms. Houston also has two younger brothers, Brandon, 12, and Bryson, 6.

Travis provides many youth programs including sports, education and leadership development to military and DoD kids. To find out more, call the Youth Center at 424-5392 or The Teen Center at 424-3131.

ATWIND's back

Game brings fun, prizes to Air Force bases

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

Every summer Air Mobility Command gives away great prizes including trips, cash, electronic equipment and more to those who participate in the "Around the World in Ninety Days" game and to those who compete and win in the base race.

Someone from Travis who plays in the game is guaranteed to win \$1,000 in June and a trip for two in July.

It's easy to play, and everyone can participate including active duty retired and reserve military and their dependents, as well as Department of Defense employees, contract employees and their dependents.

The rules are simple. Participate in any ATWIND activity and receive one or more game pieces. Open the game piece and register the 11-digit number inside to be eligible to win prizes.

Game pieces can be registered at www.atwind.com or by calling (888) 597-9960. The first game piece number is 9999-2003-999.

There is also a base race, with each base competing against the other for cash prizes. Three years ago, Travis won the race and was able to buy equipment for the Outdoor Recreation Center, busses and more to increase the quality of life for those stationed here.

"Remember, all family members can play ATWIND," said Stephen Pierce, marketing director for 60th Services Squadron. "One year, a child from Travis won a car."

ATWIND kicks off this weekend with the Summer Bash AutoExpo and Tropic of ATWIND barbecue scheduled in the Delta Breeze Club parking lot tomorrow.

Other events include a motorcycle rally, AutoExpo, wood block derby and fishing derby that all require advance preparation and registration.

Two \$250 cash prizes will be awarded to Best in Show and People's Choice in the AutoExpo. Details for both events are available on the Website.

Kids compete for the most fish caught from 8 a.m. to noon at the Duck Pond. While fishing, they can register for the Wood Block Derby, which will be held at noon next to the AutoExpo in the DBC parking lot.

There will also be a vender show, live entertainment and an outdoor tropical-themed barbecue in front of the DBC. To add to the excitement, five \$100 cash prizes will be given away in the E-Money Giveaway to people who subscribe to the e-Snap-shot through the 60th Services Squadron Website.

Travis Bowl gets in on the action with a Bowler Appreciation Day today, where all bowlers can play three free lines of bowling and buy 50 cent sodas and hot dogs for lunch.

To top off the Summer Bash, the DBC hosts the Tropic of ATWIND Barbecue from 4 to 8 p.m. Admission to the barbecue is \$10 and includes two \$3 off food/beverage coupons. DBC members pay the Members First price of \$8 for the barbecue.

There will be live music outside until 8 p.m. when the party will move indoors to the Gold Rush Lounge and switch gears to a D.J. playing dance hits.

For more information about ATWIND, log onto www.60thServices.com.



Around The World In Ninety Days

Game pieces

People interested in competing for ATWIND prizes should participate in some of the following activities at these specified locations:

Note: Participants will receive one game piece for each activity, unless otherwise stated.

Aero Club

▶ Aero Club Members: Join the Aero Club or sign-up a new Aero Club member and complete an orientation flight — an introductory flying session.

▶ Ground School: Complete private pilot, commercial or instrument ground school at the Aero Club and earn two game pieces.

▶ First Solo Flight: Complete first solo-flight at the Aero Club to earn two game pieces.

▶ Pilot's Certification: Complete requirements to obtain a pilot's certificate from the Aero Club and earn two game pieces.

Travis Bowl

▶ ATWIND Bowling: Bowl on Monday and Wednesday.

▶ Youth Bowling Day: Youth age 17 and under bowl on Saturday

▶ League Bowling: Each week earn one game piece per paid participant in league bowling.

Westwind Inn

▶ Laundry/Dry Clean Service: Use the Westwind Inn laundry and dry cleaning service on Thursdays.

Delta Breeze Club

▶ Dining Options: Eat any meal on Tuesday and Thursday, Traditions Dining on Saturday night or Champagne Sunday Brunch and get one game piece for each meal.

▶ ATWIND Bingo: Play "bar bingo" Friday night.

▶ Karaoke Night: Sing and dance at the Club on Wednesday night.

▶ Join Delta Breeze Club: Join the Officers' Club or Enlisted Club or sign up a new club member.

Cypress Lakes Golf Course

▶ ATWIND Golfing: Golf on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

▶ Gatsby's Grill: Eat any meal at the snack bar on Monday and Wednesday.

▶ Driving Range Incentive: Buy a driving range debit card/punch card.

▶ Lesson Packages: Buy six golf lessons

▶ Youth Wednesday: Authorized youth 17 or younger can golf for \$5.

Mitchell Memorial Library

▶ Story Time: Attend the weekly Preschool Story Time at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

▶ ATWIND Thursday: Come in and check out one or more library books.

Outdoor Recreation

▶ ITT/OAP Trips: Participate in an ITT tour or Outdoor Rec trip.

▶ Climbing Wall: Try your skills on the climbing wall on Tuesdays.

▶ ATWIND Camping Package: Rent a camping package.

▶ Leisure Travel: Book your travel accommodations through Leisure Travel, call 424-0971.

▶ FamCamp: Receive one game piece per week for renting space at the Family Camp.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Come out for the DBC Champagne Sunday Brunch	Bowl at the Travis Bowl	Buy any meal at the Travis Bowl	Buy any meal at Gatsby's Grill	Buy any meal at the Delta Breeze Club	Eat lunch at Sierra Inn or Golden Hills	Youth 17 and under Bowl at the Travis Bowl
ANY DAY Rent a camping package from Outdoor Rec ----- Take the family on an OAP or ITT trip ----- Join the Delta Breeze Club ----- Learn to golf from the Cypress Lakes golf pro	Buy any meal at Gatsby's Grill	Attend Story Time at Mitchell Memorial Library	Come out for karaoke at the Delta Breeze	Check out one or more books at the base library	Eat any meal at Mike's Place at the Travis Marina	Get wet & have fun at the Travis Aquatic Center
	Get a new attitude with a Smoothie Island drink	Golf at Cypress Lakes Golf Course	Bowl at the Travis Bowl	Take a fitness class at the Fitness Center	Stop by Outdoor Rec and see what they offer	Eat any meal at Mike's Place at the Travis Marina
		Work out at the Fitness Center	Youth 17 & under golf for \$5 at Cypress Lakes	Golf at Cypress Lakes Golf Course	Go skating at the Travis Skating Rink	Bring in your car or truck for an Auto Hobby Shop tour
		Attend the Frame Shop orientation from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Get a new attitude with a Smoothie Island drink	Buy any meal at Travis Bowl	Get into Bar Bingo at the Delta Breeze Club	
		Buy any meal at the Delta Breeze Club	Take the free Belay Clinic at Outdoor Rec	Try water aerobics at the Aquatic Center	For more ATWIND info, go to www.60thServices.com	

Knowledge is power!
Read a book at the base library.

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Anheuser-Busch donates \$1 million to military fund

Fallen Heroes Fund provides scholarships 'to those left behind'

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc.

WASHINGTON – Anheuser-Busch has donated \$1 million to create the Intrepid / Anheuser-Busch Fallen Heroes Fund, which will provide scholarships to spouses and children of U.S. military and coalition personnel killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was announced in Washington by the Intrepid Museum Foundation.

Patrick Stokes, Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. president and chief executive officer, presented the donation. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard B. Myers, his wife, Mary Jo, and other distinguished leaders of the military attended the conference. Capt. Paul Bucha, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1970 for service during the Vietnam War, presided at the press conference.

"For the families of our military men and women who have died while serving the nation, I want to thank the Anheuser-Busch Company for this special gift," Mrs. Myers said. "I also want to thank the Intrepid Foundation for its continuing support of our military families."

"Rebuilding lives after losing their loved ones takes courage and support from others," said Mr. Stokes. "Giving to these

families enables us to express our deep gratitude for their service."

"This donation will give them (the recipients) educational opportunities to help pave the way for their future."

— Arnold Fisher
Chairman, Intrepid Museum Foundation

The Intrepid Museum Foundation will administer the scholarship program. The foundation operates the Intrepid Family Support Fund that provides financial assistance for the families of U.S. military personnel lost in the line of duty; the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum in New York, a U.S. Armed Forces memorial, educational and charitable institution; and Fleet Week, an annual celebration honoring the men and women of the U.S. military.

"We are proud to join with Anheuser-Busch in supporting these families," said Arnold

Fisher, chairman of the Intrepid Museum Foundation. "This donation will give them educational opportunities to help pave the way for their future."

The Intrepid Museum Foundation was established in 1982 by Zachary Fisher. It has provided more than \$15 million to families of military personnel lost in the line of duty. The group's sister organization, the Fisher House Foundation, provides comfort homes at major military and Department of Veteran Affairs' medical centers to house the families of hospitalized military personnel and veterans.

The donation continues Anheuser-Busch's 150-year history of support for the U.S. armed services. The company recently announced Operation Salute, a broad effort by the company to thank the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for their sacrifices in the war. The program includes free single-day admissions to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place for active-duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and coalition forces. The program will conclude Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The company is also matching all employee USO contributions through Veterans Day.

346th Recruiting Squadron staff sergeant convicted of 'suffering' military property

By Col. Andrea Andersen
Staff Judge Advocate

On April 14 2003, Staff Sgt. Leslee M. Williams, 346th Recruiting Squadron, was court-martialed for illegally renting out or "disposing of" his government-leased quarters; for wasting away or "suffering" utilities belonging to the United States; and for making a false official statement to his commander. Sergeant Williams pled not guilty to all charges and elected to be tried by a panel of members comprised of one-third enlisted members. The charges against Sergeant Williams were based on the following facts.

Sometime in May 2001, Sergeant Williams, an Air Force recruiter, requested government-leased housing in Elk Grove, Calif., near the recruiting office. In June 2001, he was granted government-leased housing, and the government entered into a lease with a private apartment, paid for the apartment, paid for the utilities, and assigned Sergeant Williams to live at the apartment. The United States alleged that Sergeant Williams, without permission or authority, illegally sub-

leased this apartment (for which the government was paying) to a civilian for \$700 to \$750 a month from Sept. 2001 through June 2002, thereby disposing of government property and utilities.

The court members returned a not guilty verdict on the false official statement charge, and a guilty verdict for both disposing of military property and suffering utilities from Feb. 2002 through June 2002. The judge, however, nullified the members' verdict of guilty on the charge of wrongfully disposing of military property because of a technicality on the members' verdict form. The members then sentenced Sergeant Williams with a reduction to the grade of E-4 and a total of \$400 in fines.

Well prior to trial, Sergeant Williams had been offered an Article 15 punishment for his actions; however, he declined to accept the Article 15 and chose to go to court instead. After a three-day trial, Sergeant Williams now has a federal conviction, in addition to the \$400 in fines and the reduction in grade he received as his sentence from the court members.

Good deals for military members

Sponsors continue to offer discounts in appreciation

Tailwind staff

Following is a summary of programs offered by outside agencies in appreciation for military members and their families.

Wine Country Classic

Saturday and Sunday

The weekend, free to all active-duty military and dependents, will include vintage car racing on Infineon Raceway's 12-turn, 2.52-mile course, with a classic car show, motor sports-themed art gallery, custom street rod display, ride and drives by Chrysler and Jaguar, and a historic Jaguar display on turn seven.

Operation Welcome Home

Las Vegas salutes the military

Until July 4

More than 65 participating hotels and resorts offer a 20 percent discount on regular room rates to active-duty personnel and reservists, their spouses and children. More information can be found at www.vegasfreedom.com, under great-

deals) or call toll free 1-877-VISIT LV.

Operation Salute

Offered by Anheuser Busch

Until Nov. 11

Free single day passes are available for active-duty military, reserve, and National Guard members and up to four of their dependents. Passes are good for Sea World in Orlando, Fla., San Antonio, Texas, or San Diego, Calif.; Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., or Williamsburg, Va.; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa.

Disney Salute to Armed Forces

Offered by Walt Disney World

Until Dec. 19

Disney World is offering active-duty members a five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" complimentary ticket, valid for admission to Disney's theme parks, water parks and more at the Disney World Resort. Active-duty members can purchase additional "Armed Forces Salute" tickets for \$99 (plus tax) for up to five additional family members or friends. More information can be found

at www.Disneyworld.com/military.

Half-price stays

Offered by Occidental Hotels and Resorts

Until Dec. 23

This program means that a vacation in the Dominican Republic would cost \$41 per person per night, based on double occupancy, for active-duty military, their families and retirees. All meals, drinks, child care, water sports and entertainment, taxes, tips and more are included. Other locations are in Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Costa Rica, Antigua, Tunisia and Morocco. Prices may vary. Call 1-800-858-2258.

Comedy tickets

Offered by Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater

Tickets for Thursday nights at Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater in downtown Fairfield are available at Information, Tickets and Travel. Visit the Pepperbelly's Website at [\[pepperbellys.com\]\(http://pepperbellys.com\) for a schedule of upcoming comedians, then go to Outdoor Recreation to purchase discount tickets for \\$6.50 per person. A portion of the proceeds benefit Travis services. The shows are for 18 and older. Call ITT at 424-5240 for information.](http://www.Pep-</p>
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Thursday's headliner, Monique Marvez has headlined in Las Vegas, Nevada, breaking all attendance records.

For more information on Pepper Belly's call 422-7469.

Universal Studios tickets

Universal Studios Hollywood is offering discount options to members of the Armed Forces (including retirees and members of the U.S. Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves), Department of Defense personnel, and their families. These specially-priced tickets are only available at the Information, Tickets and Travel office. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Special military rates are not available at the Universal Studios Hollywood box office. A military or U.S. Government I.D. is required. For more information, call 424-5956.

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

May 19

Vehicle towed at the Base Exchange
Person Absent Without Leave apprehended at the main gate
Damage to private property on Ryan Court
Vehicle accident at Scott Street and Travis Boulevard
Vehicle accident at the BX
Damage to private property on Moore Court
Damage to private property on Cassidy Court
Vandalism at the Pride Industries parking lot
Verbal altercation on Moore Street

May 20

Medical emergency at Bldg. 380
Damage to government property at The Pit
Minor vehicle accident at Dixon and V Streets
Drug paraphernalia found at the Westwind Inn
Domestic violence on Cassidy Court
Vehicle repossession on Kansas Street
Vehicle repossession on Napa Street
Malicious activity at Bldg. 1355

May 21

Damage to private property at Bldg. 381
Vehicle accident at Bodin Circle and Hickam Street
Vehicle accident at the Main Gate

May 22

Suspicious vehicle reported at Bldg. 777
Verbal altercation on Georgia Street
Damage to private property on Waldron Street
Damage to government property on Travis Avenue
Animal control on Nevada Street
Drunk in public, underage drinking, damage to government and private property at Bldg. 1304

May 23

Vehicle accident at the Mini Mall
Assault on Cassidy Street

May 24

Juvenile mischief on Travis Avenue

May 25

Vehicle towed from the Commissary

Crime Tip

Hit and run accidents are being investigated and violators will be charged. If you damage someone else's vehicle, make contact with the owner.

Like mother, like daughter



Hawaiian dancers Mariza Salley-Scott and daughter, Tia Scott, teach a kindergarten class a hula dance during the Asian-Pacific Cultural Exchange Program at the Child Development Center # 1 May 6.

TACC opens new ops center

Air Force Print News

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — After a year of planning and six months of renovation, the Air Force's newest air operations center opened for business here May 8.

The renovation project moved the once-cramped Tanker Airlift Control Center operations center into a larger, adjacent area, and either replaced or upgraded everything from carpet, chairs and workstations, to computers and computer software.

On the surface, the new TACC command and control complex, also called the "the core area," or "the floor," is a picture of modernization merged with design.

However, AMC officials said the renovation isn't all about appearances.

During the TACC operations center dedication ceremony May 16, Gen. John W. Handy, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and commander, Air Mobility Command, said the TACC renovation "is the continuation of the constant transformation of the command and control business of Air Mobility Command.

"The people of this command, and the people working in this room today, are the real reason this function works so well," said General Handy. "[The TACC operations center] is an incredible capability when you think about all the airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation missions that are running anywhere in the world at any given time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The command and control and in-transit visibility of all of those assets are run right here through the TACC. Just 10 short years ago we started this dream, and it continues today."

Following General Handy's remarks, Maj. Gen. Edward L. LaFontaine, TACC commander, added that the renovation represented the culmination of a vision that started more than 10 years ago with the first TACC commander, General Handy. "That vision has been refined and expanded to the operation that you see today," said General LaFontaine.

"The new TACC is an improved way to bring all [TACC] functions together, whether it's our flight dispatchers, our flight controllers, our weather personnel, our intel specialists, or our logisticians who handle maintenance recovery of broken airplanes. The new operations center brings them all together in a working community to optimize air mobility operations," General LaFontaine said.

In closing, General LaFontaine called the new TACC operations "a giant step forward."

"[TACC personnel] now have the ability to call upon a wide range of electronic tools and databases to help them make smart decisions in a timely manner and help them make decisions that optimize mobility assets around the world," said the general.

Rudy Lawrence, project manager for the TACC renovation, said in their effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of air mobility operations, the TACC developed new ways of doing business. The new TACC operations center was designed to better take advantage of these new processes and procedures.

"Through the Mobility 2000 process, we explored ways of improving business by looking at the civilian airline industry and other government agencies," Mr. Lawrence explained.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Dunn, superintendent of the TACC Operations Support Division, the TACC is already reaping the bene-



Courtesy photo

Gen. John W. Handy, left, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and commander, Air Mobility Command, and Maj. Gen. Edward L. LaFontaine, TACC commander, cut a ribbon May 16 officially dedicating the new TACC operations center.

fits of both the physical renovation of TACC as well as the transformation of air mobility operations. He said one of the more significant changes was the reorganization of the operations center from a geographical division to functional division.

Before the renovation, the TACC workload was distributed based on aircraft missions in the eastern and western hemispheres.

"As part of the effort to create a more efficient and effective TACC, we got rid of the east-west divisions," explained Sergeant Dunn. "The TACC is now divided into functional areas, or mission types, which gives us the flexibility to manage our manpower based on our actual workload rather than by the location of each mission."

Sergeant Dunn said the functional division created immediate manpower efficiencies.

"We've seen days where the east side was working maybe 1,000 sorties, while the west side was working only 300. The east-side guys were working very hard, while the other half of our crew had a manageable workload," Sergeant Dunn said. "By dividing the operations center by function, rather than by hemisphere, we can adjust the number of people to each type of mission (i.e., contingency, airlift, air refueling, special airlift, channel missions, and so forth). Basically, I can adjust my manpower and even out my workload every day and during every shift."

He said another element of the TACC renovation involves compatible computers and computer software at each workstation, which allows TACC leaders to arrange positions, or functions, on the floor to best meet mission requirements.

A new touch-screen communications system also plays an important role in the transformation of TACC operations.

Sergeant Dunn said the new communications system gives them as many incoming and outgoing lines as they need. "If I have 10 people working special airlift mission, I can have 10 phone lines running," added the sergeant. "We can adjust the number of phone lines based on the workload in each [functional] area. Now we can do more business, talk to more people, and more people can talk to us. This increases our efficiency without increasing our manpower."

In addition to technological advances, the TACC renovation also gave TACC employees more work space, increased storage and a better working environment.

Although larger workstations, advanced office equipment and vibrant color schemes have improved the work space, the continuous perfection and transformation of AMC air mobility operations is what really drives the TACC mission.

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Travis performs DUI prevention event



Nan Wylie / Visual Information

During a DUI Prevention Demonstration held for Travis personnel May 22, Security Forces members Staff Sgt. Richard Styles and Senior Airman Sean Quinlan arrest a drunk driver played by Capt Emily Farkas. The mock arrest was part of the event showing the devastating effects driving and drinking can have not only on the driver but also on the innocent victims he or she can hurt or kill.

Bases to get new titles

Nine reserve installations designated as multiservice

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — This summer, nine Air Force Reserve Command installations will be re-designated joint bases or stations to reflect the multiservice use of the facilities.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC commander, initiated the change.

At his suggestion, the civil engineer at AFRC headquarters here completed a survey of the installations where the command is the host and determined nine locations qualify for joint status.

The locations and their future designations are: Dobbins Joint Air Reserve Base, Ga.; Grissom JARB, Ind.; Homestead JARB, Fla.; March JARB, Calif.; Minneapolis-St. Paul Joint Air Reserve Station, Minn.; Niagara Falls JARS, N.Y.;

Pittsburgh JARS, Pa.; Westover JARB, Mass.; and Youngstown JARS, Ohio.

"The primary change is simply to insert 'joint' in the installation title," said Thomas Hovey, chief of civil engineer operations for AFRC. "No other relationships will change."

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

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



Viking Challenge 2003

Annual combat race tests participants' limits, raises money for Travis Fisher House

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

The gauntlet has been thrown as Travis gears up to host the annual Combat Viking Challenge 2003, July 26 to 27 at the Vandenberg High School track.

Teams of 10 people will run the demanding relay race 24 hours straight to raise money for the Travis Fisher House.

Each member will run a one-mile leg, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and ending 10 a.m. Sunday.

"It is a great opportunity to support our fellow military members and their families in their time of need," said 2nd Lt. Ranae Pierre, project officer. "When military members face extended medical problems, the Fisher House gives their family the opportunity to be near their loved one, at no expense. This will also give people a chance to build esprit de corps with not only their squadron, but the entire Team Travis and the local community."

The Travis Fisher House, which is located near the base hospital, is one of more than 20 comfort homes built on military bases.

The 5,000 square foot house has two single bedrooms, three double rooms, two double room suites, a large common room, dining room, fully stocked kitchen, laundry and office. It accommodates up to seven families or 16 people at a time and provides a comfortable retreat for patients' families.

"This is the largest fundraiser for the Travis Fisher House, last year we donated over \$26,000," Lieutenant Pierre said. "They depend on contributions from the Viking Challenge to keep the house going throughout the year. They use the money for everything from administration costs to the food and supplies any family would use on a daily basis. The house is currently occupied by seven families, with eight on the wait-

ing list."

The Travis Fisher House opened January 1994 and has served over 1,400 guests. The average occupancy rate is 88 percent on a first-come, first-serve basis for those meeting the eligibility criteria.

The primary criterion is the need to provide a family environment close to the patient. Other criteria and priority considerations are: a patient is admitted for three days or more and the patient's family lives farther than 60 miles from David Grant Medical Center and is not on a TDY paid status. Another consideration is whether the patient's family has friends or family in the area who they can stay with. Additionally, a patient's family will be limited to a 30-day stay.

"People of all levels of ability can participate, from walkers to competitive racers. This is not just a race but an event! Teams are encouraged to bring anything from a pop-up tent to an RV with a barbecue to cheer on their team," Lieutenant Pierre said.

Last year's winning team from the 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron racked up 198 miles total. Thus, team members averaged a speedy seven minutes, 15 seconds per mile.

The 31 teams who pounded the track last year represented active duty, reserve units from here as well as Beale AFB and Vandenberg High School JROTC. Units may sponsor more than one team. Additionally, spouses, retirees, Department of Defense employees and ROTC members are also encouraged to participate as team members, support personnel or just join in the fun.

Contact 2nd Lt. Ranae Pierre, project officer, at 424-3908 for more information about the Combat Viking Challenge 2003. For more information about the Fisher House, call 423-7551 or visit www.travis.af.mil/dgmc/fisher-house.

On the road again?

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





Construction: Expect delays

The Travis Boulevard outbound lanes are currently being repaved to improve the road's functionality. Construction crews completed grinding the pavement earlier this month and repaving began this week. 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, especially in the afternoon hours.



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



Looking for some bracelets to go with that new outfit? Have a few drinks and go for a drive...

Drinking and Driving ...

Don't do it!



Important Notice

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

Yard Sales

Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, multifam, 185 Texas St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 114 Idaho st.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 306 Hackett Ave.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 142 Wyoming St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 301 Twin Peaks Ct.
Saturday, 644 Valley View Way

Furniture

Twin bed, headboard, frame, box spring, mattress, \$100. 422-4573
Queen bedroom set, \$20. 434-3607
Dining room set: table w/2 leaves, 6 chairs, buffet w/hutch, \$675. 447-6876
Bunk bed, white metal, \$300 w/full/twin mattresses, \$150 w/o mattresses. 437-3423
Coffee table, 2 end tables, dk wood w/glass, \$75 obo. 439-9618
Sofa, oversized, off-white/tan, subdued floral pattern, \$300 obo. 434-1352
Living room table set, 4pc, \$75. 437-0114
Bar stools (3), \$25. 437-0114
German oak bench, cushion, drawer, front compartment, \$50. 344-2611

Appliances

Maytag gas dryer, \$200. 434-3607
Washer/dryer, \$100. 439-0707
Whirlpool dish washer, black face, built in, free for donation to fisher House. 437-7931
Microwave oven, \$20. 469-0463
Kenmore washer, \$100. 437-4752
Ryan dryer, \$50. 437-4752
Air conditioner, 110v, 10k btu, \$250. 437-4752
Hoover SteamVac Max Extract LS, F6055-900, \$225 obo. 434-1352

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 K-D pool, round, 16'x4', 2 filters, pumps, auto sweeper, ladder, \$300 obo. 447-2613
More than 100 paperback Louis L'Amour westerns. 643-8742
Sears rototiller, 10", 32.8cc, \$80. 643-8742
Sears bench grinder, .5hp, \$30. 643-8742

Craftsman drill press, model 335.25987, \$25. 643-8742
Queen size mattress, box spring, \$75. 469-7688
Kolocraft light sport stroller, \$40. 437-3423
Toddler's bed, white metal, side rails, sheet set, \$35. 437-3423
Child's bike, \$20. 437-4752
Wooden swing set, \$20. 437-4752
King/queen bed frame, \$15. 437-0114

Musical Instruments

Yamaha upright piano, \$3,500. 439-0707
Piano chairs (2), \$8. 437-0114

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Aerobic step, green, set of black risers, \$15. 442-4573
Surf board, 9'8", leash, canvass bag, \$300. 449-8178
Ab doer, \$60. 434-3607
Proform crosswalk treadmill, \$250. 437-4752
Scuba gear: regulator, octopus, fins, mask, wet suit, Prodigy dive computer. Wanoka sea style gear bag, \$450 obo. 437-0987

Electronic/Computer Items

Nintendo 64, 2 controls, \$50. 448-9549
Nintendo 64 games, transfer pack, \$25-\$30/ea. 448-9549
Game Boy, 1 game, \$40. 448-9549
Altec Lansing 5.1 computer speaker, sub-woofer, \$250. 437-3423
Dell Precision 220 computer, Pentium III, \$600. 437-0114
Television, 25", \$35 obo. 437-2305
Magnavox Direct TV receiver, \$50 obo. 437-2305

Vehicle

2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS, 16k mi, silver, black int, at, pw, cd, alarm, keyless entry, \$16,000 obo. 330-7655
2002 Toyota Celica GT, 23k mi, white, at, ac, pw, pl, keyless entry, alarm, Kenwood stereo, remote, Infinity amp, 2 10" subs, \$17,700. 628-5999
2000 Acura Integra GSR, 23k mi, dk violet pearl, leather, cd, alarm, moon roof, pw, AEM CAI, HKS exhaust, DC header, \$16,000. 439-1059
2000 Honda Civic EX, red, 22.25k mi, \$12,000. 437-3012
2000 Honda Accord EX, v6, 4dr, green, tan leather, 122.5k mi, \$10,500 obo. 469-0463
1995 Chevy Silverado 1500, ext cab, short bed, at, v8, pw, keyless entry, am/fm/cd changer, 70k mi, \$11,000 obo. 330-7653
1995 Ford Windstar van, 146k mi, \$4,800 obo. 435-9897
1995 Hyundai Accent, 2dr coupe, at, ps, abs, am/fm/cas, dual airbags, 72k mi, \$2,800 obo. 437-2305
1990 Toyota Corolla DX, 4dr sedan, am/fm/cas, \$2,500 obo. 446-7383
1991 Honda Accord EX, pw, pl, sunroof, 318k mi, \$1,300 obo. 437-2668
1986 Fiero SE, v6, at, ac, 25k mi, 1 owner, \$5,500 or trade. 439-0707
1966 Ford F-150 pickup, v8, 110k mi, \$1,750. 446-7383
Suzuki TL 1000S, D&D carbon-filled

exhaust system, zero gravity wind screen, 12k mi, \$5,400 obo. 437-0987

Vehicle Accessories

Honda Odyssey/Isuzu Oasis/minivan dashboard mat, gray, \$20. 449-6910
Mitsubishi Eclipse car cover, \$80. 437-3776
Mazda Miata rims, \$50. 437-3776
1997 F-150 Ford pickup Triton engine, 4.6ltr, v8, 70k mi, \$1,000 obo. 435-9897

Trailers/Boats/Campers

2001 aluminum Bass Tracker boat, 17.5', Bimini canvass top, 50hp Mercury motor, Trailston trailer, fish finder, extra battery, \$8,500 obo. 429-4303
1998 Sting Ray boat, 22', 5.7ltr v8, in/outboard motor, cuddy cabin, \$19,500 obo. 437-3776

Pets/Pet Accessories

Cat. 437-0488
Calico cats, 2 females, 2yr old, spayed, shots. 437-0778
Kittens, 8wks old, free. 437-4820

House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for rent, 2 story, 2,450 sq ft, 4br/2.5ba, den, game room, 2-car garage, across from park/lake, \$2,200/mo + dep. 399-9056
Room for rent, ADT security system, \$550/mo. 365-5490
Room for rent in 3br/2ba house in Vacaville, pvt bath, \$600/mo + 1/2 utilities. 447-4768

SWAP AD TIPS

The following tips should make using the Swap Ads easier.

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

◆ **Write legibly.** If it can't be read, it will not be run. The *Tailwind* staff does not have time to call and clarify ads that are not legible.

◆ Always include a home phone number. **Duty phone numbers will not be printed.** Only one phone number will be printed per ad.

◆ **Yard sales must contain date, time and location.** It is not the responsibility of the *Tailwind* staff to track down this information.

The **SWAP ADS** deadline is noon Monday for that Friday's *TAILWIND*. Ads can be dropped off in Bldg. 51. Submissions do not guarantee publication.

Air Force opens hospital in southern Iraq

By Maj. Jon Anderson
407th AEG Public Affairs

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — The “medical torch” passed from the Army to the Air Force at an air base in southern Iraq with the grand opening of the Expeditionary Medical Support hospital. After nearly six years of development, EMEDS is the latest in expeditionary medical care.

The Army’s 86th Combat Support Hospital is scheduled to close because the base no longer needs its 80-bed capacity, according to base officials. The replacement EMEDS unit is a 10-bed hospital.

“In the first day and a half, we treated 12 emergency patients, one of whom might not have survived had EMEDS not been here,” said Col. (Dr.) Darr LaFon, commander of the EMEDS. “One of the big reasons the new hospital was able to quickly and effectively (treat) these patients is our radical approach to medical care. We’ve incorporated Air Force, Navy, Marines and Army medical professionals for the first time in Iraq.”

The facility staff offers a full range of medical treatment, said Colonel LaFon.

“We provide nearly everything you’d expect back in the states,” said Capt. Karen Murry, a critical care nurse.

The new facility includes a pharmacy, routine and emergency medical care, and an operating room. It also offers dental care and life-skills counseling.

Dental care is already a hit, according to the noncommissioned officer in charge of dental services.

“We’ve had some people in who haven’t been able to see a dentist in nearly six months, and you bet they’re happy to see us,” said Staff Sgt. Robyn Nuss.

While they are not yet providing cleanings, Sergeant Nuss said one dentist is now on the job and another expected in the near future.

“We may be the only dental clinic in southern Iraq judging from how far our military patients are driving. The word’s out that dental care is finally here,” said Sergeant Nuss.

The life-skills department has only been here for a brief time, “but already business is picking up as people hear about our services,” says Maj. Tony Satterfield, life-skills chief and a clinical psychologist. “We’ve been able to help others in our traditional counseling role, but we plan to steadily add more preventative help, such as stress-reduction and tobacco-cessation classes.”



Maj. Jon Anderson / Air Force Print News

Col. (Dr.) Darr LaFon uses a microscope that is smaller and lighter than previous versions. This type of equipment dramatically reduces the airlift requirements of deploying medical systems. Colonel LaFon is the commander of the 407th Expeditionary Medical Squadron.



Frontline: A nurse's story



Cpl. Keith Kluge / Armed Forces News Service

Capt. Kristen McCabe, an Aeromedical Transport Team nurse with the 438th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, holds a soldier's hand and talks to him during his flight to Germany. Medical personnel such as McCabe have played a vital role in supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Caregivers tend to Enduring Freedom's wounded

View Point

By Maj. Debra Egan
60th Medical Operations Squadron

In mid-February, approximately 100 medics from David Grant Medical Center were notified they were being deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

These medics were sent to set up and run a 25-bed hospital to provide Expeditionary Medical Support for military service members. I was one of the nurses deployed to this austere environment where we worked out of a field hospital. We had all been through extensive training for what we were about to do, but it still seemed so dreamlike; it was hard to believe that we were no longer receiving casualties from a real war.

Once the war began, we did see numerous casualties, but in my mind, one night stands out above the rest.

This particular night has become a defining moment for me. We received word that we were to get a soldier with a gunshot wound to the chest.

Suddenly an ambulance arrived from the flight line with other casualties. We were busy treating two of these patients, both of whom were being prepared for surgery when someone said, "There's another patient." I looked toward the emergency room door and saw a young soldier standing there



Courtesy photo

Maj. Debra Egan, 60th MOS, takes part in an early morning medical briefing while deployed to Southwest Asia.

with bloody bandages wrapped around his head. He was clutching an American flag, holding it to his chest. I walked toward him. "Are you okay?" I asked. "I'm fine, took a bullet to my jaw", he replied as he pointed to his face. I assisted him as he laid down on a stretcher.

During this whole time he never stopped holding onto the flag. We began unwrapping the bloody dressings to his head and saw that he had a deep wound to the side of his face where a bullet had hit his jawbone.

I knew right away that he would be going to surgery in our operating room. I began to get him ready, taking his watch, and other personal effects. He was still clutching the flag. "Can I hold the flag for you?" I asked. He reluctantly handed it to me, "It's not mine, it belonged to a buddy of mine," he said. "I promised him I'd see that it got to his family. I promised to take care of it for him." His friend had died in route to our hospital.

The following evening, the staff of the hospital took this patient and his comrades out to

the flight line to say good-bye to their buddies who did not survive.

The American flag the soldier had been clutching was on the coffin of his friend, on its way back to the United States and his family.

There were a lot of tears and hugs as we shared in the heart-break and painful reality of war.

This was a defining moment for most of us — we realized that war was more than an idea or slogans and deployments.

Wars are events that impact lives forever. We had trained for these wartime events but nothing had prepared us for the flood of emotions we experienced on this night. Nothing can prepare a person for the poignant loss one feels.

The caring and compassion that these brave soldiers shared for one another was both inspiring and heart breaking.

I will carry the image of the soldier in the emergency room doorway clutching the American flag in my heart forever.

I realize that in this life if we are lucky we have an opportunity to do what we want to do and that the truly fortunate have an opportunity to do what they are meant to do.

I had the opportunity and privilege to serve with an outstanding group of medics.

The members of DGMC did what they were meant to do.

They were brave and compassionate and they truly served their country with pride as heroes.

Apprentice sets her sights on the stars

By Master Sgt. William H. Kramer
60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The faces of fellow airmen are ever changing. Many possess strengths that set us apart from others; however, the total package is seldom recruited.

The 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron is fortunate to have one of the Air Force "Shining Stars" on its team.

During the month of December 2002, Airman Heather J. Labalbo, an Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice, signed in at Travis and hit the ground running. She is on pace to complete 5-level upgrade training eight months ahead of schedule.

Airman Labalbo is a well-rounded airman, in addition to her strong civic stature and military devotion she spends time expanding her knowledge at the controls of general aviation aircraft.

Labalbo is a great mechanic that shows superb attention to detail. She was instrumental in the AGE flight pulling through a critical aircraft jack shortage.

Her team overhauled and tested 10 large aircraft jacks in five days, raising the in-commission rate over 20 percent.

Since being assigned to Travis, Labalbo contributed over 32 flawless periodic inspections on AGE, allowing the flight to sustain its 98 percent AGE reliability rate.

She has completed two field training courses on MA-3D Air Conditioners and Self generating nitrogen servicing cart.

The superb airman is also an FAA licensed pilot and has the short-term goal of attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and becoming a flying commissioned officer and astronaut.

Many may have seen Labalbo per-

forming the opening act for Air Force Tops in Blue.

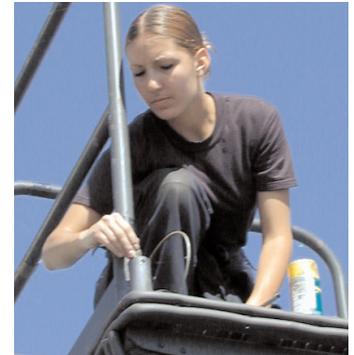
Heather is an accomplished vocalist who is often recruited as a vocalist for military functions — tasked with two retirements this week alone.

She was a handpicked escort for the Doolittle Raiders reunion and worked 12 to 14 hours daily supporting stringent scheduled reunion appearances.

She also supported Operation Homecoming by preparing food for returnees and setting up reception area.

Labalbo participated in the April and May reveille/retreat ceremonies for 60th Maintenance Group and was lauded and received a coin from Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman who stated "EMS set the bar."

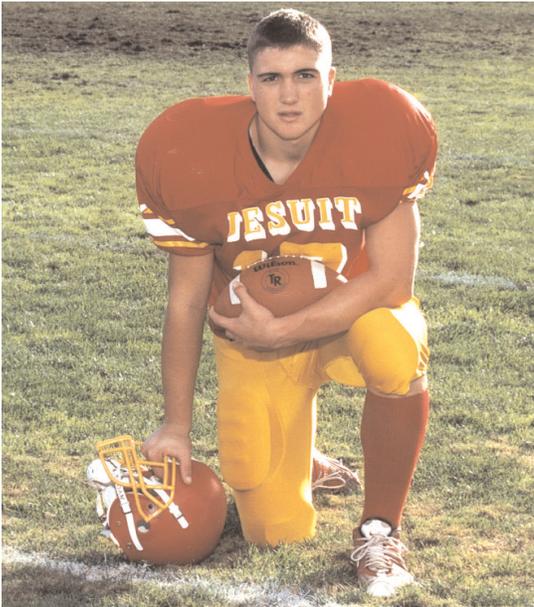
Additionally, Labalbo is a fitness assessment monitor at the Travis Health and Wellness Center and is a Flight readiness monitor.



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

Airman First Class Heather J. Labalbo, an Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice, performs a periodic inspection on a B2 Maintenance platform here.

Travis youth selected to aviation camp



Courtesy photo

Joe Rost, defensive end & tight end for the Jesuit High School football team, will attend the Air Force Teen Aviation Camp next week.

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

High school sophomore, Joseph Rost, will experience a small taste of his future this summer at the Air Force Teen Aviation Camp. Rost was one of 40 youth chosen Air Force-Wide to attend a weeklong program conducted at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

The youth will spend a week at the Academy learning about Aerodynamics through classroom instruction, using a flight simulator and actually piloting an aircraft.

"Last year on vacation I had the opportunity to visit the USAF Academy and I was totally delighted," wrote Rost in his application packet. "The groundskeeper gave me a USAFA used football. I will always treasure it and I display it in my room."

Rost plays football, basketball and baseball back-to-back while maintaining a 3.4 GPA at Jesuit High School in Carmichael. He was named Most Valuable Player in basketball and baseball and defensive player of the year in football last year.

He wants to attend the Academy and eventually become a B-2 bomber pilot.

"Attending the USAFA Teen Aviation Camp will keep my dream alive for going to the Air Force Academy for college and hopefully a career with the Air Force," he wrote.

The aviation camp will not be Rost's first experience with aircraft.

"I have attended Mach I and Mach II Aviation Challenge Summer Camps, and have flown with the Young Eagles flying program," he wrote. "I have since had the opportunity to fly with my dad's friend who owns a Cessna 152. I loved every minute of the flight."

Rost names his father, retired Master Sgt. James Rost, who is now a high school teacher as the most influential person in his life. Rost's list of awards and certificates show he is not only a talented athlete, but also a studious young man. He was awarded the United States National Mathematics Award, the National Physical Fitness Award and competed in the National Latin Examination.

The 3rd Annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp will be held from May 31 through June 6. Children of active duty Air Force personnel, who are sophomores or juniors in high school, are eligible to apply for the aviation camp each year.

Teens are selected on the basis of a variety of activities and achievements including: student leadership, extracurricular activities, youth club membership, community service, honors won and high school grades.

For more information about Teen Aviation Camp, Air Force Space Camp and other youth programs, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.

Summertime wear of the military uniform

As the temperature rises in California, many personnel will begin rolling BDU sleeves to keep cool. However, there are things sleeve rollers should be aware of:

- ▶▶ The outer shirt material must cover the inner material to give a crisp matching material affect.
- ▶▶ Sleeves must be folded within one inch or touching the forearm when bent at a 90 degree angle.
- ▶▶ The chevron must be fully visible when the sleeve is rolled.

These references can be found in the Air Force Instruction 36-2903, table 2.2 Dress and Appearance.

Classified Ads work. Call 425-4646.

Community shows support for Travis NCOs

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

A local community military affairs group showed their support for Travis Air Force Base by hosting a noncommissioned officer Appreciation Night in Vacaville May 22.

The Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee sponsored the event, which featured a free steak dinner, gourmet desserts and prizes donated by local businesses.

"This is our way of saying thank you," said Kathy Koulos, a TRAFc member. "We're all volunteers and many of our members are ex-military. The NCO Appreciation Night is a great chance to get to know Air Force people ... and the sacrifices and hardships they face."

The diverse members of TRAFc are members of a local chamber of commerce.

Ms. Koulos is a realtor who belongs to the Fairfield and Vacaville chambers.

"The committee encompasses elected officials, business leaders and community leaders from throughout Solano County. They support Travis because they know how important the base is to national defense and its economic impact," said Linda Weese, chief of community relations, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs.

Travis has an economic impact of more than \$1 billion per year.



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

Travis members enjoy their steak dinner during the annual TRAFc NCO Appreciation Night. The event also included a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

The group sponsors four social functions each year that promote relations between Travis and the local business community.

For example, TRAFc supports the Solano Trophy Dinner and awards presentation for the 15th Air Force.

"It's great the community recognizes what we do and is showing their support," said Tech. Sgt. Bruce Miller, a production expeditor in the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Sergeant Miller has been stationed at Travis for 12 years and last week's event was the first TRAFc NCO Appreciation

Night he's attended.

The committee hosts the event every year.

Festivities kicked off with a social hour in front of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce in downtown Vacaville. After the dinner, a raffle was held. Prizes included DVD players, personal music players, a fan and gift certificates.

TRAFc will host a base-wide picnic later this summer to show their appreciation for all members.

The group meets at the Delta Breeze Club once a month. For more information, contact retired Maj. Gen. Dale Baumler at fchamber@ffs c-chamber.com.

The SWAP ADS deadline is noon Monday for that Friday's TAILWIND. Ads can be dropped off in Bldg. 51. Submissions do not guarantee publication.

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ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER

Master Sgt. Frank Camacho is a native of Guam and now resides in Vacaville with his wife Sotera, and their three sons. He is the chief of Logistics Executive Support for the Fifteenth Air Force Logistics Division providing executive and workgroup manager support for the team chief and members during the Air Force Unit Readiness Inspections for six active airlift and air refueling wings, three groups, and six overseas air mobility squadrons. Sergeant Camacho is responsible for all executive information management and personnel issues for 30 action officers, senior NCOs and civilians. As workgroup manager for the Logistics Division, he oversees software installation, upgrades, maintenance of computer systems and e-mail accounts, and manages automated data processing equipment accounts totaling over \$100,000. Sergeant Camacho is an active Asian Pacific Islander member and has participated in several functions.



Courtesy photo

Edith Tremethick is a civilian pay technician for the 60th Comptroller Squadron.

She has been at Travis for a year and seven months and was recently selected to serve as the 60th Air Mobility Wing co-chairperson on this year's Asian Pacific American Heritage committee.

Mrs. Tremethick was born and raised in Davao City, Philippines and is married to Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Tremethick who is a Russian Linguist assigned to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Mrs. Tremethick fluently speaks Visayan, Ilocano, Tagalog and English. On her off-duty time, she enjoys working with children and presently serves as a 3rd grade religious teacher on base.



Courtesy photo

NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



Conquer the world of words.

Read a book at the base library.

Bike rodeo June 5

The Fitness Working Group is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo June 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center parking lot. All children are invited and must have a helmet to participate. There will be helmet and brake check stations, riding courses, and "goody bags" for everyone. For more information, contact Nicole Saroyan 424-4634.

Health Care Council

The 60th Medical Group will host the next quarterly Health Care Advisory Council (HCAC) meeting on June 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the David Grant Medical Center Auditorium. The HCAC informs active duty members, retirees, and their beneficiaries of current and upcoming changes within the medical center and with their TRICARE benefits. For more information, contact Mary G. Brown at (707) 423-7904.

FTAC position open

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is looking for a sharp, highly motivated master sergeant to fill a flight chief position at the First Term Airman Center. The position is a one-year special duty assignment with an option for an additional year of service. This position affords applicants the opportunity to mentor future leaders of the Air Force while assisting with young airmen's transition into life on Travis. For more information or to schedule an interview, call 424-5005.

Blood needed

The Armed Services Blood Program Office has announced a need for O Negative and O Positive blood. It is needed to help replenish the Department of Defense's blood supply. If you are blood type O please come to the David Grant Medical Center in the 2nd floor Laboratory and donate to support our nation's troops.

Forbes gate schedule

In support of the Travis Unified School District, the 60th Security Forces Squadron will open the Forbes Gate during the summer school sessions only. The summer school sched-

ule is as follows: First session is June 12 through July 2 and second session is July 7 to 27. Gate hours of operation will be: 7 a.m. to noon for both sessions. The gate will be used exclusively for school traffic. All other traffic will be directed to enter Travis through the Main, North or Hospital gates.

Navy fundraiser

A fund-raising event to benefit the Navy's Morale Welfare and Recreation will be held June 2 at Chevy's restaurant in Fairfield. The Navy MWR fund will receive 20 percent of all receipts presented with this article (please cut it out and bring it with you) or if the receipt has written on it "donate to the Navy." To obtain more information on the Navy fundraiser at Chevy's, call Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Gradert at 424-3006.

Obey speed limits

Travis drivers are reminded that with the summer months approaching, many children are outside playing in residential areas — maintain the posted 15 mph speed limit.

Gate entry

Exercise caution and patience when entering the base. New barrier configurations have been raised to maintain security. Additionally, people must remove identification cards from wallets and pockets for a hands-on inspection, which can help detect fraudulent cards.

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 will be held June 16 to 20 in South Lake Tahoe. For more information, contact Capt. Karie Pahia at 424-1705.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Framing classes

The next beginners' framing classes are June 7 and 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Skills Development Center's Frame Shop. The \$30 fee includes materials to frame a 5-by-7 piece of artwork.

The advanced class is June 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. and covers the art of file matting. The \$30 fee covers materials. Call 424-4391 to sign up in advance.

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.

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

▲ It's Bowler Appreciation Day at Travis Bowl from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons can bowl three free games and get 50-cent hot dogs and sodas.

Saturday

▲ The Summer Bash and Tropic of ATWIND barbecue includes live entertainment, vendors, a car show, prizes, races and more all in the Delta Breeze Club parking lot from noon to 8 p.m. Admission to the car show is free, but there is a \$10 fee for the barbecue and music. Log onto www.60thServices.com for details.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

▲ It's the last day to sign up for the white water rafting trips on the American River. The overnighter is June 21 and 22 and the day trip is June 28. Call 424-5659 for details.

▲ Information, Tickets and Tours takes a group from Travis to the Fiesta Filipina in San Francisco June 7. Transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 424-0971 for more information.

Family Support

Monday

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

▲ The salary and benefits negotiation workshop is at the FSC from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

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

▲ The Ultimate Job Search is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. This half-day job search workshop includes skills and self-assessments, job search techniques and more. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

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

▲ The Executive Career Management seminar, for separating or retiring military (E-7 and above and O-4 and above), is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Splash down



Lynn Larsen / Travis Photo Club

Mac Braden, 13 years old, tests the new slide at the Travis Aquatic Center on Memorial Day weekend. The pool schedule can be found at www.60thServices.com.

Thursday

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

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

▲ The Executive Career Management seminar, for separating or retiring military (E-7 and above and O-4 and above), is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

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

▲ Skills and Self Assessment is from 9 a.m. to noon for job seekers. Explore different career paths based on personality types, skills, abilities and interests. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Meet with a relocation specialist at the FSC to help assess individual or family relocation needs. In addition to helping map out a plan, the specialist will make appropriate recommendations or referrals. For more details call 424-2486.

▲ The Air Force Aid Society and Family Advocacy work together to help families who are eligible for respite care. Following an assessment to determine eligibility, funds are made available to families, who can then hire someone for short periods of time to look after those in their care.

For more information, contact the Exceptional Family Member Program manager at David Grant Medical Center, 423-5168.

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.

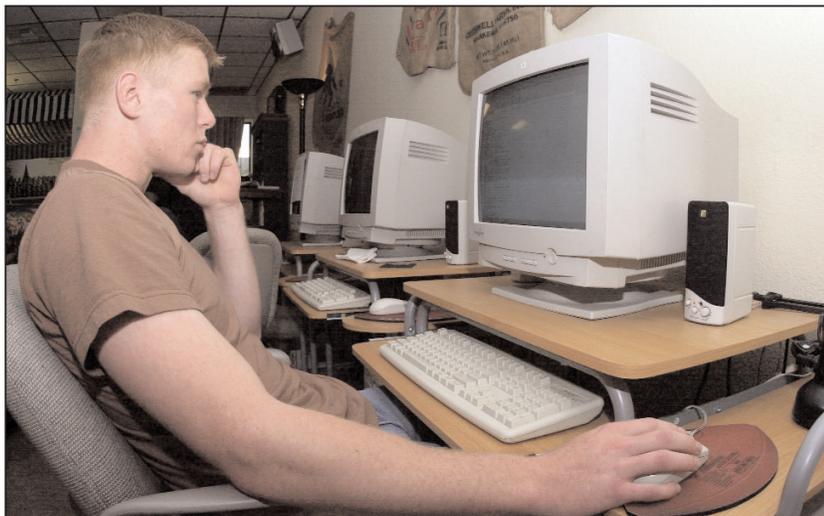
▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Contemporary

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

Wicca

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



Senior Airman Matthew Bates / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Airman Matt Brandenburg, 60th Medical Group, takes advantage of the free internet offered at the Peak Internet Cafe located inside "The Pit."

Surfing in their own backyard

Travis airmen frequent "The Pit" to navigate the Internet, more

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

Lights are low and sounds of keyboard strokes can be heard amidst friendly conversation.

The air is inviting as fresh coffee percolates while airmen reach out to the world "for free" at the Peak Internet Café located in "The Pit" Sports Bar & Grill, adjacent to the Travis dormitories.

Free? Yes, free. The Peak Internet Café has seven computers, games and "Java style" coffee – all free for its patrons and is available to anyone on Travis, but is targeted at airmen who reside in the dormitories.

The vision came to life back in 2001 when Chaplain (Capt.) Jack Stanley was asked to reach out and create a "bridge to the chapel" for the dormitory community.

"It had been tried, unsuccessfully, in the dormitories before because of lack of facilities and funding," said Chaplain Stanley. "After weeks of contemplating ideas, we got lucky and stumbled across a room full of unused computers and furniture. All we needed following that was funding and volunteers.

"The wing commander at the time jumpstarted the café with funding and we got together with the Hospitality House (an off base singles ministry) to run it with volunteers."

The Travis Top Three, David Grant Medical Center's Top Three, First Sergeant's Council, the protestant and catholic parishes, the Hospitality House and AAFES all have helped keep it running through volunteer work, donations and logistical support.

"No one can deny it has succeeded expectations," Chaplain Stanley said. "But, without the continued support from organizations, we will be unable to expand like we want to and provide even more for our airmen.

"The place is a goldmine of opportunity for our airmen, newcomers and even transients," he said. "Where else can people use free internet and E-

mail services while drinking outstanding coffee in an inviting atmosphere, and find a 'guaranteed friend' on the other side of the counter?"

"I go there all the time," said Airman First Class Sesundus Seaton, a database manager with the 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron. "It's great that I can get free access to the internet and awesome coffee all wrapped in one."

The Pit (home to the Peak Internet Café) has undergone some renovations like upgrading the corridor, and restrooms to make the facility more user-friendly.

"There are high quality activities going on in here," said Eduard Torres, manger of "The Pit." "We need to get the word out so more airmen can use the café's services – airmen should definitely take advantage of this along with the other services "The Pit" has to offer."

Along with the café, "The Pit" has pool tables, video machines, big screen TVs and plenty of other things to do for airmen.

"It's already a pretty popular place," said Sandy Nafziger, volunteer for the café. "On any given night, you will find people surfing the web, playing board games or just having conversations over coffee. Our 30 dorm ministry volunteers serve up mocha, latte, cappuccino, Italian sodas and many other types of coffees. It's really a great opportunity for airmen and a great alternative to the bar scene."

Organizers and volunteers of the Peak Internet Café would like some room for expansion. They want to have a video, DVD and book check-out for their patrons and would also like to have more computers.

"This is a great thing we have going here, but we are limited in what we can provide already," Chaplain Stanley said. "We often have airmen waiting to use computers and it can be frustrating at times because we want to reach out more to our airmen. After all, that is why we are here – to spiritually and morally help our own."



Air Force unveils latest state-of-the-art recruiting weapon

By Staff Sgt. Rick Williams
364th Recruiting Squadron

Northern California's 364th Recruiting Squadron, the number one Air Force recruiting squadron in the nation during fiscal year 2002, continues to seek out America's brightest and best young people in 2003, using state-of-the-art tools with plenty of "wow" factor.

One such mobile marketing tool is known as the "RAPTOR," a highly customized sport utility vehicle designed in part to reconnect the Air Force with the American people.

With "Reaching America's Public To Optimize Recruiting" as its slogan, the 364th's RAPTOR has proven to be a smash hit during its first six months covering northern California.

"The RAPTOR is the most amazing recruiting tool I've ever seen," said Modesto recruiter Tech. Sgt. Michael Wolfe. "Usually I visit a school, pass out reply cards, and maybe get one or two recruiting leads from the few people who approach me. The first time I drove the RAPTOR to a high school and starting bumping the tunes in the quad at lunchtime, 300 kids swarmed towards me! The RAPTOR is a lead magnet."

Generating recruiting leads and spreading the "Cross Into The Blue" recruiting theme are what the RAPTOR is all about, and it works — two of the students Sergeant

Wolfe met during that lone visit have since joined the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program.

The RAPTOR is actually a GMC Yukon XL, in a blue, white and gray paint scheme with special Air Force logos and graphics. Custom lower bodywork panels highlight the attention-getting look. Twenty-inch chrome rims with self-balancing custom center caps displaying the Air Force symbol, a backlit billet grill and custom taillights ensure the RAPTOR will never get lost in the parking lot.

The interior is also of jaw-dropping quality. Leather seats with the Air Force symbol embroidered on the headrests and a public address system showcase the passenger area, while the rear cargo area has been transformed into a mobile entertainment center of epic proportions.

A 42-inch plasma television stands tall above a full-range sound system complete with four 10-inch subwoofers, two 6.5-inch midrange speakers, four 2-inch high-end tweeters, two amplifiers cranking out 2,600 watts of power, DVD player, and a collection of DVDs showcasing Air Force careers and aircraft.

"The RAPTOR helps totally change how kids view a recruiter visiting their school," laughed Tech. Sgt. Lance Keylon, an Elk Grove recruiter. "Instead of running away, they flock to me when I throw in a DVD and crank up the speakers."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rick Williams / 364th Recruiting Squadron
Master Sgt. Bill Bobadilla, a recruiter with the 364th Recruiting Squadron, uses a remote to activate the RAPTOR's 42-inch plasma screen television.



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

Top — Ambulances wait to respond to Travis emergencies. **Right** — Base Fire Department members Staff Sgt. Stephen Varnado, left, and Senior Airman Shannon Lombard brief Team Travis members on emergency medical services.



Jim Spellman / 60th MDG Public Affairs

Travis Team recognizes EMS week



Jim Spellman / 60th MDG Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Joel Patria, left, and Master Sgt. Edward Mooney, center, dispense medical emergency services advice with a Travis Team community member during National EMS Week at the Base Exchange.

By Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

Emergency Medical Services Week 2003 brought together the Travis team community and medical personnel from the David Grant Medical Center May 18 to 24 to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of the medical "front line."

"While many Americans are worried about terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, they can feel great comfort knowing that if an event occurs, a heroic league of EMS professionals will be ready to respond to the medical needs of their community," said George Molzen, M.D., president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the national organizational sponsor of this annual campaign. "It is important for the nation to celebrate EMS Week and recognize these individuals that give their lives to saving ours."

This year's theme, "EMS: When It Matters Most," underscored the commitment and dedication of the 750,000 EMS providers who serve their communities, including those that are a vital part of the Travis team.

The week-long series of events kicked off May 17 with a proclamation signed by Col. (Dr.) James Collier, 60th Medical Group commander and witnessed by Col. (Dr.) Barry Simon, 60th Medical Operations Squadron commander during the 60th MDOS picnic at Eucalyptus Park. The proclamation recognized and honored Travis team EMS providers including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters and security forces.

"Travis team EMS professionals have always provided lifesaving care to those in need 24/7," Colonel Collier stated.

"We're grateful and honored by Colonel Collier's recognition of our emergency medical services providers at DGMC," added

Colonel Simon.

The purpose of EMS Week, as expressed by Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Potts, functional manager, 60th MDG, is to raise public awareness about health and safety issues. "This includes how to prevent injuries and what to do in a medical emergency," Sergeant Potts explained.

Across the United States, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program joined ACEP as organizational sponsors of EMS Week.

According to Master Sgt. Edward Mooney from DGMC's emergency room, two significant days were recognized during the week-long observance. May 21 marked the second annual Emergency Medical Services for Children Day.

"This day focused on drawing national attention to the essential need for specialized emergency care for children," Sergeant Mooney explained. "We want to ensure that every child in the nation receives the highest quality emergency care possible — from primary prevention to acute care and rehabilitation."

May 24 marked the third annual National Moment of Silence. "The National EMS Memorial Service in Roanoke, Va., organized this national event to honor and remember the nation's EMS providers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the line of duty," Mooney said. "All participating EMS and communications agencies, including those here at DGMC observed 60 seconds of radio silence at 4 p.m. local time."

For more information on National Emergency Medical Services Week and the National Moment of Silence, go to <http://www.acep.org/emsweek/> and <http://nmos.nemsms.org>.