

# WINGS SPREAD

Randolph Air Force Base ♦ Texas

58th Year ♦ No. 33 ♦ August 27, 2004

## T-38 conversion: Cutting edge technology

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

“Brew 42. Cleared for take off.”

Sometimes, a few words make history. This was one of those times.

When the tower operator gave clearance for take off to a T-38 flight, call sign Brew 42, at 10:10 a.m., Aug. 18, a new chapter in Randolph training history began. With that take off, the first of the base's T-38C models, complete with the propulsion modification program, began its first mission with the 560th Flying Training Squadron.

“This is significant because with these modifications, the T-38 has more power, resulting in significantly increased takeoff performance, and it opens up more opportunities for training across the country – opportunities we don't have now because of operational limitations,” said Lt. Col. Mike Kennedy, 560th FTS commander.

The newly modified T-38s are expected to be the high performance Air Force pilot trainer of choice for the next 20 years.

“That equates to the next generation of Air Force pilots,” said Lt. Col. Steven Perenchio, one of the 560th FTS project officers for the conversion and front seat pilot on the mission. “The planes themselves will be 50 years old or more when they are finally retired.”

The T-38 that flew Aug. 18, tail number 65-343, was built by Northrop Aircraft under an order placed in 1965 and modified into the C model last year at the Boeing plant in Arizona. Conversion of the airframe and engine with the propulsion system modification was done this year in the Queen Bee facility on base.

The C model modification involves conversion of the avionics suite into the state-of-the-art “glass cockpit” commonly used in the latest production military aircraft.

The PMP modification involves replacing the air intakes with the “fat lip” version, allowing more air to be drawn into the engines. The “boat tail” ejectors, or aft part of the engines, are replaced with a new design that features small titanium shutters that automatically allow ambient air to be drawn into the exhaust. This increases fuel efficiency and overall economy of flight operations. There are also numerous internal engine upgrades that improve maintainability.

“The question we're often asked is how the modification



Lt. Col. Stephen Perenchio, left, and Lt. Col. Jeffery Klay, both of the 560th Flying Training Squadron, prepare to take off on the first flight of a Randolph T-38C with the propulsion modification program. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

affects performance of the aircraft,” said Colonel Perenchio. “When we took off this morning, we were at 265 knots when we crossed the end of the runway. That's about 30 knots more than we do in an unmodified bird. We get about 20 percent more thrust with this modification. That translates into a real margin of safety if we experience a flame out in one engine on take off.”

Another way to measure the safety margin is to look at the original design weight of the T-38 and where it is today, the colonel explained. When it was designed in the late 1950s, the T-38A weighed about 11,700 pounds at take off. Today, because of avionics and airframe upgrades, and the use of heavier JP-8 versus JP-4 fuel, full-up take off weight is 12,800 pounds. The old engine configuration really puts the plane at the limits of the flight envelope for take off on a hot day, especially at higher elevations. The PMP gives a pilot the edge he or she needs for training new pilots and instructors, he said.

Colonel Kennedy was quick to point out the process of converting the squadron to the newly modified aircraft is complex, involving adjustments in flying schedules, training procedures, and maintenance demands.

“With the increased requirement for missions to train our own instructors, and at the same time moving some of our airplanes to the Queen Bee facility for the conversions, we are flying more sorties with fewer airframes,” he said.

“The support we've received from the maintenance professionals has been superb,” the colonel added. “We couldn't do it without them. This is a team effort all the way and we're proud of what the team has proved it can do.”

The Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals squadrons at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., have already all been converted. The 560th FTS is scheduled to complete the conversion of its 39 airplanes by the end of March 2005. Laughlin AFB, Texas, is next on the list and the remaining pilot training bases will undergo conversion later.

## Visitor reception center relocates to east gate

By Master Sgt. Curtis Rayl  
12th Security Forces Squadron

The visitor reception center closes Sept. 3 to relocate from the main gate to the temporary trailer located inside the east gate.

Once in the temporary facility, the center will maintain current operating hours of Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and its phone number will remain as 652-3939.

To provide visitors unrestricted access to the temporary visitor reception center, the east gate guards will be moved back about 100 feet.

Although the east gate will allow vehicles to enter two at

one time, drivers must merge into one lane as they approach the entry controllers. Motorists are asked to be courteous and cautious when merging.

In addition to this move, access to East Perimeter Road will be blocked to prevent unauthorized people entering the installation. A fenced area will provide a secure area for visitor processing at the temporary visitor reception center.

Access to the RV lot, skeet range, horse stables, resale building and Eberle Park can be made by using the golf course road to go to East Perimeter Road.

With increased traffic on 5th Street East and 3rd Street West, joggers and cyclists are asked to stay off these streets during the high peak traffic hours of Monday through Friday from 6-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 3:30-6 p.m.



The new temporary visitor's center, right, is located at the east gate area. The center opens Sept. 4 and will maintain its regular hours of Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Photo by Mike Briggs)

### 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday Pilot Instructor Training			Navigator, EWO training			Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	
99th FTS	2.0	0.5	Air Force	232 Undergraduate	53	T-1A	3,821	3,720	4,383
558th FTS	-5.9	-1.1	Navy	80 International	9	T-6A	8,244	8,654	9,103
559th FTS	-3.0	-2.6	International	4 EWC Course	0	T-37B	7,052	6,848	7,508
560th FTS	1.3	1.1	NIFT	50 Fundamentals	0	T-38C	2,581	2,586	3,612
						T-43A	1,055	1,115	1,160

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect sorties since Oct. 1, 2003. The annual numbers are the current fiscal year target.

### Index

Commentary.....	2
News.....	4
Community.....	NA
Services.....	NA
Sports & Fitness.....	8



## AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

As of Monday, 192 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

### The Randolph WINGSPREAD

#### 12th Flying Training Wing Editorial Staff

**Col. John Hesterman**  
Commander  
**Col. George Duda**  
Vice Commander  
**Capt. Paul Villagran**  
Chief of Public Affairs  
**Mike Briggs**

Chief of News and Information  
**Tech. Sgt. Angelique McDonald**  
Chief of Internal Information  
**Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice**  
Editor

**Prime Time Military Newspaper  
Contract Staff**  
**Jennifer Valentin**  
Staff Writer  
**Bob Hieronymus**  
Staff Writer  
**Maggie Armstrong**  
Graphic Designer

#### Wingspread office:

1 Washington Circle, Suite 4  
Randolph AFB, Texas 78150  
Phone: (210) 652-5760  
Fax: (210) 652-5412

#### Wingspread Advertisements:

Prime Time Military Newspapers  
7137 Military Drive West  
San Antonio, Texas 78227  
Phone: (210) 675-4500  
Fax: (210) 675-4577

#### Wingspread online:

[www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm](http://www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm)

This paper is published by Prime Time Military Newspapers, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with Randolph AFB, Texas. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Wingspread are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, or Prime Time Military Newspapers of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Division of the 12th Flying Training Wing in accordance with local policy and style guidance. All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are U.S. Air Force photos.

Articles for the newspaper should be submitted by noon Thursday the week prior to the desired publication date. Items can be dropped off on a PC- or Macintosh-formatted disk at the Wingspread office in room 110 of Building 100.

Articles may also be sent by e-mail to [wingspread@randolph.af.mil](mailto:wingspread@randolph.af.mil) or by fax at 652-5412 or base ext. 7-5412.

For more information about submissions, call 652-5760 or base ext. 7-5760.

## Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail  
[randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil](mailto:randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil)



While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

**Col. John Hesterman**  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

### Agency contact numbers

<b>Security Forces</b>	652-5509
<b>Services</b>	652-5971
<b>Civil Engineers</b>	652-2401
<b>Transportation</b>	652-4314
<b>Military Pay</b>	652-1851
<b>Civilian Pay</b>	652-6480
<b>Safety Office</b>	652-2224
<b>Housing Maintenance</b>	652-1856
<b>12th FTW IG</b>	652-2727
<b>Equal Opportunity</b>	652-4376
<b>FW&amp;A Hotline</b>	652-3665
<b>EEO Complaints</b>	652-3749
<b>Randolph Clinic</b>	652-2933
<b>Base Exchange</b>	674-8917
<b>Commissary</b>	652-5102
<b>Straight Talk</b>	652-7469

### Base not immune to theft

**Q** Recently, a children's pool was stolen from my yard in base housing. Could you please print some information in the base newspaper to help people prevent theft such as this from happening to them on base?

**A** Though crimes committed on Air Force bases are historically much lower than in civilian communities, we are not immune to crime. The theft of your pool was a crime of opportunity. When there is no risk of discovery or deterrent to the crime, a thief is more likely to follow through with the act.

Over the past few months, people have been victims of similar

thefts because they have left their cars, dorm rooms and lodging rooms unlocked or have left items in the their yards for extended periods of time. Owners securing their property could have avoided all these thefts.

Please lock up your belongings at all times at home, work or in your car. If you are a victim of crime, report it immediately to the security forces. Also, if you notice suspicious activity around your or someone else's property, call the security forces. They do a great job policing our neighborhoods and are committed to making Randolph a safe place to live, work and play.

I have no tolerance for crime and those caught will be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law or the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I appreciate your willingness to bring this broad-reaching topic to the attention of our base community.

# Modern day patriots Defending Constitution, country from all enemies

By Col. Gary Lane  
5th Maintenance Group commander

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. – We often read in our history books about patriots. What often comes to mind is someone like Mel Gibson dressed in early day garb as he was in the movie, "The Patriot." We may even think of Soldiers in rags in the snow at Valley Forge facing an overwhelming force of British regulars.

What about modern day patriots? Are there such people who risk their lives daily to protect our way of life, our nation that our forefathers passed down to us?

If you are in the military, I ask you to go look in the mirror. If you are married, then take your spouse with you. You are now looking at a true patriot who is willing to put his or her life on the line, suffer whatever hardships come his or her way and cheerfully set about to do his or her tasks. Look outside at your military friends and neighbors: more patriots.

Not one of us decided to enter the military to get rich. There is absolutely no way anyone of us can seek out fortune with a military career. But our nation and our citizens can count on us to be there to prevent aggressors from taking away our way of life, our liberties, our government or our land.

For 228 years, men and women like us have stood up and taken oaths to protect and defend the Constitution and our nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Many have given up their lives in defense of our nation. Many more have been wounded,

*"Our nation and our citizens can count on us to be there to prevent aggressors from taking away our way of life, our liberties, our government or our land."*

**Col. Gary Lane**  
5th Maintenance Group  
commander

maimed or severely injured.

Our nation's forces are now entirely made up of volunteers just like you. Throughout the hardships of frequent moves, high operations tempo, long hours without additional compensation, many missed important family events (our children taking their first steps, their first birthdays or Christmases, anniversaries) and long separations that put us in harm's way, we continue to sign on the dotted line for another tour to continue on in our nation's defense.

It doesn't matter where you work, whether it's pushing papers at the military personnel flight, on gate guard duty or roaming the missile field, turning wrenches on the jets, deep underground in a missile silo, putting the throttles to the firewall on takeoff, ensuring the government funds are wisely

spent, or serving up chow at midnight, you are a patriot in every sense of the word.

What are our attributes? We beat ourselves up unmercifully when things don't turn out as planned, but we fail to credit ourselves when our work turns out spectacularly. Openly, we feel embarrassed when we are decorated for service above and beyond, but deep down, we feel proud that we did a job well done.

We willingly place ourselves in harm's way to keep our families safe, for we know that if we don't, an aggressor or a band of thugs will soon be putting us all in jeopardy.

Our spouses and family understand this, and they are the unsung heroes of this clan we call the profession of arms. They are the ones who deal with broken down cars in the middle of the winter, and who care for our children who keep them up all night because they are sick or are missing us while we are deployed to some desolate location where someone is taking potshots at us. They are the ones who dread the midnight visits by the commanders because something has happened to one of our aircraft or one of us.

Patriots, you are the reason this nation is still free. You are the reason our citizens can travel the world knowing the United States is the sole superpower of the world. We are surrounded by patriots; look in the mirror, look at your neighbor and if you are married, especially look at your spouse. God bless the patriots of the United States of America – God bless you!

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Congratulations Retirees

**Today**  
**Chief Master Sgt. Dana Martin**  
Air Force Recruiting Service

Retirement announcements should be submitted to the Wingspread office by noon Friday two weeks prior to the desired date of publication. E-mail announcements to [randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil](mailto:randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil) or fax them to 652-5412. For more information, call the Wingspread office at 652-5760.

# Your civic duty

## CSAF emphasizes the importance of voting

By Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force Chief of Staff

Around the world, the Airmen of our United States Air Force make a difference. From the collapse of the Soviet Union and Desert Storm more than a decade ago to our global planning and execution of air and space power today, Airmen have done more than their part for our nation. In the coming months, we need to make a difference in another way. We all need to exercise the privilege only enjoyed by free nations – the privilege of voting.

Most of you have been deployed in an Air Expeditionary Force since you have been in the Air Force. You have seen our way of life compared to others in troubled parts of the world. While we as Americans are not without our problems and issues, if all the borders of all the nations of the world were open to all people, where do you think most would choose to reside? There is little doubt that it would be in the “land of the free.”

There have been many books written in recent years about our founding fathers – the men who wrote the powerful words that forged a new nation. In our Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson penned a phrase that is the cornerstone of our democratic institutions and makes us unique among nations. He wrote, ... “Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed.” It is this idea of the “consent of the governed” that empowers each of us in the form of our vote.

Many of us have experienced some obstacles to voting while



Airmen 1st Class Christy Harding, Randolph Honor Guard, fills out her voting registration and absentee ballot request form. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

serving in the armed forces. The absentee voting system has traditionally been fraught with challenges, but we have been working hard to minimize the red tape. With Airmen and their families serving around the globe, many suffer from delays in mail service – another obstacle to registering and voting. Our leadership in the Department of Defense has worked with the U.S. Postal Service to give priority to voting materials in the mail system. To facilitate the voting process, we have also created a user-friendly voting link called “Airmen Votes” on our Air Force Link Web site for you and your families to use. The “Airmen Votes” icon on the Air Force Link Web site, [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), will guide you to all the information you need to register to vote, file an

absentee ballot request, and send in an absentee ballot. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a postcard and mail it in. Guidance is available for all states and territories and for those Airmen living overseas. Your family members who are eligible to vote can use this web link as well, including children away from home while attending school. If you still have questions, contact your voting assistance officers – they are available to address your voting questions or concerns. We want to make voting as easy as possible.

The Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Jim Roche, and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. As Airmen we have all taken an oath to

support and defend the Constitution that guarantees our right to vote. As a nation we accept divergence of opinion and candidates with different views. I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of Government. Please register. Please vote.

I urge you to exercise your right to vote. If there was any doubt that every vote counts, past presidential elections have proved that it does! Just a few votes can decide the outcome of an election. As we pave the way for democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is only fitting that we provide an example of democracy in action by engaging in the democratic process at home. We protect democracy through our military duty and service to our country, but we also protect democracy when we vote. Democracy only works when people fulfill their obligation to cast their ballot.

This year, Americans will have the opportunity once again to exercise that right by going to the polls to vote for the President and Vice President, members of Congress, as well as thousands of local officials. Even if you are stationed far from your home of record, you can vote through the absentee ballot process. This is true whether you are stationed one state away or deployed to another country.

The absentee voting process is not without problems, but we are working to minimize them. As a result of America’s global posture, many of our Airmen deployed in combat environments

and other locations do not receive timely mail services. The Department of Defense has coordinated efforts with the U.S. Postal Service in order to better serve these members and their voting needs.

Secretary Roche and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. Historically, Airmen lead the public at large in exercising this fundamental right and duty of citizenship. We’d like to see this trend continue. To this end, voter assistance officers reside within each of your units who are responsible for answering your questions about elections and facilitating the voting process.

Voting is now easier than it has ever been before. If you’d like to register to vote or get information on voting procedures then access <http://www.fvap.gov>. This Web page provides simple instructions on what to do. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a post card and mail it in. Guidance is available for all states and for those Airmen living overseas. Furthermore, contact your voting assistance officers – these people are available to address your voting questions or concerns.

We all have an important voice that should be heard and heeded by our government. When we go to the polls, we can express our views through the democratic process. As members of the world’s greatest Air Force, we labor so that others may vote; let’s make sure we exercise that same right. See you at the polls!

For contact information for base voting officers, call Capt. Andrea Justice at 652-6170

# Preparation key to successful deployments

By Col. Greg Augst  
66th Air Base Wing vice commander

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. – As you read this, some of your fellow Airmen are 6,000 miles from home defending our country on the front lines. Do you think they were prepared to go when they left? Would you be?

Many people have deployed or are preparing to deploy and serve the Air Force around the globe as part of air and space expeditionary forces. No matter where we are stationed, or what we do, deployments are a necessary way of life for Airmen.

We all know it’s possible to deploy to remote locations on short notice, but are you ready if you get called today? As Airmen, we are required to be prepared to go, anytime, anywhere.

Deployments are a part of our lives, and now they are more important than ever. We are defending freedom around the globe, and we are called to support our fellow Airmen when our turn comes to replace them overseas.

Preparation is the key to having a successful deployment. I always found that if I was prepared from the outset, deployments were much easier, and I could help my commanders and subordinates achieve mission success when everyone was focused 100 percent on the job at hand.

Ensure that you and your family are ready for deployments. There is a lot of necessary training that you must complete before deploying to ensure that you are

effectively prepared for operations away from home station.

Annual physicals guarantee that you are in the best possible condition before you deploy. Living and working in environments with poor sanitation, temperature variations and remote medical care requires that Airmen be physically prepared to handle adverse situations.

Combat arms training on an M-9 pistol or an M-16 rifle is essential when Airmen deploy to locations where they will need to know how to safely operate a weapon. Just because you aren’t in the security forces, doesn’t mean you won’t be responsible for a weapon in a deployed location.

Mobility bags are a must for Airmen who deploy because austere locations do not come with a base exchange or a Wal-Mart to replenish supplies. The lists of required equipment were compiled by many people who deploy regularly and know what items would be needed.

Think through what your deployment will mean for your family and how it will affect your finances while you are away. Get to know the family support center staff – they are the experts in personal and family readiness. They always have good things to make your deployment easier; from calling cards to car care for a spouse, the center is your source for personal support.

The center’s staff also can help you plan for the financial aspects of deployments. The bills will not stop just because you’re deployed, so make sure that you have a plan and the means of covering expenses, checkbooks and credit cards.

The experienced staff has spent time putting together great packets of information and advice on how to prepare yourself and your family, when you deploy.

Things like yard maintenance, pet care and bills need to be resolved before you deploy – you can’t be worrying about what is going on thousands of miles away, when you’ve got an important job to do. Use the resources provided at home station to assist you; they will make life much easier when you’re away.

The legal office staff also will ensure that you are fully prepared for personal contingencies when you deploy. Be proactive; use their resources to draft wills and powers of attorney before a deployment.

Finally, life insurance and personal data forms are more important than ever while deployed. Take care of your loved ones and update these forms regularly. Significant life changes occur frequently, and we must update these important repositories of information to ensure correct data is reflected. If you’re not around to ensure your wishes are respected, you must communicate these through Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance and the record of emergency data.

Now is the time for each of us to assess our readiness. Waiting until you are tapped for a deployment is too late, prepare now.

We are the world’s most lethal Air Force, and we are the best because of our first-rate training and readiness. Keep our Air Force strong and do your part to ensure a successful deployment.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



**2nd Lt. Samuel Allen**  
B-52 (EWO)  
Barksdale AFB, La.



**Ensign Chad Barkley**  
P-3  
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Natalie Blakely**  
C-130  
Pope AFB, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Jared Brupbacher**  
MC-130P  
Kadena AB, Japan



**2nd Lt. Kelsey Bryant**  
RC-135  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



**Ensign Joseph Case**  
P-3  
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Anthony Camp**  
EC-130 (EWO)  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**Capt. Melvin Fernandez**  
MC-130E  
Duke Field ARB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Kenneth Garcia**  
C-130  
Dyess AFB, Texas



**Ensign Lee Gibson**  
E6-B  
Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Carson Heier**  
B-52 (EWO)  
Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Ryan Hubbard**  
B-52  
Barksdale AFB, La.



**Ensign Matthew Martin**  
P-3  
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Ryan McKenzie**  
E-8  
Warner Robbins AFB, Ga.



**2nd Lt. Jeffery Miller**  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



**Lt. j.g. Jayson Perez**  
P-3  
NAS Brunswick, Maine



**2nd Lt. James Pritchett**  
C-130  
Yokota AB, Japan



**2nd Lt. David Reinke**  
C-130  
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



**2nd Lt. Eric Robinson**  
AC-130U (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Rosenberry**  
E-3  
Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Charles Shaw**  
RC-135  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Mary Stief**  
C-130  
Ramstein AFB, Germany



**Ensign Matthew Tans**  
P-3  
MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Michael Tarantino**  
C-130  
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**2nd Lt. Shauna Taylor**  
C-130  
Will Rogers ANG, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Kevin Tracey**  
C-130  
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**Capt. Jason Vidal**  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. William Walker**  
AC-130U  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.

# JSUNT graduation set for today

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-two Air Force and six Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker for today's graduation is retired Gen. Joseph Wehrle Jr., former Headquarters U.S. Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff.

Serving in this position, he was responsible for Air Staff organization and administration, served as Deputy Chairman of the Air Force Council and as the Air Force accreditation official for the Corps of Air Attaches.

During his career, the general also commanded the 323rd Flying Training Wing, 17th Training Wing and 3rd Air

Force. While commanding the 3rd AF, he deployed to southern Africa and served as the commander of the Joint Task Force Atlas Response, the largest U.S. humanitarian operation on the African continent in a decade. The task force delivered more than 2 million pounds of critically needed relief supplies to flood-ravaged Mozambique.

Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony.

The awards being presented during the graduation are:

- **Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup Award:** Presented to the most outstanding graduate based on demonstrated excellence in all phases of training while exhibiting strong qualities of professionalism and leadership.

- **Alden C. Markey Award:** Presented to the top Navy graduate based on performance in all phases of training.

- **Ira J. Husik Award:** Presented to the navigator achieving the highest standard of excellence during the flying phase of training.

- **Jack Donovan Award:** Presented to the top electronic warfare officer graduate who has distinguished himself or herself from his or her peers by outstanding airmanship, academic performance and officership.

In addition, the top academic navigator and EWO graduate are recognized with an award.



## Battle of the Groups

Below is the status for the 12th Flying Training Wing's Battle of the Groups summer safety competition as of Tuesday.

The ultimate goal for each group is to get the least amount of points. Each group is penalized with 1,000 points per reportable mishap, 10,000 per DUI and 1,000 for each member caught not wearing a seatbelt on base. The group population and the numbers listed above are used in a formula to level the playing ground between the groups. Unit members can do various safety promotional events such as seatbelt checks to negate some of the points assessed against a group. The grading scale for reduction points is based on innovation and originality, the number of members involved and the amount of time put into the event. (Information provided by the 12th FTW safety office.)

**12th Maintenance Directorate** -39.6581  
**12th Medical Group** -62.1973

**12th Mission Support Group** -87.4349  
**12th Operations Group** -29.8071

# Military dentists send supplies to Iraq

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

People to people international programs are frequently reported, but dentist to dentist programs are – well, in an uncommon category.

When Capt. Ryan Jerke, an Army civil affairs officer with the 1st Infantry Division in Germany who is currently deployed to Iraq, was charged with responsibility for finding ways to improve relations between the U.S. forces and the Iraqi people, there seemed to be no end of needs to be filled.

“One thing that just seemed to jump out to our public health team was the lack of good training materials for dentists,” Captain Jerke said.

So when planning his mid-tour leave to visit his family in the San Antonio area, the captain put out a request for help in finding dental reference materials to share with Iraqi dentists.

Maj. (Dr.) Matthew Bronk, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command assistant to the dental surgeon, and Col. (Dr.) Dennis Jennings, from the Army Dental Command at Fort Sam Houston, enthusiastically started a small campaign to collect books and supplies from within the San Antonio military dental community.

Together, the two officers collected hundreds of donations from the libraries of active duty dentists.

Being a dentist himself, Major Bronk said he understood immediately how important it is to have good reference materials on hand.

“Every dentist needs to keep up with new professional developments, so we’re constantly collecting new books and study materials,” he said. “Passing them on to other dentists who don’t have access to the wealth of new materials that we do is such a worthwhile thing. I’m glad that Captain Jerke brought this to our attention.”

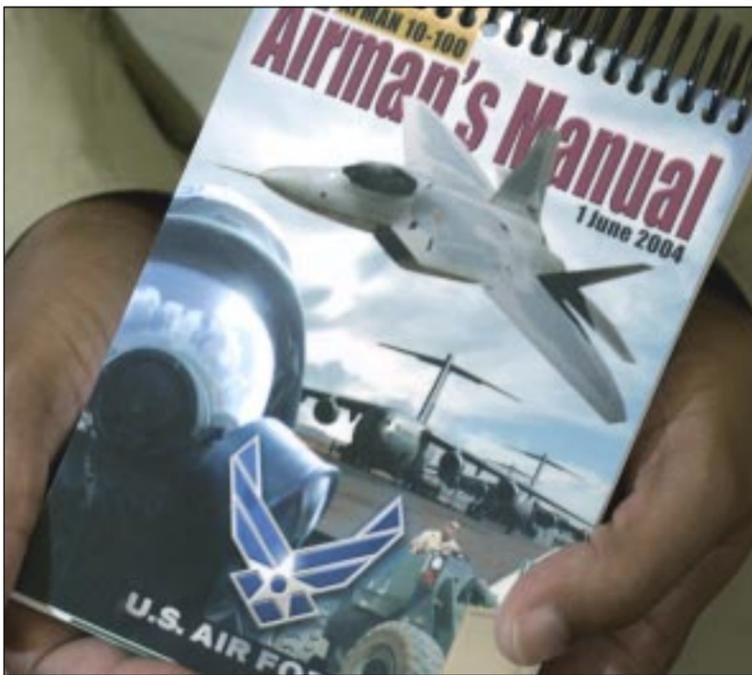
So far the campaign has brought in about 200 dental training text and reference books, together with boxes of dental training supplies. The 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron packed up the materials this week and shipped them off to Dover Air Force Base, Del., where they will join other military air shipments destined for Iraq. They should arrive about the same time Captain Jerke returns from leave, so he will be able to have a hand in distributing them to dentists at his deployed location.

“I’m happy to be a part of this kind of international assistance program,” Captain Jerke said. “When you see people who have very little, even receiving something small can make a big difference in how they can do their jobs.”



Capt. Ryan Jerke, left, U. S. Army civil affairs officer, and Maj. (Dr.) Matthew Bronk, Air Education and Training Command, discuss how the dental books and equipment donated by San Antonio area military dentists can help Iraqi dentists in their practices. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

## Have manual, will travel



The newly revised Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual will be ready for distribution to Randolph Airmen through unit orderly rooms next week. Orderly room representatives can pick up the manuals at the 12th Civil Engineer Division Full Spectrum Threat Response Flight, located in Hangar 62, room 101A on Monday. For a list of pick-up times, orderly rooms can call 652-2222. The revised manual is weatherproof, tear-resistant and fits in the battle dress uniform's cargo pockets. It combines the old manual with Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Environment." (Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

## Revised 'Tongue & Quill' now available online

By Carl Bergquist  
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – What started as a research paper nearly 30 years ago has become the Air Force's leading reference on writing and speaking.

In 1975, then-Air Command and Staff College student Maj. Hank Staley submitted as his research paper the first version of what is now "The Tongue and Quill."

The latest revision of the handbook is now available online, said Sharon McBride, an Air Command and Staff College writer and editor who headed the revision effort. A hardcopy version will not be published.

"School officials liked the work so well they continued using the paper as a course study project," she said. "Within a couple of years, the Air Force decided the 'T and Q' was valuable as an all-encompassing guide for the Department of Defense, and because it was born here, it stayed here."

For the most part, the 2004 edition retains most of the writing and speaking tips of past editions. Revisions include improved organization of the

information; a rearranged layout; updated quotes, art and word lists, and new information on writing and speaking such as persuasive communications, meetings, briefings and electronic communications.

Ms. McBride said many changes came from reader feedback and talking with people who do a lot of writing and public speaking.

"I often get e-mails and feedback sheets from people saying, 'Sharon, we aren't doing it that way anymore,'" she said. "I encourage customers to use the feedback sheet found in the book to make suggestions that will help us produce a better product in the future."

Ms. McBride and a team of researchers in the department of communications studies at ACSC started work on the revision in 2000. The last version of "The Tongue and Quill," known formally as Air Force Handbook 33-337, was published in 1997 with 100,000 printed copies. The next revision is scheduled to hit the streets in early 2007.

The current edition is available online at the Air Force Publications Web site at [www.e-publishing.af.mil](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

### LOWER SEGUIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The first phase of reconstruction of Lower Seguin Road is in progress. This phase includes the closing of Woman Hollering Creek Bridge with access from FM 1518 blocked. This phase of the project should be complete this fall. The south gate remains accessible by way of Loop 1604.

### GATE HOURS DURING HARMON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

#### MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

- Monday through Friday two lanes inbound from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday through Friday two lanes outbound from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed all other times including weekends, holidays and family days

#### SOUTH GATE (Two-way traffic)

- Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed weekends and holidays

#### EAST GATE (Two-way traffic)

- Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

#### WEST GATE (Two-way traffic)

- 24-hour operations, seven days a week
- Commercial vehicle entrance

#### HIGH SCHOOL GATE

- Closed

Fallen Talon



Members of the 12th Maintenance Directorate put a T-38C Talon on a flatbed truck for transport to a maintenance hangar Tuesday following its gear-up landing on the east flightline that afternoon. The pilot of the aircraft was flying a routine training mission at the time of the incident. He egressed the aircraft safely and was transported to the base clinic for observation. A board of officers is investigating the incident. (Photo by Mike Briggs)

# Don't get caught in crook's 'phishing' net



Officials warn base members to be weary of "phishing," an Internet e-mail scam that tricks people into revealing personal information, including Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and passwords. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

By 1st Lt. Daniel Vaillant  
81st Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – Fishing is an activity enjoyed by many people, but "phishing" is angling of another sort.

"Phishing" is an Internet e-mail scam that tricks individuals into revealing personal information, including Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and passwords.

Typically, the e-mails involve Web sites with familiar logos and companies, like Citibank or PayPal. The Web sites are replicas, and once Internet users enter, they are often urged to "confirm" information that was supposedly lost or misplaced. After users provide the information, their identity is compromised and money starts disappearing.

To protect themselves, Internet users need to first recognize the e-mail as a scam.

**There are several indicators:**

- The e-mail asks for personal information. Legitimate businesses do not request such information through e-mails.

Banks and credit card companies do not need people to provide that information; they already have it.

- The e-mail does not address the recipient by name.
- The e-mail does not reference a partial account number.
- The e-mail warns that accounts will be closed unless the user reconfirms his or her information immediately.
- The e-mail warns the user he or she has been the victim of fraud.
- The e-mail contains spelling or grammatical errors.

**Other ways to protect personal information include:**

- Contacting the business and verifying the message is genuine.
- Adopting a general rule not to send personal information over the Internet unless the user made contact first.
- Contacting legitimate businesses that are being victimized to put them on alert.

For more information on how to protect personal information, visit the Federal Trade Commission Web site at [www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm).

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## PROTECTING TODAY'S YOUTH

# Family Advocacy offers child abuse prevention tips

By Earl Pruitt  
Family Advocacy Center

Child abuse comes in many forms, and the family advocacy center offers tips on how to recognize and prevent it.

The four major types of child abuse are physical, sexual, emotional and neglect.

In 2001, an average of 2,475 children were victims of child abuse each day, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Every week more than 50,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect cases are reported to Child Protective Services.

In 2001, three million reports concerning the welfare of approximately five million children were made.

Children of all ages experience abuse, however, the younger children appear to be more vulnerable, according to the health department. Children 12 months old and younger accounted for 41 percent of the child abuse and neglect deaths reported in 2001. In addition, 85 percent of the children who died were

younger than six years of age, according to the health department.

The health department reports that perpetrators of child abuse and neglect by definition are the people responsible for the child's safety and well-being. They can be caregivers such as parents, other relatives or baby sitters. It is reported that 41 percent of child abuse victims were abused by both their mother and father.

The prevention of child abuse is everyone's responsibility. Prevention efforts build on family and community strengths, said health department officials.

The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support families and communities with a variety of prevention services.

Family advocacy along with the other Base Integrated Delivery System agencies on Randolph provide prevention services for the entire base community.

For more information about the services available, call the family advocacy office at 652-2448.

## Recognizing child abuse: What people should know

The following are signals that may indicate a child is being abused:

### Signs of physical abuse

The child:

- Has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones or black eyes;
- Has fading bruises or other marks noticeable after an absence from school;
- Seems frightened of the parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home from school; or
- Shrinks at the approach of adults.

### Signs of sexual abuse

The child:

- Has difficulty walking or sitting;

- Suddenly refuses to change for gym or participate in physical activities;
- Demonstrates bizarre, sophisticated or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior; or
- Becomes pregnant or contracts a venereal disease.

### Signs of neglect

The child:

- Is frequently absent from school;
- Begs or steals food or money from classmates;
- Lacks medical or dental care, immunizations or glasses (if needed);
- Is consistently dirty with body odor;
- Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather; or

- Abuses alcohol or other drugs.

### Signs of emotional maltreatment:

The child:

- Shows extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity or aggression;
- Is either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, for example) or inappropriately infantile (frequently rocking or head-banging, for example);
- Is delayed in physical or emotional development; or
- Reports a lack of attachment to the parent.

(This information was provided by Prevent Child Abuse America)

## On the attack in Iraq



Senior Airman Tiffanee Schultz, Air Force Personnel Center personnelist, acts as an attacker to help a K-9 unit with training at a deployed location. Airman Schultz returned recently to Randolph. (Courtesy photo)

## Air Force civilians have chance to make life insurance changes

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Federal employees will have the chance to enroll or make changes to their group life insurance as part of a special open season from Wednesday to Sept. 30. The event is in celebration of the program turning 50 years old.

"We estimate 127,000 Air Force employees will be eligible to enroll or increase their life insurance," said Maria Molly, Air Force Personnel Center chief of benefits and entitlements.

"The last time federal employees were allowed to make these kinds of changes was five years ago," Ms. Molly said. "Normally it would take a 'qualifying life event' or the employee getting a physical at their expense. This open season doesn't require a physical or answering any questions about one's health."

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program consists of basic life insurance coverage and three options that include coverage for up to five times an employee's base salary plus coverage for family members. In most cases, a new employee is automatically covered by basic life insurance. The types and amounts of coverage available are not changing.

Newly elected coverage won't be effective until after Sept. 1, 2005. The reason for the delay is to prevent employees increasing coverage only when they know they need it, resulting in a high number of immediate claims, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Such claims increase the program's costs.

"This is a great opportunity, but I urge everyone to do their homework and remember that the premiums increase with age," Ms. Molly said.

Information about the FEGLI program and the open season is online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm). There is also a calculator available to assist in computing premium cost at [www.opm.gov/calculator/worksheet.asp](http://www.opm.gov/calculator/worksheet.asp).

Air Force-serviced civilian employees can make open season elections electronically via the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated Web or phone system. The web-based Employee Benefits Information System is located at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm).

Employees in the United States can reach the automated phone system at 1-800-616-3775. Hearing impaired employees may reach a benefits counselor by calling 565-2276. Benefits counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The federal government established the FEGLI program on Aug. 29, 1954. It is the largest group life insurance program in the world, covering more than 4 million federal employees and retirees, as well as many of their family members.

## New program helps spouses land teaching, education jobs

By Samantha Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Spouses to Teachers, the Department of Defense's latest endeavor to assist military spouses interested in teaching, is serving a similar purpose as the popular Troops to Teachers program, an official said.

DOD established Troops to Teachers in 1994, and responsibility for the program was recently transferred to the U.S. Department of Education. TTT was created to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America, according to the Troops to Teachers Web site.

Michael Melo, director of a Spouses to Teachers pilot program in Virginia, explained that TTT laid the groundwork for STT in providing individual state information. Melo is also the director of Virginia's TTT program.

STT is currently a pilot program in six states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. The program was prompted by military spouses who were already teachers or interested in teaching, but were facing difficulties finding certification requirements and job information when they moved, Gary Woods, acting director of DOD educational opportunities, said.

Melo and Woods said the program would offer information, counseling and guidance to eligible, interested individuals. Initially, eligibility is limited to those with a bachelor's degree who are spouses of active duty servicemembers and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve on extended duty.

It will also offer limited financial assistance to help

defray the costs of meeting state certification requirements in the pilot states.

On the future STT Web site and in offices that will be handling the program, the goal is to provide information on teacher-certification requirements within a state, what kinds of jobs are available, and what kind of reciprocity exists between the system they're currently teaching in and systems they may potentially be transferring into, Woods said.

These sources also aim to make spouses aware of additional course requirements for certification or credentialing within the new state and make sure spouses know where they can turn for potential financial assistance in order to pursue those courses.

Because of that established network, the Virginia STT office is able to help transferring spouses become aware of how they may need to augment their certification, as certifications are not always accepted in a different school system, Melo said.

"Because of the network we have from Troops to Teachers with the Department of Education, with the school districts, with the colleges, we're able to provide that information that the spouses needs on what they need to do to be certified in a particular state," Melo said. "If it has reciprocity, there are always intricate little details that it doesn't necessarily transfer over completely."

Even before the Web site has been posted, the response has been positive, Melo said. "We're actually surprised at the number of phone calls we've already received."

Already four spouses are in the Virginia pilot program, and one has entered an academic program that will lead to licensure.



While the program serves spouses interested in teaching, it also helps ease the burden of a national teacher shortage. The benefits, however, are not limited to the schools that stand to get quality teachers out of the program. The students reap rewards as well.

Like the former troops who take up chalk and eraser, military spouses bring some of the same skills to the classroom.

"Military spouses have a variety of life experiences that they've gained as a military spouse," Melo said. "So when they come into the classroom, they can impart those life experiences in the learning process of the students."

Military families can come out ahead, too. Woods said this provides an opportunity for a spouse to pursue a degree and a career that will provide the family a better income over time. "One of the things that we're primarily interested in right now is providing access to careers for spouses that will enhance the family bottom line," he said.

Melo and Woods agree that the national TTT Web site is the best source of information right now. A Spouses to Teachers Web page is being established with a projected start date of Wednesday. It will link from the national TTT site, located at <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com>.

25 YEARS  
AGO

in the Wingspread

☆ The base service station received an increased allocation of gasoline. Because of limited gasoline availability, the station would be open only from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

☆ The base was preparing to recognize Federal Women's Day. It was pointed out that 90 percent of Air Force enlisted women were in the grades of E-4 and below and 95 percent of women line officers were in the company grades. Personnel plans showed that within the next five years the number of women in the service was projected to double.

☆ An invitation was out for people to enter the sixth annual Air Force Championship Chili Cookoff, to be held at Goodfellow AFB in September. The festival was scheduled to include the second annual "Miss Faded Authentic Rose of Texas" beauty pageant.

☆ The Ro-Hawks varsity and junior varsity football teams were due to scrimmage with Devine High School as a prelude to the fall season.

☆ Randolph people participated on both the men's and women's Air Force teams in the Interservice Slowpitch Softball Tournament. Both teams won in their respective classes.

☆ The base theater featured several movies during the week, including "Blazing Saddles" and "The Love Bug". Tickets for each were \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

# Orientation offered for military spouses

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Military spouses who just arrived at Randolph or who are new to the military altogether attended a seminar Aug. 19 that made their transitions a little easier.

The seminar, known as Heart Link, is a family support center-sponsored program designed to help spouses become acquainted with the military and Randolph.

"The objective of Heart Link is to enhance mission readiness by strengthening military families," said Charlotte Noll, family support center. "We help spouses become aware of the resources that are available on and off base, as well as help them realize they are an important part of the military."

During the five-hour seminar, which is geared toward those who have been an Air Force spouse for 5 years or

less, spouses hear briefings from various base organizations such as the clinic, TRICARE and finance offices, as well as a welcome briefing from base leadership.

"The presentations are designed to familiarize the spouses with what the base has to offer," said Ms. Noll.

In addition to the unit presentations, the more than 30 spouses who attended the seminar recently were treated to breakfast and lunch, and given the chance to win prizes.

"Coming from a non-military background, I found Heart Link to be very helpful," said Summer Wichaer, a military spouse. "I learned a lot of useful information that I know will be beneficial to me in the future."

The next Heart Link is scheduled for Nov. 18.

For more information on the program, call 652-5321.



Military spouses get acquainted during the Heart Link seminar Aug. 19 at the family support center. The program is designed to help spouses become familiar with the military and Randolph. (Photo by Steve White)

## Sports and Fitness

# Fan wins trip to Dallas Cowboys training camp

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenech  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Nelson Sumner loves his Dallas Cowboys, and as one fanatical follower, he recently earned a free trip to the team's training camp in California.

He entered a video in a San Antonio sports radio station contest describing why he's so crazy about the Cowboys. To win, he needed to receive the most votes, at which time his family, friends and co-workers responded, earning him the title of craziest Cowboy fan.

So, off he flew to sunny Oxnard, Calif., for a four-day stay on the beach. Although he had the opportunity to cruise the "Ventura Highway" and enjoy the ocean breezes, he remained focused on the trip's purpose.

"Don't know and don't really care what's in Oxnard. This was a business trip, and the mission was to see the Cowboys," said Sergeant Sumner. "My goal was to shake Coach (Bill) Parcells hand again like last year."

Not only did he shake Coach Parcells' hand after being in an area restricted to the general public, the coach also signed his Cowboys face mask Sergeant Sumner wears to games.

"Coach said he remembered meeting me last year in an off-limits location," he said. "He signed my mask and said, 'You're not supposed to be here either,' then laughed and walked away."

Having lived through good seasons and bad, Brenda Sumner is well acquainted with



Senior Master Sgt. Nelson Sumner  
Air Force Personnel Center

*"I managed to swap (my orders to Italy) for Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Yes, I know it was crazy, but I had to be close to my Cowboys."*

her husband's passion for "America's Team."

"Each day I wake up to a huge poster of Troy Aikman in our bedroom, but that's all right. I wouldn't have Nelson any other way," she said. "Although he will tape other games to be with the family, when it's a Cowboys game, I've learned not to make plans until after the game. Instead, he watches the game, and I go shopping."

Personal history offers a glimpse into the source of Sergeant Sumner's team loyalty. Coincidentally, he learned to love the Cowboys on the gridiron – so to speak.

"When I was 5 years old, my friend and I would play football against each other. He always said he was the Vikings, and since I knew nothing of football I asked him who I could be. He said I could be his second

favorite team, the Cowboys. Since then I've been a Cowboys fan," he said.

He remained a true fan even into his Air Force career that nicely accommodated his football fixation.

"I enlisted in 1980 hoping to get stationed close enough to Dallas to attend my first game, but the assignments people had other ideas," he said. "I wound up with orders to Italy."

Visions of Venice, the aquamarine Mediterranean Sea and Italian sports cars no doubt drifted through his mind, as they would with any normal American looking at two to four years at that choice location.

"I managed to swap for Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Yes, I know it was crazy, but I had to be close to my Cowboys," said Sergeant Sumner.

His initial foray into "Cowboy land" led to eight years at Dyess. All told he's been based in Texas for 21 of his 25 years. But then, like any dedicated fan, he believes there's a suitable explanation.

"Since the Cowboys are God's team, I believe he wanted me, the number one Cowboys fan, here to cheer them on," said Sergeant Sumner, who added there's a hole in the roof in Texas Stadium so God can watch.

Regardless of why he stayed in Texas so long, Sergeant Sumner said he is grateful for his time in the Air Force.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my Air Force career and will tell anyone it really is



Senior Master Sgt. Nelson Sumner, Air Force Personnel Center, dons his favorite Dallas Cowboys face mask complete with an autograph from coach Bill Parcells. He recently won a contest as the craziest Cowboys fan and earned a trip to the team's training camp. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Brabenech)

a great way of life," he said. "At the same time, I've been lucky enough to see a lot of Cowboys' games."



## JPPSO defeats AFOMS 15-12, advances to championship game

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office's Donnie Bradham smacks a home run over the center field fence Aug. 20 during a game against the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron. (Photos by Steve White)

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office fans roared Aug. 20 as Donnie Bradham pounded a grand slam and two three-run home runs over the center field fence, securing his team's victory over the top seed Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron 15-12.

In addition to being the team's third straight win in the 2004 Randolph Extramural Championship playoffs, it guaranteed them a spot in tonight's championship game.

"Bradham made some big hits tonight. He was definitely our anchor," said JPPSO coach Milton Tapp. "But he wasn't alone out there. The ladies especially came through for the team offensively making some clutch hits. I'm just really proud of everyone's effort. They really came together as a team."

But the coach added, "It isn't time to celebrate yet. I'm sure whoever we end up playing, whether it be AFOMS or the Comptrollers, it isn't going to be easy. They are both great teams!"

AFOMS demonstrated its offensive skills early in the game, taking a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the first.

Mike Skeens hit a two-run home run in between two RBI doubles from Kelly Skeens and Alex Ramos.

But AFOMS's lead was short-lived as Bradham blasted his grand slam in the top of the third to give JPPSO a one-run advantage.

AFOMS answered back with five runs in the bottom of the third behind three RBI singles and a two-run home run from Walt Garrett to take the lead at 9-5.

In the top of the fourth, Bradham hit the first of his three-run home runs to narrow the gap, but AFOMS's Oscar Garcia hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth to extend his team's lead to 10-8.

But it was in the top of the fifth, when JPPSO stole the show with seven runs, including two RBI singles, one two-run single and Bradham's second three-run home run, securing the lead at 15-10.

AFOMS scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth, including a run-scoring double from Lisa Barker, but the team couldn't catch JPPSO.

The 12th Comptroller Squadron defeated AFOMS in the following game 12-10. The title game between the 12th CPTS and JPPSO is at 6 p.m. tonight at Yankee Field.



Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron's Lisa Barker jumps to catch the ball to tag out Joint Personal Property Shipping Office's Laura Belyeo.

### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Bike race

The fitness center hosts a 10-mile bike race Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. Those interested can register today at the fitness center or register on-site the day of the race. There is no entry fee and the race is open to all ages.

There are male and female categories and first and second place awards for each category. For safety reasons, helmets are required and all riders should bring water bottles.

For more information, call 652-5316.

#### Varsity basketball tryouts

Women's varsity basketball team tryouts are Monday through Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the fitness

center, Hangar 70. Active duty members, civilians and family members 18 and over are eligible to participate.

For more information, call 652-5326.

#### Female bowling league

The bowling center is looking for women interested in joining the Thursday morning ladies' bowling league. The league meets Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the bowling center.

For more information, call Lou Warden at 658-7534.

#### Family golf special

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a family special Monday through

Friday after 6 p.m. Adults can golf for \$2 and children for \$1.

For more information, call 652-4653.

#### Discounted golf

Now through Sept. 30, base golfers receive \$4 off the Randolph Oaks Golf Course regular rates and \$2 off its "twilight" rates. Also, those members who have annual fee cards that are good through this timeframe receive a two-month extension on the expiration date. (Dec. 31 through Feb. 28) at no extra charge.

The discounts are due to the inconveniences customers may experience during this time due to course reservations.

For more information, call 652-4653.

### Fit to fight

In an effort to recognize Randolph members who achieve an "excellent" rating on the Air Force Fitness Test, which is a 90 percent or above, the *Wingspread* has implemented this "Fit to Fight" column, in which the names of these individuals and their unit are featured. Scores are divided into two categories – those who score 100 percent and those who score between a 90 and 99.95 percent.

The following are members who recently earned this benchmark score:

#### 90 and above:

**562nd Flying Training Squadron**  
2nd Lt. Tim Stearman,  
97.5

